



Be a West Nile Watcher

Report all
dead birds and squirrels
to the

California Department of Public Health
WEST NILE VIRUS and
DEAD BIRD HOTLINE

(877) 968-BIRD (2473)

or online at

westnile.ca.gov



***Hotline Operators are available seven days a week
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (please leave a message after hours)***

Why should you report dead birds and tree squirrels?



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

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



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

- Location of animal (city, zip code, street address or intersection)
- Description of animal (color, size, and type; see examples on back)
- Date found and condition of animal (intact, runover)

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

If you forget the WNV Hotline number call Directory Assistance at 411 (charges may apply).



- American Crow**
(LARGE)
- Length: 17 in.
 - Bill is small, straight, and sharp
 - Entirely black plumage



- Brewer's Blackbird**
- Length: 8 in.
 - Sharp black bill
 - Male: entirely black, yellow eyes
 - Female: dark gray, dark eyes



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



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



- Western Scrub Jay**
- Length: 11 in.
 - Blue head and body
 - Gray belly



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



- Rock Dove (Pigeon)**
- Length: 12.5 in.
 - Small round head
 - Plumage may have a variety of colors



- Fox Squirrel**
- Body: 13 in. Tail: 11 in.
 - Common in urban parks
 - Fur on tail and hind feet reddish-orange
 - Back is brown to grayish
 - Cream to orange belly



- Western Gray Squirrel**
- Body: 12 in. Tail: 12 in.
 - Large squirrel
 - Found in woodlands
 - Back is silver gray
 - White belly
 - No rust color in fur



- Eastern Gray Squirrel**
- Body: 10 in. Tail: 10 in.
 - Found in urban parks
 - Similar to Western Gray Squirrel but yellow or rusty color on back
 - White belly
 - Sometimes all black in color