

How You Can Help

You can prevent disturbance by being aware of the seabirds around you. Some seabirds along the coast are nesting, while others are resting during their migration. Approaching too close causes seabirds to panic and fly, wasting energy and leaving young vulnerable to predators.

Follow these tips to protect seabirds:

- Be aware of restricted areas for seabird protection.
- View seabirds from afar with binoculars.
- Stay off of rocks when seabirds are present.
- Pick up trash and fishing line—it can be deadly to birds and other wildlife!
- Educate others about being seabird safe.
- Keep dogs on a leash at all times and out of rocky areas.
- Keep dogs from chasing birds resting on the beach.
- In the air maintain 2,000' above ground level to avoid seabird disturbances.
- On the water stay at least 1,000 feet from rocks and cliffs.

How to Report Disturbance

State and federal laws protect seabirds and other marine life from disturbance and harassment. To report a disturbance call (831) 421-9546.

Please Join Us!

Your school, organization, family or you, as an individual, can become a citizen scientist helping to monitor seabirds. Adopt a colony and watch it grow! Call (831) 421-9546 for details.

Learn More

Visit www.SeabirdProtectionNetwork.org or call the California Coastal National Monument at (831) 421-9546 for more information about the Point Sur—Point Mugu Chapter, Seabird Protection Network.



Be Seabird SAFE

Stay back from cliffs and rocks
Always leash your pet
Feed yourself, not wildlife
Enjoy seabirds from afar

SEABIRD PROTECTION NETWORK
— Helping Seabirds Thrive —



Point Sur—Point Mugu Chapter



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Welcome to the Point Sur - Point Mugu Chapter, Seabird Protection Network

Please join us on our mission to protect, monitor, interpret, restore, and enjoy the seabird populations from Point Sur in southern Monterey County, to Point Mugu at the southern end of Ventura County. The Seabird Protection Network is a collaborative project that brings together state, local and federal agencies, scientists, interpreters, enforcement officers, the public, community groups and businesses to effectively protect and restore the seabird populations that nest and roost along the South Central Coast.

The Point Sur—Point Mugu Chapter, Seabird Protection Network is guided by the Torch/Platform Irene Trustee Council and supported with mitigation funds from the 1997 Torch/Platform Irene oil spill.

The Seabird Protection Network's goal is to improve the survival of seabirds by reducing human disturbances to their breeding and roosting sites on the California coast.

What Disturbances Threaten Seabirds?

However you visit the ocean; by air, shore or sea, your actions can affect the health and future of California's seabirds. People unwittingly disturb seabirds through various forms of recreation. These disturbances cause nesting seabirds to flee from and abandon their nests. Disturbances can end in complete breeding failure of a seabird colony.

