

YBI STEWARDSHIP

PRODUCED BY THE TREASURE ISLAND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND SAN FRANCISCO ENVIRONMENT

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Fauna of the Month: House finch (*Haemorhous mexicanus*)

One of the most common birds on both Treasure and Yerba Buena Islands, the house finch is a bird in the finch family Fringillidae. It is native to western North America, and has been introduced to the eastern half of the continent and Hawaii. Adults have a long, square-tipped brown tail and are a brown or dull-brown color across the back with some shading into deep gray on the wing feathers. Breast and belly feathers may be streaked; the flanks usually are. The image to the right is of an adult male house finch.



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Recent Treasure Island Development Authority Board of Directors Action Affirms TIDA's Commitment to Biodiversity

At its May 8, 2019 meeting the TIDA Board of Directors passed TIDA Resolution 19-13-05/08 affirming TIDA's commitment to the Citywide Biodiversity Vision and its commitment to connecting the Island community to the natural heritage of Yerba Buena Island, as well as reaffirming TIDA's commitment to YBI Habitat Management Plan (HMP) implementation. (See the meeting materials at: <https://sftreasureisland.org/file/5974>)

The Citywide Biodiversity Vision, contained in [San Francisco Board of Supervisors Resolution 107-18](#), was adopted unanimously by the Board of Supervisors on April 17, 2018. It elevates biodiversity as a citywide priority and establishes a framework for City departments to convey commitment and inspire action for protecting and enhancing biodiversity. Resolution 107-18 outlines the City's Biodiversity Vision as follows:

"San Francisco is a place where our local biodiversity thrives in climate-resilient ecosystems that integrate healthy native wildlife and plant habitats throughout our city's physical environment, connecting ALL San Franciscans to nature daily and inspiring stewardship of our unique natural heritage in every neighborhood."

TIDA's efforts prioritizing biodiversity include ongoing YBI Habitat Management Plan implementation, the YBI Stewardship Program, and the LEJ Native Plant Nursery operation. TIDA and SFE also foster regular biodiversity-focused collaboration with master developer Treasure Island Community Development (TICD), TIDA's master landscape contractor Rubicon Landscape Services, Life Learning Academy, Treasure Island Job Corps, and Island residents and stakeholders.

"Hear how the birds, on
ev'ry blooming spray,
With joyous musick wake
the dawning day!"

Alexander Pope
Pastorals, Spring, line 23



Thanks to both our April and May Stewardship Work Day volunteer groups, which included Island residents and Hachette Book Group employees!

Join Us for Monthly YBI Habitat Restoration Volunteer Days!

Third Wednesday of Each Month from 1 PM to 3 PM!

What: Restoring YBI's native habitat, propagating native species, shoreline litter pick-up, removing invasive plant species. Water, gloves, tools and guidance all provided!

Where: Locations vary by month and are posted at week-of at sftreasureisland.org/YBI/stewardship; or meet at the Administration Building Parking Lot, 1 Avenue of the Palms, at 1:00 PM for a ride.

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