

# Bonita Creek Mitigation Site



## Background

Once a narrow concrete channel, Bonita Creek in Newport Beach has been restored by the San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridor Agency (SJHTCA) to a thriving wetland and coastal sage scrub community that serves as a major wildlife corridor from the San Joaquin Hills to Upper Newport Bay. TCA began work on the site in 1995, re-establishing its natural habitat so successfully that seven pairs of California gnatcatchers gave birth to 32 chicks in the area by the end of the monitoring period in 2001.

## Current Activities

TCA concluded the annual monitoring of the Bonita Creek area in 2002. The site is currently open to the public via the city of Newport Beach. The Agencies offer annual, docent-led tours of select mitigation sites to the public each spring. Learn more about our annual Spring Tours, visit [TheTollRoads.com](http://TheTollRoads.com).

## Species

Bonita Creek is home to a variety of wildlife and plant species, including:

- Coastal California Gnatcatcher
- Red-winged Blackbirds
- Least Bell's Vireo
- Coyotes
- American Goldfinch
- Bobcats

**QUICK FACTS:**

<b>Acres:</b>	37.4
<b>Acquired:</b>	1994
<b>Agency:</b>	SJHTCA
<b>Habitat:</b>	Riparian woodland, coastal sage scrub, wetlands
<b>Location:</b>	Newport Beach