



Conservation Committee

Fairview Park - Conservation Bird Survey



Photo by Sandrine Biziaux

Volunteer Birders Needed

The Conservation Committee has launched a new series of bird surveys at Fairview Park in Costa Mesa. 3 types of surveys will be conducted, all using eBird to collect all bird observations in 4 designated eBird Hotspots (see map). These surveys will be conducted every month through February 2023 and possibly longer.

We are conducting these surveys to provide quality data to the City of Costa Mesa about the birds that use Fairview Park and for Sea and Sage volunteers to use their birding skills to help protect birds, advance the use of eBird as a conservation tool and to have **fun birding** while we do it.

- **Monthly Team eBird Surveys** will be team efforts, conducted once a month, on the 3rd Monday morning of each month starting February 21, 2022. Four teams of two surveyors each will survey the entire park and an adjacent portion of Talbert Regional Park North. Each team will walk a pre-determined route and record all bird sightings in eBird. At least one member of these teams should have good to excellent visual and audible birding skills. Monthly Survey teams will have full access to all trails in the park. ***Note: Monthly Survey Teams are almost full at this time***
- **Focused Hotspot eBird Surveys** will provide opportunities for individuals or teams to conduct surveys on their own schedule, on predetermined routes, in any one or more sections of the park. These surveys can be conducted any time the park is open, but will require scheduling in advance with survey leaders to assure that no more than one team is surveying a particular Hotspot at any time. These surveyors will have access to most trails, depending upon the time and day of their surveys. Participants should have good visual and audible birding skills.
- **Open eBird Surveys** are open to all birders of any skill level. Anyone can help the effort by birding anywhere in the park (on open trails) at any time during regular park hours and record all bird observations in eBird. This survey is open to birders of all skill levels and does not require strong birding by ear (audible) skills and does not require walking any particular route – just share eBird data from where you are

birding in any of the 4 hotspots (training and directions for eBird are available).

Birders record their survey routes and observations in any or all of the 4 eBird Hotspots at Fairview Park and Talbert Regional Park. Maps will be provided for each of the park's eBird Hotspots: (Fairview Park, Fairview Park East of Placentia, Fairview Park Wetlands, Talbert Regional Park North).

All participants will receive training and support in the use of eBird and survey methods. Written survey instructions and maps will be provided.

If you are interested in participating or have any questions, please contact:

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