



# Tree Care for Birds 2025 Workshop



## Schedule

- 8:00am Importance of Wildlife, Resources, Laws
- 8:30am Minimizing Impacts, Habitat Value, Breeding Seasons
- 9:00am Pre-Work Inspections, Wildlife Biologists
- 9:00am Outdoors – 3 stations
- 10:30am Performing Work Near Active Nests
- 11:00am Wildlife Emergencies & Wildlife Rehab Centers
- 11:30am Hazards with active nests, wrap-up discussion
- 12:00pm Lunch (Provided)
- 12:30pm Managing Wildlife Habitat
- 1:30pm WTA Sign-up, Discussion & Next Steps
- 2:00pm 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>



**Ojai Raptor Center**  
(805) 649-6884



**Water Birds  
International Bird  
Rescue**  
(310) 514-2573



**California  
Wildlife Center**  
Malibu, CA  
(818) 451-7216



## Previous 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](#)
- [Tree with birds nests torn down in Newport Beach, CA.](#)
- [City of Poway spring pruning of public trees is prohibited.](#)
- [LA Urban Forestry Division](#)
- [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](#)
- [LA 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 tree fails](#)
- [All about birds](#)
- [I found a baby bird](#)
- [Portland Backyard Habitat Program](#)
- [All About Birdhouses](#)
- [Arborists and Wildlife: Retaining Trees for Wildlife Habitat](#)

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