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The Sea is one of the most important wetlands along the Pacific Flyway. Several million birds migrate and inhabit the area every year. Over 400 species of birds have been counted at the Sea, including eared grebes, endangered brown pelicans, great blue herons, ospreys, burrowing owls, gulls, ducks, geese and terns. Each winter it is home for the annual Salton Sea Bird Festival.

The following is information on major sites for bird watching:

Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge – Two areas are open daily, sunrise to sunset. This refuge is the second most popular site within the National Wildlife Refuge system for bird watchers.

Wister Unit of the Imperial Wildlife Area – This area is open daily, sunrise to sunset. There are 4,200 acres of marshlands and ponds, and there is controlled hunting in

season with licenses and permits.

Salton Sea Recreation State Park – Many unusual birds have been spotted at the headquarters campground and the Salt Creek campground. A free bird list is available from the entrance station and Visitors' Center.

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