



CALIFORNIA WATCHABLE WILDLIFE PROJECT

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*California Travel and Tourism
Commission*

*California Department of
Fish and Game*

*California Department of
Parks and Recreation*

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National Park Service

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California*

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California Watchable Wildlife – Nominate a Viewing Site

Introduction

The California Watchable Wildlife Project is soliciting nominations for wildlife viewing sites to be included in our statewide network. Our 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 conservation and management of California's natural resources.

To nominate a viewing site, contact the site manager. The site manager must then contact California Watchable Wildlife to receive a user name and password to access the online form.

Once a site has been approved for inclusion in the California Watchable Wildlife Viewing Network, the selected sites will be promoted on the website (cawatchablewildlife.org), through the posting of directional road signs, and included in all marketing efforts. This project is endorsed by the partnering agencies listed to the left and is part of a national effort coordinated by the non-profit organization Watchable Wildlife, Inc. (watchablewildlife.org).

Instructions for the Site Manager/Interpretive Specialist

1. Please contact the agency representative at the bottom of this message for a username and password. If the site is not managed by one of the listed agencies, please contact us at nomination@CAWatchableWildlife.org and you will be assigned a username and password.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Follow the instructions for each section of the nomination form. If yours is an existing site, 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 retention in the California Watchable Wildlife viewing network.

Please share your observations about what makes the site special, especially in the Background and Experience sections. 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.

5. Indicate all the most commonly viewed and “reliably rare” species by using the check list. Include season for viewing, and habitat/place. The website is designed for all levels of wildlife viewers, many of whom will need help in finding these species during their visits. Note that the website is searchable by species, so please help potential visitors find you by having a comprehensive species list.
6. We welcome high-resolution photos to use as part of your viewing site on the website. Please email to karen@naturemedia.net or mail a CD to the address below. Be sure to include photo credit. You may also submit site brochures, articles, maps, and other supplemental materials to support your site nomination. Supplemental materials may be mailed to:

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Next Steps: Once you complete the assessment form, please notify the agency liaison listed below. If the site is not managed by one of these agencies, please notify us at nomination@cawatchablewildlife.org.

THANK YOU!

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