

Waves, Wetlands, and Watersheds

Chapter 7: Alert! Species in Danger

Updates and Additional Information, August 2019

As of August 2019, the US Fish and Wildlife Service listed 2,349 species worldwide as endangered or threatened, of which 1,663 (719 animals, 944 plants) occur in the United States.

USFWS summary of listed species populations:

<http://ecos.fws.gov/ecp0/reports/box-score-report>

USFWS listed animals, both US and foreign:

<http://ecos.fws.gov/ecp0/pub/SpeciesReport.do?dsource=animals>

USFWS listed plants, both US and foreign:

<http://ecos.fws.gov/ecp0/pub/SpeciesReport.do?dsource=plants>

USFWS listed species by state:

<http://ecos.fws.gov/ecp0/reports/species-listed-by-state-totals-report>

There are 454 California species or subspecies listed as rare, threatened or endangered by the State of California or the federal government.

California Department of Fish & Game Special Plant and Animal Lists:

<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/nongame/list.html>

The Brown Pelican, *Pelecanus occidentalis*, was delisted in 2009. Information on this species and its conservation history (with an emphasis on the Channel Islands):

<http://www.nps.gov/chis/naturescience/brown-pelican.htm>

Of interest regarding the article on page 96:

Rallus longirostris, the Clapper Rail, was renamed Ridgeway's Rail in 2014. Three subspecies have been identified, two of which reside in California: *Rallus longirostris obsoletus* lives in the coastal marshes of the San Francisco Bay Area and is the subject of the article; *Rallus longirostris levipes* is native to coastal southern California and northern Mexico. Subspecies *levipes* is known by the common name Light-footed Ridgeway's Rail (formerly Light-footed Clapper Rail) and is also endangered, with a population of 356 breeding pairs as of a 2018 survey. This is the lowest count tallied since 2009 and follows a run of six consecutive years of population totals over 500 pairs (with the all-time high of 656 breeding pairs in 2016). Habitat loss is the primary threat. Read the 2018 survey report at <https://www.fws.gov/uploadedFiles/2018%20LFRR-Census-Rpt.pdf>

PRBO presents further information on the California clapper rail (Ridgeway's Rail) at

<http://data.prbo.org/sfstateofthebirds/index.php?page=clapper-rail>