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DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM PROJECT COMPLETION SUMMARY
Avian Surveys
2021-SWCA-2020E

The work for the above referenced project has been completed. Below is a summary of project related information.

The purpose of the above referenced project was:

The Clark County DCP manages a system of Riparian Reserve Units and the Boulder City Conservation Easement (BCCE) for the benefit of MSHCP-covered species. The purpose of this project was to continue to build a dataset of presence/absence and relative abundance of avian species on the County's Reserve Units, with a focus on breeding bird point-count surveys and targeted surveys for southwestern willow flycatcher and yellow-billed cuckoos. This dataset serves as a quantitative means to evaluate the success of restoration and management efforts for supporting MSHCP-covered avian species.

The major accomplishments or findings of this project include:

Surveys recorded eight MSHCP-covered and three MSHCP evaluation bird species at the County' reserve system properties. Eight pairs of Southwestern willow flycatchers at Mesquite West were found, with seven pairs confirmed to be nesting. Six of their thirteen nesting attempts were successful. Yellow-billed cuckoos were detected for the first time at Bunkerville Parcels 2-A through 2-G, Bunkerville Parcels 2-K through 2-M, and Riverside 3-A and 3-B. In contrast, breeding habitat for the MSHCP-covered bird species is currently limited or non-existent within the BCCE. We continue to conduct avian surveys annually during the breeding season.

For more information about this project and/or for other Project Reports or Symposium Reports, please visit our [website](#).

If you have any questions about this project, please contact DCP Stefanie Ferrazzano, at (702) 455-6386.