



# COYOTE CREEK FIELD STATION

## MEMBER ACCESS AGREEMENT AND LIABILITY RELEASE

Updated: 24 July 2008

### Background Information

The San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory's field station where bird banding takes place is located on property owned by the City of San Jose and managed by the Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) as a long-term riparian wetlands mitigation project. The waterbird pond and adjacent marsh are also SCVWD mitigation projects and are not part of the Bird Observatory's field station. These two habitats comprise endangered species habitat and must not be disturbed.

### Responsible Use Guidelines – On Site

1. I will not share the combination with **any** other person without prior approval of staff.
2. I will always relock the gate promptly and never leave it standing open for any length of time, taking care to lock it with **all** locks included on the chain.
3. I will drive slowly past the residence by the gate and never more than 20 mph on the levee.
4. I will park so as to avoid damage to any vegetation.
5. I will respect the activities of agency personnel who may be working in the area.
6. I will not interfere with bird banding—that is, I will not enter active net lanes, enter the banding trailer without permission, or distract the banding crew from their work.
7. When viewing the waterbird pond, I will stay on the road and not enter any vegetated areas.
8. I will identify myself by leaving a note on the dashboard.
9. I will not enter the Water Pollution Control Plant's sludge pond area at any time for any reason. Unauthorized entry will result in immediate removal of access privileges.
10. I understand that the Bird Observatory may change the lock combination periodically and without advance notice if an emergency arises. Notice will follow promptly.

### Responsible Use Guidelines

1. I will maintain my membership in good standing with the Bird Observatory. (This agreement will remain in effect as long as my membership is valid.)
2. If I wish to bring first-time visitors who are not Bird Observatory members, they must also sign this agreement. If they wish to return, encourage them to support the program by becoming Bird Observatory members and direct them to either call or visit the website for membership information.
3. I will not enter “high-level” rare bird sighting on any rare bird alert (for example, Northern California Bird Box) without prior staff approval.
4. I understand that if permission to report a rarity is given, the report must state that access is limited and direct interested parties to call the Bird Observatory at 408 946 6548 before arrival. In this event, Bird Observatory staff will have been instructed by our cooperators to escort all visitors.
5. If I plan to lead an organized group field trip to the area, I will contact Bird Observatory staff before advertising the trip so that staff may be able to join us or otherwise ensure that the trip will not interfere with research.

#### Liability Release

1. I understand that only participants in the San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory’s bird banding program are covered by liability insurance. As a visitor, I am not part of that program. The San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory, the Santa Clara Valley Water District, and the City of San Jose are not liable for any accidents or injuries my guests or I sustain while on the property.

**Violation of the above agreement will result in revocation of access privileges.**



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When this document is received, the gate combination will be emailed to member.

Member Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail signed access agreement to:  
CCFS Access Agreement  
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