



Tree Care for Birds 2024 Workshop

Schedule

- 9:00am Introductions, importance of wildlife, laws
- 9:30am Habitat value, breeding season, Categories
- 10:00am Pre-work inspections, wildlife biologists
- 10:30am Outdoor – pre-work inspections & identification
- Noon Lunch (provided)
- 12:30 Performing work near active nests
- 12:45 Wildlife and Human Health Emergencies
- 1:00 Minimizing Impacts Summary
- 1:30 Managing Wildlife Habitat
- 2:30 WTA Sign up, discussion, next steps
- 3:00 CEU sign out



- ### 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.

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.

Get on the Wildlife Trained Arborist List

Enter your information to be added to the list of Wildlife Trained Arborists on Tree Care for Bird's Website. Use the QR code below of visit.

<https://forms.gle/kr1bqXgVA9NcqfGM6>



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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>

Resources

- [The Wildlife BMPS](#)
- TCBW Tailgate, [English version](#) [Spanish Version](#)
- [Oakland Heron Tragedy Underscores Need to Pay Attention](#)
- [No charges for Tree Trimmer Blamed For Injuring Protected Birds At Oakland Post Office](#)
- [Palo Alto Urban Forest Master Plan](#)
- [Palo Alto Tree Permit](#)
- [ANSI A300 Standard](#)
- ISA BMPs: [Pruning & Risk](#)
- [The Migratory Bird Treaty Act](#) and [Discussion](#)
- [Endangered Species Act](#) and [Discussion](#)
- [The Eagle Act](#) and [Discussion](#)
- [Find a Wildlife Biologist](#)
- [Santa Clara County Breeding Bird Atlas](#)
- [Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society Field Trips](#)
- [Critical Habitat Map Viewer](#)
- [Tree Care for Birds Training Videos](#)
- [Pre-work inspection form](#)
- [Oakland rescue operation saves birds and eggs after ficus tree fails](#)
- [All about birds](#)
- [Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society – Baby Birds](#)
- [Portland Backyard Habitat Program](#)
- [All About Birdhouses](#)
- [Arborists and Wildlife: Retaining Trees for Wildlife Habitat](#)