

71. COASTAL PRAIRIE

PRADERA COSTANERA

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*Audubon Cypress Grove Preserve**P.O. Box 808**Marshall, California 94940*

Location: California; Marin Co.; Marshall; 38°10'N, 122°54'; Tomales Quadrangle, USGS. **Continuity:** Established 1988; 2 consecutive yrs. **Size:** 31 ha. **Description of Plot:** See *J. Field Ornithol.* 60(suppl.):56 (1989). **Weather:** Generally mild; temperatures ranged from 10.5 to 15.5°C; wind ranged from 0 to 19 kph; cloud cover 0–100%; mostly stratus clouds. Winds up to 40 kph from the NW were common in the afternoon after count periods. **Coverage:** 8 hrs; 8 visits (all mornings); 12, 17, 20 April; 4, 11, 19, 24, 31 May. **Census:** Song Sparrow, 9 (12/40 ha); Mourning Dove, 2; Red-winged Blackbird, 2; Brown-headed Cowbird, 2; House Finch, 2; American Goldfinch, 2; Black-shouldered Kite, 1; California Quail, 1; Anna's Hummingbird, 1; Allen's Hummingbird, 1; American Crow, 1; Western Meadowlark, 0.5. **Total:** 12 species; 24.5 territories (32/40 ha). **Visitors:** Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Mallard, Turkey Vulture, Northern Harrier, Black Phoebe, Western Kingbird, Tree Swallow, Violet-green Swallow, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Barn Swallow, Scrub Jay, Common Raven, Common Bushtit, Wrenit, European Starling,

California Towhee, Brown-headed Cowbird, Pine Siskin. **Remarks:** Black-shouldered Kites, American Crows, House Finches, Allen's Hummingbird, and Mourning Doves nested in the island patch of Monterey Pines in the study area. A pair of Northern Harriers defended a hunting area, but did not breed within the study area. **Acknowledgments:** This work was supported Audubon Canyon Ranch, Stinson Beach, California, as part of a larger monitoring and management program.