

REPORT NESTING WATERBIRDS

The San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory (SFBBO) is dedicated to the conservation of birds and their habitats through science and education. SFBBO's Colonial Waterbird Monitoring Program engages citizen scientists in monitoring the breeding activities of waterbirds that nest in colonies. We are seeking hidden and unknown nesting locations throughout the San Francisco Bay Area and could use your help in locating them. Please use this guide to identify and report breeding colonies to our program. The resulting information about waterbird nesting locations is used by scientists and land managers to protect habits for the benefit of birds and people.

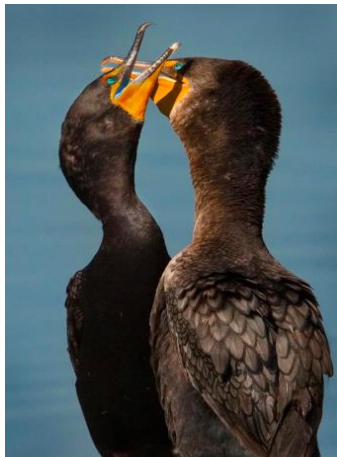
What to Report:

- **Location- GPS coordinates and/or satellite image with specific location indicated**
- **Directions to Location**
- **Date and Time of Observation**
- **Description of Behavior**
- **Species Observed (if known)**
- **Number of Birds**
- **Photos (if available)**

Target Species: We are seeking information about breeding locations of the following waterbirds: herons, egrets, terns, gulls, black skimmers, cormorants, and shorebirds (American Avocet and Black-Necked Stilt).

Breeding Behavior: Be on the look-out for breeding behavior such as nest building, courtship displays, incubation (a bird sitting on eggs or chicks in a nest), and chicks.

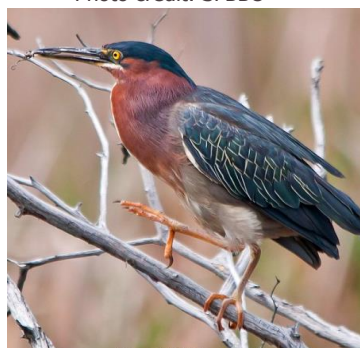
Typical breeding behavior may look like...



Courtship behavior between two **Double-crested cormorants**
Photo Credit: Claudia Peterson



An Adult **Black-Crowned Night Heron** (Right) accompanying a juvenile (Left)
Photo credit: SFBBO



A **Green Heron** building a nest

"Green Heron Collecting Twigs for Nest"
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A **Snowy Egret** mid flight with a twig in its bill

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An adult **Forster's Tern** with its chicks
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Send reports of sightings to Dr. Max Tarjan at mtarjan@sfbbo.org.

For more information visit <https://www.sfbbo.org/colonial-waterbird-monitoring.html>