

Los Angeles Biodiversity



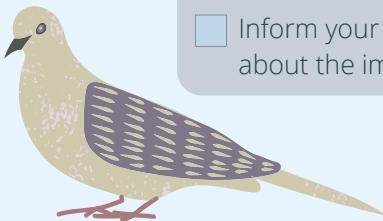
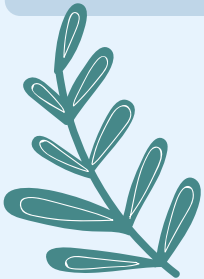
What's biodiversity?

Biodiversity is the variety of life in any environment. That includes birds, mammals, insects, plants, fungus, humans, and more!

Biodiversity is crucial for a healthy environment. When every part of an ecosystem works together, each organism can thrive!

What threats does L.A. biodiversity face?

- River channelization
- Habitat fragmentation caused by roads
- Loss of native habitat
- Introduced and invasive species competing with native species
- Air and water pollution



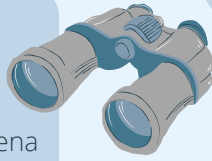
How can you help?

- Prevent window strikes by drawing on windows with liquid chalk, applying UV reflective stickers, or putting up netting/screens
- Turn off or dim any nonessential lighting during bird migration
- Keep cats indoors
- Plant native plant gardens
- Use organic products instead of chemicals that harm birds. This includes bird-friendly alternatives to pesticides and herbicides.
- Join a group or organization dedicated to preserving habitat and helping both birds and people. Or create your own!
- Volunteer at environmental clean-ups
- Participate in community science on iNaturalist and eBird
- Inform your friends, family, and others about the importance of biodiversity!



Places to Bird in Los Angeles

- Hahamongna Watershed Park, Pasadena
- Santa Fe Dam, Irwindale
- Peck Road Water Conservation Park, Arcadia
- Malibu Lagoon, Malibu
- Bolsa Chica, Huntington Beach
- L.A. County Arboretum, Arcadia
- Eaton Canyon, Pasadena
- Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park, San Dimas
- Legg Lake, South El Monte
- Sepulveda Basin, Van Nuys
- Millard Canyon, Altadena
- L.A. State Historic Park, Los Angeles



Suggested Resources

- *Birds of Southern California* by Kimball L. Garrett, Jon L. Dunn, and Brian E. Small
- *Wild L.A.* by the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County
- allaboutbirds.org
- abcbirds.org
- nhmlac.org/community-science
- calscape.org
- dedicatedzoologist.com

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has
music
for those
who
listen.

William Shakespeare

