



# Be a West Nile Watcher

Report all  
dead birds to the  
California Department of Public Health  
WEST NILE VIRUS and  
DEAD BIRD HOTLINE

**(877) 968-BIRD (2473)**

or online at

<http://westnile.ca.gov>



*Hotline operators are available six days a week (closed on Saturdays) from late April to mid-October. Online reports can be made year-round.*

## Why should you report dead birds?



The State of California uses ALL reports to help identify “hot spots” of West Nile virus activity, even if the reported bird is not tested.

- Local mosquito control agencies receive reports immediately
- Local health departments are alerted of community risk



When reporting dead birds, 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 (intact, runover)

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



**American Crow  
(LARGE)**

- Length: 17 in.
- Bill is small, straight, and sharp
- Entirely black plumage



**Brewer's Blackbird**

- Length: 8 in.
- Sharp black bill
- Male: entirely black, yellow eyes
- Female: dark gray, dark eyes



**House Finch**

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



**House Sparrow**

- Length: 4.25 in.
- Brown throat
- Gray crown and body
- Brown, streaked wings
- White patch on wing
- Thick conical bill
- Pink legs and feet



**Western Scrub Jay**

- Length: 11 in.
- Blue head and body
- Gray belly



**American Robin**

- Length: 8.5 in.
- Red breast and belly
- Back is gray-brown, with darker head and tail



**Yellow-billed Magpie**

- Length: 16.5 in
- Yellow bill
- White belly
- Long, iridescent tail
- Common in the Central Valley