



CALIFORNIA WATCHABLE WILDLIFE PROJECT

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Overview for Completing Site Assessment Forms

Introduction

Thank you for taking the time to complete the site nomination/evaluation form for the California Watchable Wildlife Project. Our ultimate goal is to address the growing interest in wildlife viewing and nature tourism by educating the public about where and how to view native wildlife and habitats in a respectful and sustainable way while building support for the long-term protection and management of California's natural resources.

This form is the first step in determining which of California's over 200 wildlife viewing sites should remain in the viewing network. At the same time as our existing sites are being evaluated, new sites are also being considered for inclusion in the network. At the conclusion of this process, the selected sites will be promoted on our website (www.cawatchablewildlife.org), through the reprinting of the *California Wildlife Viewing Guide*, and through the posting of directional road signs. This project is endorsed by the partnering agencies listed to the left and is part of a national viewing program managed by the non-profit organization Watchable Wildlife, Inc. (www.watchablewildlife.org).

Instructions

1. Please fill out the online form as completely as possible. If you do not know the answer, please try to contact someone who does know, or provide your best guess and identify it as such. Chances are that you are the most knowledgeable person about the wildlife viewing in this region and your opinions are crucial to this process.
2. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact your agency's liaison on the California Watchable Wildlife Committee listed at the end of this message.
3. Follow the instructions on the assessment forms. It is critical that you carefully evaluate the accuracy of the existing write-up and add any additional information that will help the committee determine if the site merits retaining as a quality wildlife viewing site.
4. All the most commonly viewed and "reliably rare" species by using the check list. Include season for viewing, and habitat/place.
The viewing guide is written for a lay audience, many of whom will need help in finding these species during their visits.

5. Please feel free to submit site brochures, articles, maps, and other supplemental materials for each site nomination, if they are available. Supplemental materials may be mailed to:

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6. Finally, please share your observations. Take a few moments to write a few notes about the site. Your observations of what makes the site special, and the feelings you have about it, will also help personalize the book. For example, you may note that this is also one of the most spectacular places to see seabirds against a crimson sunset, or that the area's remote marshes offer a respite for migratory waterfowl and a dose of tranquility for visitors.

Next Steps: Once you complete the assessment form, please notify the agency liaison listed below.

THANK YOU!

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