

Using decoys and netting to harvest migratory waterfowl

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Nature includes the ways that humans make their homes on the land. Indians have managed and cultivated the Delta's ecosystem for thousands of years. They developed specialized skills that allowed them to endure occasional hardships and thrive on the cultural landscape that provided an abundance of foods, fibers, and medicines. Their lives forever changed with the arrival of the Spanish but the Delta still remains the traditional homeland of the Ohlone, Patwin, Bay and Plains Miwok, Nisenan and Konkow Maidu, and Yokuts.

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