

# THE WESTIN VERASA NAPA

## Oxbow Nature Preserve Wildlife Guide

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## Birds



### Great Egret

*Description:* Adult has pure white plumage and during breeding season, their long back plumes trail beyond the tail. At all times of the year, their legs are dark, while the bill is yellow.



### White-Tailed Kite

*Description:* They mainly have a pale gray back and upper wings, except for black "shoulders." The head is paler white, but has a large, red eye with a black surrounding patch. The tail is pure white when seen from below, but gray-centered when seen from above, while the underparts are always mainly white.



### Acorn Woodpecker

*Description:* The woodpecker has mainly black upperparts, but also note the striking white lower back and rump. The underparts are mainly white, but with a black chest and dark streaking on the flanks. Their head pattern comprises black at the base of the bill, and from the eye to the nape, with a red crown and white forehead, cheeks, and throat.

## Mammals



### River Otter

*Description:* The back is brown, the chin and throat are silvery, and the tail is long and thick at the base, gradually tapering. The otter is mostly nocturnal and seen most often at dusk or dawn.



### Pallid Bat

*Description:* The Pallid Bat is a whitish bat with orange shoulders and large, well-separated pinkish ears. The eyes are relatively large, and the large muzzle is bare. Their forearm measures 48-

60mm.



### Black Tailed Deer

*Description:* The tail is large and black in coastal subspecies and smaller with a black tip in interior subspecies. Interior animals are pale brown or tan in the winter with a large

white rump patch, while coastal animals are darker and grayer with a smaller white rump patch. All races are rusty red in their new summer coat.

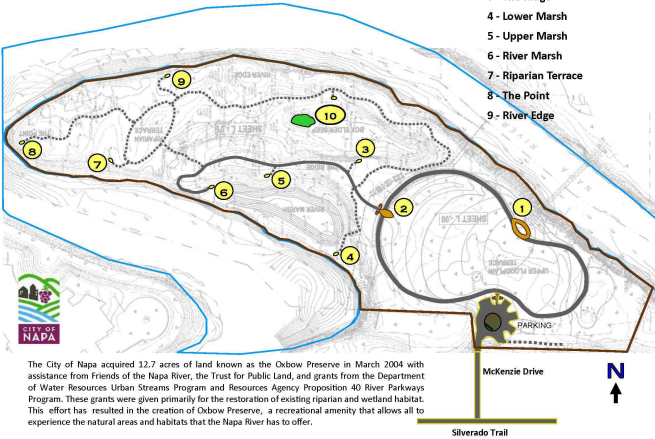
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## The Oxbow Preserve

- 1 - River Walk
- 2 - Upper Flood Plane Terrace
- 3 - The Ridge
- 4 - Lower Marsh
- 5 - Upper Marsh
- 6 - River Marsh
- 7 - Riparian Terrace
- 8 - The Point
- 9 - River Edge



The City of Napa acquired 12.7 acres of land known as the Oxbow Preserve in March 2004 with assistance from Friends of the Napa River, the Trust for Public Land, and grants from the Department of Water Resources Urban Streams Program and Resources Agency Proposition 40 River Pathways Program. These grants were given primarily for the restoration of existing riparian and wetland habitat. This effort has resulted in the creation of Oxbow Preserve, a recreational amenity that allows all to experience the natural areas and habitats that the Napa River has to offer.

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## Reptiles/Amphibians



### Pacific Giant Salamander

*Description:*  
They have broad heads with a shovel-like snout, are brown to light-

brassy brown in color, and their tail takes up 40 percent of its total body length.



### Northern Western Pond Turtle

*Description:*  
The turtle is dark brown or dull olive,

sometimes with dark blotches in the centers of the scutes. The carapace is low and broad, while the plastron on males is concave.



### Northern Red-legged Frog

*Description:*  
This frog has reddish-

brown/gray coloring with dark blotches and specks, dorsolateral folds, and a light stripe on the jaw. Their belly is yellow with red on the underside of its legs and abdomen. The males have enlarged forearms and toes.

## Plants



### California Poppy

*Description:*  
This state flower has feathery, highly-dissected,

blue-green leaves clasping the 1-2 ft. stems of this popular, perennial wildflower. The flowers are solitary and long-stalked and vary in color from orange to yellow, and each of the satiny petals has a deep-orange spot at its base.



### Sky Lupine

*Description:*  
Sky Lupine grows to a height of

about two feet, with many green, palmate leaves and blue pea-like flowers that turn pink after pollination.