

Endangered Species



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The California red-legged frog (*Rana aurora draytonii*) is federally-listed as threatened and is a California species of concern. The Southern California species is reduced to three fragile populations. The population in the Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve inhabits pools in East Las Virgenes Creek. This population may be the last remaining viable population in Southern California from what once was a relatively widespread distribution.



The San Fernando Valley spineflower (*Chorizanthe parryi* var. *fernandina*), last seen in 1929, was rediscovered on the Ranch in 1999. Only one other small population is known to exist in the world, but it is threatened by a development in the Santa Clara River Watershed. The spineflower is listed by the State as endangered, and is a federal Candidate for listing as endangered. The plant is found in 16 locations on Lasky Mesa.



The Southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*), which is State-and federally-listed endangered, has declined to under 1,000 breeding pairs over its entire range. A single individual was observed on the Ranch. Las Virgenes Creek provides high quality habitat for the flycatcher.

Sensitive Species

Mammals



San Diego desert woodrat

Sensitive species are those that are declining at a rate that could result in listing as threatened or endangered; and or have historically occurred in low numbers and known threats to their persistence currently exist. The park contains over twenty species that are recognized by the resource agencies as sensitive.

Plants



Plummer's mariposa lily
(*Calochortus plummerae*)

Raptors



Golden Eagle



Prairie Falcon



Northern Harrier



White-tailed kite

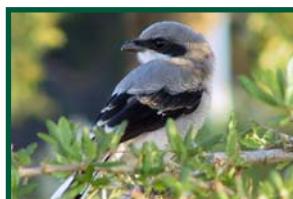
Birds



Southern California rufous-crowned sparrow



Yellow-breasted chat



Loggerhead shrike



Yellow warbler

Reptiles



San Diego horned lizard



Two-striped garter snake



San Bernardino mountain kingsnake



Coastal western whiptail lizard