Keeping Wildlife Wild in Wilderness

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The Big Picture for Wildlife

- Over 1/3 of North America’s native birds need conservation action.
- In California, there are over 350 special status vertebrates.

Global and Local Threats

• Air and Water Pollution
• Development
• Landscape-scale Habitat Changes
• Loss of Migratory Corridors
• Climate Change
• War
• Road Kill
• Habitat Degradation
• Intro. of Disease & Non-natives.


Impacts to Wildlife Behavior


The Ever-Critical Gray Area: Disturbance and Displacement


Habituation


Food Conditioning


Education, the Provision of Storage, and Enforcement


- McCurdy, K. 2006. Beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors about bear resistant food canister use in Yosemite National Park. *Thesis*. Humboldt State University, Arcata, California, USA.
The Progress We have Made...

Objectives for Keeping Wildlife Wild...

Park-wide Considerations:
- 100% Proper Storage of Human Food and Trash
- Continuation of Peregrine-Climber Partnership

Considerations for Human-Use Areas:
- Avoidance of Riparian Areas and Unique Habitats
- Avoidance of Movement Corridors
- Consideration of the Gray Areas of Impact
- Documentation
- Consideration of the Wildlife Assemblage when Assessing Disturbance