

NESTING SEASON

FEBRUARY THROUGH AUGUST



Spring marks the beginning of nesting season! Birds display a variety of nest construction and placement strategies, some of which are shown below. Please stay on designated trails and keep pets on a leash to avoid disturbance to nesting birds, which can cause nest abandonment and physical damage and destruction of bird nests and eggs.



HANGING NEST



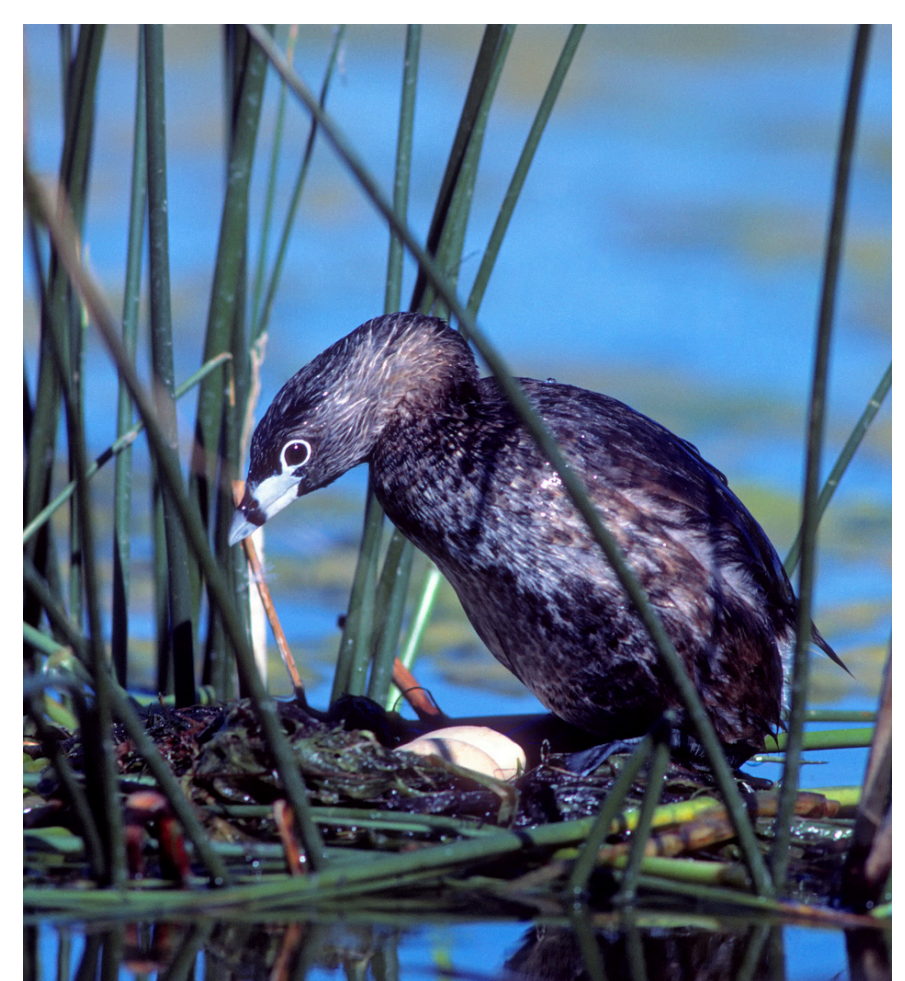
CAVITY NEST



NEST HIDDEN IN VEGETATION ON THE GROUND

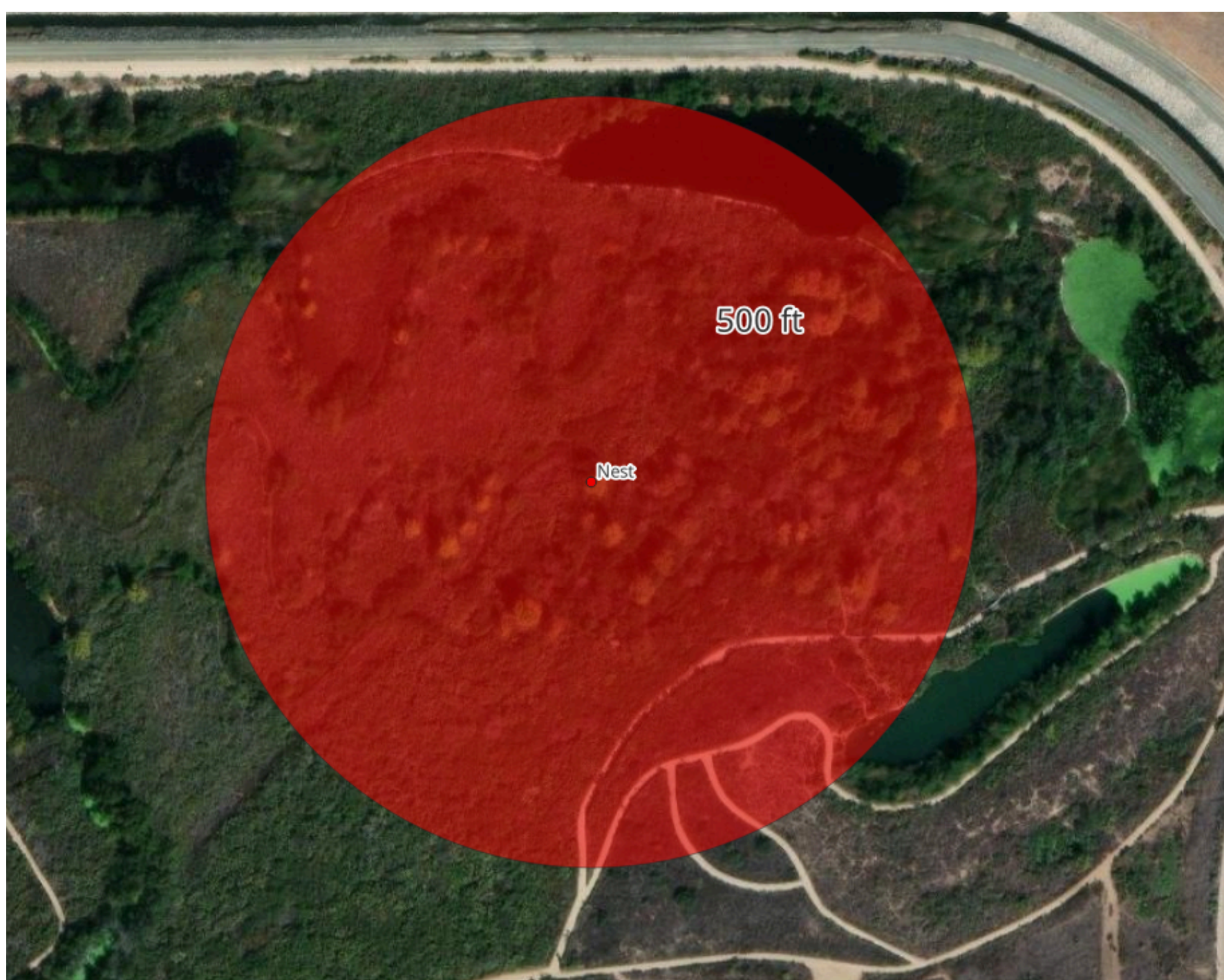


NEST HIDDEN IN CACTI SCRUB



PLATFORM NEST IN A POND

Legal protections for birds, their eggs, and nests are codified into law under the California Fish and Game Code, the Federal and California Endangered Species Acts, and the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act.



VISUAL EXAMPLE OF 500FT PROTECTION BUFFER SURROUNDING A NEST

The City of Costa Mesa ensures that nesting bird surveys are completed prior to removal of vegetation at Fairview Park during nesting season to ensure compliance with environmental regulations for nesting birds. If an active nest is found, a buffer of 50-500 feet (depending on species), around the nest must generally be left undisturbed until the young have successfully fledged, or the nest is abandoned.

Species documented nesting at Fairview Park:

- Least Bell's Vireo (Federally endangered)
- California Gnatcatcher (Federally threatened)
- Western Bluebird
- Bushtit
- California Towhee
- Common Yellowthroat
- Lesser Goldfinch
- Many More!

