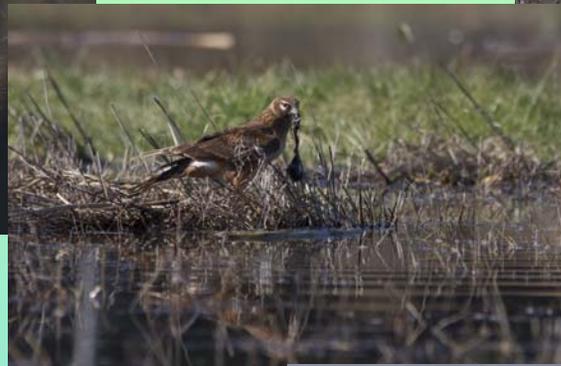




## Wildlife of the Newly Restored Giacomini Wetlands Winter 2008-2009

Breaching of the levees in late October 2008 was accompanied by almost an immediate increase in the number of waterfowl observed in the newly restored wetlands. On one December morning, more than 3,400 were counted in just a few hours (Jules Evens, *pers. comm.*). While waterfowl numbers rose, and raptors continued to visit the site as they did during construction, shorebird numbers last winter were relatively low compared to that in Tomales Bay. However, shorebird numbers this fall appeared to be higher than last fall, perhaps indicating that shorebird use will also increase.



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