

the Habitat Trails Project  
the **future**  
of **paradise**

The Habitat Trails Project, which will create protected habitat areas for rare and indigenous flora and fauna, and migratory birds, is currently in development.

This biological safe-haven will encompass roughly 6,300 acres of public and private land, extending eleven miles along the Amargosa River through the Beatty-Oasis Valley. When completed, the project will include trails, picnic areas and viewing areas, along with educational opportunities, while also serving to protect the wild areas that are unique to this rare place in the Mojave Desert. The Nature Conservancy owns 2 parcels in Oasis Valley, which total about 600 acres and, when restored to their natural state will be part of the Habitat Trails Project.

Local, state, federal and private agencies and groups are supporting the Habitat Trails Project through financial aid, time and expertise of professional staff, student training, volunteers and publicity. Through the efforts of the Lahontan Audubon Society and its partners, the National Audubon Society recognized Beatty and the Oasis Valley as an Important Bird Area (IBA) in October 2002. BirdLife International started the IBA program in Europe in the 1980s. This global coalition includes over 100 country partner organizations. The National Audubon Society is the United States partner designate and administers the IBA program within the U.S.

The bird list was compiled from surveys conducted by The Nature Conservancy, Nevada Division of Wildlife, Nevada Natural Heritage Program, and by local residents.

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a **birder's**  
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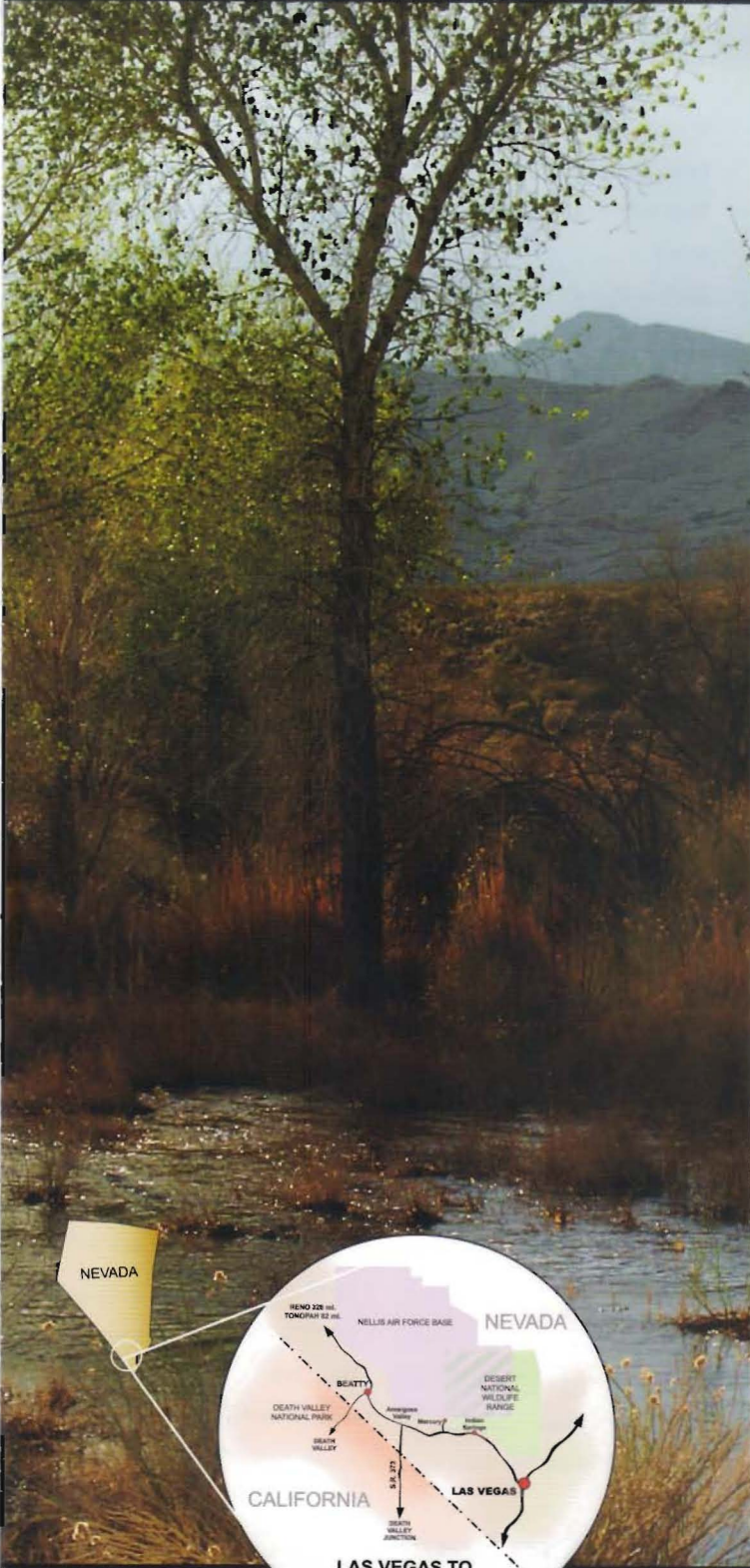
*Photo: Hooded Oriole. Brian E. Small*

Here in the Beatty-Oasis Valley of Southwest Nevada, just a few miles east of Death Valley, birders — whether celebrating a grand passion or indulging in a casual pastime — are discovering the desert paradise that is the Amargosa River. Recently recognized as an Important Bird Area (IBA) by the National Audubon Society, the Amargosa River area provides a rare and essential habitat — namely, desert riparian — for an exceptional diversity of migratory and resident birds.

**BEATTY** NEVADA

Anything but typical.

Recognized as an IBA by the National Audubon Society.



**Beatty  
and the  
Oasis Valley  
are noted  
primarily  
as a vital  
flyway for  
migratory  
birds**

A true oasis from the harsh environments of the Mojave and Great Basin Deserts — the trees, wetlands and open spaces along the Amargosa River also give habitat to year-round resident birds and nesting seasonal birds, regularly supporting 21 species that have been identified as NV Partners in Flight conservation priorities. Waterfowl, raptors, landbirds, shorebirds — recent surveys have recorded some 100 species of neotropical migrants that make use of this area, during spring or fall migration. The area also hosts a significant number of single-species concentrations, with more than 25,000 individuals from four groups of the wood warbler family passing through in spring.



**Where is Beatty?**

**DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS**

- Canada Goose \_\_\_\_\_
- Wood Duck \_\_\_\_\_
- Gadwall \_\_\_\_\_
- American Wigeon \_\_\_\_\_
- Mallard \_\_\_\_\_
- Cinnamon Teal \_\_\_\_\_
- Green-winged Teal \_\_\_\_\_
- Redhead \_\_\_\_\_
- Ring-necked Duck \_\_\_\_\_
- Ruddy Duck \_\_\_\_\_

**UPLAND GAME BIRDS**

- Chukar \_\_\_\_\_
- Gambel's Quail \_\_\_\_\_

**GREBES**

- Pied-billed Grebe \_\_\_\_\_
- Eared Grebe \_\_\_\_\_

**HERONS AND EGRETS**

- Great Blue Heron \_\_\_\_\_
- Great Egret \_\_\_\_\_
- Snowy Egret \_\_\_\_\_
- Green Heron \_\_\_\_\_
- Black-crowned Night-Heron \_\_\_\_\_

**IBISES**

- White-faced Ibis \_\_\_\_\_

**DIURNAL RAPTORS**

- Turkey Vulture \_\_\_\_\_
- Osprey \_\_\_\_\_
- Northern Harrier \_\_\_\_\_
- Sharp-shinned Hawk \_\_\_\_\_
- Cooper's Hawk \_\_\_\_\_
- Red-shouldered Hawk \_\_\_\_\_
- Red-tailed Hawk \_\_\_\_\_
- Golden Eagle \_\_\_\_\_

- American Kestrel \_\_\_\_\_
- Merlin \_\_\_\_\_
- Prairie Falcon \_\_\_\_\_

**RAILS AND COOTS**

- Virginia Rail \_\_\_\_\_
- American Coot \_\_\_\_\_

**SHOREBIRDS**

- Killdeer \_\_\_\_\_
- American Avocet \_\_\_\_\_
- Greater Yellowlegs \_\_\_\_\_
- Common Snipe \_\_\_\_\_

**PIGEONS AND DOVES**

- Rock Pigeon \_\_\_\_\_
- Band-tailed Pigeon \_\_\_\_\_
- White-winged Dove \_\_\_\_\_
- Mourning Dove \_\_\_\_\_

**CUCKOOS AND**

**ROADRUNNERS**

- Yellow-billed Cuckoo \_\_\_\_\_
- Greater Roadrunner \_\_\_\_\_

**OWLS**

- Barn Owl \_\_\_\_\_
- Western Screech-Owl \_\_\_\_\_
- Great Horned Owl \_\_\_\_\_
- Northern Saw-whet Owl \_\_\_\_\_

**GOATSUCKERS**

- Lesser Nighthawk \_\_\_\_\_
- Common Nighthawk \_\_\_\_\_
- Common Poorwill \_\_\_\_\_

**SWIFTS**

- Vaux's Swift \_\_\_\_\_
- White-throated Swift \_\_\_\_\_

**HUMMINGBIRDS**

- Black-chinned Hummingbird \_\_\_\_\_

- Costa's Hummingbird \_\_\_\_\_
- Calliope Hummingbird \_\_\_\_\_
- Broad-tailed Hummingbird \_\_\_\_\_
- Rufous Hummingbird \_\_\_\_\_

**WOODPECKERS**

- Lewis's Woodpecker \_\_\_\_\_
- Red-naped Sapsucker \_\_\_\_\_
- Northern Flicker \_\_\_\_\_
- Gilded Flicker \_\_\_\_\_

**FLYCATCHERS**

- Olive-sided Flycatcher \_\_\_\_\_
- Western Wood-Pewee \_\_\_\_\_
- Yellow-bellied Flycatcher \* \_\_\_\_\_
- Willow Flycatcher \_\_\_\_\_
- Least Flycatcher \* \_\_\_\_\_
- Hammond's Flycatcher \_\_\_\_\_
- Gray Flycatcher \_\_\_\_\_
- Dusky Flycatcher \_\_\_\_\_
- Pacific-slope Flycatcher \_\_\_\_\_
- Cordilleran Flycatcher \_\_\_\_\_
- Black Phoebe \_\_\_\_\_
- Say's Phoebe \_\_\_\_\_
- Vermilion Flycatcher \_\_\_\_\_
- Ash-throated Flycatcher \_\_\_\_\_
- Brown-crested Flycatcher \_\_\_\_\_
- Cassin's Kingbird \_\_\_\_\_
- Western Kingbird \_\_\_\_\_
- Scissor-tailed Flycatcher \* \_\_\_\_\_

**SHRIKES AND VIREOS**

- Loggerhead Shrike \_\_\_\_\_
- Bell's Vireo \_\_\_\_\_
- Plumbeous Vireo \_\_\_\_\_
- Cassin's Vireo \_\_\_\_\_
- Warbling Vireo \_\_\_\_\_

- Red-eyed Vireo \* \_\_\_\_\_

**JAYS, CROWS, AND RAVENS**

- Western Scrub-Jay \_\_\_\_\_
- Pinyon Jay \_\_\_\_\_
- Clark's Nutcracker \_\_\_\_\_
- Black-billed Magpie \_\_\_\_\_
- American Crow \_\_\_\_\_
- Common Raven \_\_\_\_\_

**LARKS**

- Horned Lark \_\_\_\_\_

**SWALLOWS**

- Tree Swallow \_\_\_\_\_
- Violet-green Swallow \_\_\_\_\_
- Northern Rough-winged Swallow \_\_\_\_\_
- Cliff Swallow \_\_\_\_\_
- Barn Swallow \_\_\_\_\_

**CHICKADEES, VERDIN, AND**

**BUSHTITS**

- Mountain Chickadee \_\_\_\_\_
- Verdin \_\_\_\_\_
- Bushtit \_\_\_\_\_

**NUTHATCHES**

- Red-breasted Nuthatch \_\_\_\_\_
- White-breasted Nuthatch \_\_\_\_\_

**WRENS**

- Rock Wren \_\_\_\_\_
- Bewick's Wren \_\_\_\_\_
- House Wren \_\_\_\_\_
- Winter Wren \* \_\_\_\_\_
- Marsh Wren \_\_\_\_\_

**KINGLETS**

- Ruby-crowned Kinglet \_\_\_\_\_

