



Sonoma Coast State Park Volunteer Program

Managed by Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods

- Title:** Seabird Monitoring Citizen Scientist
- Purpose:** To monitor seabirds and shorebirds on Sonoma Coast for the purpose of ensuring their protection through outreach, education as needed. Stewards will develop a Seabird Protection Network chapter from Bodega Bay to the Mendocino County line.
- Duties:** Make a commitment and show up on time for monitoring shifts that will take place as assigned. Use monitoring forms and equipment with accuracy and report to assigned supervisor as agreed upon.
- Skills:** Requires ability to identify seabirds and shorebirds. Must be proficient at recording accurate monitoring data on the forms provided. Must be able to use binoculars, spotting scope and a camera. Must have reliable transportation and be able to drive to Sonoma Coast from home and then potentially up and down the Sonoma Coast.
- Reports to:** Assigned supervisor under the direction of Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods, the manager of this program, in partnership with California State Parks in the Sonoma Mendocino Coast District.
- Time:** Shifts are scheduled monthly during the non-breeding season and weekly during the breeding season. Citizen Monitors should be available at least once a month for a shift during the breeding season.
- Training:** Training is required and provided by Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods and their assigned trainers.
- Benefits:** Participation in a program which provides scientific data to ensure seabird protection. This is a state park Volunteers in Parks program so volunteer hours qualify for day-use passes depending on the number of hours they work.
- Partners:** Partners with Stewards include: Bureau of Land Management, California Coastal National Monument, Seabird Protection Network, Madrone Audubon Society, Fort Ross Conservancy