



# Be a West Nile Watcher

Help Detect Signs of West Nile Virus in Santa Clara County

Report all **dead birds** and **squirrels** to the  
**WEST NILE VIRUS** and **DEAD BIRD HOTLINE**  
**877-968-BIRD (2473)** or online at [westnile.ca.gov](http://westnile.ca.gov)

**We use all reports of dead birds or squirrels to help identify “hot spots” of West Nile virus activity. Testing is not always needed, but reports are.**

*When reporting dead birds and squirrels, please provide the following:*

- Location of animal (city, zip code, street address or intersection)
- Description of animal (color, size, and type). See examples on back.
- Date found and condition of animal (e.g.: intact, run over)

**Help us protect you and your community by reporting dead birds and squirrels in your area.**



**For more information or vector-related questions:**

Santa Clara County Vector Control District  
1555 Berger Dr., Ste. 300 • San Jose, CA 95112  
408-918-4770 or 800-675-1155  
[www.sccvector.org](http://www.sccvector.org)



### American Crow

- Length: 17"
- Bill is small, straight and sharp
- Entirely black plumage
- Found in urban and rural habitats



### Yellow-Billed Magpie

- Length: 16.5"
- Yellow bill
- White belly
- Long, iridescent tail



### House Finch

*(of interest just during the early season, from January through June)*

- Length: 5.25"
- Conical bill
- Males have red breast, rump and forehead
- Brown wings and tail
- Streaked belly



### House Sparrow

*(of interest just during the early season, from January through June)*

- Length: 4.25"
- Thick conical bill
- Brown throat
- Gray crown and body
- Brown, streaked wings
- White patch on wing



### Red Tailed Hawk

- Large raptor
- Length: 17"-25"
- Red tail
- Wide range of habitats



### Common Raven

- Length: 22"-27"
- Large curved bill
- Black, iridescent plumage
- Larger than a crow



### Western Scrub Jay

- Length: 11"
- Blue head and body
- Gray belly
- Common in residential and park areas



### Coopers Hawk

- Length: 17"
- Tail Barred
- Belly white with thin reddish bars
- Found in urban habitat



### Fox Squirrel

- Body: 13" Tail: 11"
- Reddish-orange fur on tail and hind feet
- Back is brown to grayish
- Belly is cream to orange
- Common in urban parks



### Eastern Gray Squirrel

- Body: 10" Tail: 10"
- Sometimes all black in color
- White belly
- Common in urban areas