

Biological diversity . . .

is key for the sustainability of an ecosystem’s survival and wetland ecological survival is dependent upon space...is it large enough to have keystone species that are at or near the top of the food chain? **Wetlands are fragile and depend upon upland support for their sustainability.**



Salamander



Coyote



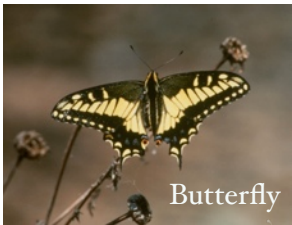
Black Tailed Jack Rabbit

“The immense diversity of the insects and flowering plants combined is no accident.

So important are insects and other land-dwelling arthropods that if all were to disappear, humanity probably could not last more than a few months. Most of the amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals would crash to extinction about the same time.” E.O. Wilson, *The Diversity of Life*



Nesting Killdeer



Butterfly



Lizard



Fox



Burrowing Owl
Rare in coastal
LA region