



Yolo Habitat Conservancy

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Millsap (Guesisosi Nature Preserve) **STAC Evaluation Summary**

Application Name: Millsap

STAC site visit date: August 25, 2022

Yolo Habitat Conservancy Board Meeting Date: November 21, 2022

WA Coordinating meeting date: December 1, 2022

Covered species habitat present on the site for the species selected below:

	Palmate-bracted bird's-beak		Giant garter snake		Western burrowing owl
X	Valley elderberry longhorn beetle	X	Swainson's hawk		Least Bell's vireo
	California tiger salamander	X	White-tailed kite		Bank swallow
X	Western pond turtle		Western yellow-billed cuckoo		Tricolored blackbird

The STAC has made the following recommendation:

The STAC recommends the board approve the Millsap Site as a candidate Yolo HCP/NCCP reserve system site. The approximately 15-acre property being considered for enrollment in the Yolo HCP/NCCP reserve system is located on an upper bench along the north bank of Cache Creek. While the site does not include the main creek channel, it does contain riparian vegetation that is part of the adjoining riparian corridor and is within a priority acquisition area. The site is immediately adjacent to other lands actively being considered for enrollment in the Yolo HCP/NCCP reserve system. Enrollment of the Millsap site in the reserve system would provide an additional protected linkage to the wildlife corridor along Cache Creek.

The site provides suitable habitat for Swainson's hawk, white-tailed kite, western pond turtle, and valley elderberry longhorn beetle (VELB). Swainson's hawks occur commonly along the Cache Creek corridor and throughout the adjacent farmlands. Although not supporting foraging habitat, the site does provide nesting habitat and has the potential to provide additional nesting habitat, presumably as upper terrace valley oak woodland, for both Swainson's hawk and white-tailed kite with restoration. Multiple western pond turtles have been documented along the Cache Creek channel within 1,000 feet of the property. While the site does not provide aquatic habitat, it does support easily accessible high value nesting habitat for western pond turtle. The property also supports at least 10 mature elderberry shrubs which are large enough to provide habitat for VELB. Restoration efforts could expand habitat for VELB by increasing elderberry shrub density.