Preying in the Wetlands . . .

**Some Ballona Reptiles, Fish, & Stingrays**

- California Fence Lizard (aka Blue-bellied Lizard) on IUCN List with status of Least Concern.
- Pacific Loon on IUCN as Least Concern.
- California Alligator Lizard status unknown.
- California King Snake status unknown.
- California Round Stingray status unknown.
- California Killifish endangered.
- Red-Tailed Hawk protected under the US Migratory Bird Act.
- Kestrel on CA Audubon List as Climate Threatened.
- Northern Harrier on IUCN as Species of Special Concern.
- Peregrine Falcon on CA Audubon List as Climate Threatened.

**Mammals in Our Midst**

- Coyote status unknown.
- California Ground Squirrel protected under the Fed & Cal Endangered Species Acts.
- Botta’s Pocket Gopher California native vulnerable to Extinction due to fairly restricted range.
- California Sea Lion (pup) managed under Fed & Cal Marine Mammal Protection Act.

**Some Ballona Year-round Neighbors**

- Great Egrets on IUCN Red List as Threatened.
- Red-throated Loon on CA Audubon List as Climate Threatened.
- Black-bellied Plover on CA Audubon List as Climate Threatened.
- Willet on CA Audubon List as Climate Threatened & Endangered.
- Surf Bird on CA Audubon List as Climate Threatened & Endangered.

**Some Ballona Winter Neighbors**

- Black-bellied Plover on Audubon list as Endangered.
- Flock of Snow Geese.
- Red-breasted Merganser.
- Red-breasted Noddy Tern on Audubon Watch List (Yellow).
- Pacific Golden Plover on CA Audubon List as Climate Threatened.
- White-faced Ibis on CA Audubon List as Climate Threatened.
- White-tailed Kite.
- Red-throated Loon on CA Audubon List as Climate Threatened.

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The varied Ballona habitats that provide food, shelter, nurseries, and more for Ballona wildlife:

**Area-A.** Contains Upland Coastal Scrub, Riparian Vegetation, Tidal channel wetlands, Non-Tidal Brackish marshes and Salt Pans, and seasonal Freshwater Wetlands and Ponding.

**Area-B.** Contains flora and fauna similar to Area-A, plus year-round Riparian & Fresh Water Marsh vegetation and wildlife. Manmade channels from Ballona Creek contain tidal saltwater flow in and out of Area-B.

**Area-C.** Contains flora and fauna similar to Area-B, a freshwater marsh with seasonal Freshwater Ponding.

**Bluff Creek Riparian Corridor** is all that remains of the Ballona Wetlands east of Lincoln Blvd and south of the Ballona Creek.

**Ballona Creek.** Contains rocky salt water jetties, banks, and levees with channel tidal flows up the creek (about 2 miles) and into Area-B, with a mix of salt, brackish, and fresh water. The banks and the muddy bottom provide a rich dining buffet for wildlife.

**Del Rey Saltwater Lagoon and Venice Canals.** Empties and fills with the tidal flow. The muddy bottoms and banks are a rich food source for migrating ducks and seabirds who winter here.

**The Adjacent Beaches** contain insects and crustaceans in the sand the wading birds love. The wintering seabirds and diving ducks dine off the fish and crustaceans. Beaches also contain (endangered) Least Tern colonies (fenced areas).