

Wings Over the Wetlands

Introduction

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and climate change. These threats are putting the wetlands and the plants and animals that live there at risk.

Fortunately, there are a number of organizations and individuals who are working to protect the Bolsa Chica wetlands. The Bolsa Chica Land Trust is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to preserving and restoring the wetlands. The Land Trust owns and manages over 1,000 acres of land within the wetlands, and it works to protect the wetlands from development and pollution.

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Wings Over the Wetlands is written by Pasquale De Marco, a lifelong resident of Southern California and a passionate advocate for the Bolsa Chica wetlands. Pasquale De Marco has spent years researching and writing about the wetlands, and he has a deep understanding of the area's natural history and the challenges that it faces.

In **Wings Over the Wetlands**, Pasquale De Marco provides a comprehensive overview of the Bolsa Chica wetlands, from their geological origins to their current

status as a protected natural area. He describes the plants and animals that live in the wetlands, including many that are threatened or endangered. He also discusses the threats that the wetlands face, including pollution, development, and climate change.

Wings Over the Wetlands is more than just a guidebook. It is also a call to action. Pasquale De Marco believes that the Bolsa Chica wetlands are a precious resource that must be protected for future generations. He hopes that **Wings Over the Wetlands** will inspire readers to learn more about the wetlands and to get involved in efforts to protect them.

Wings Over the Wetlands is a must-read for anyone who loves the Bolsa Chica wetlands or who is interested in learning more about the natural history of Southern California. It is a beautiful and informative book that will be enjoyed by readers of all ages.

Chapter 1: A Haven for Wildlife

The Bolsa Chica Wetlands: A Sanctuary for Birds

The Bolsa Chica wetlands are a haven for birds. Over 200 species of birds have been recorded in the wetlands, including many that are threatened or endangered. The wetlands provide these birds with a place to feed, rest, and breed.

The Bolsa Chica wetlands are located on the Pacific coast of Southern California. The wetlands are made up of a variety of habitats, including salt marshes, mudflats, and upland areas. These habitats provide a home for a variety of plants and animals, including many that are adapted to living in a saltwater environment.

The Bolsa Chica wetlands are an important stopover point for migratory birds. Birds that migrate along the Pacific Flyway often stop at the wetlands to rest and

feed. The wetlands also provide a home for many resident birds, including the great blue heron, the snowy egret, and the black-necked stilt.

The Bolsa Chica wetlands are a popular destination for birdwatchers. The wetlands offer a variety of birdwatching opportunities, including guided tours, self-guided walks, and birdwatching blinds. The wetlands are also a great place to photograph birds.

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The Diverse Habitats of Bolsa Chica

The Bolsa Chica wetlands are home to a diverse range of habitats, each with its own unique plant and animal communities. These habitats include the coastal salt marsh, the mudflats, the upland habitats, and the open water.

The coastal salt marsh is the most extensive habitat in the Bolsa Chica wetlands. It is dominated by salt-tolerant plants such as pickleweed and cordgrass. The salt marsh provides important habitat for a variety of birds, including the great blue heron, the snowy egret, and the black-necked stilt.

The mudflats are located between the salt marsh and the open water. They are composed of fine sediment that is deposited by the tides. The mudflats are a rich feeding ground for shorebirds, such as the sanderling, the dunlin, and the western sandpiper.

The upland habitats at Bolsa Chica include the coastal sage scrub, the grasslands, and the riparian woodland. The coastal sage scrub is dominated by drought-tolerant plants such as sagebrush and coyote bush. The grasslands are home to a variety of grasses and wildflowers. The riparian woodland is found along the banks of the San Gabriel River. It is dominated by trees such as willows and cottonwoods.

The open water at Bolsa Chica includes the main channel of the San Gabriel River, as well as a number of smaller channels and ponds. The open water provides habitat for a variety of fish, including the California halibut, the spotted sand bass, and the striped mullet.

The diverse habitats of the Bolsa Chica wetlands support a wide range of plant and animal life. The wetlands are a valuable natural resource that provides a home to many species, including many that are threatened or endangered.

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The Importance of Wetlands for Wildlife

Wetlands are vital habitats for a wide variety of wildlife. They provide food, water, shelter, and breeding grounds for many species of plants and animals. Wetlands also play an important role in the water cycle, helping to control flooding and filter pollutants.

One of the most important functions of wetlands is to provide food for wildlife. Wetlands are home to a variety of plants and animals that are food sources for other animals. For example, many species of waterfowl, such as ducks and geese, feed on the plants and invertebrates that live in wetlands. Wetlands are also important feeding grounds for fish, amphibians, and reptiles.

Wetlands also provide water for wildlife. Many animals rely on wetlands for drinking water, bathing, and

cooling off. Wetlands can also provide water for plants, which can then be eaten by animals.

Shelter is another important function of wetlands. Wetlands provide shelter for a variety of animals, including birds, mammals, and reptiles. Wetlands can provide shelter from predators, the elements, and human activity.

Wetlands are also important breeding grounds for many species of wildlife. Wetlands provide a safe place for animals to lay their eggs and raise their young. Wetlands can also provide food and shelter for young animals.

In addition to providing food, water, shelter, and breeding grounds for wildlife, wetlands also play an important role in the water cycle. Wetlands help to control flooding by absorbing excess water and releasing it slowly over time. Wetlands also help to filter pollutants from water. Wetlands can remove

pollutants such as sediment, nutrients, and bacteria from water.

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