

DEDICATED TO PROTECTING BIRDS AND WILDLIFE

Southern California Edison has maintained an active avian protection program since 1988 to mitigate the impacts of its work on bird populations. In compliance with federal and state law, SCE follows a comprehensive environmental compliance program to protect wildlife and their habitats.



NESTING BIRDS

The nesting bird season typically lasts from Feb. 1 through Aug. 31 across SCE's service area. During breeding season, birds sometimes build nests in construction or maintenance areas. This may require noncritical utility work to be postponed for days to months to protect nests until eggs hatch and fledglings leave the area. SCE crews and contractors are trained annually to check for nesting birds and wildlife year-round before starting work activities. This includes not only observing nests directly, but behaviors that suggest an active nest may be present, such as birds carrying nesting material or food for offspring.



AVOIDANCE BUFFER ZONES



If nesting behavior or wildlife is identified, SCE's biologists will establish an appropriate avoidance buffer zone where the work is being conducted, depending on the species and the environmental conditions. SCE's policy prohibits work within the buffer zone until its biologists can determine if the nest is inactive.

VEGETATION MANAGEMENT



Before work starts, SCE's policy requires an inspection be conducted within work areas associated with sensitive species. Once work begins, crews are required to monitor the area and to stop work and immediately notify SCE's environmental services team to determine the next steps if any nesting bird behavior is discovered. In emergencies, SCE works with wildlife agencies and licensed wildlife rehabilitators to assist with wildlife protection efforts.

PROTECTING WILDLIFE



If a nest, drey or den for other common wildlife species is present (e.g., raccoon, squirrel, gray fox), SCE's crews are required to wait until the juvenile animals are mature and allow them to leave before performing any vegetation work. If an urgent situation requires the immediate removal of vegetation, SCE's trained professionals may relocate the animals to a safe location.

SCE's environmental team regularly partners with wildlife agencies, sharing environmental practices and partnering on stewardship opportunities. To learn more about the work SCE is doing to protect our avian and other wildlife habitats, please visit [Edison.com/ProtectingNativeSpecies](https://www.sce.com/ProtectingNativeSpecies).