

**82. COASTAL PRAIRIE**

## PRADERA COSTANERA

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**Location:** California; Marin Co.; Marshall; Cypress Grove Preserve; 38°10'N, 122°54'W; Tomales Quadrangle, USGS. **Continuity:** Established 1988; 3 yr. **Size:** 31.0 ha. **Description of Plot:** See *J. Field Ornithol.* 60 (suppl.):56 (1989). **Weather:** Mean temperature 12.2°C (range 10–16°C). **Coverage:** 7.1 h; 8 visits (mornings); 4, 13, 18, 25 April; 4, 16, 23, 31 May. **Census:** Song Sparrow, 17.0 territories (22/40 ha); American Goldfinch, 4.0 (5); Red-winged Blackbird, 3.5 (4); California Towhee, 3.0 (4); Black-shouldered Kite, 2.0 (1N); Bushtit, 1.0; Northern Harrier, 1.0 (2FL); Mourning Dove, 1.0 (1N); Anna's Hummingbird (male), 1.0; Allen's Hummingbird (male), 1.0; American Crow, 1.0 (1N); Bewick's Wren, 1.0; House Finch, 1.0 (1N); Western Meadowlark, 0.5. **Total:** 14 species; 38 territories (49/40 ha). **Visitors:** Great Egret, California Quail, Red-tailed Hawk, Turkey Vulture, Barn Swallow, Tree Swallow, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Scrub Jay, Common Raven, Brewer's Blackbird, Tricolored Blackbird, Brown-headed Cowbird, White-crowned Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow, Lincoln's Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow, Purple Finch, Pine Siskin. **Remarks:** Song Sparrows, which occur primarily in patches of *Baccharis pilularis* and *Conium maculatum*, increased from nine pairs in 1989 to 17 pairs in 1990. Black-shouldered Kites, American Crows, House Finches, and Mourning Doves nested in a patch of *Cupressus macrocarpa* and *Pinus radiata*. California Towhees and Red-winged Blackbirds nested in woody shrubs along the edge of the freshwater marsh. **Acknowledgments:** This work was supported by Audubon Canyon Ranch, Stinson Beach, CA, as part of a larger coastal prairie restoration and management program. I thank Susan Kelly for help in summarizing the results.