

## 2019 WOOD DUCK DINNER

**What:**

28th Annual California Wood Duck Program Banquet

**When:**

April 13, doors open at 5 p.m., dinner is at 6:30 p.m.

**Where:**

Fairfield Community Center, 1000 Kentucky St., Fairfield

**Early bird special:**


The first 100 adults to purchase their tickets will receive a special raffle ticket for a chance to win a quality firearm.

**Tickets:**

Steve Mortensen, 707-592-5545

**Donations:**

Robert Franco, 707-290-3601



**Wood ducks** have come back from the brink of extinction thanks to conservation efforts such as providing nest boxes that help compensate for the loss of riparian breeding habitat. California Waterfowl created the California Wood Duck Program in 1991 to increase both the number of nest boxes on the landscape and citizen involvement in the fate of wood ducks. More than 845,000 ducklings have leapt from the program's boxes, and with thousands of volunteers, this program is the biggest citizen science effort of its kind.

**ABOUT THE PHOTO**

California Wood Duck Program volunteer Jim Dunn helps manage 72 boxes in an area called Orr Ranch. Whenever he finds a very recent hatch, he goes out early the next day to photograph the jump. On this day, he set up 20 feet away using an orchard ladder as a tripod, and after waiting six hours, he got his shot.

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## SUCCESS STORY

# HIGH-ELEVATION WOODIES

Story and photos by **BRIAN HUBER**,  
CALIFORNIA WOOD DUCK PROGRAM COORDINATOR .....

I had to chuckle when my dad asked me to enroll him in the California Wood Duck Program so he could install a nest box in his back yard.

You see, he lives at 6,200 feet in Tahoe—not exactly the wood duck breeding mecca for California.

But when I thought about it, I realized maybe it wasn't so far-fetched.

When I grew up in Tahoe, I didn't hunt waterfowl and wasn't familiar with the various species or their sounds. After I moved away for school, though, I became an avid waterfowl hunter, and eventually a waterfowl biologist. During visits home, I never saw a wood duck in the back yard, but I thought for sure I heard them a few times.



L-R: The author, his mother Ginger Huber, wife Karlie Huber and son Wyatt Huber (age 1 at the time).

Tahoe is at the edge of wood duck breeding range, so it would not be uncommon to find them in the area. But this would be California Waterfowl's first wood duck project in Tahoe.

The timing was good: The big winter of 2016-17 had created several ponds in the back yard, which is on Trout Creek Meadow. So we put up a nest box and hoped for the best.

I was really surprised when Mom called in April to tell me there was a wood duck nesting in the box.

What is so neat about this box is that it's not what I am used to as a biologist—checking boxes usually involves long quad rides and walking through mud and muck. This box you can see from my parents' dining room.

Mom and Dad watched each morning as the drake waited in the pond for the hen. They learned the feeding patterns and watched as the hen flew out in the morning and again in the late afternoon. She laid 14 eggs, of which 12 hatched.

# WOOD DUCK PROGRAM

## 2018

**PROJECT NAME**    **# of BOXES**    **# of DUCKLINGS**    **VOLUNTEERS**

### DISTRICT 1

1000 Springs Ranch	34	163	Gary Welsh, Jacob Gerow-Welsh
Bar-E Ranch	10	113	Maddie Nightingale, Mikey Nightingale, Caleb Wells
Beedy	6	31	Ted Beedy
Bidwell	26	157	Matt Meyer, Dennis Corvello, Brenda Bebensee
Budge	6	0	W.W. Budge
CLAWS	13	120	Matt Garrett, Colleen Garrett
Ferrari Farms	16	39	Craig Ferrari
Golden Oaks	10	40	Craig Ferrari
Goose Valley	20	65	Matt Meyer, Dennis Corvello, Brenda Bebensee
Lake Margaret	7	84	Matt Meyer, Dennis Corvello, Brenda Bebensee
Napoli	3	25	Len Napoli, Gail Napoli
Nevada Co.	17	113	Craig Ferrari
F & W Commission			
Sanders Ranch	6	65	Rick A. Sanders

### DISTRICT 2

Harpshire	3	0	Kevin Harper
Humboldt State University	13	77	Jeffery Teel, Carly Stanton, Spencer Butler, Garrett Muniaian
Salt Flat	4	20	Robert Heitman
Willits	6	13	Marisela de Santa Anna, Jayman Cooper

### DISTRICT 3

5R Ranch	5	17	Greg Silva, Patti Silva
49er Duck Club	10	71	Matt Meyer, Dennis Corvello, Brenda Bebensee
Angel Ranch Duck Club	36	307	John Garriga, Doug Garriga Jennifer Garriga, Mike Johnson, Jim Carr
Argo & Vickery Farms	9	62	Matt Meyer, Dennis Corvello, Brenda Bebensee
Barale Ranch	17	82	Dave Barale, Pete Barale, Joe Barale, Erik Sheffield, Erik Hora, Jim Paroli
Barale Ranch West	8	46	Dave Barale, Pete Barale, Joe Barale
Bayles Ranch	3	27	Dan Erben, Avery Erben, Kelsey Erben, Kaila Erben
Beach Lake	11	52	Vincent Fugina, Donald Fugina III, Jack Baer
Behring Ranch	175	2,041	Isabelle Romo, Ernesto Jimenez, Gerardo Jimenez, Lazaro Romo, Maximus Romo, Janine Grupalo

PROJECT NAME	# of BOXES	# of DUCKLINGS	VOLUNTEERS
Black Butte	17	0	Bruce Galloway, Jasper Lerch
Brady Ranch	35	351	Bill Neufeld, Matthew Neufeld, Sam Craig, Richard Vannelli, Mike Johnson, Jim Carr
Broken Wing Duck Club	11	112	Matt Meyer, Dennis Corvello, Brenda Bebensee
Burgard	37	265	Dirk Burgard
Butte City College	53	194	Rick Wittsell, Butte College Natural Resources Management Program students, Laura Cockrell, Mike Johnson
Butte Creek Farms	64	188	Matt Meyer, Dennis Corvello, Brenda Bebensee
Butte Creek Island Ranch	12	113	CWA
Casa de Patos/ Bird Haven Ranch	196	1,830	Paul & Sandi Bonderson, Dennis Hulse, Mac McDaniels, UC Davis
Cherokee Farms	38	308	Mike Johnson, Bryce Johnson, Jim Carr, John Garriga, Doug Garriga
Closed Zone Farms	40	293	Jesus Gomez, Mark Koller, Larry Gury
Colusa NWR	47	539	Mike Peters, Larry Garrett, Barbara Garrett
Concow Reservoir	2	5	Steve Wildblood, Virginia Wildblood
Crim-Sky Hi	50	433	Mike Phelan, Bill Crim
DC	10	82	Matt Meyer, Dennis Corvello, Brenda Bebensee
Foothill Mallard Club	30	217	The Hammett Family, Honcut King, Bobby Grilli, Glen Weldon, Justin Wall, Mia Rago
Foster City Rod & Gun Club			Darold Givens, Bruce Billings, Eric Swanson, Jim Robinson, Don Woods, Matt Plut, Ken Bertelsen, Jim Danse
• Delevan NWR	26	159	Darold Givens, Bruce Billings
• Gordon's Pond	27	145	Darold Givens, Bruce Billings
• Laughing Mallard	50	296	Darold Givens, Bruce Billings
• Sacramento NWR	26	137	Darold Givens, Bruce Billings
Fresh Water Creek	13	163	Matt Meyer, Dennis Corvello, Brenda Bebensee
Full Belly Farm/ Esparto High School	7	0	Amber Charter, Jaime Vazquez, Oscar Moreno, Chuck Muller, Mariah Bettencourt
Gardner Farms	7	89	Dan Erben, Avery Erben, Kelsey Erben, Kaila Erben, William Gardner Jr.
Gray Lodge Farms	74	462	Chris Tocatlian, Heather Tocatlian
Gray Lodge WA	376	2,317	Carol Allen, Cathy Bergkamp, Larry Bergkamp, Wyatt Bronner, Karen Clark, Lori Dieter, Nolan Duarte, Donna Dugan, Cal Dugan, James Dugan, Dan Furr, Dorothy Glass, Michael Jones, Bob Larsen, Duane Linander, Jennifer Linander, Jack Macfarlane, Jacob Margetts, Denise Roberts, Paul (Dub) Roberts, John Royce, Kristin Shorrock, Meghann Shorrock, Marie Smith, Hal Stoner, Brianna Wyatt
Hollywood Duck Club	55	385	Dave Barale, Pete Barale, Joe Barale, Erik Sheffield, Erik Hora, Jim Paroli
Hunter Creek/Sutton Ranch	3	26	Greg Boyes
Joe Paulo Ranch	52	195	Mike Johnson, Bryce Johnson, Joe Paulo, Jim Carr, John Garriga, Doug Garriga
Keely Club	20	203	Matt Meyer, Dennis Corvello, Brenda Bebensee
Larry Merlo Youth	33	216	Mike Johnson, Jim Carr, Michael Felkins, Rocque Merlo, John Garriga, Doug Garriga, Bryce Johnson
Little Dry Creek Farms	92	552	Judy Oswald, Justin Starr, Jim Milham
Lone Star Duck Club	10	105	Matt Meyer, Dennis Corvello, Brenda Bebensee
Lucky Ten Ranch	14	32	Tom Gigliotti, Bird Gigliotti, Jim Gigliotti, Antonio Gigliotti, Steve Gigliotti, Emily Gigliotti, D.J. Spivey
Mayberry	25	74	Dan Mayberry

## WANT TO START YOUR OWN PROJECT?

The Huber family did it right: starting small and expanding as they watched the investment pay off. To discuss the prospects for a project in your back yard, or at your duck club, contact California Wood Duck Program Coordinator Brian Huber at [bhuber@calwaterfowl.org](mailto:bhuber@calwaterfowl.org) or 805-705-4387. He promises not to laugh!

Looks like Mom and Dad had the right idea after all!

But it didn't stop there. In June, my parents noticed new activity around the box. When I came up to visit, I was surprised to find a hen with seven eggs. I hadn't brought my banding gear with me, though, so I called



in a favor from one of our most experienced volunteer banders who happened to be going to Tahoe that week, Robert Franco. On July 2, Robert banded our hen, and five ducklings hatched later that month.

This was great, but the big question was would they return the following year? Even though the winter was not nearly as wet, a beaver dam on the creek flooded

the meadow and created more ponds. On April 3, my Mom saw the first wood duck pair on the pond. She kept a diary and noted their activity each day. I came to visit in May and found our banded hen in the box with nine eggs. We decided to put up a second box, this time right outside the kitchen window.

On May 30, seven ducklings hatched from Box 1.

In early June I visited again and cleaned out Box 1 and checked Box 2. Again, I was pleasantly surprised to find a small female in the box with four eggs. I banded her, and my parents watched her come and go until July 2, when my Mom videotaped the "jump" from her kitchen window as the four ducklings left the nest.

This spring, we are hoping for their return. I even got my mom a wifi-enabled security camera to put inside the box to see if we can catch even more action.

It just goes to show you: Your idea for a wood duck project might seem crazy at first, but if you give it a try, you might be pleasantly surprised. 🦆

# WINNING A GUN IS GREAT. DONATING ONE MIGHT BE EVEN BETTER!

by **WAYNE TILCOCK**, ASSOCIATE EDITOR . . . . .

After experiencing the thrill of winning a gun at a CWA dinner, 16-year-old Ben Broadley has wanted others to feel that same joy.

So for the past several years, he has made that happen, donating a youth gun to be raffled off at the California Wood Duck Program dinner (to be held April 13 this year).




Ben Broadley holds a wood duck hen found at one of the nest boxes his family manages.

The guns he has donated have been earned through his family's dedication to charitable giving. Modeled after a program at his father Steve's workplace, Ben's hours spent volunteering accrue him a dollar amount from his parents, up to \$300 per year, that he can then donate to a cause of his choice.

And that choice was a no-brainer for Ben. Since he was 10, the Broadleys have been involved in managing wood duck projects. They've had as many as 94 boxes over four projects and currently manage three projects with 79 boxes.

With so many boxes to cover, Ben has enlisted the help of many friends, blind partners, Boy Scouts and even CWA staff, helping to spread the mission of California Wood Duck Program to others.

Beyond helping the ducks, managing the boxes has also been a great educational opportunity for Ben. He has given several presentations on his conservation efforts, ranging from the classroom to the City of Vacaville's Community Services Commission.

Ben hopes to continue with the program for many years, eventually taking full control of his projects. "The idea of conservation beyond hunting has become such a huge part of my life as an outdoorsman," he said. 

PROJECT NAME	# of BOXES	# of DUCKLINGS	VOLUNTEERS
Mom's Farm	12	92	Dennis Burkell, Kathie Burkell
Murdock Gun Club I	72	312	CWA
Murdock Gun Club II	103	1,343	Brian O'Connor, Kathleen O'Connor
Nannini Bros.	6	59	Michael Nannini, Jeffrey Nannini, Brian Nannini
North Colusa	3	27	Matt Meyer, Dennis Corvello, Brenda Bebensee
Ohm Road Club	10	67	Matt Meyer, Dennis Corvello, Brenda Bebensee
	6	37	William Owen
Oroville WA	234	788	Kim Armstrong, Larissa Van Der Linde, Byron Stone, Roy Moore, Rich Cain, and Brian Young
Opa's Dead End Duck Club	6	37	William Owen
Packer Rd	18	210	Gene Beauchamp, Matt Meyer, Dennis Corvello
Patrick's River View	1	0	Kris Shorrock, Patrick Enck
Pintail II	16	105	Matt Meyer, Dennis Corvello, Brenda Bebensee
Pioneer Duck Club	30	378	Johnny Drury, Matt Drury
Prime Time Duck Club	62	462	Don Springer
Rancho Esquon	70	89	Mike Johnson, Bryce Johnson, John Garriga, Jim Carr, Doug Garriga, Brian Huber, Loretta Gardner, Joe Mason, Taylor Billups, Preston Brunk, Tucker Bennett
Riverside Cottage	2	12	Kris Shorrock, Merrily Stover, Larry Jendro
UC Davis - Roosevelt Ranch	100	632	Tom & Kristi Patterson & Partners, UC Davis
RSCT Inc Duck Club	4	0	Tom Orgain, Russ Morth, Jim Kramer
UC Davis - Russell Ranch	16	30	UC Davis
Sanborn Slough Farms	11	59	Bruce Gallaway, Jasper Lerch, CWA
Sebia Duck Club	29	200	Mark Kirsten, Vince DeCoito, Brandon Mills, Zack Copeland, Clint Copeland, Troy Copeland, Dave Garibaldi, Caroline Brady, Brian Huber
Silver Sprig	9	70	Gil Ullery, Hank Zuschlag
Stone Creek	9	97	Matt Meyer, Dennis Corvello, Brenda Bebensee
Sutter Buttes Boys Club	33	201	Vic Parachini, Walt Sikes, Eric Hohener
Thuis Ranch	6	8	Steve Mortensen, Neal Van Alfen, Pam Kazmeirczak, Dave Howes, Wyatt Ensley, Garrett Ensley, Jack Ensley
Tin Can Louie	12	91	Jeff Huff, Chris Perry
Tree Lake Marsh	6	26	Paul E. Spagnoli, Paul J. Spagnoli, Nicholas Spagnoli, Diane Spagnoli, Tony Spagnoli, Chris Spagnoli
<b>Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area</b>			
• Howard Slough	67	533	Laura Cockrell, Shannon Rich, Jay Bogiatto, Shelly Kirn, Bethany A. Prince, Derek Schiewek, Brian Bertoldi, Natalie M. O'Connor, Jamie M. Oskowski, Thomas J. Rugg, Caylin R. Stanley, Jepson J. Manuel, William Silva, Preston Brunk, Mike Klemm, John W. Prince, Alyson M. Wallace, Phillip C. Jaques, Dillon L. Johnson, Roberta Katherine Overmar, Jared R. Decker, Matthew L. Chatman
• Little Dry Creek	51	334	Laura Cockrell, Shannon Rich, Preston Brunk, William Silva, Ben Vasquez
Vista Ranch	23	147	Roger Borrell, Mike Schuster, Steve Mortensen
West Delevan Duck Club	6	47	Matt Meyer, Dennis Corvello, Brenda Bebensee
Wild Goose	134	881	J.P. Stover, Kyle Raczynski, Luke Pfister
Willow Creek Wood Ducks	103	1,327	Harlan Albers, Curtus Amaro, John Amaro, Randy Hansen, Troy Hansen
Winters High School	5	8	Donnie Whitworth, Ag Mechanics students

PROJECT NAME	# of BOXES	# of DUCKLINGS	VOLUNTEERS
<b>DISTRICT 4</b>			
Arnold Ranch Duck Club	46	402	Mike Lenzi
Denverton Ranch	5	0	CWA
EBMUD	23	76	Douglas Vaughan, Robert Bartholomew, Sandy Ferreira, Doris Kretschmer
Grayson Creek	12	0	John King, Jake King, Patrick King, Patrick George, Andersen Keller
Green Valley Creek	10	79	Anthony Iaccarino, Theresa Iaccarino, John Iaccarino
Greenhead Duck Club	28	83	Kevin Brush, Trinity Brush, Malina Brush, Amber Brush
Grizzly Ranch	9	11	Robert Franco, CWA
Holland Tract	46	248	John L. Winther, Pete Margiotta, Ted Toland, Frank Higgins, Jamie Barajar
Jacksnipe	8	93	Albert Seeno III, Paul Silva, Eric Sheffield, Jim Paroli
Just For Ducks	14	11	Brian Murphy, Barney Howard, Rick Kelch, Gary Murel, Wally King, Hugh Harvey, Bob Babb
Knoxville	18	0	Bill Shepard
Laguna Creek	4	0	Steve Broadley, Benjamin Broadley
Machado	14	132	Don Alvarado, Ken Machado, Sam Alvarado, Robert Franco, Mike Gaffney, Bryden Ditty
McDaniel	14	64	Gary McDaniel, Joeni McDaniel, Gianna Rose McDaniel, Jared McDaniel
Nixon	2	0	Brian Nixon
Peaceful Glen	6	56	Steve Mortensen, Bob Brown, Jeanie Brown, Dave Howes, Wyatt Ensley, Garrett Ensley, Jack Ensley
Pope Creek	7	0	R. Todd Eggert, John Ehrenfeld
Psmith	8	4	Robert Franco, Mike Lenzi, Pete Smith
Stuart Creek Sonoma	3	0	Tony Nelson, Eric Fessenden, Bo Kearns
Telfer	4	11	Robert Franco, John Telfer, Mike Lenzi
Webb Tract	20	8	John L. Winther, Jamie Barajas, Jose Del Gato
Willow Pond	5	63	Steve Mortensen, Joann Tomlinson, Dave Howes, Wyatt Ensley, Garrett Ensley, Jack Ensley

## DISTRICT 5

Beale Air Force Base	62	145	Chadwick McCready, Trevor Moore, Jeff Radar, Nick Nugent, Mathew Saiz, Maia Lipschutz, Jacob Miller, Luca Lagares, Mark Suek, Blake Lawver, Jane Tavares, Clay Crow, Brandon Swalla, Justin Hutchinson, Mary Walker
Bear River	25	168	Brett Lawson, Bo Lawson, Hunter Lawson, Brad Thompson, Toby Woodworth
Boy Scouts Troop 83			Boy Scouts Troop 83, Russ Van Loben Sels
• Elk Slough	69	949	
• Babel Slough	22	331	
Brown's Valley	3	19	Mike Schuster, Ruth Mickelsen
Conaway Ranch	71	449	Mike Hall, Conaway Ranch partners, UC Davis
Cosumnes River Preserve 202		583	Nancy Sage, Jim Dunn, Gordon Christianer, Bruce Miller, Mike Savino, Cathie LaZier, Ann Burris, Amber Veselka, Rick Hicks, Kathy Hillesland
D & T Tackle	3	14	Dennis Byrne, Terra Byrne
Footrot Flats	49	223	Steve Broadley, Benjamin Broadley, Roy Broadley, Cody Rioux, Steve Mortensen, Mike Johnson

# MAKING TIME IN KIDS' BUSY SCHEDULES

by WAYNE TILCOCK, ASSOCIATE EDITOR . . . . .

With so many time commitments facing families these days, especially organized youth sports, it can be easy for volunteer activities to get lost in the shuffle. Jim Paroli is ready for it, though.

Following a successful Tigers T-ball game, Paroli got his grandson Jack, still in uniform, up the ladders to check on the wood duck boxes he helps manage with the California Wood Duck Program.



Jack McAuley checks on a wood duck nest box following his T-Ball game. The box is one of more than 450 monitored by his grandfather, Jim Paroli.

Working with waterfowl has been in the family blood for a long time. Paroli, who is chair of the California Wood Duck Program, first went hunting with his father at age 10 and took his own children out when they were young. He loved being in the marsh, and getting involved with nest boxes was a way to extend that opportunity.

Starting with his first box in 2000 on McDonald Island, Paroli grew the number of boxes there to 60. Now he is now hands-on with 10 other projects, monitoring more than 450 boxes, and giving him the satisfaction of knowing he helps hatch more ducks than he harvests.

The other big joy he gets from the California Wood Duck Program is getting youth involved. Jack loves climbing the ladder to count the eggs or riding out to see habitat improvements.

Paroli is counting down the days until Jack's younger brother Grayson and cousin Elli can join in the fun.

"As outdoor enthusiasts it is our obligation to take any opportunity to share and educate the next generation," he says. 🙌

## 2019 BELLROSE AWARD RECIPIENTS

# ANTHONY AND JOHN IACCARINO



John (left) and Anthony (right) Iaccarino. PHOTO BY ROBERT FRANCO

The California Wood Duck Program honors brothers Anthony and John Iaccarino as joint recipients of the 2019 Bellrose Award.

The Iaccarinos have been involved in the California Wood Duck Program for 27 years, since the very beginning, and they have attended every wood duck banquet except one. They are major donors to the annual event and have contributed thousands of dollars to the Wood Duck Program over the years.

They're major supporters of California Waterfowl as well: Anthony is a Life Benefactor and John is a Life Donor.

The Iaccarinos' active project is Green Valley Creek in Sonoma County. In addition, they worked with Bob Benotti to run the San Joaquin Farms Wood Duck Project for at least 10 years, producing more than 800 ducklings from 200 boxes until their project area flooded due to a damaged levee.

These brothers' consistent support of the California Wood Duck Program is what makes them this year's recipients of the Bellrose Award.

*Dr. Frank C. Bellrose was one of the pioneers of wood duck nesting research. His career-long commitment to understanding wood duck biology began in the late 1930s and resulted in the development of predator-resistant nest boxes. His lifelong dedication to waterfowl, especially the wood duck, is why the California Wood Duck Program honors one outstanding volunteer in his name each year.* 🦆

PROJECT NAME	# of BOXES	# of DUCKLINGS	VOLUNTEERS
Greenberg	7	90	Stu Greenberg, Deb Greenberg
Jeri Langham	16	156	Jeri Langham, Cliff Hawley, Jim Thomas, Tom Horner, Oleta Melnicoe, Jim Pompy, Sonia Santa Anna
LJ Farms	54	273	Nick Iacopi, John Iacopi, Sheila Iacopi
Mike Merlo (original)	13	0	Mike Merlo
Mike Merlo (Formerly YC Boat Dock)	33	249	Mike Merlo
Moe	9	31	Rich Moe
North Delta Conservancy	172	1,229	John Erickson
North Pleasant Grove	19	54	Clark Squires, Bob Rasmussen, Colby Heaton, Cooper Heaton
Placer County Traylor Ranch Nature Reserve	10	71	Ginger Knutson, Morgan Knutson, Gabriella Knutson, Natalie Knutson, Marcus Knutson, Taylor Kemis
Pompy	8	73	Jim Pompy
South Lake Tahoe	3	20	Dave Huber, Ginger Huber, Daniel Huber, Brian Huber
South Pleasant Grove	19	209	Greg Damitz, Sr.; Gregory W. Damitz, Jr.
Sportsmen's Legacy Foundation (Lincoln High School)	70	593	Dave Foxworthy, Courtney Holland, David Inman, Catherine Hughes, Maddie Merrill, Kyle Martinez, Matt Emerson, Matt Parrotte, Lauren Jonk, Eddie Scheiber, Jack Lanigan, Simon Dietrich, Jimmy Scheiber, Levi Barney, Eddie Polkenhorn, Taylor DeRossett, Adriana Diaz, Joseph Palencia
Township South	26	65	Steve Broadley, Benjamin Broadley, Roy Broadley, Mike Johnson, Cody Rioux, Steve Mortensen
West Davis Pond	17	241	Rick A. Sanders, Gene Trapp
Whitney Oaks	5	77	Ed Price
William's Pond	6	153	Tad Gantenbein, Erik Gantenbein, Zack Reuter
Yolo Bypass WA	40	192	Joe Hobbs, Connor McCrum

### DISTRICT 6

Black Hole Habitat	62	357	Trevor Carlson
Brack Track	12	116	Jim Paroli, Eric Sheffield, Pete Costamagna
Brush Duck Club	19	50	Matt Meyer, Dennis Corvello, Brenda Bebensee
Eudy	9	47	John Eudy, Robbin Eudy
Kautz Ironstone Winery	73	263	Joe Valente, Claudia Valente
Mandeville Island	150	1,092	Tony Marnell III, Craig Watanabe
McDonald Island	51	408	Jim Paroli, Eric Sheffield
Medford Island	10	0	Rigo Sevilla, Peter Ottesen, Seven Partneas
Nelson	57	94	Matt Meyer, Dennis Corvello, Brenda Bebensee
Stockton East Water District	15	18	Ken Murray
Swan Lake	4	24	Bill Keller, Quinlynn Keller, William Keller
Trion Ranch	17	87	Matt Meyer, Dennis Corvello, Brenda Bebensee
Tyler Island Habitat	8	79	Mark Sanny, Eric Sheffield, Jim Paroli, Stuart Greenberg
Williams Ranch	11	6	Ken Murray

### DISTRICT 7

Arroyo Del Valle	3	6	Ralph Moir
Quarry Lakes	10	4	Dave Riensche, Sarah Riensche, Daniel Riensche, Nathan Riensche, Rebekah Riensche

**PROJECT NAME # of BOXES # of DUCKLINGS VOLUNTEERS**

**DISTRICT 8**

Fort Hunter Liggett 50 76 James Kilber

**DISTRICT 9**

Bell's Ranch 9 129 Steve Simmons  
 Betten Court Ranch - 14 45 Scott Ross, Robert Hoppe  
 Santa Fe Aggregates  
 Dallas Duck Club 152 183 Al Sturla, Anthony Lopez, Rene Lopez,  
 Jess Nelson, Chris Brawn  
 Dryad Ranch 7 9 Bill Ralph  
 Eastman Lake 3 0 Bill Ralph, Eric Schaal  
 Exeter Duck Club 12 63 Steve Simmons  
 Hensley Lake 6 0 Bill Ralph  
 Loggers 18 0 Erik Knorr, Sarah Knorr  
 Merced River 75 616 Steve Simmons  
 San Luis NWR 14 41 Erik Knorr, Sarah Knorr

**DISTRICT 10**

California Living Museum 9 60 Andrew Kenyon  
 Tulare Basin 16 45 Andrew Kenyon, Ken Barton  
 Wetlands Assoc.

**DISTRICT 11**

Sibley Ranch Land 4 35 Joel Sibley, Roberta Sibley, Georgia Sibley, Tessa  
 and Livestock Sibley, Emilia Sibley, Wyatt Sibley, Eli Sibley

**DISTRICT 13**

Camp Cody 2 0 Andrew Kenyon, Bruce Kenyon

**DISTRICT 14**

So. Cal Wood Ducks  
 Prado Regional Park 75 143 Bonnie Johnson, Alec Mang, Cyndi Chavez,  
 Natalia Doshi, Jessica Medrano, Nash Parker,  
 Jack Hall, Ronda Hall, Robert Williams, Gary Lucas,  
 Burl LaRue, Doug Lolville, Carolin Brown  
 Yorba Regional Park 36 211 Mike Geraci, Marti De Metropolis, Nat Mann,  
 Jim Wimmer, Don Mendenhall, Richard Proffitt,  
 Tom Murphy, John Higley, James Ehret,  
 Justin Menzel, Rick Dawson, Dave Vanhandel

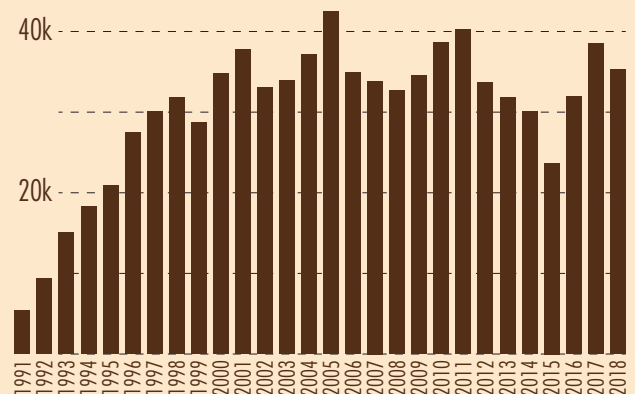
**TOTAL 5,647 35,293**

**ANNUAL WOOD DUCK PRODUCTION**

YEAR	DUCKLINGS HATCHED	BOXES REPORTING	DUCKLINGS PER BOX
1991	5,401	2,293	2.36
1992	9,328	2,413	3.87
1993	15,092	3,139	4.81
1994	18,284	3,619	5.05
1995	20,862	3,332	6.26
1996	27,429	3,922	6.99
1997	30,063	4,793	6.27
1998	31,863	4,865	6.55
1999	28,726	5,323	5.40
2000	34,737	5,637	6.16
2001	37,771	5,981	6.32
2002	33,006	5,480	6.02
2003	33,892	4,874	6.95
2004	37,133	5,425	6.84
2005	42,534	5,487	7.75
2006	34,895	4,770	7.32
2007	33,861	5,097	6.64
2008	32,656	4,796	6.81
2009	34,574	5,244	6.59
2010	38,626	5,615	6.88
2011	40,288	5,485	7.35
2012	33,621	5,530	6.08
2013	31,779	6,509	4.88
2014	30,095	6,066	4.96
2015	23,691	5,773	4.10
2016	31,934	5,792	5.51
2017	38,490	5,960	6.46
2018	35,293	5,647	6.26

<b>LONG-TERM TOTALS</b>	<b>845,924 HATCHED</b>	<b>127,267 BOXES REPORTING</b>	<b>6.65 AVG. DUCKLINGS PER BOX</b>
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**DUCKLING PRODUCTION BY YEAR**



**845,924 DUCKLINGS PRODUCED SINCE 1991**



**ADOPT-A-BOX**

Support wood duck conservation and get a great toy for a child with a symbolic adoption of a wood duck nest box. For information, go to [www.calwaterfowl.org/wood-duck-symbolic-adoption](http://www.calwaterfowl.org/wood-duck-symbolic-adoption).

# DISTRICT MANAGERS

District managers are a vital component of the California Wood Duck Program. They often wear numerous hats by helping train new volunteers, gathering nest box building materials, raising money and coordinating field days and banquets. The California Wood Duck Program could not be as successful as it is without the hard work of our district managers.

If you are interested in participating in the California Wood Duck Program, please contact a district manager for your region. If you are interested in becoming a district manager, contact **California Wood Duck Program Coordinator Brian Huber** at [bhuber@calwaterfowl.org](mailto:bhuber@calwaterfowl.org).

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## DISTRICT 2

### NORTH COAST

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## DISTRICT 3

### SACRAMENTO VALLEY

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## DISTRICT 4

### NORTH BAY

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## DISTRICT 5

### SACRAMENTO/SIERRA

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## DISTRICT 6

### DELTA

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## DISTRICT 7

### SOUTH BAY

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## DISTRICT 8

### CENTRAL COAST

Gary Owens: 805-772-5229



## DISTRICT 9

### NORTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

\* District Manager position open  
Contact CWDP Chair  
Jim Paroli: 209-993-0808

## DISTRICT 10

### SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN

Ken Barton: 818-367-4158

## DISTRICT 11

### INYO/MONO

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## DISTRICT 12

### SOUTH COAST

\* District Manager position open  
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## DISTRICT 13

### MOJAVE

\* District Manager position open  
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## DISTRICT 14

### IMPERIAL VALLEY

\* District Manager position open  
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