

## HEALTH OF BIRDS AT SANTA SUSANA

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The San Fernando Valley Bird Observatory (SFVBO), a scientific program of San Fernando Valley Audubon, has been operating for more than two and a half years at the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL).

SFVBO counts, captures, marks and releases birds in the Field Lab to evaluate and track bird populations.

SFVBO is also evaluating the effects on birds of activities at SSFL that led to the deposition of chemical and radiological contaminants in the areas that are currently targeted for extensive cleanup.

SFVBO has so far found no evidence of any unusual mortality, disease, mutations, or other ill effects to birds that might be attributable to contaminants.

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SFVBO will continue to monitor bird populations at SSFL so that the acquired information will help to assure that SSFL will be cleaned up in a manner that is respectful of the biological resources in the area and consistent with the eventual use of the area as open space in which wildlife can thrive.

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