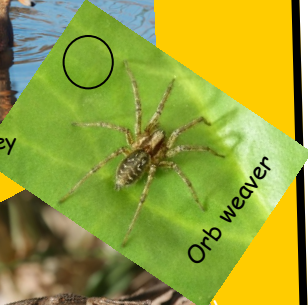# Common Wildlife...

Mallard by Tom Grey

Orb weaver

Western Fence Lizard by Terry Sohl

House Finch   by Tom Grey

California Ground Squirrel

Red-tail Hawk   by Tom Grey

Describe the features and functions of this park

Western Bluebird

"When one tugs at a single thing in nature he finds it attached to the rest of the world."

John Muir

Tom Grey

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OUR HABITAT REVIEW OF

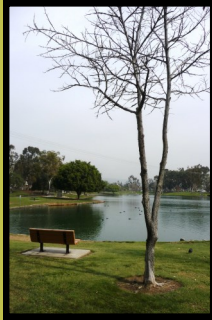.....................................

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Urban wildlife need
► healthy habitats

Urban ecosystems are always changing. Most of these changes are permanent. They are a mix of natural and human activities and conditions. The density of human development varies, therefore so does the impact on wildlife. People and animals compete for use of natural, open spaces. Habitat value decreases when areas are broken into smaller and smaller patches. Because urban development has occurred rapidly in the past 100 years wildlife have had less time to adjust. They are an important natural resource and depend on people for protection.

Humans can plan and manage parks and open spaces to increase the health of habitats within and around the edges of urban areas. This benefits both people and wildlife.

What did you find?.

Estimate the number of live mature trees that offer substantial shade. ☐

How many live trees have a dead branch or rotting section that is suitable for cavity excavation? ☐

How many clusters of trees did you find? ☐

Are there trees of different species? YES/NO

Are there trees of different ages? YES/NO

Are there woody shrubs for shelter and nesting? YES/NO

Is there a source of healthy water for drinking, bathing and feeding? YES/NO DK

Is there some vegetation at the edge of the lake for shelter and nesting.? YES/NO

How many shelters and other buildings did you find? ☐

Are most paths natural or paved? Natural Paved

Is there an area with significant soil erosion? YES?NO DK

Do people feed ducks or other wildlife? YES/NO DK

Are there feral cats? YES/NO DK

Are rat poison, pesticides and herbicides used? YES/NO DK

Are there sufficient trash receptacles? YES/NO

Did you find much litter? YES/NO

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