

# Rush Ranch's Amazing Animals



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**American dog tick:**  
*Dermacentor variabilis*



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**Western black-legged tick:**  
*Ixodes pacificus*



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# Salt Marsh Harvest Mouse

*Reithrodontomys raviventris*



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Federally listed as endangered

**California Clapper Rail:**  
*Rallus longirostris*  
*obsoletus*

Endangered



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**Western Pond Turtle**  
*Clemmys marmorata*

**Species of Special Concern**

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# Red-winged black bird

*Agelaius phoeniceus*



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**American white pelican:**  
*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*



**Northern harrier:**  
*Circus cyaneus*



**Short-eared Owl:**  
*Asio flammeus*

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**Barn Owl:**  
*Tyto alba*

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- Next Steps - TODAY
  1. Fill out and turn in evaluation
  2. Turn in walk plan if you want feedback (otherwise keep for your reference)
  3. Schedule your walk (and caboose)



- Next Steps - Soon

4. Complete safety training and volunteer policy

- After completion, you will receive a laminated mini-field guide to Rush Ranch for use on your tours



- Next Steps – Starting 3 weeks prior to tour
  1. Email/call Sarah for additional references or materials, if needed
  2. Check-in with Natalie
    - She will give you access to the Rush Ranch Docent Toolkit, which will contain binoculars, magnifiers, field guides for reference
  3. Be a Super Docent! – Lead your tour





- Next Steps – within 1 week after tour
  4. Return all materials to RR Docent Toolkit
  5. Turn in sign-in sheet and report the following:
    - Unusual wildlife/plant sightings
    - Highlight(s) of the walk
    - One challenge you faced/one thing you'll do differently next time

