

El Dorado Audubon Los Cerritos Wetlands Report

December 20, 2025 — April 11, 2026

December 2025

Los Cerritos Wetlands Hellman property, Orange, California, US

Dec 20, 2025

Observations made from edges due to construction of habitat restoration

22 species (+6 other taxa)

Canada Goose 25

Mallard 7

duck sp. 17

Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon) 2

Mourning Dove 27

Anna's Hummingbird 1

Allen's Hummingbird 3

hummingbird sp. 4

gull sp. 25

tern sp. 3

Double-crested Cormorant 5

Snowy Egret 3

Great Egret 1

Great Blue Heron 1

Turkey Vulture 1

Cooper's Hawk 1

Red-tailed Hawk 2

American Kestrel 3

Black Phoebe 3

American Crow 3

Bushtit 15

Northern House Wren 1

House Finch 30

Savannah Sparrow (Savannah) 1

Song Sparrow 2

Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's) 5

new world warbler sp. 9

passerine sp. 200

January

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Jan 10, 2026

Checklist Comments: Red-tailed Hawk seen in the neighborhood after walk

Turkey Vulture seen from PCH

Wetlands were observed from Gum Grove Park in Seal Beach due to restoration since November 2025

7 species (+6 other taxa)

American Wigeon 12
Mallard 2
duck sp. 5
Allen's Hummingbird 5
hummingbird sp. 1
gull sp. 7
Great Egret 3

Great Blue Heron 1
Acanthis/Spinus sp. 3
Song Sparrow (heermanni Group) 1
California Towhee 1
new world warbler sp. 3
passerine sp. 25

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Jan 24, 2026

Reports of nesting Great Horned Owl nest with chicks but we did not see nor hear them
10 species (+6 other taxa)

Canada Goose 45
duck sp. 22
Mourning Dove 13
Allen's Hummingbird 3
hummingbird sp. 5
Double-crested Cormorant 5
Red-shouldered Hawk 1
Red-tailed Hawk 1

hawk sp. 1
Black Phoebe 2
Acanthis/Spinus sp. 3
Song Sparrow 3
Common Yellowthroat 5
Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's) 1
new world warbler sp. 7
passerine sp. 125

February

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Feb 14, 2026

Observed from Gum Grove Park due to restoration of the S/E portion of the wetlands
(Hellman)

Mallard pair seen in water along the chain link fence near the entrance. This water is from
recent rain and was about 100 yards long.

11 species (+5 other taxa)

Canada Goose 2
Mallard 2
duck sp. 15
Mourning Dove 3
Allen's Hummingbird 6

hummingbird sp. 2
Double-crested Cormorant 3
Great Egret 1
Red-shouldered Hawk 1
hawk sp. 1

Bushtit 7
House Finch 3
Acanthis/Spinus sp. 15

White-crowned Sparrow 7
Common Yellowthroat 1
new world warbler sp. 7

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Feb 28, 2026

Weather, 70 degrees, clear

Warblers with nesting material from wetlands making nests in the tall trees of park
16 species (+6 other taxa)

Northern Shoveler 4
American Wigeon 5
Mallard 3
Mourning Dove 2
Anna's Hummingbird 1
Allen's Hummingbird 4
hummingbird sp. 3
peep sp. 25

shorebird sp. 14
Red-shouldered Hawk 1
Bushtit 7
Northern House Wren 6
House Finch 44
Lesser Goldfinch 3
American Goldfinch 2

March

Los Cerritos Wetlands Hellman property, Orange, California, US
Mar 14, 2026

Beautiful warm spring day, mist over the wetlands at first, 70 degrees
As seen from Gum Grove Park due to restoration of wetlands
19 species (+3 other taxa)

Canada Goose 15
Northern Shoveler 2
American Wigeon 5
Mallard 2
Allen's Hummingbird 5
hummingbird sp. 2
American Coot 1
Greater Yellowlegs 1
Great Egret 3

American White Pelican 3
Black Phoebe 1
Hutton's Vireo 1
Northern House Wren 3
House Finch 7
Lesser Goldfinch 7
Acanthis/Spinus sp. 8
White-crowned Sparrow 12
Song Sparrow 5

Western Meadowlark 1
Common Yellowthroat 3

Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's) 1
passerine sp. 125

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Mar 28, 2026

Cloudy day, temperature 70 degrees, lots of bird song!

As seen from Gum Grove Park due to restoration of wetlands which began November 2025

Native & non-native wildflowers 3 to 5 feet high

12 species (+5 other taxa)

Mallard 3

Mourning Dove 2

Anna's Hummingbird 1

Allen's Hummingbird 3

hummingbird sp. 4

Double-crested Cormorant 1

Great Blue Heron (Great Blue) 1

Red-shouldered Hawk 1

American Crow 3

swallow sp. 125

House Finch 5

Acanthis/Spinus sp. 3

Song Sparrow 2

California Towhee 2

new world sparrow sp. 5

Common Yellowthroat 3

passerine sp. 150

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Apr 11, 2026

Clouds, rain expected overnight, beautiful day with lots of bird song!

Pair of Red-shouldered Hawks observed today. Great Horned Owl nest reported by park users

Note Belding's Savannah Sparrows observed in pickleweed in the wetlands.

17 species (+3 other taxa)

Mourning Dove 7

Anna's Hummingbird 1

Allen's Hummingbird 10

hummingbird sp. 4

Snowy Egret 4

Great Egret 1

Red-shouldered Hawk (elegans) 2

Black Phoebe 2

California Scrub-Jay 1

American Crow 3

Northern House Wren 7

House Finch 17

White-crowned Sparrow 1

Savannah Sparrow (Belding's) 2

Song Sparrow 11

California Towhee 5

Common Yellowthroat 5

Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's) 2

new world warbler sp. 7

passerine sp. 200

March 28

Beautiful spring day, cloudy, bird song wonderful! Lots of birds singing! California Towhees, and 150 swallows overhead. Great day and very few people and just a few dogs, all on leash.