

woodland undergrowth contains numerous grasses and wildflowers. Common shrubs found in these locations are coyote brush, poison oak, California sagebrush, ocean spray and bush monkeyflower.

Riparian woodland occurs in a narrow band along Sinbad Creek and in some steep canyons and ravines. Of particular note are the large, magnificent, mottle-barked sycamores that grow where ground or surface water is accessible along the stream course. The various ponds and springs in the park provide valuable habitat for plant and animal species that require water or a wetland environment for all or part of their life stages.

WILDLIFE Each plant community supports diverse native species, some of which are migratory and use the area seasonally. In the grasslands one might see meadow larks, horned larks, Western bluebirds, and overhead, soaring turkey vultures, red-tailed hawks and golden eagles. Ground squirrels, alligator lizards and western fence lizards may also be seen, along with various spiders and insects. Snakes, such as gopher snakes, king snakes and rattlesnakes, are an important part of the natural system and should be observed from a distance and not molested in any way.

The wrentit, California quail and California thrasher reside in the interspersed brushlands, where the threatened Alameda whipsnake may be seen in pursuit of western fence lizards on rocky outcrops.

The woodland plant community hosts Coopers hawks, sharp-shinned hawks and various species of owls, along with brush-dwelling birds such as the California quail, rufous-sided towhee and song sparrows. Many cavity-nesting birds such as the acorn woodpecker, northern flicker and white-breasted nuthatch may also be seen. The riparian woodland is home to red-shouldered hawks, garter snakes and newts, as well as aquatic insects in the creeks. The park's springs and ponds support many of the above species, and may also support the Western pond turtle, Western toad, chorus (Pacific tree) frog and the threatened California red-legged frog. Many of the ponds contain large populations of bullfrogs, a non-native species that threatens the California native species.

Mammals range throughout the park, and include opossums, raccoons, skunks, coyotes, black-tailed deer, grey foxes, bobcats, mountain lions and numerous rodent and bat species.

The East Bay Regional Park District is dedicated to preserving and protecting the wildlife heritage that remains in our parklands. To do this, it is very important for you, the public, to not release rabbits, cats, frogs, turtles, snakes, fish or any other domestic or wild animals into the parklands. Please enjoy the wildlife without disturbing it and minimize your impact on their home.



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