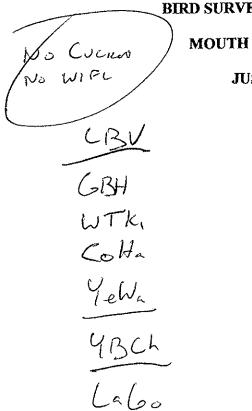
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BIRD SURVEYS ALONG THE SANTA CLARA RIVER, 2003 MOUTH OF CASTIAC CREEK DOWNSTREAM TO JUST BELOW LAS BRISAS CROSSING

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Nature and Scope of Surveys

During the spring and early summer of 2003 surveys were conducted along the section of the Santa Clara River between its confluence with Castaic Creek and a point 1/4 mile below the Las Brisas bridge over the Santa Clara River. The total length of the section surveyed was 7.5 miles.

Each area was surveyed eight times, in accordance to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Protocol for least Bell's vireo. Five of the surveys were conducted within the time frames recommended by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Protocol for southwestern willow flycatcher. In order to follow least Bell's vireo protocol on kilometers covered per day, each portion (one in Los Angeles and one in Ventura County) was divided into two sections, each surveyed separately. However, observations from these two surveys are combined in data presentation (Tables 1-2).

Each survey was conducted on foot by observers well acquainted with both visual and auditory and behavioral characteristics of southern California birds. Surveys occurred approximately every other week between mid April and mid July (there was some variation in timing to avoid periods of poor weather) and occurred between 6:00 and 10:00 a.m. All birds sighted were counted, but special emphasis was placed on finding focus species, Species of Special Concern, and brown-headed cowbirds. If focus species (yellow-billed cuckoo, least Bell's virco, southwestern willow flycatcher), were not visually observed, tapes of their calls were played in an attempt to elicit a response. Personnel for all surveys were Daniel A. Guthrie and Judith A. Sugden, both working under Federal Fish and Wildlife Service Permit number TE810394-1, issued under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act and permitted for both least Bell's virco and southwestern willow flycatcher.

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Habitat Condition and Bird Observations

Flooding during late winter and early spring of 2003 scoured many sections of the river bed, particularly in the portion in Los Angeles County. The result was extensive sandy areas and little wet riparian vegetation throughout the census period. Only along the narrower river section in Ventura County was the damage from flooding less severe. The flooding also resulted in a deepening of the river channel, leaving many sections adjacent to it dry. Annual vegetation, plentiful after the early rains, was mostly dead by early June.

Observations of all birds are shown in Tables 1-2. The numbers shown are of birds seen and heard, with heard individuals forming the majority of the observations. Numbers vary between censuses for several reasons. Bird activity varies with season. Different species breed at different times of the year. In general, species are most easily observed when they are actively defending territories by song during the establishment of breeding pairs. Once pairs are established and nesting begins song often decreases and the numbers of birds observed, therefore, also decreases. After young leave the nest, numbers observed increase. Thus, for most resident species, numbers of adult birds are most accurately censused in April and May, when territorial activity is at a maximum. A few species such as Anna's hummingbird that nest early in the season may be underestimated. Numbers of nesting species observed may be higher than normal in May due to migratory birds passing through the area, then decrease slightly in June and early July when birds are less active during nesting, and increase in late June and July when young birds leave the nest.

Comments on Threatened and Endangered Species

Yellow-billed Cuckoo

The Yellow-billed Cuckoo is listed as a State Endangered Species. Despite playing taped calls of this species during June and July surveys, when this species might be present, no individuals of this species were observed in 2003.

Southwestern Willow Flycatcher

This subspecies is listed as Federally Endangered under the Federal Endangered Species Act. Willow flycatchers were once widespread in wet riparian woodland in southern California but now only a few individuals remain. Following the Revised Protocol (Fish And Wildlife Service, July 2000) five surveys (see tables 1-2 for dates) were conducted specifically for southwestern willow flycatcher. All surveys occurred between 6:00 and 10:00 am. and used taped calls to elicit a response if flycatchers were not first observed.

No willow flycatchers were observed during any surveys in 2003. The report forms required for this species are attached and will be forwarded to the Ventura Office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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Least Bell's Vireo

Surveys of the wet riparian areas along the Santa Clara River followed U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Guidelines for least Bell's vireo. Eight surveys were conducted between April 10 and July 31 (see tables 1-2 for dates). All surveys occurred between 6:00 and 10:00 am. and taped vireo calls were played if no vireos were heard or seen. In order to avoid disturbing vireos, no special efforts were made to determine nesting success or presence of leg bands once birds were observed. However, at each location where vireos were found, they were observed at least once, and no leg bands were observed.

Least Bell's vireos were regularly heard and seen in three major locations, one in Ventura County and two in Los Angeles County. Vireos have been seen in the Ventura area, (Figure 1) for several years prior to 2003. This year between there were up to 6 territorial males and 4-6 mated pair nesting along this section of the river. In July additional birds, probably young of the year, were also found as unmated territorial birds.

Least Bell's vireo were found in two locations along the Los Angeles County section of the Santa Clara River (Areas A and B, Figure 2). Sightings of vireos have occurred in both areas in previous years. Area A supported between 2 and 5 pair this year. Two of these pair disappeared after June 12 but the remaining three pair continued into July. The second area supporting vireos (B in figure 2) had two and possibly three singing males starting June 23 and continuing through July 4th. These birds may have been young of the year. They appeared young and no mates were observed.

Comments on Sensitive Species

Great Blue Heron

Great Blue Herons are listed on the California Natural Diversity Data Base as a species that warrants monitoring. Individuals of this species was observed sparingly along the river after the breeding season and along other sections of the river during winter and migration. No nesting was observed.

White-tailed Kite

This species is considered a Species of Management Concern by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. A single kite was observed on June 23 and July 5 in riparian woodland near the Los Angeles/Ventura County line.

Cooper's Hawk

Cooper's hawk is considered a Species of Special Concern by the State of California. A single Cooper's hawk was observed hunting along the main river on June 25th.

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Yellow Warbler

The yellow warbler is considered a Species of Special Concern by the State of California. Yellow warblers prefer wet riparian habitat but are also found in large cottonwoods in drier riparian areas. Singing yellow warblers were observed throughout the survey period in small numbers. Most sightings were in the areas where least Bell's vireos were present (Figures 1-2)

Yellow-breasted Chat

The yellow-breasted chat is considered a Species of Special Concern by the State of California. The numbers of chats calling from territories along this section of riparian woodland are about the same number as observed here in previous years. Most sightings were in the areas where least Bell's vireos were present (Figures 1-2). A few additional birds were regularly heard in a dry riparian woodland on the north side of the river (C in Figure 2).

Lawrence's Goldfinch

This species is a highest priority species on the Audubon Birds to Watch list for 1996 and is a Bird of Management Concern for the Fish and Wildlife Service. Although a species of the coastal sage, a few individuals of this species visited the riparian zone of the Santa Clara River after their nesting season.

Comments on Brown Headed Cowbird

Cowbirds were regularly observed in all sections of the study area and seemed to be attracted by tapes of least Bell's vireo calls. Numbers remained high along the river throughout the survey period.

Summary

No yellow billed-cuckoos or willow flycatchers were observed during 2003

About 10 pair of least Bell's vireos were observed along this section of the Santa Clara River during 2003, six in Ventura County and four in Los Angeles County. This is a slight increase from previous years. This greater success may reflect greater nesting success and population increase of this species statewide but also may be due to the presence of fewer cowbirds along the river due to cowbird trapping and a much reduced amount of cattle grazing.

Among species of concern, the riparian species; yellow warbler and yellow-breasted chat occurred in small numbers in riparian woodlands along the river. There were single observations of two raptors the white-tailed kite and Cooper's hawk. Both species nest in riparian woodlands, but the scarcity of observations indicates that nesting did not occur along this stretch of the Santa Clara River this year. One wintering and migrant species of concern, the great blue heron, was observed feeding in small numbers on the river, but did not nest in the area. Finally, one coastal sage species, Lawrence's goldfinch, was observed along the river in small numbers as visitors from nearby coastal sage habitat.

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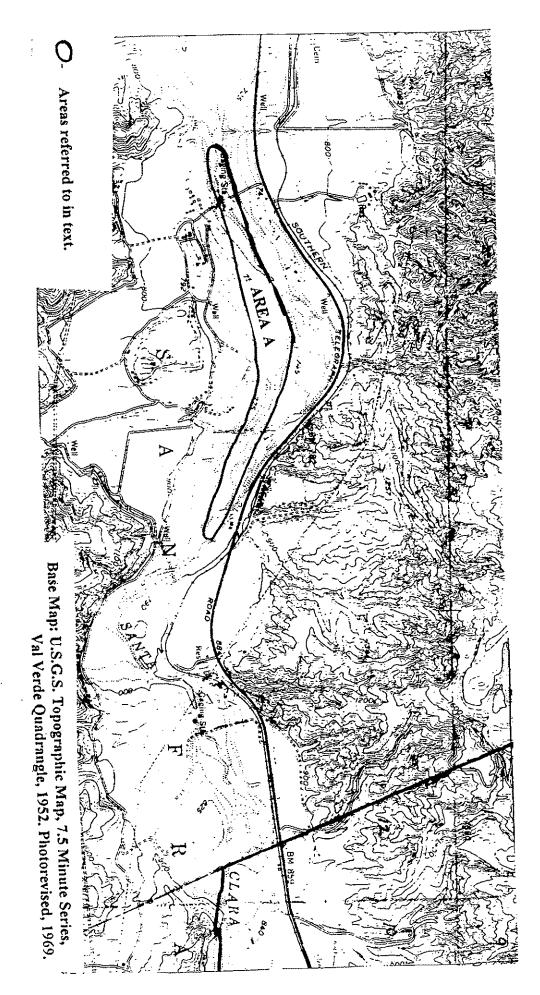
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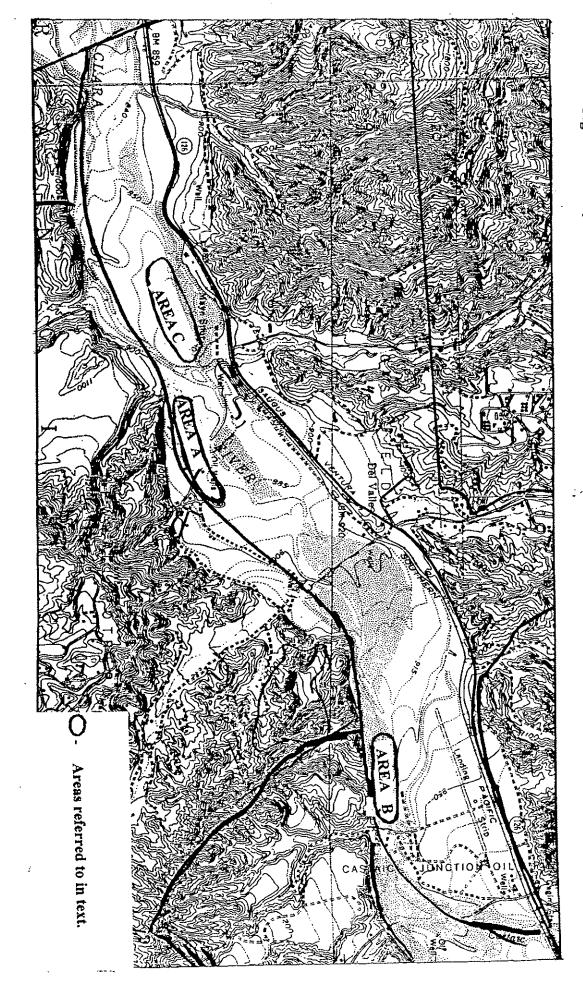


Figure 2. Survey Area in Los Angeles County

Base Map: U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute topographic map for Val Verde, California, 1952, photorevised 1969.

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Was site surveyed in previous year? Yes No	Drainag	e Santa Clara River	
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Is copy of USGS map marked with survey a Site Coordinates: Start: N_34 25.300	W 118 36.755	UTM	
Stop: N_34 24.197	W 118 41.307	UTM	Zone
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Survey # Observer(s)	Date (m/d/y) Survey time	Number of WIFLs Found	Estimated Number of Pairs	Estimated Number of Territorics	Nest(s) Found? Y or N	Cowbirds Detected? Y or N	Presence of Livestock, Recent sign Y or N	Comments about this survey (e.g., evidence of pairs or breeding, number of nests, nest contents or number of fledges seen; potential threats)
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	total hrs _2.75_							
Overall Site Su	-	Adults	Pairs	Territories	Nests	Were any W	IFLs color-band	led? No
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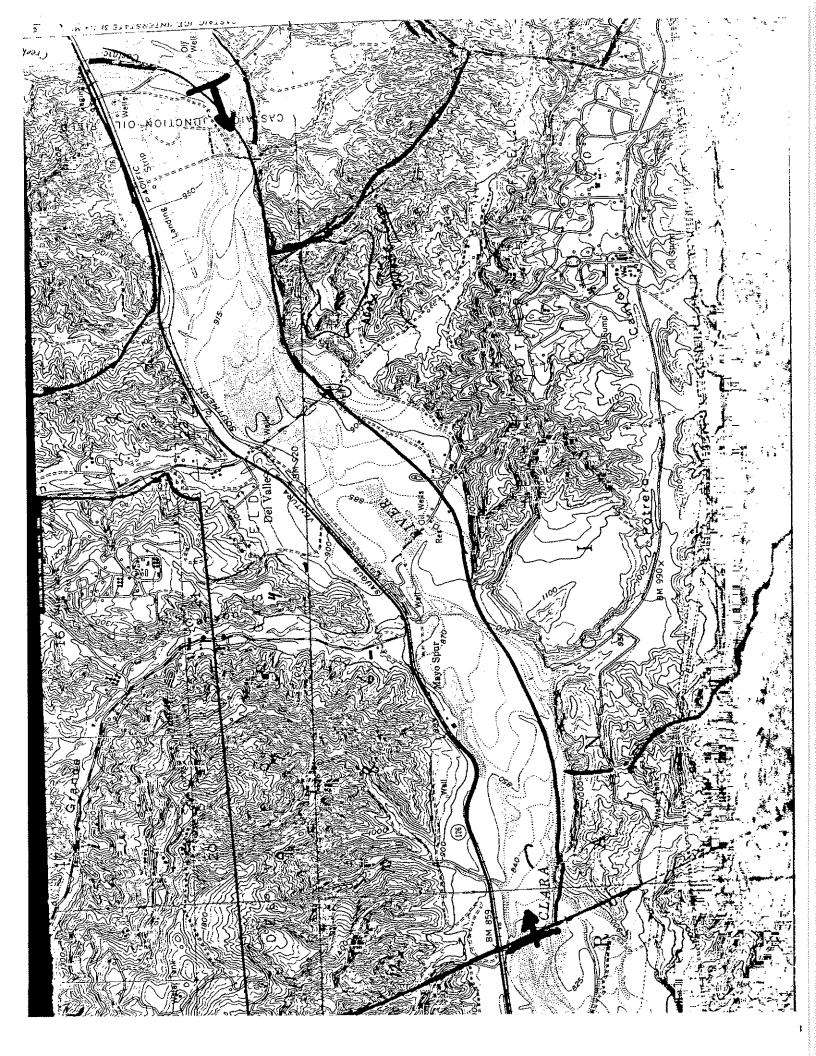
Name of Reporting Individual _____ Dan Guthrie ______ Date Report Completed _____7/20/03__

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Name of Reporting Individual Dan Guthrie Phone # _909 607 2836
AffiliationClaremont Colleges Email dguthrie@jsd.claremont.edu
Site Name_Santa Clara River:Newhall Ranch, los Angeles County Did you verify that this site name is consistent with that used in previous years? Yes No? (circle one) This is a section of site previously lumped as lower Santa Clara River Management Authority for Survey Area (circle one):
Federal Municipal/County State Tribal <u>Private</u>
Name of Management Entity or Owner (e.g., Tonto National Forest) Newhall Land Co
Length of area surveyed: _4 miles (specify units, e.g., miles = mi, kilometers = km, meters = m)
Did you survey the same general area during each visit to this site this year? Yes / If no, summarize in comments below.
If site was surveyed last year, did you survey the same general area this year? Yes / If no, summarize in comments below.
Vegetation Characteristics: Overall, are the species in tree/shrub layer at this site comprised predominantly of (check one): XX Native broadleaf plants
Mixed native and exotic plants (mostly native) (entirely or almost entirely, includes high-elevation willow)
□ Mixed native and exotic plants (mostly exotic) □ Exotic/introduced plants (entirely or almost entirely)
Identify the 2-3 predominant tree/shrub species:Cottonwood, willow,
Average height of canopy:40 ft (specify units)
Was surface water or saturated soil present at or adjacent to site? YES. Distance from the site to surface water or saturated soil: (specify units)
Did hydrological conditions change significantly among visits (did the site flood or dry out)? No (circle one) If yes, describe in comments section below. no water present except for 50 yd section trickle in center of section.
Remember to attach a xerox copy of a USGS quad/topographical map (REQUIRED) of the survey area, noting the survey site and location of WIFL detections. You may also include a sketch or aerial photograph showing details of site location, patch shape, survey route in relation to patch, and location of any willow flycatchers or willow flycatcher nests detected. Such sketches or photographs are welcomed, but DO NOT substitute for the required USGS quad map.
Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary):

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		Willow F	lycatcher	Survey and	Detection	n Form (rev	(. 4/98)			
Site NameS	Site NameSanta Clara River, Newhall Ranch, Ventura Co Was site surveyed in previous year? Yes No If yes, what site name was used? <u>Lower Santa Clara River</u>					Drainage Santa Clara River				
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Survey # Observer(s)	Date (m/d/y) Survey time	Number of WIFLs Found	Estimated Number of Pairs	Estimated Number of Territorics	Nest(s) Found? Y or N	Cowbirds Detected? Y or N	Presence of Livestock, Recent sign Y or N	Comments about this survey (e.g., evidence of pairs or breeding, number of nests, nest contents or number of fledges seen; potential threats)		
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Name of Reporting Individual

Overall Site Summary

(Total only resident WIFLs)

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Date 6/25

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Were any WIFLs color-banded?

Immature of the year?

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If yes, report color combination(s) in the comments section

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Fill in the following information completely. Submit original form. Retain copy for your records.

Name of Re	porting Individual	Dan Guthrie	Phone #	_909 607 2836
Affiliation	Claremont Colleg	ges	Email dguthrie@	sd.claremont.edu
Did vou ver	ify that this site nat	, Newhall Ranch, Venti me is consistent with th River in previous surve	ura Co at used in previous years? Yes ys.	No ? (circle one)
Manageme	nt Authority for Sur	rvey Area (circle one):		
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