

Amargosa River Expert BioBlitz April 7-9th, 2017 Final Report



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I. Introduction and Context: Amargosa Watershed Conservation

The Amargosa River and associated wetland areas are found near the center of the Mojave Desert Ecoregion, and cross the border from the Nevada desert, into California. This exceptional cluster of aquatic habitats contains one of the most outstanding suites of endemic and imperiled species in the world. Because it is far from the rapid urban development areas of Las Vegas and Victorville/Hesperia, the Amargosa River Watershed has not undergone large-scale land conversion. However, dropping water levels caused by the pumping of groundwater for agricultural use, along with pressures to develop lands for residential or industrial uses, constitute significant threats to biodiversity in this region.

Since the early 1970s, The Nature Conservancy has worked in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management to protect the biodiversity found within the Amargosa River Watershed. These efforts have included land acquisition, restoration, scientific study, and conservation-focused management of lands along the Amargosa River. The Bureau of Land Management designated the vicinity as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern in 1983. In 2009, Congress designated a 26-mile stretch of the Amargosa in California as a Wild and Scenic River, and in 2016, the completion of the Desert Renewable Energy and Conservation Plan's Land Use Planning Amendment designates most the lands surrounding the California portion of the river as California Desert National Conservation Lands.

With these protections comes a need to effectively inform the conservation management of these lands, and that in turn requires knowledge gained through scientific inquiry. While we recognize that a select suite of ongoing research and surveys involving several agencies, institutions, and organizations is currently underway along the Amargosa River, we also have a need to continue to foster a comprehensive, multi-taxon understanding of the unique biodiversity of this place. We've arranged for a BioBlitz to explore this area to gain additional information about the suite of organisms that occupy the Amargosa Canyon area. This short-term, high intensity survey effort will involve a broad suite of experts skilled in the identification of plants, animals, and natural communities and resources.

As of 2017, most the high-quality, riparian and spring-fed habitats along the Amargosa River in California are now in public ownership, and are being managed for biodiversity values. Still, the elements of biodiversity found within these habitats depend on the presence of springs, seeps, and river flow for their survival. Because the Amargosa River is fed by alluvial and deep groundwater aquifers, it is subject to excessive groundwater pumping within the surrounding region, including the communities and businesses located near and around the towns of Pahrump and Amargosa Valley, Nevada. In order to ensure that the biodiversity of the Amargosa River is maintained, we must ensure the sustainable and continued natural expression of groundwater as seeps and springs and river base flow within this region.

The 2017 Amargosa River Expert BioBlitz was timed to occur 45 years after the original 1972 multi-taxon surveys conducted by various entities and documented by the Desert Pupfish Preservation Committee (DPPC 1972). This will give us an opportunity to compare findings across time, and see if any changes have occurred in the species present in this location.

II. What is an *Expert* BioBlitz?

We organized a 48-hour intensive "Expert BioBlitz" (also referred to in this document as just "BioBlitz") to explore a 26-mile stretch of the Amargosa River that has a Wild and Scenic designation. We involved a broad suite of individuals skilled in the identification of plants, animals, natural communities and features, and conservation and stewardship issues.

A "BioBlitz" is a term referring to a rapid biological survey of a property. It originated from a survey effort conducted in Kenilworth Park and Aquatic Gardens in Washington D.C. in 1996. Typically, individuals representing a variety of biological interests are involved in a BioBlitz, and as many species from as many taxonomic groups as possible are counted during a 24-hour period. A BioBlitz allows for the rapid recording of species occurrences during a brief period of time, and it is not meant to result in a complete or exhaustive inventory of natural resources for any particular site. According to Droege (2004), "the name and concept of the BioBlitz is not registered, not copyrighted, not trademarked, and not a government thing. It's an idea that can be used, adapted, and modified by any group, who should freely use the name BioBlitz for their own purposes".

The Nature Conservancy has been working with partners to adapt BioBlitzes to better meet the needs of conservation. The most fundamental modification involves the general purpose of the event. BioBlitzes are often conducted by entities with education as part of their mission, and are explicitly used as an educational and public engagement tool (Lundmark 2003). The focus of a BioBlitz can shift from education and outreach to a focus primarily on conservation needs by involving participants who are collaborative, field-ready scientists. We use the term "Expert BioBlitz" to refer to rapid, field-based survey efforts within a specific geographic area that involve a team of professional scientists and conservation practitioners working collaboratively to (1) generate conservation-relevant data on taxa and/or other resources, (2) enhance research capacity, and (3) build working partnerships focused on conservation concerns.

III. Goals for the BioBlitz

The goals for this Expert BioBlitz were three-fold: First, to bring a group of experts to an under-resourced area to help collect information that could guide management planning along the Wild reach of the Wild and Scenic Amargosa River. Second, to conduct an additional test of the "Expert BioBlitz" method with scientists as a rapid-response, high return-on-investment method for the collection of high-quality survey data on properties that are prioritized for conservation. Third, to build a community of desert-interested scientists that work well together and that could be called upon to bring their taxonomic expertise to a variety of geographies to serve The Nature Conservancy and the Bureau of Land Management's needs for gathering of reliable and up-to-date information about resources on the ground.

IV. Participants

The following individuals participated in the 2017 Expert BioBlitz. The decision was made not to make this a public event involving large numbers of novice naturalists, but instead to invite

carefully selected experts to represent the main taxonomic groups of interest. Therefore, the invitation list was restricted to a handful of well-trusted individuals, most of whom were scientists who had worked with The Nature Conservancy and/or the Bureau of Land Management in the past.

The information about the affiliation of participants is provided above for identification purposes only, and does not imply that the organizations or institutions listed below endorse the findings listed in this report, nor that these entities materially supported the generation of these data.

#	Name	Affiliation	Area of Expertise
1	Alison Cercy	Amargosa Conservancy	Conservation
2	Andy Kleinhesselink	University of California, Los Angeles	Plant Ecology
3	Andy Zdon	Partner Engineering and Science	Hydrology/Geohydrology
4	Bill Christian	The Nature Conservancy	Conservation
5	Bree Putman	Natural History Museum of Los Angeles Co.	Herpetology
6	Brenna Vredeveld	Tierra Data, Inc.	Environmental Planning
7	Brian Brown	Natural History Museum of Los Angeles Co.	Entomology: Diptera
8	Brooke Brand	The Nature Conservancy	Generalist
9	Celia Demers	Amargosa Conservancy	Conservation
10	Chris Otahal	Bureau of Land Management	Wildlife Biology
11	Daniel Cooper	Cooper Ecological Monitoring, Inc.	Ornithology
12	Erica Brand	The Nature Conservancy	Conservation
13	Estella Hernandez	Natural History Museum of Los Angeles Co.	Entomology
14	Giar-Ann Kung	Natural History Museum of Los Angeles Co.	Entomology: Diptera
15	Greg Pauly	Natural History Museum of Los Angeles Co.	Herpetology
16	Jane Li	Natural History Museum of Los Angeles Co.	GIS
17	Janine Knapp	The Nature Conservancy	Conservation
18	Jeffrey Cole	Pasadena City College	Entomology: Orthoptera
19	John Randall	The Nature Conservancy	Botany/Conservation
20	Kevin Guadalupe	Nevada Department of Wildlife	Ichthyology/Herpetology
21	Leonard Warren	The Nature Conservancy	Ornithology
22	Lesley Randall	San Diego Botanic Garden	Botany
23	Loraine Washburn	Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden	Botany
24	Mare Nazaire	Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden	Botany
25	Mark Herr	Tejon Ranch Conservancy	Herpetology
26	Miguel Ordeñana	Natural History Museum of Los Angeles Co.	Mammalogy: Bats/Carnivores
27	Naomi Fraga	Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden	Botany
28	Rhyan Schicker	Amargosa Conservancy	Conservation
29	Sam Scherneck	Amargosa Conservancy	Conservation
30	Sarah De Groot	Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden	Botany
31	Sophie Parker	The Nature Conservancy	Soil Ecology/Conservation
32	Susan North	The Nature Conservancy	Stewardship
33	Tasya Herskovitz	private consultant	Botany
34	Tayna Henderson	Amargosa Conservancy	Conservation
35	Weiping Xie	Natural History Museum of Los Angeles Co.	Entomology: Carabidae
36	Will Chatfield-Taylor	Olsson Associates	Ornithology/Entomology



Figure 1. About half of the BioBlitz participants during an early morning bird walk. Photo credit: Janine Knapp.

V. Methods

a. Origination of the BioBlitz

On May 9th, 2015, Nature Conservancy staff (Sophie Parker, Zachary Principe, and John Randall) organized and participated in a BioBlitz in the Tehachapi region in California. Preparations leading up to this first BioBlitz allowed Nature Conservancy staff to include individuals from institutions and organizations that had close ties with The Nature Conservancy in other geographies. For example, Brian Brown, Greg Pauly, and Stevie Kennedy-Gold from the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County had worked with Sophie Parker, John Randall, and Brian Cohen on The Nature Conservancy's Urban Conservation Program in Greater Los Angeles, while Naomi Fraga had visited The Nature Conservancy's properties in the Amargosa River in the past with Bill Christian and Sophie Parker, and had completed floristic surveys for Sophie Parker on Nature Conservancy lands along the Santa Clara River. These external partners proved to be important participants in the Tehachapi BioBlitz. The following year (2016), Sophie Parker and Patrick Donnelly of the Amargosa Conservancy co-organized a Chicago Valley Bio Archaeo-Blitz (Parker et al. 2016), and invited many of the same participants from the Tehachapi BioBlitz to attend. Given the success of the Chicago Valley Bio-Archaeo-Blitz, Sophie Parker worked with Chris Otahal of the Bureau of Land Management to co-organize a third BioBlitz with this group, the second to take place in the Amargosa River Watershed. We call this 2017 effort the Amargosa River Expert BioBlitz.

b. Preparation and Reconnaissance

Nature Conservancy scientist Sophie Parker and Bureau of Land Management wildlife biologist Chris Otahal worked collaboratively to organize the 2017 Amargosa River BioBlitz. Because both Sophie and Chris had visited the site for the BioBlitz many times, they made the decision to forgo a formal reconnaissance trip. A project site was established on iNaturalist for the collection and storage of data. This site can be found here: https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/2017-amargosa-river-bioblitz. In addition, data and photo-sharing post-blitz was facilitated using BOX, a cloud-based file sharing system.

c. BioBlitz Logistics

This Expert BioBlitz officially took place at China Ranch and along the Wild and Scenic designated portions of the Amargosa River from 5:00 pm on Friday, April 7th, 2017 until 5:00 pm on Sunday, April 9th, 2017. While the site was available to be surveyed by different groups throughout this 48-hour period, there was not complete coverage during all hours by all groups. Most the group began their surveys starting at 7:00 am on Saturday, April 8th, 2017, and ended their surveys midday on Sunday, April 9th, 2017, with two major exceptions. Members of the botanical team conducted surveys over the course of several weeks; these surveys began before the start of the BioBlitz, and continued after its completion. In addition, members of the herpetological team began conducting nighttime surveys on Thursday, April 6th, 2016.



Figure 2. Field orientation on Saturday morning, April 8th, 2017. Photo credit: Erica Brand.

The BioBlitz was headquartered at China Ranch, with the generous support of landowner and host, Brian Brown. Participants attended three organized events the weekend of the BioBlitz: a Friday night reception, a Saturday morning field orientation, and a Saturday dinner. The Nature Conservancy and the Bureau of Land Management organized these events, and The Nature Conservancy covered the costs of food and beverages for participants. The Friday night reception allowed the scientists attending the event to hear from land owners and conservation leaders from the local community, including Brian Brown from China Ranch Date Farm. They were also introduced to the work and leaders of the Amargosa Conservancy and The Nature Conservancy. The Saturday morning field orientation allowed participants to understand rules for the access and

use of the China Ranch private property and Bureau of Land Management Wild and Scenic Amargosa River lands, get introduced to the property, and become oriented to the various habitat types found in the field.

In addition to surveying China Ranch and the Wild and Scenic portions of the Amargosa River, the BioBlitz participants made incidental observations in the communities of Shoshone Village, and Tecopa Hot Springs, and surrounding areas during the weekend. These observations are included on the iNaturalist site, and all results accrued by survey teams associated with this BioBlitz in this year are included in this report.

d. Methods Used by Each Group

A brief description of the methods used to collect data for each of the taxonomic groups follows. More detailed information about data collection is included in the appendices.

i. Plants, Fungi, and Soil Biological Crusts

Eleven individuals walked along the Amargosa River and nearby areas and searched for plants and fungi using the naked eye. One individual searched for soil biological crusts. Botanists from the Ranch Santa Ana Botanic Garden visited all areas currently designated as "Wild" and "Scenic" along the Amargosa River (see map in Appendix A), from the area just south of the town of Shoshone, downstream to the area just north of Dumont Dunes. Other individuals



Figure 3. Sarah Groot and Naomi Fraga from the botanical survey team scout for rare plants at the hanging gardens along the Wild Section of the Amargosa River south of Tecopa, CA. Photo credit: Janine Knapp.

focused on particular sites in or adjacent to the Wild and Scenic designation, including China Ranch and the portion of Willow Creek north of the confluence with the Amargosa River. An effort was made to search all major habitats with a special focus on potential habitat for rare plants. Photographs were taken and GPS used to document the locations of various plant and fungi taxa. An estimate of population size was recorded for all rare plant populations that were encountered. CNDDB forms were completed and submitted for the rare plants.

ii. Arthropods

Sampling involved the efforts of eight participants using Malaise traps, searching bare ground for insects and nests, and collecting insects and spiders using hand-held nets. Malaise traps (tent-like structures with a bottle of alcohol on top that continually samples flying insects) were installed in two locations on China Ranch on April 7th, 2017, and samples were collected weekly until May 20, 2017. Identification of organisms occurred off site, after the conclusion of the BioBlitz.



Figure 4. Entomologists Brian Brown, Will Chatfield-Taylor, Giar-Ann Kung, and Jeffrey Cole sort and pin specimens in the field. Photo credit: Janine Knapp.

iii. Reptiles and Amphibians

Surveys involved six participants conducting visual-encounter surveys for reptiles and amphibians throughout the study area. Areas with three-dimensional structure, whether from man-made structures or surrounding woody vegetation, were especially closely examined because these are preferred habitats for lizards. Photographs were taken and iNaturalist used to document the locations of herpetofauna.

iv. Aquatic Mollusks and Fish

One participant visually inspected water bodies with the naked eye, and used a small dip net to spot survey for aquatic mollusks at spring sites within the study area. The iNaturalist app was used to document locations of mollusks and fish.

v. Birds

Four participants walked along the riparian portions of the study area and searched trees, shrubs, and open areas for birds using binoculars, the naked eye, and their ears. The ebird app was used to document locations of birds.

vi. Mammals

Incidental observations of mammals and mammal sign (scat, footprints, etc.) were recorded by one mammologist and by several other participants as they searched for other organisms. In addition, bat detectors were deployed at two locations at China Ranch. A GPS and iNaturalist were used to document the locations of mammals and mammal sign observed at the site.

VI. Results

a. Results of Data Collection

The total number of taxa recorded on China Ranch, along the Wild and Scenic portions of the Amargosa River, and in surrounding areas as part of this BioBlitz was 376. This included 121 plant taxa, one (1) fungal taxon, one (1) soil biological crust (lichen)



Figure 5. Herpetologist Bree Putman holds a California Kingsnake found near the trailhead at China Ranch. Photo credit: Janine Knapp.

taxon, 152 arthropod taxa, two (2) mollusk taxa, three (3) fish taxa, five (5) amphibian taxa, nine (9) reptile taxa, 66 bird taxa, and sixteen (16) mammal taxa. A total of 267 observations were recorded during this event using iNaturalist, and an additional 430 individual bird observations were recorded using ebird. Many more observations were recorded manually. Detailed species lists and other information about the taxa documented during this BioBlitz is provided in the Appendices.

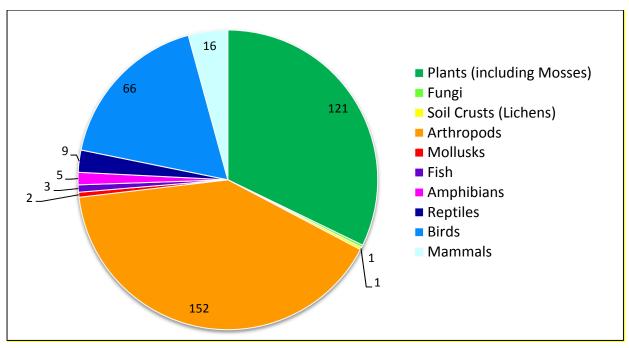


Figure 6. Number of taxa observed during the 2017 BioBlitz by taxonomic group.

b. Comparison of Findings with 1972 Study

Table 2. Differences in number of taxa recorded along the Amargosa River during the 2017 Amargosa River Expert BioBlitz vs. 1972 survey efforts. Some taxa observed in 1972 were not seen in 2017. Conversely, some taxa seen in 2017 were not found in 1972. Therefore, the "Difference" represented below is the difference in the *number* of taxa observed in the two years. For example, there were actually 74 plant taxa observed in 2017 that were not seen in 1972, even though the difference in the number of taxa observed in the two years was only 42.

	1972	2017	Difference	Notes
Fungi	0	1	1	No initial 1972 surveys were conducted for this
				taxonomic group.
Soil Crust Lichen	0	1	1	No initial 1972 surveys were conducted for this
				taxonomic group.
Plants	79	121	42	Initial surveys were conducted March 18-19, 1972; it
				is noted that these initial surveys were conducted in
				the fourth year of a dry period, and there were few
				flowing plants.
Arthropods	2	152	150	
Mollusks	0	2	2	
Fish	2	3	1	
Amphibians	3	5	2	
Reptiles	6	9	3	
Birds	104	66	-38	Initial surveys were conducted October 16-17, 1971;
				March 18-19, 1972; and April 4-5 and 14-16, 1972.
Mammals	15	16	1	Initial surveys were conducted March 18-19, 1972 and
				April 15-16, 1972.
Total	211	376	165	

c. Participant Involvement and Costs

A total of 36 individuals representing 14 institutions, organizations, and other entities were involved as participants in this BioBlitz.

The total expenses for this event borne by The Nature Conservancy, not including staff time by employees, amounted to \$10,816.26 (see "Costs and Funding" section below for more detailed information). A portion of the cost of holding this event was borne by participants, or was donated in kind by Brian Brown of China Ranch. Given that 376 taxa were recorded during this effort, the return on investment for The Nature Conservancy in holding this event is high, at about \$28.77 per taxon documented.

VII. Challenges and Recommendations

a. Coordination of Fieldwork

Fieldwork coordination for a BioBlitz embodies several challenges, including: (1) the need to schedule field visits during times that are most likely to yield opportunities to observe and identify organisms onsite, (2) remoteness of field locations and lack of access to food and other amenities, and (3) the potential for inclement weather.



Figure 7. Image capture from iNaturalist project site, showing occurrence data collected during the BioBlitz.

As observed during the 2016 Chicago

Valley BioBlitz (Parker et al. 2016), phenological differences between taxonomic groups may present a problem when it comes to choosing a single field day or set of days for a BioBlitz to occur. In Southern California, phenology of plants is closely tied to rainfall and temperatures, which are difficult to predict ahead of time. In scheduling the Amargosa River BioBlitz, the weekend for the event was selected six months in advance, with the hopes that it would best capture an active time of year for most organisms, and allow for good participation by individuals from various organizations and institutions.

Another approach would have been to have several field days scattered throughout the year, and involve various constellations of individuals at each separate event. The downsides of this approach would have been extra coordination duties and resources required for staff running the BioBlitzes, and the loss of the sense of community formed during the shared experience for the whole group. Therefore, we decided to employ a single weekend event for this BioBlitz. Remoteness of field locations and lack of access to a variety of choices for food and other amenities was a challenge faced during the Chicago Valley Bio-Archaeo-Blitz (Parker et al. 2016), and the length of time spent having meals during that event was a frustration for some participants. Therefore, we elected to provide dinners during this event, and have individuals make their own plans for meals during the day. This option allowed the group to have greater flexibility, and cut down on time waiting for prepared food to be served.

As for inclement weather, detailed preparatory information was provided to participants, including warnings of the weather conditions 24 hours in advance of the start of the BioBlitz. While the group did encounter windy and cold conditions, we were, in general, fortunate with the weather, and did not have to rearrange or cancel our field time.

b. Ensuring Coverage

It can be a challenge to ensure comprehensive survey coverage during a BioBlitz. There are at least three elements of coverage that must be considered: (1) taxonomic coverage, (2) geographic coverage, and (3) temporal coverage. Temporal coverage is discussed above under "Coordination of Fieldwork". The challenges of taxonomic and geographic coverage are addressed below.

By working with an institution that has experts in numerous fields, BioBlitz organizers can easily invite specialists representing multiple taxonomic groups. At the Amargosa River Expert BioBlitz, the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County served this role, and Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden filled the botanical gap in the museum staff. Other researchers were included on an ad-hoc basis.

Knowing how many individuals with similar expertise to include in a BioBlitz can be a challenge, and will depend on the territory to be covered and ability of those individuals to work cohesively as a team. Given the large size of the area to be surveyed during the Amargosa BioBlitz, we took the "more-the-merrier" approach. However, we made it clear that this was a by-invitation-only event, geared towards scientific experts, and we assigned "group leaders" for the two taxonomic groups for which there was the most interest: Herpetology and Botany. Assigning group leaders also allows taxonomic experts to estimate how many people might be needed within a specific geographic area to get good coverage. Ensuring good geographic coverage of the area of interest was another challenge that we anticipated in the planning of this BioBlitz, as individuals can tend to gravitate towards locations that are easier to reach. To ensure good geographic coverage of survey efforts, the leaders of the Herpetology and Botany groups developed survey plans for each day ahead of time, and divided their efforts in a way that maximized coverage. For the floristic surveys, botanists from the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic

Garden used data collection programs with GPS-enabled tracking that allowed them to see which portions of the property they had surveyed, and target other areas for additional survey work.

c. Collection Impacts

The motivation for some BioBlitz participants, particularly those who are curators, may be to add to the collections at their institutions. Establishing guidelines for collection, and encouraging participants to adhere to these guidelines, is an important part of organizing a BioBlitz. During the Amargosa BioBlitz, organizers anticipated and managed the desire for specimen collection on BLM and privately owned lands. Participants were informed of the rules for collection, and made aware of the important differences between what was acceptable on public vs. private property. Botanical collections were made for inclusion in the herbarium at the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, and herpetological and entomological specimens were collected for inclusion in the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County's collections. All other observations were non-collections based.

d. Building Long-term Relationships with BioBlitz Participants

After the BioBlitz is complete, it is essential that the organizers gain access to the data collected during the event. Having a good relationship with BioBlitz participants helps facilitate data transfer, and allows for a complete accounting of resources encountered during the event. Many of the participants in the Amargosa River Expert BioBlitz were also present at the Chicago Valley Bio-Archaeo-Blitz and the Tehachapi BioBlitz, so their willingness to participate in these types of events has been tested and reaffirmed. By sharing the outcomes of these events and remaining involved in various other projects with these parties, The Nature Conservancy would like to continue to foster these good relationships with external scientists over time. By seeking out information about what the scientist participant community can gain from participating in a BioBlitz, and what their expectations might be, we can better plan and prepare for a mutually-beneficial outcome. In addition to sharing this report and including several of the key participants as authors, there may be opportunities for more formal publication of the BioBlitz results, which is one potential outcome that could benefit both The Nature Conservancy and other parties participating in the BioBlitz.

This year, BioBlitz organizers released a short, anonymous survey to query the group about various aspects of the BioBlitz to better elicit feedback on what the group enjoyed, what they disliked, what worked, and what didn't. Thirteen individuals, constituting about one-third of BioBlitz participants, contributed to the survey. The answers to the portions of the survey that can be tabulated numerically were as follows:

- (1) The timing for this BioBlitz was...
 - Too late in the year: 0% (0)
 - Just at the right time of year: 76.92% (10)
 - Too early in the year: 23.08% (3)

(2) The schedule of events during this BioBlitz was...

• Not enough action for me: 0% (0)

• Just right: 100% (13)

• Way too jam-packed: 0% (0)

- (3) The organization of this BioBlitz was...
 - Overkill. I like to have a less rigid agenda and fewer rules to follow: 0% (0)
 - Just right: 92.31% (12)
 - Not enough structure for me; I felt like I didn't know what I should do during this event: 7.69% (1)
- (4) I would attend a future BioBlitz organized by TNC and/or BLM...

• Definitely: 84.62% (11)

• Probably: 15.38% (2)

Maybe: 0% (0)Probably not: 0% (0)Definitely not: 0% (0)

(5) Here are some places where we are considering holding a future desert* BioBlitz. Please indicate you interest in attending a similar event in these potential future locations (or suggest others):

Location	I would definitely go there! Count me in!	I would probably go.	I might go, but I'm not super excited about it and it would depend on my schedule and other factors.	I probably wouldn't go, unless there is a pretty big incentive to do so.	I definitely wouldn't go.
Afton					
Canyon	50% (6)	41.67% (5)	8.33% (1)	0% (0)	0% (0)
Shoshone Village	50% (6)	33.33 (4)	8.33% (1)	8.33% (1)	0% (0)
Ash					
Meadows	50% (6)	25% (3)	16.67% (2)	8.33% (1)	0% (0)
Santa Clara					
River	33.33 (4)	33.33 (4)	25% (3)	0% (0)	8.33% (1)

Only 12 of the 13 respondents answered this question. Rows total 100%.

^{*}It should be noted that a Santa Clara River BioBlitz organized by The Nature Conservancy would not be located within the desert. This was an inaccuracy in the survey text.

e. Inclusion of Children

BioBlitz events are sometimes organized to involve children and families, with the goal of increasing science literacy and public engagement. In contrast, the Amargosa River BioBlitz included primarily adult experts, and the invitation list was restricted to small group of well-trusted individuals. However, one of the participants during the Amargosa River BioBlitz was a seven-year old child. While our event was not geared towards children, we discovered that judicious inclusion of this one, very wellbehaved and field-ready child allowed for survey work to occur unimpeded while providing a set of eyes closer to the ground. This facilitated discoveries that otherwise would not have been made.

f. Costs and Funding

While many individuals are happy to donate their *time* to participate in a BioBlitz, travel costs can be considerable



Figure 8. Children can provide a different, and valuable, perspective during a BioBlitz. Photo credit: Erica Brand.

and a barrier to participation for some. Following the recommendations made by participants during the 2016 Chicago Valley Bio-Archaeo-Blitz, and conclusions presented in the report from that effort (Parker et al. 2016), The Nature Conservancy secured funding to defray some costs for participants during the 2017 Amargosa River BioBlitz. This helped incentivize participation, especially for participants with limited budgets and no access to research and travel funds.

The total cost borne by The Nature Conservancy to hold this event was \$10,816.26. This total includes partial reimbursements for transportation, lodging, and meal expenses by participants. Several participants elected to self-fund portions of these expenditures as part of their volunteer contribution to this event. For example, while some participants sought reimbursement for transportation costs, they did not seek reimbursement for meals. While the estimated per-person travel cost for the Chicago Valley Bio-Archaeo-Blitz was about \$370.00, the actual cost for the Amargosa River Expert BioBlitz as borne by The Nature Conservancy was only \$300.45 per person. Therefore, the true costs of this event are only partially known, and may likely be closer to the estimate made for the Chicago Valley Bio-Archaeo-Blitz of about \$370.00 per participant.

Except for some of the botanical work, which the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden completed under contract for The Nature Conservancy, all field time was donated to the Amargosa River Expert BioBlitz on a volunteer basis. Each participant contributed about 16 hours of field time during the BioBlitz. Given that services provided by subject experts conducting surveys of this

nature are typically valued at between \$50.00 and \$100.00 per hour, this amounts to an estimated total of the equivalent of about \$40,000 in volunteer labor utilized during the BioBlitz. Time spent in transit is not included as part of the calculation of volunteer field time contributed to this BioBlitz, and was estimated to be approximately 540 hours for the group, or 15 hours per participant.

The total reimbursed by The Nature Conservancy for transportation was \$2,357.39, or \$65.48 per participant. However, the true cost of transportation was much higher than that reimbursed by The Nature Conservancy. The distances traveled by this group were far, as the majority of participants were traveling from the Los Angeles and San Diego areas. In addition to air travel, parking, and car rental costs (totaling \$1,031.98), an estimated total of 6,789 vehicle miles were traveled by the group to complete this BioBlitz; this includes travel to and from the home institution for each individual or group carpooling to the BioBlitz, and repeated trips to/from the field site from each participant's place of lodging. At \$0.535 per mile, this would be a total of \$3,632.33 for our group. Therefore, an estimate of the true transportation costs for the group should be closer to \$4,664.31, or about \$129.56 per participant, suggesting that participants covered about 50% of the real cost of travel out-of-pocket, without being reimbursed.

Food expenses were a significant cost at this event. The Nature Conservancy directly reimbursed \$214.86 to cover the cost of meals for participants. In addition, The Nature Conservancy provided dinner and beverages free of charge to the group on Friday and Saturday evening, at a cost of \$1708.39. The total covered by The Nature Conservancy for food was \$1923.25, or \$53.42 per person. Participants bore some additional meal costs without seeking reimbursement as well.

The total reimbursed by The Nature Conservancy for lodging was \$2,009.66, or \$55.82 per participant. Several participants opted to share rooms, camp for free at China Ranch, or stay with friends; all of these options helped defray lodging costs for this event.

Overall lodging costs, travel time, and vehicle miles traveled were kept low by the fact that 16.6% of the participants (6 individuals) lived locally, and several BioBlitz participants shared lodging over the weekend. The costs incurred by certain individuals were significantly higher than the average, given long distances travelled.

This breakdown of estimated and actual costs does not include Nature Conservancy staff time to organize and execute the BioBlitz, time spent in the lab processing samples or analyzing data, report preparation, or any other preparatory or post-BioBlitz activity. Including these items could easily add an additional \$20,000 to \$30,000 in additional costs.

VIII. Conclusions

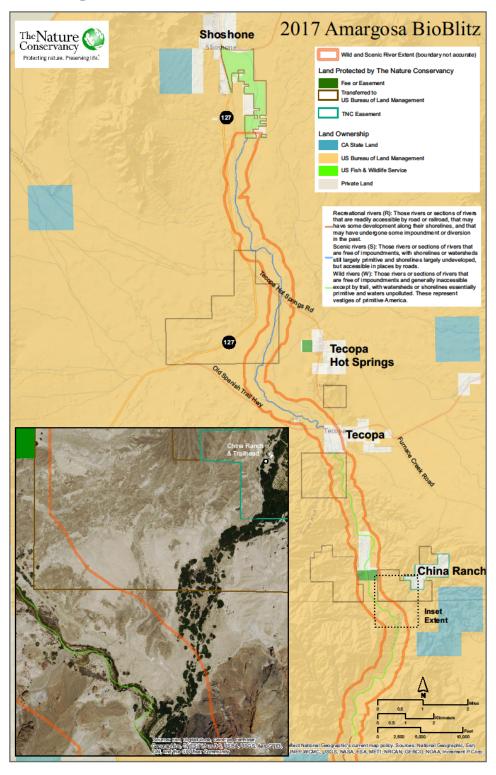
The shorthand goals for the Amargosa River BioBlitz were to collect conservation-relevant information, to continue testing out the Expert BioBlitz model, and to foster a community of BioBlitz-ready scientists that could be called upon in the future. Through the organization and execution of this event, The Nature Conservancy and the Bureau of Land Management have accomplished the goal of bringing a diverse group of experts to an under-resourced area of the

Mojave Desert to help collect information that will help management efforts. By holding this Biolitz, we have developed a deeper understanding of many of the challenges and opportunities inherent in executing a BioBlitz with scientist participants. Tested solutions for addressing some of these challenges are documented in this report, and will help enable the successful organization and execution of future Expert BioBlitz events in Amargosa River Watershed and beyond.

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Appendix A. Map



Appendix B. Plants

All observations in 2017 were made by Naomi Fraga and Sarah DeGroot.

- Number of taxa found in 1972: 80
- Number of taxa found during the 2017 BioBlitz: 121
- Number of taxa found between 2012 and 2017 that were not found during the BioBlitz: 73
- Number of taxa found both in 1972 and between 2012 and 2017: 52
- Number of taxa found in 1972 but not found between 2012 and 2017: 27 (many questionable as to identification, see below)
- Number of taxa found between 2012 and 2017 that were not found in 1972: 74
- Number of sensitive species: 7

Taxon Name text (black = found both in 1972 and between 2012 and 2017, red = found only in 1972, blue = vouchered specimens found only between 2012 and 2017, green = found between 2012 and 2017 but not during BioBlitz, **bold** = sensitive species).

				Non-	
Family	Taxon Name	Common Name	Lifeform	native	Notes
Agavaceae	Hesperocallis undulata	desert lily	Perennial herb		
Amaranthaceae	Amaranthus fimbriatus	fringed amaranth	Annual		Per Naomi Fraga: could have been present, but it responds to summer rain so would not be present in spring when the 1972 surveys occurred.
Amaranthaceae	Endolepis covillei	Coville's orach	Annual		
Amaranthaceae	Monolepis spathulata	beaver povertyweed	Annual		
Amaranthaceae	Nitrophila mohavensis	Amargosa niterwort	Perennial herb		
Amaranthaceae	Nitrophila occidentalis	western nitrophila	Perennial herb		Mis-named <i>Nitraria occidentalis</i> in 1972
Amaranthaceae	Suaeda nigra	bush seepweed	Small shrub		Formerly Suaeda fruticosa
Amaranthaceae	Tidestromia oblongifolia	honeysweet	Annual		
Apiaceae	Apium graveolens	celery	Annual or biennial	1	
Apocynaceae	Apocynum cannabinum	Indianhemp	Perennial herb		

Family	Taxon Name	Common Name	Lifeform	Non- native	Notes
Araliaceae	Hydrocotyle verticillata	whorles marsh pennywort	Perennial herb		
Arecaceae	Phoenix dactylifera	date palm	Tree	1	Cultivated
Asteraceae	Almutaster pauciflorus		Perennial herb		
Asteraceae	Ambrosia dumosa	burrobush	Small shrub		Formerly <i>Franceria dumosa</i>
Asteraceae	Ambrosia salsola	cheesebush	Small shrub		
Asteraceae	Amphipappus fremontii	chaffbush	Small shrub		
Asteraceae	Atrichoseris platyphylla	gravel ghost, parachute plant	Annual		
Asteraceae	Baccharis salicifolia	mule-fat	Large shrub		Formerly Baccharis viminea
Asteraceae	Baccharis salicina	willow baccharis	Small shrub		
Asteraceae	Baccharis sarothroides	broom baccharis	Large shrub		Per Naomi Fraga: a southern species in California (SD and Imperial Counties), not known from this region, so it is probably <i>Baccharis salicina</i> instead.
Asteraceae	Baccharis sergiloides	squaw water weed	Large shrub		
Asteraceae	Bebbia juncea var. aspera	rough sweetbush	Shrub		
Asteraceae	Chaenactis carphoclinia	pebble pincushion	Annual		
Asteraceae	Chaenactis fremontii	Fremont's pincushion	Annual		
Asteraceae	Chaenactis steviodies	desert pincushion	Annual		
Asteraceae	Cirsium mohavense	Mojave thistle	Biennial herb		
Asteraceae	Crepis runcinata subsp. hallii	Hall's hawksbear	Perennial herb		
Asteraceae	Encelia farinosa	brittlebush	Small shrub		
Asteraceae	Encelia frutescens	rayless encelia	Small shrub		
Asteraceae	Encelia virginensis	Virgin River Encelia	Small shrub		
Asteraceae	Ericameria albida	white rabbitbrush	Shrub		
Asteraceae	Ericameria copperi	Cooper's goldenbush	Shrub		
Asteraceae	Ericameria paniculata	Black-banded RabbitBrush	Small shrub		
Asteraceae	Eriophyllum wallacei	Wallace's woolly daisy	Annual		

Family	Taxon Name	Common Name	Lifeform	Non- native	Notes
Asteraceae	Euphrosyne acerosa	copperwort	Shrub		
Asteraceae	Geraea canescens	desert gold	Annual		
Asteraceae	Helianthus sp.	sunflower	Annual		Helianthus annuus subsp. jaegeri observed in 2017
Asteraceae	Isocoma acradenia var. acradenia	alkali goldenbush	Small shrub		
Asteraceae	Leptosyne calliopsidea	leafy-stemmed coreopsis	Annual		Formerly Coreopsis calliopsidea; per Naomi Fraga, this would be a range extension if it were there, as this is a west Mojave/central valley plant. This record is highly suspect.
Asteraceae	Leucosyris carnosa	shrubby alkali aster	Suffruticose perennial		
Asteraceae	Malacothrix coulteri	snake's head	Annual		
Asteraceae	Malacothrix glabrata	smooth desert dandelion	Annual		
Asteraceae	Monoptilon bellidiforme	small desert star	Annual		
Asteraceae	Monoptilon bellioides	desert star	Annual		
Asteraceae	Palafoxia arida var. arida	Spanish needle	Annual		
Asteraceae	Perityle emoryi	Emory's rock daisy	Annual or biennial		
Asteraceae	Peucephyllum schottii	Pigmycedar, Schott's pygmycedar, desert pine, Desert fir	Small shrub		
Asteraceae	Pleurocoronis pluriseta	arrowleaf	Small shrub		Formerly Hofmeisteria pluriseta; per Naomi Fraga: it is possible that this occurs at the site.
Asteraceae	Pluchea oddorata	sweetscent	Small shrub		
Asteraceae	Pluchea sericea	arrow weed	Large shrub		
Asteraceae	Prenanthella exigua	bright white, Thorny skeleton plant	Annual		
Asteraceae	Psathyrotes ramosissima	velvet turtleback	Annual		

Family	Taxon Name	Common Name	Lifeform	Non-	Notes
ramily	Taxon Name	California chicory, New	Lifeform	native	Notes
		Mexico plumseed, desert			
Asteraceae	Rafinesquia neomexicana	chicory	Annual		
	Senecio douglasii var.	,			
Asteraceae	monoensis	Mono ragwort	Shrub		
Asteraceae	Senecio mohavensis	Mojave groundsel	Annual		
Asteraceae	Solidago confinis	southern goldenrod	Perennial herb		
Asteraceae	Solidago velutina subsp.	rock goldenrod	Perennial herb		Formerly Solidago californica; per Naomi Fraga: not known from region, could be mis-identification of Solidago confinis.
Asteraceae	Stephanomeria parryi	Parry's wirelettuce	Perennial herb		
Asteraceae	Stephanomeria pauciflora	desert straw, wire lettuce	Suffruticose perennial		
Asteraceae	Stylocline intertexta	tangled neststraw	Annual		
Boraginaceae	Cryptantha angustifolia	narrow leaved forget me not	Annual		
Boraginaceae	Cryptantha barbigera	bearded cryptantha, Bearded Forget me not	Annual		
Boraginaceae	Cryptantha dumetorum	bush loving cryptantha	Annual		
Boraginaceae	Cryptantha maritima	white haired forget me not	Annual		
Boraginaceae	Cryptantha micrantha	redroot cryptantha	Annual		
Boraginaceae	Cryptantha nevadensis var. nevadensis	Nevada cryptantha	Annual		
Boraginaceae	Cryptantha utahensis	scented cryptantha	Annual		
Boraginaceae	Heliotropium curassavicum	heliotrope	Perennial herb		
Boraginaceae	Johnstonella costata	ribbed forget me not	Annual		Cryptantha costata
Boraginaceae	Pectocarya sp.	sombseed	annual		
Boraginaceae	Phacelia calthifolia	calthaleaf phacelia	Annual		
Boraginaceae	Phacelia crenulata var. ambigua	purplestem phacelia	Annual		

Family	Taxon Name	Common Name	Lifeform	Non- native	Notes
Boraginaceae	Phacelia ivesiana	Ive's phacelia	Annual	Hative	Notes
boraginaceae	rnacena ivesiana	ive s priacella	Ailliuai		Per Naomi Fraga: it is possible this
Boraginaceae	Phacelia pachyphylla	thick-leaved phacelia	Annual		occurs in the area.
Boraginaceae	Plagiobothrys jonesii	Mojave popcornflower	Annual		
Brassicaceae	Brassica tournefortii	Sahara mustard	Annual	1	
Brassicaceae	Caulanthus lasiophyllus	California mustard	Annual		
Brassicaceae	Descurainia pinnata	yellow tansy mustard	Annual		
Brassicaceae	Draba cuneifolia	wedgeleaf draba	Annual		
Brassicaceae	Lepidium dictyotum	alkali pepperweed	Annual		
Brassicaceae	Lepidium flavum	yellow pepperweed	Annual		
Brassicaceae	Lepidium fremontii	desert pepperweed	Small shrub		
Brassicaceae	Lepidium lasiocarpum	shaggyfruit pepperweed	Annual		
Brassicaceae	Lepidium perfoliatum	clasping pepperweed	Annual		
Brassicaceae	Sisymbrium irio	London rocket	Annual	1	
Brassicaceae	Strigosella africana	African mustard	Annual	1	
Carlana	Echinocactus		Construction to		
Cactaceae	polycephalus	cottontop cactus	Succulent shrub		
Cactaceae	Mammillaria sp.	fishhook cactus	Succulent shrub		
Cactaceae	Opuntia basilaris var. basilaris	beavertail pricklypear	Succulent shrub		
Cactaceae	Sclerocatus johnsonii	Johnson's fishhook cactus	Succulent shrub		
Campanulaceae	Nemacladus sp.	sigmoid thread plant, small flowered nemacladus	Annual		
	Nemacladus tenuis var.				
Campanulaceae	aliformis	thread plant	Annual		
Capparaceae	Oxystylis lutea	spiny caper	Annual		
Caryophyllaceae	Achyronychia cooperi	frost mat	Annual		
Casurinaceae	Casuarina equisetifolia	Australian Pine	Tree	1	

Family	Taxon Name	Common Name	Lifeform	Non- native	Notes
ranny	Taxon Name	Common Name	Literoriii	liative	Per Naomi Fraga: not a flowering
					plant, but it is possible that it
Characeae	Chara sp.	algae	Algae		occurs at the site.
al li	All 16 11 11				Per Naomi Fraga: it is possible this
Chenopodiaceae	Allenrolfea occidentalis	pickleweed	Small shrub		occurs at the site.
Chenopodiaceae	Atriplex canescens subsp.	formuing calthrigh	Small shrub		
· ·	canescens	fourwing saltbush			
Chenopodiaceae	Atriplex confertifolia	shadscale saltbush	Small shrub		
Chenopodiaceae	Atriplex elegans var. fasciculata	wheelscale saltbush	Annual		
·	,		Small shrub		
Chenopodiaceae	Atriplex hymenelytra	desert holly			
Chenopodiaceae	Atriplex lentiformis	quail bush	Large shrub		
Chananadiasaa	Atriplex lentiformis subsp.	augil buch	Large shrub		
Chenopodiaceae	lentiformis	quail bush	Large shrub		
Chenopodiaceae	Atriplex parryi	parry saltbrush	Small shrub		
Chenopodiaceae	Atriplex polycarpa	cattle saltbush	Small shrub		
Chamanadia	Atriplex serenana var.	and the sale of the sale	A		
Chenopodiaceae	serenana	cattle saltbush	Annual		
Chenopodiaceae	Atriplex torreyi	Torry's saltbush	Large shrub		Day Margai France and the unit
Chenopodiaceae	Bassia hyssopifolia	five horn bassia	Annual	1	Per Naomi Fraga: could be misidentified, and could be a <i>Kochia</i> .
Chenopodiaceae	Kochia americana	rusty molly	Perennial herb		identified, and could be a kocilia.
Chenopodiaceae		' '	Perennial herb		
· ·	Kochia californica	green molly			
Chenopodiaceae	Monolepis spathulata	beaver povertyweed	Annual		Day Magyai Fyagay aguld ba yaig
					Per Naomi Fraga: could be misidentified, and could be Salsola
Chenopodiaceae	Salsola kali	Russian thistle	Small shrub	1	tragus.
Chenopodiaceae	Salsola tragus	tumbleweed	Annual	1	-
Chenopodiaceae	Stutzia covillei	bush seepweed	Small shrub		
Cleomaceae	Cleomella brevipes	stinkweed	Annual		
Cleomaceae	Cleomella obtusifolia	Mojave cleomella	Annual		

Family	Taxon Name	Common Name	Lifeform	Non- native	Notes
Cleomaceae	Oxystylis lutea	spiny caper	Annual		
Convolvulaceae	Calystegia longipes	Paiute morning glory	Liana		
	Calystegia sepium subsp.				
Convolvulaceae	limnophila	marsh morning glory	Liana		
Convolvulaceae	Cressa truxillensis var. vallicola	alkali weed	Perennial herb		
Convolvulaceae	Cuscuta denticulata	desert dodder	Annual		
Convolvulaceae	Cuscuta indecora	alfalfa dodder	Annual		
Cyperaceae	Bolboschoenus maritimus	alkali bullrush	Perennial herb		
Cyperaceae	Cladium californicum	California saw grass	Perennial herb		Formerly Cladium mariscus
Cyperaceae	Cyperus laevigatus	smooth cyperus	Perennial herb		
Cyperaceae	Eleocharis sp.	beautiful spikerush	Annual		Mis-named <i>Heliocharis parisshii</i> in 1972 survey
	Schoenoplectus				
Cyperaceae	americanus	three square bulrush	Perennial herb		
Cyperaceae	Schoenoplectus maritimus	alkali bullrush	Perennial herb		
Ephedracaea	Ephedra funerea	Death Valley ephedra	Shrub		
Ephedracaea	Ephedra viridis	Mormon tea	Small shrub		Per Naomi Fraga: likely misidentified, as only <i>E. funera</i> and <i>E. trifurca</i> have been seen in the area.
Euphorbiaceae	Croton californicus	California croton	Suffruticose perennial		
Euphorbiaceae	Euphorbia albomarginata	white-margin euphorbia	Perennial herb		Per Naomi Fraga: it is possible that this occurs at the site.
Euphorbiaceae	Euphorbia micromera	Sonoran sandmat	Annual		
Fabaceae	Alhagi maurorum	camel thorn	Shrub	1	
Fabaceae	Dalea mollissima	downy dalea	Perennial herb		
Fabaceae	Glycyrrhiza lepidota	wild licorice	Perennial herb		Per Naomi Fraga: this may be misidentified, as the closest known

Family	Taxon Name	Common Name	Lifeform nat	••
				occurrence is along the 395
				corridor.
Fabaceae	Lupinus shockleyi	purple desert lupine	Annual	
	Prosopis glandulosa var.			
Fabaceae	torreyana	honey mesquite	Large shrub	formerly <i>Prosopis juliflora</i>
Fabaceae	Prosopis pubescens	screw bean mesquite	Tree	
				Formerly <i>Acacia gregii</i> ; per Naomi
				Fraga: not known from the area, could have been a mis-identified
Fabaceae	Senegalia greggii	catclaw	Large shrub	Prosopis.
Gentianaceae	Zeltnera exaltata	centaury	Annual	
Gentianaceae	Zeltnera venusta	charming centaury	Annual	
		,		Individuals of the genus
				Sisyrinchium were vouchered in the 1970s, but not included on
Iridaceae	Sisyrinchium halophilum	Nevada blue eyed grass	Perennial herb	the plant list of the 1972 report.
Juncaceae	Juncus balticus	wire rush	Perennial herb	
Juncaceae	Juncus cooperi	Cooper's rush	Perennial herb	
Juncaceae	Juncus xiphioides	iris-leaved rush	Perennial herb	Per Naomi Fraga: it is possible this occurs at the site.
	Triglochin concinna var.			
Juncaginaceae	debilis	arrowgrass	Perennial herb	
Juncaginaceae	Triglochin maritima	arrowgrass	Perennial herb	
Lamiaceae	Salvia columbariae	chia	Annual	Per Naomi Fraga: it is possible this occurs at the site.
Lamiaceae	Salvia funerea	Death Valley sage	Shrub	
	- Santa Janes ea		Suffruticose	
Loasaceae	Eucnide urens	desert rocknettle	perennial	
Loasaceae	Mentzelia sp.	Veatch's blazingstar	Annual	
Loasaceae	Petalonyx thurberi	sand paper plant	Perennial herb	
Lythraceae	Lythrum californicum	California loosestrife	Perennial herb	

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Family	Taxon Name	Common Name	Lifeform	native	Notes Formerly Malvastrum
Malvaceae	Eremalche rotundifolia	desert five spot	Annual		rotundifolium
araceae		accent and spec	7		Per Naomi Fraga: it is possible this
Malvaceae	Sphaeralcea ambigua	desert mallow	Perennial herb		occurs at the site.
Montiaceae	Cistanthe ambigua	desert red maids	Annual		
Moraceae	Ficus sp.	fig	Tree	1	Cultivated
Nyctaginaceae	Abronia pogonantha	Mohave sand verbena	Annual		
Nyctaginaceae	Abronia villosa	sand verbena	Annual		
	Chylismia brevipes subsp.				
Onagraceae	brevipes	golden suncup	Annual		
	Chylismia brevipes subsp.				
	brevipes X Chylismia				
Onagraceae	claviformus hybrid suncup Annual				
			Annual, Perennial		
Onagraceae			herb		Formerly Oenothera clavaeformis
Onagraceae	Chylismia munzii	Munz's suncup	Annual		
	Eremothera boothi subsp.				
Onagraceae	desertorum	Booth's evening primrose	Annual		
Onagraceae	Eremothera refracta	narrow leaves primrose	Annual		
Orobanchaceae	Chloropyron tecopense	Tecopa bird's beak	Annual		
Papaveraceae	Argemone munita	prickly poppy	Perennial herb		Per Naomi Fraga: it is possible that this occurs at the site.
Papaveraceae	Eschscholzia californica	California poppy	Annual		
	Eschscholzia				
Papaveraceae	glyptosperma	desert popy	Annual		
	Plantago ovata var.				
Plantaginaceae	fastigiata	desert plantain	Annual		
Poaceae	Andropogon glomeratus	bushy bluestem	Perennial herb		
					Per Naomi Fraga: this is probably
Poaceae	Andropogon virginicus	beardgrass	Perennial herb	1	a mis-identification, and is more likely <i>Andropogon glomeratus</i> . It

Family	Taxon Name	Common Name	Lifeform	Non- native	. Notes					
	Tuxon Nume	Common Name	Elicionii	native	would be out of its bioregional					
					distribution here.					
Poaceae	Aristida adscensionis	sixweeks threeawn	Annual							
Poaceae	Arundo donax	giant reed grass	Perennial herb							
Poaceae	Bromus berteroanus	Chilean chess	Annual	1						
	Bromus madritensis									
Poaceae	subsp. <i>rubens</i>	red brome	Annual	1						
Poaceae	Cynodon dactylon	Bremuda grass	Perennial herb	1						
Poaceae	Dasyochloa pulchella	fluff grass	Perennial herb							
Poaceae	Distichlis spicata	saltgrass	Perennial herb							
Poaceae	Festuca bromoides	brome fescue	Annual	1						
Poaceae	Festuca octoflora	sixweeks grass	Annual							
Poaceae	Hilaria rigida	galleta grass	Perennial grass		Per Naomi Fraga: it is possible this occurs at the site.					
Poaceae	Hordeum sp.	smooth barley	Annual	1						
Poaceae	Muhlenbergia asperifolia	scratchgrass	Perennial herb							
Poaceae	Panicum antidotale	blue panicum	Perennial herb	1						
Poaceae	Phragmites australis	common reed	Perennial herb		Formerly <i>Phragmites communis</i>					
Poaceae	Polypogon monspeliensis	annual beard grass	Annual	1						
Poaceae	Schismus arabicus	common Mediterranean grass	Annual	1						
Poaceae	Schismus barbatus	common Mediterranean grass	Annual	1						
Poaceae	Sporobolus airoides	Alkali sacaton	Perennial herb							
Polemoniaceae	Aliciella latifolia subsp.	broad leaf gilia	Annual							
Polemoniaceae	Aliciella leptomeria	sand aliciella	Annual							
	Gilia cana subsp.		7							
Polemoniaceae	speciformis	showy gilia	Annual							
	Gilia latiflora subsp.									
Polemoniaceae	latiflora	holly leaf gilia	Annual							
Polemoniaceae	Gilia transmontana		Annual							

Family	Taxon Name	Common Name	Lifeform	Non- native	Notes
runny	Langloisia setosissima	Common Nume	Literoriii	native	Notes
Polemoniaceae	subsp. <i>punctata</i>	lilac sunbonnet	Annual		
Polemoniaceae	niaceae Linanthus demissus desert linanthus		Annual		
Polemoniaceae	Linanthus jonesii	Jones' linanthus	Annual		
Polygonaceae	Chorizanthe brevicornu var. brevicornu	brittle spineflower	Annual		
Polygonaceae	Chorizanthe corrugata	wrinkled spineflower	Annual		
Polygonaceae	Chorizanthe rigida	devil's spineflower, rigid spiny herb	Annual		
Polygonaceae	Eriogonum deflexum	flat topped buckwheat	Annual		
Polygonaceae	Eriogonum inflatum	desert trumpet	Perennial herb		
Polygonaceae	Eriogonum maculatum	spotted buckwheat	Annual		
Polygonaceae	Eriogonum panamintense	red-root buckwheat	Perennial herb,		Formerly Eriogonum racemosum var. desertum; this is unlikely to occur at the site and is probably a misidentification. This taxon is restricted to Panamint, White and Inyo Mtns. It is known from the Kingstons too, but only at high elevations (at 7300 ft).
Polygonaceae	Eriogonum pusillum	yellow turbans	Annual		
Polygonaceae	Eriogonum reniforme	kidney leaf buckwheat	Annual		
Polygonaceae	Eriogonum sp.	buckwheat	Annual		
Polygonaceae	Eriogonum thomasii	Thomas' buckwheat	Annual		
Polygonaceae	Eriogonum trichopes	little desert trumpet	Annual		
Polygonaceae	Polygonum argyrocoleon	silversheath knotweed	Annual	1	
Resedaceae	Oligomeris linifolia	lineleaf whitepuff	Annual		
Salicaceae	Populus fremontii	cottonwood	Tree		
Salicaceae	Salix exigua	narrowleaf willow	Large shrub		
Salicaceae	Salix gooddingii	Goodding's black willow	Tree		

				Non-	
Family	Taxon Name	Common Name	Lifeform	native	Notes
Saururaceae Anemopsis californica yerba mansa Pe		Perennial herb			
Plantaginaceae	Mohavea breviflora	golden desert snapdragon	Annual		
Simaroubaceae				Formerly Holocantha emori; per Naomi Fraga: This is a rare and very restricted taxon. Not known from Inyo County, and not likely to occur here.	
Solanaceae	Datura wrightii	western jimsonweed	Perennial herb		Formerly Datura meteloides
Tamaricaceae	Tamarix aphylla	athel tamarisk	Tree	1	Cultivated
	Tamarix chinensis X				
Tamaricaceae	Tamarix ramosissima	saltcedar, tamarisk	Tree	1	Also known as Tamarix petandra
Tamaricaceae	Tamarix gallica	tamarisk	Tree	1	Per Naomi Fraga: not known from this bio-region. This is probably a misidentified <i>Tamarix chinensis</i> X <i>Tamarix ramosissima</i> .
Typhaceae	Typha sp.	narrowleaf cattail	Perennial herb		
Viscaceae	Phoradendron californicum	mesquite mistletoe, desert mistletoe	Parasitic perennial herb		
Vitaceae	Vitis girdiana	desert wild grape	Liana		
Zygophyllaceae	hyllaceae Larrea tridentata creosote bush Large s		Large shrub		Mistakenly identified as <i>Larrea</i> divaricata in 1972.

Appendix C. Arthropods

Names of observers are as follows: Will Chatfield-Taylor (WC), Sophie Parker (SP), Bree Putman (BP), Greg Pauly (GP), Jeffrey Cole (JC), Andy Kleinhesselink (AK), Jane Li (JL), Miguel Ordeñana (MO), Erica Brand (EB), Kevin Guadalupe (KG), Loraine Washburn (LW), Weiping Xie (WX), Dan Cooper (DC), Brian Brown (BB).

					WC	SP	ВР	GP)C	AK	Л	МО	EB	KG	LW	WX	DC	BB	Sum of Obs.
#	Order	Family	Genus and Species	Common Name															N .
		•	•	Sum	35	11	7	2	31	7	2	1	1	3	3	27	2	55	187
1	Araneae		unknown	wolf spider			1			1									2
			Latrodectus																
2	Araneae	Theridiidae	hesperus	Western Black Widow			1												1
3	Blattodea	Blattidae	Periplaneta	Periplaneta					1										1
4	Blattodea	Termitoidae	unknown	termite					1										1
5	Coleoptera	Anobiidae	Tricorynus sp.	wood boring beetle												1			1
		Anobiidae																	
		(subfamily:	Ptinus verticalis																
6	Coleoptera	Ptinidae)	LeConte, 1859	spider beetle												1			1
			Xyloblaptus																
			quadrispinosus																
7	Coleoptera	Bostrichidae	(LeConte, 1866)	auger beetle												1			1
8	Coleoptera	Buprestidae	Chrysobothris sp.	jewel beetle	1														1
9	Coleoptera	Carabidae	Agonum decorum	ground beetle	1														1 [†]
10	Coleoptera	Carabidae	Bembidion impotens	ground beetle	1														1 [†]
			Bembidion																
11	Coleoptera	Carabidae	perspicuum	ground beetle	1														1 [†]
12	Coleoptera	Carabidae	Bembidion sp.	ground beetle												1			1
			Brachinus																
			mexicanus Dejean,																
13	Coleoptera	Carabidae	1831	bombardier beetle												1			1
14	Coleoptera	Carabidae	Brachinus sp.	ground beetle	1														1
15	Coleoptera	Carabidae	Cymindis punctigera	ground beetle	1														1 [†]

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					WC	SP	ВР	GP	2	AK	1	Θ	EB	KG	LW	WX	DC	BB	Sum of Obs.
#	Order	Family	Genus and Species	Common Name															0,
			Platynus																
1.0	Calaantana	Canabidas	brunneomarginatum	anawad baatla												1			4
16 17	Coleoptera	Carabidae Carabidae	Mannerheim, 1843	ground beetle												1			1
1/	Coleoptera	Carabidae	Tachys sp. Neoclytus	ground beetle												1			1
18	Coleoptera	Cerambycidae	tenuiscriptus	longhorn beetle	1														1
19	Coleoptera	Chrysomelidae	Altica sp.	flea beetle	1														1
20	Coleoptera	Chrysomelidae	Altica sp. 1	flea beetle	1											1			1
21	Coleoptera	Chrysomelidae	Altica sp. 2	flea beetle												1			1
	Coleoptera	Chrysomendae	Lema daturaphila	Hea beetle												1			1
			Kogan & Goeden,	Three-lined Potato															
22	Coleoptera	Chrysomelidae	1970	Beetle					1							1			2
23	Coleoptera	Chrysomelidae	Pteleon brevicornis	leaf beetle	1				-										1*
	Corcopteru	om yournemade	Cymatodera	icar scene															
24	Coleoptera	Cleridae	vulgivaga	checkered beetle	1														1
			Phyllobaenus nr.																
			discoideus (LeConte,																
25	Coleoptera	Cleridae	1852)	checkered beetle												1			1
			Trichodes ornatus																
			(Linsley &	Ornate Checkered															
26	Coleoptera	Cleridae	MacSwain, 1943)	Beetle	1	2										1			4
			Coccinella																
			septempunctata	seven-spot lady	_														
27	Coleoptera	Coccinellidae	(Linnaeus, 1758)	beetle	1	1										1			3
			Hippodamia	anni anna ant la di															
28	Coleoptera	Coccinellidae	convergens Guerin- Meneville, 1842	convergent lady beetle	1	1										1			3
29	Coleoptera	Curculionidae	Ophryastes sp.	broad-nosed weevils	1	T			1							1			1
30	Coleoptera	Dermestidae	Anthrenus sp.	skin beetle	1				1										1
30	Coleoptera	Dermestidae	Anthrenus sp. Anthrenus verbasci	Skiii beetie	1														1
31	Coleoptera	Dermestidae	(Linnaeus, 1767)	skin beetle												1			1
31	Coleoptera	Definestidae	Aeolus livens	SKIII DEELIE												1			1
32	Coleoptera	Elateridae	(LeConte, 1853)	click beetle												1			1

					1	1	1					1			1				
#	Order	Family	Genus and Species	Common Name	WC	SP	ВР	GР	JC	AK	1	MO	EB	KG	IW	WX	DC	BB	Sum of Obs.
33	Coleoptera	Elateridae	Melanotus sp.	click beetle	1														1
			i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i	minute brown															
34	Coleoptera	Latridiidae	Corticaria sp. 1	scavenger beetle												1			1
			·	minute brown															
35	Coleoptera	Latridiidae	Corticaria sp. 2	scavenger beetle												1			1
36	Coleoptera	Meloidae	Cysteodemus armatus LeConte, 1851	Inflated Beetle	1	1		1	1						1	1			5
30	Coleoptera	Meioluae	Eupompha schwarzi	illiated beetle		1		1	1						1	1			
37	Coleoptera	Meloidae	Wellman, 1909	blister beetle	1	1										1			3
			Lytta magister Horn,																l
38	Coleoptera	Meloidae	1870	Master Blister Beetle			1							1	1	1			4
39	Coleoptera	Meloidae	Pleuropasta mirabilis	Pleuropasta mirabilis										1	1				2
				soft wing flower															
40	Coleoptera	Melyridae	Dasytes sp.	beetle												1			1
41	Coleoptera	Melyridae	Eschatocrepis ssp. Desertus	flower beetle	1														1
42	Coleoptera	Nitidulidae	Carpophilus pallipennis (Say, 1823)	sap beetle												1			1
43	Coleoptera	Nitidulidae	Nitops pallipennis	cactus sap beetle	1														1
44	Coleoptera	Oedemeridae	Oxacis sp.	false blister beetle												1			1
45	Coleoptera	Scarabaeidae	Cremastocheilus quadratus	scarab beetle	1														1
46	Coleoptera	Scarabaeidae	Diplotaxis sp.	scarab beetle	1														1
47	Coleoptera	Staphylinidae	Staphylinidae sp. 2	rove beetle	1														1
48	Coleoptera	Staphylinidae	Zyras sp.	rove beetle	1														1
49	Coleoptera	Tenebrionidae	Blapstinus sp.	darkling beetle	<u> </u>				t	t						1			1*
			Eleodes armatus																
50	Coleoptera	Tenebrionidae	LeConte, 1851	armored stink beetle	1					1						1			3
51	Coleoptera	Tenebrionidae	Stenomorpha sp.	darkling beetle	1														1

										1									
					WC	SP	ВР	GР)	AK	1	MO	EB	KG	LW	WX	DC	BB	Sum of Obs.
#	Order	Family	Genus and Species	Common Name															<i>S</i>
52	Coleoptera	Tenebrionidae	Trichoton sordidum (LeConte, 1851)	darkling beetle												1			1
53	Coleoptera	Tenebrionidae	unknown (Tribe Edrotini)	darkling beetle	1														1
54	Dermaptera	Labiduridae	Labidura riparia	Shore Earwig					1										1
55	Diptera	Agromyzidae	Cerodontia	leaf-miner fly														1	1
56	Diptera	Anthomyiidae	unknown	muscoidea fly														1	1
57	Diptera	Anthomyzidae	unknown	fly														1	1
58	Diptera	Apsilocephalidae	Apsilocephala	fly														1	1
59	Diptera	Asteiidae	Astiosoma	acalyptrate fly														1	1
60	Diptera	Aulacigastridae	Aulacigaster	sap fly														1	1
61	Diptera	Bombyliidae	unknown	bee fly														1	1
62	Diptera	Cecidomyiidae	unknown	gall midge														1	1
63	Diptera	Ceratopogonidae	unknown	biting midges														1	1
64	Diptera	Chironomidae	unknown	nonbiting midge														1	1
65	Diptera	Chloropidae	unknown	grass fly														1	1
66	Diptera	Chyromyidae	Gymnochiromyia	acalyptrate fly														1	1
67	Diptera	Culicidae	unknown	mosquito														1	1
68	Diptera	Dolichopodidae	unknown	long-legged flies														1	1
69	Diptera	Drosophilidae	Drosophila	fruit fly														1	1
70	Diptera	Drosophilidae	Scaptomyza	fruit fly														1	1
71	Diptera	Empididae	unknown	dagger fly														1	1
72	Diptera	Ephydridae	Scatella	shore fly														1	1
73	Diptera	Fanniidae	unknown	muscoidea fly														1	1
74	Diptera	Heleomyzidae	Pseudoleria	sun fly														1	1
75	Diptera	Heleomyzidae	Trixoscelis	sun fly														1	1
76	Diptera	Hybotidae	unknown	dance fly														1	1
77	Diptera	Keroplatidae	Macrocera	fungus gnat														1	1
78	Diptera	Lauxaniidae	Minettia	acalyptrate fly														1	1
79	Diptera	Lonchaeidae	unknown	lance fly														1	1
80	Diptera	Muscidae	unknown	house fly														1	1
81	Diptera	Mycetophilidae	Acnemia	fungus gnat														1	1

											1								
#	Order	Family	Genus and Species	Common Name	WC	SP	ВР	ВР	JC	AK	=	MO	EB	KG	LW	WX	DC	BB	Sum of Obs.
82	Diptera	Phoridae	Megaselia agarici	phorid fly														1	1
	-		Megaselia	,															
83	Diptera	Phoridae	basispinata	phorid fly														1	1
84	Diptera	Phoridae	Megaselia halterata	mushroom phorid														1	1
85	Diptera	Phoridae	Megaselia Ilca	phorid fly														1	1
86	Diptera	Phoridae	Megaselia sidneyae	phorid fly														1	1
87	Diptera	Phoridae	Megaselia sp. 1	phorid fly														1	1
88	Diptera	Phoridae	Megaselia sp. 2	phorid fly														1	1
89	Diptera	Phoridae	Megaselia sp. 3	phorid fly														1	1
			Megaselia																
90	Diptera	Phoridae	tecticauda	phorid fly														1	1
			Phalacrotophora																
91	Diptera	Phoridae	halictorum	phorid fly														1	1
92	Diptera	Phoridae	Pseudacteon	phorid fly														1	1
93	Diptera	Pipunculidae	Eudorylas	big-headed fly														1	1
94	Diptera	Psychodidae	unknown	drain fly														1	1
95	Diptera	Sarcophagidae	unknown	flesh fly						1									1
96	Diptera	Scathophagidae	unknown	dung fly														1	1
97	Diptera	Scenopinidae	unknown	window fly														1	1
				dark-winged fungus															
98	Diptera	Sciaridae	unknown	gnat														1	1
99	Diptera	Sepsidae	unknown	black scavenger fly														1	1
100	Diptera	Simuliidae	unknown	black fly														1	1
101	Diptera	Sphaeroceridae	unknown	small dung fly														1	1
102	Diptera	Syrphidae	Paragus	hoverfly														1	1
103	Diptera	Syrphidae	Syrphidae sp. 1	hover fly	1														1
104	Diptera	Tachinidae	Gymnosoma	tachina fly														1	1
105	Diptera	Tethinidae	Masoniella	acalyptrate fly														1	1
106	Diptera	Therevidae	Pherocera	stiletto fly														1	1
107	Diptera	Tiipulidae	unknown #1	crane fly														1	1
108	Diptera	Tiipulidae	unknown #2	crane fly														1	1
109	Diptera	Tiipulidae	unknown #3	crane fly														1	1

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					WC	SP	ВР	GP	2	AK	=	ΜO	EB	KG	N .	WX	DC	BB	Sum of Obs.
#	Order	Family	Genus and Species	Common Name															S
110	Diptera	Ulidiidae	unknown	picture-winged fly														1	1
111	Diptera	unknown	unknown	unknown - new family														1	1
112	Ephemeroptera		unknown	mayfly	1				1										2
113	Hemiptera	Naucoridae	Ambrysus sp.	creeping water bug					1										1
114	Hemiptera	Pentatomidae	Chlorochroa sayi	Say's Stink Bug					1										1
115	Hymenoptera	Apidae	Apis mellifera	honey bee		1													1
116	Hymenoptera	Crabronidae	Crabronidae sp. 1	wasp	1														1‡
117	Hymenoptera	Formicidae	unknown #1	ant #1		1													1
118	Hymenoptera	Formicidae	unknown #2	ant #2		1													1
119	Hymenoptera	Formicidae	unknown #3	ant #3		1													1
120	Hymenoptera	Formicidae	unknown #4	ant #4							1								1
121	Hymenoptera	Sphecidae	Ammophila sp.	sand wasp	1														1
122	Lepidoptera	Lycaenidae	Brephidium exilis	Western Pygmy Blue	1	1				2									4
123	Lepidoptera	Lycaenidae	Lycaenidae sp. 1	copper butterfly	1														1
124	Lepidoptera	Nymphalidae	Vanessa cardui	painted lady butterfly													1		1
125	Lepidoptera	Pieridae	Pieridae sp. 1	butterfly	1														1
126	Mantodea	Mantidae	Litaneutria minor	Agile ground mantis					1										1
127	Odonta	Aeshnidae	Anax walsinghami	Giant Darner					1										1
			Rhionaeschna																1
128	Odonta	Aeshnidae	multicolor	Blue-eyed Darner					1			1							2
129	Odonta	Coenagrionidae	Argia vivida	Vivid Dancer					1								1		2
130	Odonta	Coenagrionidae	Enallagma civile	Familiar Bluet					1										1
131	Odonta	Coenagrionidae	Ischnura barberi	Desert Forktail					1										1
132	Odonta	Libellulidae	Libellula saturata	Flame Skimmer					1										1
133	Odonta	Libellulidae	Pantala hymenaea	Spot-winged Glider					1										1
			Sympetrum	Variegated															
134	Odonta	Libellulidae	corruptum	Meadowhawk					1										1
135	Odonta	Libellulidae	Tramea onusta	Red Saddlebags					1										1
				Phalangioidea															
136	Opiliones	Phalangioidea	unknown	(Harvestman)			1												1
137	Opiliones	Sclerosomatidae	Eurybunus sp.	Eurybunus									1						1
138	Orthoptera	Acrididae	Anconia integra	Alkali Grasshopper					1										1

					WC	SP	ВР	GP	C	AK	11	MO	EB	KG	LW	WX	DC	BB	Sum of Obs.
#	Order	Family	Genus and Species	Common Name															S
139	Orthoptera	Acrididae	Cibolacris parviceps	Cream Grasshopper					1										1
			Trimerotropis	Pallid-winged															
140	Orthoptera	Acrididae	pallidipennis	Grasshopper					1		1								2
141	Orthoptera	Acrididae	Tytthotyle maculata	Furnace Heat Lubber					1										1
142	Orthoptera	Gryllidae	Acheta domesticus	European House Cricket					1										1
143	Orthoptera	Gryllidae	Gryllus	Gryllus					1										1
144	Orthoptera	Gryllidae	Gryllus vocalis	Vocal Field Cricket					1										1
145	Orthoptera	Gryllidae	Miogryllus lineatus	Miogryllus lineatus					1										1
146	Orthoptera	Gryllidae	Neonemobius mormonius	Mormon Cricket					1										1
147	Orthoptera	Tettigoniidae	Capnobotes fuliginosus	Sooty Longwing					1										1
148	Scorpiones		unknown	scorpion			1	1	1	1									4
149	Scorpiones	Caraboctonidae	Hadrurus	Giant Hairy Scorpions						1									1
150	Scorpiones	Caraboctonidae	Hadrurus arizonensis	Desert Hairy Scorpion			1							1					2
151	Solifugae		unknown	windscorpion			1		1										2
152	Trichoptera		unknown	caddisfly	1												_		1

[†]Identified by Peter Messer ‡Unknown to family, genus, and species

^{*}tentative

Appendix D. Aquatic Mollusks and Fish

#	Genus and Species	Common Name	Kevin Guadalupe	Loraine Washburn	Chris Otahal	Dan Cooper	Number of Obs.	Notes
1	Carassius auratus	Goldfish	1				1	
2	Cyprinodon nevadensis ssp. amargosae	Amargosa Pupfish	2	1	1		4	
3	Rhinichthys osculus ssp.	Amargosa Canyon Speckled Dace	_		_	1	1	
4	Dominion in considerati	Marel Consti	2				2	Pyrgulopsis sanchezi at Shoshone spring; Tecopa specimens
4	Pyrgulopsis sanchezi	Mud Snail	2				2	currently being ID'd
5	Physa sp.	Bladder Snail	1				1	

Appendix E. Reptiles and Amphibians

Names of observers are as follows: Andy Kleinhesselink (AK), Brenna Vredeveld (BV), Bree Putman (BP), Chris Otahal (CO), Greg Pauly (GP), Jane Li (JL), Kevin Guadalupe (KG), Mark Herr (MH), Miguel Ordeñana (MO), and Sophie Parker (SP).

#	Date Observed	Scientific Name	Common Name	AK	ВР	BV	со	GP	JL	KG	МН	мо	SP	Total Obs.
1	4/8/2017	Anaxyrus sp.	North American Toad	7				<u> </u>				1	<u> </u>	1
2	4/8/2017	Anaxyrus boreas	Western Toad							2				2
3	4/6/2017	Anaxyrus punctatus	Red-spotted Toad		7	1		6						14
4	4/9/2017	Anaxyrus woodhousii	Woodhouse's Toad	1	5			8		1			1	16
5	4/9/2017	Lithobates catesbeianus	American Bullfrog					1					1	2
6	4/6/2017	Pseudacris hypochondriaca	Baja California Treefrog					1						1
7	4/8/2017	Aspidoscelis tigris	Western Whiptail					1			1			2
8	4/9/2017	Callisaurus draconoides	Zebra-tailed Lizard	1	1			2	1					5
9	4/9/2017	Coleonyx variegatus	Western Banded Gecko								1			1
10	4/9/2017	Coleonyx variegatus variegatus	Desert Banded Gecko	1					1					2
11	4/8/2017	Coluber flagellum	Coachwhip					1		1			1	3
12	4/7/2017	Crotalus cerastes	Sidewinder		1									1
13	4/8/2017	Dipsosaurus dorsalis	Desert Iguana		1					1	1			3
14	4/8/2017	Lampropeltis californiae	California King Snake					1						1
15	4/9/2017	Pituophis catenifer deserticola	Great Basin Gopher Snake				1							1
16	4/6/2017	Rena humilis	Western Blind Snake		1									1
17	4/8/2017	Uta stansburiana	Common Side-blotched Lizard	1	1	1		4			2		1	10
			Sum	4	17	2	1	25	2	5	5	1	4	66

Appendix F. Birds

Observations reported by Dan Cooper, and concurrently observed by Leonard Warren.

#	Common Name	Scientific Name	China Ranch 4/7/17	China Ranch 4/8/17	China Ranch to Amargosa River 4/8/17	Tecopa Marsh 4/8/17	Shoshone Village 4/8/17	Tecopa Wastewater Ponds 4/8/17	State Section 16 4/9/17	Grimshaw Lake 4/9/17	Sum of Obs.
			20	39	11	3	1	8	24	4	66
			taxa	taxa	taxa	taxa	taxon	taxa	taxa	taxa	taxa
Haw	vks, Eagles, and other Diurnal Birds o										
	 Hawks, Eagles, Kites, Harriers, a 		Accipitri	idae)			1				
1	Cooper's Hawk	Accipiter cooperii	1	1					1		3
2	Red-tailed Hawk	Buteo jamaicensis	1	1							2
3	Swainson's Hawk	Buteo swainsoni		2							2
4	Northern Harrier	Circus hudsonius							3		3
Wat	terfowl (Order Anseriformes)										
	 Ducks, Geese, and Swans (Famil 	y Anatidae)									
5	American Wigeon	Anas americana						2			2
6	Northern Shoveler	Anas clypeata						1			1
7	Green-winged Teal	Anas crecca						8			8
8	Cinnamon Teal	Anas cyanoptera						72			72
9	Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos						3		3	6
10	Gadwall	Anas strepera						4			4
11	Ruddy Duck	Oxyura jamaicensis						1	1		2
Swif	fts and Humingbirds (Order Apodifor	mes)									
	Swifts (Family Apodidae)										
12	Vaux's Swift	Chaetura vauxi			1						1
	Hummingbirds (Family Trochilid	ae)									

#	Common Name	Scientific Name	China Ranch 4/7/17	China Ranch 4/8/17	China Ranch to Amargosa River 4/8/17	Tecopa Marsh 4/8/17	Shoshone Village 4/8/17	Tecopa Wastewater Ponds 4/8/17	State Section 16 4/9/17	Grimshaw Lake 4/9/17	Sum of Obs.
13	Anna's Hummingbird	Calypte anna	1	3							4
14	Costa's Hummingbird	Calypte costae		1							1
15	Rufous Hummingbird	Selasphorus rufus		1							1
Nev	v World Vultures (Order Cathartiforn	nes)	l l	u u					· ·	U.	
	Vultures and Condors										
16	Turkey Vulture	Cathartes aura	10	20							30
Sho	rebirds, Gulls, and Alcids (Order Cha	radriiformes)									
	• Avocets and Stilts (Family Recur	virostridae)									
17	American Avocet	Recurvirostra americana				6					6
18	Black-necked Stilt	Himantopus mexicanus				1					1
	• Sandpipers (Family Scolopacidae	e)									
19	Western Sandpiper	Calidris mauri				8					8
Pige	eons and Doves (Order Columbiform	es)									
	 Pigeons and Doves (Family Colu 	mbidae)								•	
20	Eurasian Collard-Dove	Streptopelia decaocto	1	1							2
21	Mourning Dove	Zenaida macroura	2	4					1		7
Falc	ons and Caracaras (Order Falconifor	mes)									
	 Falcons (Family Falconidae) 										
22	Prairie Falcon	Falco mexicanus		1							1
23	Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus	1								1
24	American Kestrel	Falco sparverius	1	2						1	4
Gall	inaceous Birds (Order Galliformes)										
	 New World Quails (Family Odon 	tophoridae)								•	
25	Gambel's Quail	Callipepla gambelii	2	3					1		6
Perd	ching Birds (Order Passeriformes)										

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	Ravens and Crows (Family Corvi	dae)		'		•					
26	Common Raven	Corvus corax	2	4					1		7
	Grosbeaks, Buntings, and Sparro	ows (Family Emberizidae)							•		
27	Song Sparrow	Melospiza melodia	1						3		4
28	White-crowned Sparrow	Zonotrichia leucophrys		1					4		5
	Finches (Family Fringillidae)										
29	House Finch	Haemorhous mexicanus	Χ	4							4
30	Lesser Goldfinch	Spinus psaltria		4	1						5
	• Swallows (Family Hirundinidae)										
31	Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica							1		1
32	Cliff Swallow	Petrochelidon pyrrhonota			4				1		5
33	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	Stelgidopteryx serripennis	4	10	8				1		23
34	Tree Swallow	Tachycineta bicolor			2						2
35	Violet-green Swallow	Tachycineta thalassina		70							70
	 Icterids (Family Icteridae) 										
36	Hooded Oriole	Icterus cucullatus	1								1
	 Shrikes (Family Laniidae) 										
37	Loggerhead Shrike	Lanius ludovicianus								1	1
	Mimids (Family Mimidae)										
38	Northern Mockingbird	Mimus polyglottos		2							2
39	Crissal Thrasher	Toxostoma crissale							1		1
	 New World Warblers (Family Pa 	rulidae)									
40	Wilson's Warbler	Cardellina pusilla		1							1
41	Common Yellowthroat	Geothlypis trichas		2					5		7
42	Lucy's Warbler	Oreothlypis luciae	1	14	2				1		18

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43	Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's)	Setophaga coronata auduboni	2	6	1				1		10
44	Yellow Warbler		2	10	Т.				3		13
	Old World Sparrows (Family Pas	Setophaga petechia		10					3		15
45	House Sparrow	Passer domesticus					4				4
	Gnatcatchers (Family Polioptilid										
46	Black-tailed Gnatcatcher	Polioptila melanura	1	1					1		3
47	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Polioptila caerulea		1							1
	Silky Flycatchers (Family Ptiliogo	,		-							
48	Phainopepla	Phainopepla nitens		8	1						9
	Kinglets (Family Regulidae)		l l								
49	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Regulus calendula		2	1						3
	Penduline Tits (Family Remizida		l l	Ц					L. L		
50	Verdin	Auriparus flaviceps	2	6	2				1		11
	Wrens (Family Troglodytidae)										
51	Rock Wren	Salpinctes obsoletus		1					1		2
52	Bewick's Wren	Thryomanes bewickii		5							5
	• Tyrant Flycatchers and Becards	(Family Tyrannidae)									
53	Hammond's Flycatcher	Empidonax hammondii		1							1
54	Dusky Flycatcher	Empidonax oberholseri		1							1
55	Gray Flycatcher	Empidonax wrightii		2							2
56	Ash-throated Flycatcher	Myiarchus cinerascens	1	6							7
57	Black Phoebe	Sayornis nigricans		1							1
58	Say's Phoebe	Sayornis saya							1		1
59	yellow-bellied kingbird sp.	Tyrannus sp.							1		1

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Vireos (Family Vireonidae)											
60	Bell's Viero	Vireo bellii		9	2						11
61	Cassin's Vireo	Vireo cassinii		1							1
Pelicans and Allies (Order Pelecaniformes)											
	Herons (Family Ardeidae)										
62	Great Blue Heron	Ardea herodias							1		1
63	Black-crowned Night-Heron	Nycticorax nycticorax							1		1
Woodpeckers and Relatives (Order Piciformes)											
Woodpeckers and Sapsuckers (Family Picidae)											
64	Ladder-backed Woodpecker	Picoides scalaris	1								1
Grebes (Order Podicipediformes)											
	• Grebes (Family Podicipedidae)										
65	Eared Grebe	Podiceps nigricollis						3		1	4
66	Pied-billed Grebe	Podilymbus podiceps							1		1
		Sum	36	213	25	15	4	94	37	6	430

1. China Ranch Date Farm, Inyo, California, US

Apr 7, 2017 5:00 PM Protocol: Incidental

Comments: Bioblitz orientation

20 species

Gambel's Quail (Callipepla gambelii) 2

Turkey Vulture (Cathartes aura) 10

Cooper's Hawk (Accipiter cooperii) 1

Red-tailed Hawk (Buteo jamaicensis) 1

Eurasian Collared-Dove (Streptopelia decaocto) 1

Mourning Dove (Zenaida macroura) 2

Anna's Hummingbird (Calypte anna) 1

Ladder-backed Woodpecker (Picoides scalaris) 1

American Kestrel (Falco sparverius) 1

Peregrine Falcon (Falco peregrinus) 1 Large dark falcon with thick-set wings circling above HQ, later seen chasing birds down stream channel. Seen earlier up by pond no. of HQ (other observers).

Ash-throated Flycatcher (Myiarchus cinerascens) 1

Common Raven (Corvus corax) 2

Northern Rough-winged Swallow (Stelgidopteryx serripennis) 4

Verdin (Auriparus flaviceps) 2

Black-tailed Gnatcatcher (Polioptila melanura) 1

Lucy's Warbler (Oreothlypis luciae) 1

Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's) (Setophaga coronata auduboni) 2

Song Sparrow (Melospiza melodia) 1

Hooded Oriole (Icterus cucullatus) 1

House Finch (Haemorhous mexicanus) X

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2. China Ranch Date Farm, Inyo, California, US

Apr 8, 2017 7:40 AM - 10:40 AM

Protocol: Traveling

1.0 mile(s)

Comments: Bioblitz birding w/ Len Warren, Andy Zdon, and Ryann Schicker

39 species

Gambel's Quail (Callipepla gambelii) 3

Turkey Vulture (Cathartes aura) 20

Cooper's Hawk (Accipiter cooperii) 1 Incubating (female?) in cottonwood just north of HQ along creek

Swainson's Hawk (Buteo swainsoni) 2 Two adults cruising north fairly high before start of walk (7:30), appeared to be coming off roost (multiple TUVU had roosted in area)

Red-tailed Hawk (Buteo jamaicensis) 1

Eurasian Collared-Dove (Streptopelia decaocto) 1

Mourning Dove (Zenaida macroura) 4

Anna's Hummingbird (Calypte anna) 3

Costa's Hummingbird (Calypte costae) 1

Rufous Hummingbird (Selasphorus rufus) 1 ad male at feeder

American Kestrel (Falco sparverius) 2 pr

Prairie Falcon (Falco mexicanus) 1

Hammond's Flycatcher (Empidonax hammondii) 1 Studied at length. Long primaries. Bright "week" call.

Gray Flycatcher (Empidonax wrightii) 2 whit call, dropping tail

Dusky Flycatcher (Empidonax oberholseri) 1 Studied at length. Grayish head/white throat ruled out PSFL. Mostly pale lower mandible on med. bill. Primary proj. distinctly short, giving long-tailed look. Occ. flicked tail (upward). Calling (dull "whit") note.

Black Phoebe (Sayornis nigricans) 1

Ash-throated Flycatcher (Myiarchus cinerascens) 6

Bell's Vireo (Vireo bellii) 9 Not rare at site; est. 200 young produced each year now, per Len Warren. Birds singing from mesquite/willow along creek.

Cassin's Vireo (Vireo cassinii) 1 singing near pond no. of HQ

Common Raven (Corvus corax) 4

Northern Rough-winged Swallow (Stelgidopteryx serripennis) 10

Violet-green Swallow (Tachycineta thalassina) 70 incl. flock of 60 coming to water at small pond c. 0.5 mi. north of HQ

Verdin (Auriparus flaviceps) 6

Rock Wren (Salpinctes obsoletus) 1

Bewick's Wren (Thryomanes bewickii) 5

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (Polioptila caerulea) 1 singing from mesquite in wash c. .25 mi. above pond

Black-tailed Gnatcatcher (Polioptila melanura) 1

Ruby-crowned Kinglet (Regulus calendula) 2

Northern Mockingbird (Mimus polyglottos) 2

Phainopepla (Phainopepla nitens) 8

Lucy's Warbler (Oreothlypis luciae) 14 most singing

Common Yellowthroat (Geothlypis trichas) 2

Yellow Warbler (Setophaga petechia) 10 singing males

Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's) (Setophaga coronata auduboni) 6

Wilson's Warbler (Cardellina pusilla) 1

White-crowned Sparrow (Zonotrichia leucophrys) 2

Song Sparrow (Melospiza melodia) 1

House Finch (Haemorhous mexicanus) 4

Lesser Goldfinch (Spinus psaltria) 4

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3. China Ranch Date Farm, Inyo, California, US

Apr 8, 2017 11:20 AM - 1:30 PM

Protocol: Traveling

1.5 mile(s)

Comments: Hiked down to Amargosa River with Ryann Schicker and back roughly the same

way. Windy. 11 species

Vaux's Swift (Chaetura vauxi) 1

Bell's Vireo (Vireo bellii) 2 singing from mesquite

Northern Rough-winged Swallow (Stelgidopteryx serripennis) 8

Tree Swallow (Tachycineta bicolor) 2

Cliff Swallow (Petrochelidon pyrrhonota) 4

Verdin (Auriparus flaviceps) 2

Ruby-crowned Kinglet (Regulus calendula) 1

Phainopepla (Phainopepla nitens) 1

Lucy's Warbler (Oreothlypis luciae) 2

Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's) (Setophaga coronata auduboni) 1

Lesser Goldfinch (Spinus psaltria) 1

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4. Tecopa Marsh, Inyo, California, US

Apr 8, 2017 6:30 PM - 6:35 PM

Protocol: Stationary

Comments: w/ Brian Brown

3 species

Black-necked Stilt (Himantopus mexicanus) 1

American Avocet (Recurvirostra americana) 6 3 pr

Western Sandpiper (Calidris mauri) 8 peeps way out in puddle; hard to ID but looked best for

WESA (pale whitish below)

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5. Shoshone Village, Inyo, California, US

Apr 8, 2017 8:00 PM Protocol: Incidental

1 species

House Sparrow (Passer domesticus) 4 feeding and displaying in lights of gas station

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6. Tecopa WTP, Inyo, California, US = "water treatment ponds", across from the

campground/RV park/ "hotel" Apr 9, 2017 6:10 AM - 6:15 AM

Protocol: Stationary

Comments: Quick scan of 2 ponds

8 species

Gadwall (Anas strepera) 4 American Wigeon (Anas americana) 2 Mallard (Anas platyrhynchos) 3 Cinnamon Teal (Anas cyanoptera) 72 careful count; many appeared paired. Northern Shoveler (Anas clypeata) 1 Green-winged Teal (Anas crecca) 8 Ruddy Duck (Oxyura jamaicensis) 1 Eared Grebe (Podiceps nigricollis) 3 View this checklist online at http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S35852995 7. Amargosa Canyon, Inyo, California, US Apr 9, 2017 7:30 AM - 11:00 AM Protocol: Traveling 2.0 mile(s) Comments: Bioblitz; very windy and hard to hear 23 species (+1 other taxa) Ruddy Duck (Oxyura jamaicensis) 1 Gambel's Quail (Callipepla gambelii) 1 Pied-billed Grebe (Podilymbus podiceps) 1 1-2 calling from reed-lined pond Great Blue Heron (Ardea herodias) 1 Black-crowned Night-Heron (Nycticorax nycticorax) 1 Northern Harrier (Circus cyaneus) 3 incl. "skydancing" adult on slope above river Cooper's Hawk (Accipiter cooperii) 1 Mourning Dove (Zenaida macroura) 1 +7 f/oSay's Phoebe (Sayornis saya) 1 yellow-bellied kingbird sp. (Tyrannus sp. (yellow-bellied)) 1 one seen briefly in flight appeared to be CAKI, but holding off on ID. Heading south w/ swallows (in high winds) Common Raven (Corvus corax) 2 Nest on cliff on ledge across river Northern Rough-winged Swallow (Stelgidopteryx serripennis) 1 Barn Swallow (Hirundo rustica) 1 Cliff Swallow (Petrochelidon pyrrhonota) 1 Verdin (Auriparus flaviceps) 1 Rock Wren (Salpinctes obsoletus) 1 Black-tailed Gnatcatcher (Polioptila melanura) 1 Crissal Thrasher (Toxostoma crissale) 1 singing weakly along river Lucy's Warbler (Oreothlypis luciae) 1 Common Yellowthroat (Geothlypis trichas) 5 Yellow Warbler (Setophaga petechia) 3 Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's) (Setophaga coronata auduboni) 1 White-crowned Sparrow (Zonotrichia leucophrys) 4 Song Sparrow (Melospiza melodia) 3

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8. Grimshaw Lake, Inyo, California, US Apr 9, 2017 11:00 AM Protocol: Incidental 4 species

Mallard (Anas platyrhynchos) 3
Eared Grebe (Podiceps nigricollis) 1
American Kestrel (Falco sparverius) 1
Loggerhead Shrike (Lanius ludovicianus) 1 perched on wire along road, singing

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Appendix G. Mammals

Observations reported by Miguel Ordeñana, Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, and others.

#	Family	Genus and Species	Common Name	Erica Brand	Miguel Ordeñana	Andy Kleinhesselink	Sophie Parker	Mark Herr	# of Obs.	Notes
										Tracks and
1	Canidae	Canis latrans	Coyote		2		1		3	Photo
2	Procyonidae	Procyon lotor	Common Raccoon			1			1	
3	unknown	unknown	Carnivore		4				4	Tracks
4	Leporidae	Lepus californicus	Black-tailed Jackrabbit	1					1	
5	Leporidae	Sylvilagus audubonii	Desert Cottontail				1		1	
6	Cricetidae	Neotoma lepida	Desert Woodrat		1			1	2	
7	Heteromyidae	unknown	Kangaroo Rats and Pocket Mice					1	1	
		Ammospermophilus	White-tailed							
8	Sciuridae	leucurus	Antelope Squirrel	1					1	
9	Vespertilionidae	Myotis californicus	California myotis		372				372	
10	Vespertilionidae	Myotis yumanensis	Yuma myotis		702				702	
11	Molossidae	Tadarida brasiliensis	Mexican free- tailed bat		9331				9331	
12	Vespertilionidae	Epetiscus fuscus	Big brown bat		14				14	Diagnostic echolocation
13	Vespertilionidae	Lasiurus cinereus	Hoary bat		143				143	recordings
14	Vespertilionidae	Antrozous pallidus	Pallid bat		3				3	recordings
15	Vespertilionidae	Parastrellus hesperus	Canyon bat/Western pipistrelle		56				56	
16	Vespertilionidae	Myotis thysanodes	Fringed myotis		41				41	

The location of the bat detector devices is shown in the figure below.



The reservoir detector ($35^{\circ}48'17.92"N$, $116^{\circ}11'2.20"W$) remained deployed both nights (April 7 and 8, 2017), but the Amargosa River detector was use at site 1 ($35^{\circ}47'54.60"N$, $116^{\circ}11'44.22"W$) during the first night (April 7, 2017) and site 2 ($35^{\circ}47'51.34"N$, $116^{\circ}11'44.53"W$) during the second night (April 8, 2017).

All species were detected at both locations except for *Antrozous pallidus*. The reservoir was the only location where *Antrozous pallidus* was detected. However, the reservoir had nearly double the bat passes for each species. Based on the survey, the reservoir seems to support more bat activity even though species richness is relatively the same at both sites.