

## Preying in the Wetlands . . .



## Some Ballona Reptiles, Fish, & Stingrays



## Mammals in Our Midst



## Some Ballona Year-round Neighbors



## Some Ballona Winter Neighbors



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## Ballona Perching Birds



## More Ballona Winter Neighbors . . .



## Meet Some Ballona Herons, Egrets, a Bittern & an Ibis



- The varied Ballona habitats that provide food, shelter, nurseries, and more for Ballona wildlife:
- Area-A.** Contains Upland Coastal Scrub, Riparian Vegetation, Tidal channel wetlands, Non-Tidal Brackish marshes and Salt Pans, and seasonal Freshwater Wetlands and Ponding.
  - Area-B.** Contains flora and fauna similar to Area-A, plus year-round Riparian & Fresh Water Marsh vegetation and wildlife. Manmade channels from Ballona Creek contain tidal saltwater flow in and out of Area-B.
  - Area-C.** Contains flora and fauna similar to Area-B, a freshwater marsh with seasonal Freshwater Ponding.
  - Bluff Creek Riparian Corridor** is all that remains of the Ballona Wetlands east of Lincoln Blvd and south of the Ballona Creek.
  - Ballona Creek.** Contains rocky salt water jetties, banks, and levees with channel tidal flows up the creek (about 2 miles) and into Area B, with a mix of salt, brackish, and fresh water. The banks and the muddy bottom provide a rich dining buffet for wildlife.
  - Del Rey Saltwater Lagoon and Venice Canals.** Empties and fills with the tidal flow. The muddy bottoms and banks are a rich food source for migrating ducks and seabirds who winter here.
  - The Adjacent Beaches** contain insects and crustaceans in the sand the wading birds love. The wintering seabirds and diving ducks dine off the fish and crustaceans. Beaches also contain (endangered) Least Tern colonies (fenced areas).