

A CONVERGENCE OF PEOPLE AND WILDLIFE

Look. You may be lucky enough to see the stately flight of a flock of pelicans or the delightful dabbling of hungry shorebirds.

Listen. You may hear the soaring, wheeling, swooping chorus of millions of birds that eat, breed, nest, and migrate through this winsome, watery world every year.

All this is made possible due to a rare partnership between the East Bay Regional Park District, numerous government agencies, citizens, Cargill Incorporated, foundations, and non-profits. Their efforts created the first-ever urban national fish and wildlife refuge here in 1974. In 2003, a new agreement set in motion restoration projects on thousands of acres of salt pond habitat stretching from the San Mateo Bridge to San Jose and beyond.



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Joe DiDonato
Weighing slightly less than a nickel, the salt marsh harvest mouse can drink water nearly as salty as sea water.



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The fastest bird on record, the endangered peregrine falcon is making a comeback, in part because of the many fat, tasty ducks that live in the least salty ponds here.



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American white pelicans have an average wingspan second only to California condors. They hunt communally.