

**120. 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; 7 yr. **Size:** 31.0 ha. **Description of Plot:** See *J. Field Ornithol.* 60(Suppl.):56-57 (1989). Detailed quantitative habitat data from 1994 are available from the author. **Weather:** Mean start temp., 11.5°C (range 10-13°C). See BBC #100 for summary. **Coverage:** 8.0 h; 8 visits (1 sunrise); 19 Apr; 2, 6, 10, 18, 20, 23, 27 May. **Census:** Song Sparrow, 17.0 (22); Brown-headed Cowbird, 3.0 (4); White-tailed Kite, 2.0 (FL); Northern Harrier, 2.0 (3FL); Mourning Dove, 2.0; American Crow, 2.0; Mallard, 1.0; Anna's Hummingbird, 1.0; California Towhee, 1.0; Western Meadowlark, 1.0. **Total:** 10 species; 32.0 territories (41/40 ha). **Visitors:** Great Egret, Turkey Vulture, Red-tailed Hawk, California Quail, Great Horned Owl, Allen's Hummingbird, Tree Swallow, Northern Rough-

winged Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Barn Swallow, Scrub Jay, Common Raven, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Bushtit, Bewick's Wren, Marsh Wren, Swainson's Thrush, Wrentit, European Starling, Common Yellowthroat, Black-headed Grosbeak, Golden-crowned Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Red-winged Blackbird, Brewer's Blackbird, Northern Oriole, House Finch, Pine Siskin, American Goldfinch. **Remarks:** Two White-tailed Kite nests successfully fledged young. Abundance estimates of voles (*Microtus californicus*) were the highest recorded since 1989-90. One Northern Harrier territory failed and one produced three fledglings. Mourning Dove, House Finch, and American Goldfinch were common on all visits but inadequately quantified because of non-territorial breeding behaviors. **Acknowledgments:** This work is supported by Audubon Canyon Ranch, Stinson Beach, CA. Sarah Tappen compiled and summarized the results.