



Tree Care for Birds Summer 2022 Workshop

Schedule

- 8:00am Introductions, importance of wildlife in tree care
- 8:30am Wildlife Laws, habitat value, breeding seasons
- 9:00am Pre-work inspections, wildlife biologists
- 9:30am Common Bay Area birds
- 10:00am Outdoor – pre-work inspections
- 11:00am Performing work near active nests
- 11:30am Wildlife and Human Health Emergencies
- Noon Lunch (provided)
- 12:30 Managing wildlife habitat
- 1:30 Discussion and next steps
- 2:00 CEU sign out
- 2:15 Optional arboretum tour



- ### Minimizing Impacts
- Contact information for Wildlife Biologist and Wildlife Rehabilitator.
 - Is it the breeding season?
 - Use habitat value to determine category/level of training.
 - Perform pre-work inspection.
 - Set buffers for active nests.
 - Respond to emergencies.

| Breeding season | Habitat Value | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|------|-----------|
| | Low | High | Sensitive |
| Breeding season Feb 1 – Aug 31 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Non-breeding season Sep 1 – Jan 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 |



- ### Background
- Wildlife should be important to arborists for many reasons including laws, public opinion and inclusion in industry documents.
 - The wildlife BMPs focus broadly with more specific state appendices, including California.

Determine Category/Level of Training

- Is it the breeding season (Feb 1 to Aug 31)?
- Is it a high value or sensitive habitat?
- Category 1 – Awareness Training (12-minute video)
- Category 2 – Wildlife Trained Arborist – You! After completing this workshop
- Category 3 – Wildlife Biologist – Someone with likely years of training and/or experience in finding nesting wildlife and setting buffers.

- ### Pre-work Inspection
- Find a quiet time to look and listen for signs of nesting wildlife before work starts.
 - Wildlife carrying nesting material, food or fecal sacs or frequently re-visiting the same location.
 - Whitewash, feces, pellets, etc.
 - Wildlife using alarm calls or acting agitated.



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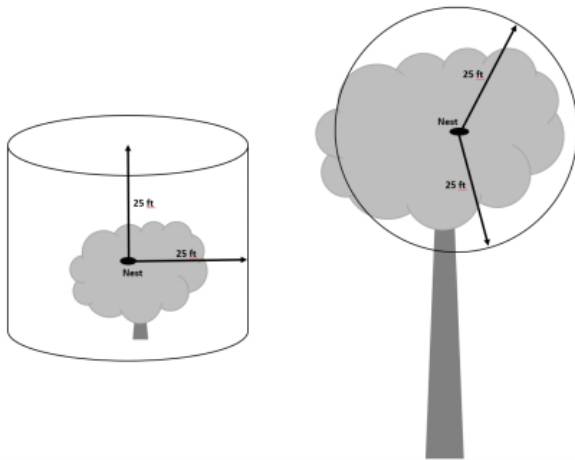
Setting Buffers

- If you find a nest that is or may be active (has eggs or young dependent on it) stop working near it.
- If you can identify the bird, look up in the table for recommended buffer size and information about how long until nest becomes inactive.
- Wait until nest becomes inactive or consult with a Wildlife Biologist about what work can be done how close to a nest.



2021 Workshop Videos

- General video (not just California)
<https://youtu.be/ey3KGa9G7yl>
- California pre-work inspections
<https://youtu.be/NXoXw5-tCEo>
- California buffers and emergencies
<https://youtu.be/cOSvKpucEww>
- California wrap up video
<https://youtu.be/O3sH7wOH6PQ>



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Emergencies

- In a health and human safety emergency, do a Level 2 Basic Visual Risk Assessment – if High or Extreme risk, call a Wildlife Biologist and act.
- Accidents happen, if after following the steps to minimize impacts to nesting wildlife, you find an injured wildlife or abandoned nest, call a wildlife rehabilitator.

Resources

- [The Wildlife BMPS](#)
- TCBW Tailgate, [English version](#) [Spanish Version](#)
- [Decline of North American Avifauna](#)
- [Oakland Heron Tragedy Underscores Need to Pay Attention to What you're Doing](#)
- [No charges for Tree Trimmer Blamed For Injuring Protected Birds At Oakland Post Office](#)
- [Tree with birds nests torn down in Newport Beach, CA.](#)
- [City of Poway annual spring pruning of public trees is prohibited.](#)
- [The Migratory Bird Treaty Act and Discussion](#)
- [Endangered Species Act and Discussion](#)
- [The Eagle Act and Discussion](#)
- [ANSI Pruning Standard](#)
- [ANSI Risk Standard](#)
- [Find a Wildlife Biologist](#)
- [Santa Clara County Breeding Bird Atlas](#)
- [Tree Care for Birds Training Videos](#)
- [Pre-work inspection form](#)
- [Oakland rescue operation saves 72 birds and 16 eggs after ficus tree fails](#)
- [All about birds](#)
- [Sequoia Audubon Society Breeding Bird Atlas](#)
- [CNDDB](#)
- [Arborists and Wildlife: Retaining Trees for Wildlife Habitat](#)

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