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Rain revives urban parks in downtown Los Angeles. Unexpected wildlife viewing area at Los Angeles State Historic Park

The speed with which natural cycles can take back reclaimed land is something California State Parks didn't quite anticipate. Recent heavy rainfall created a spontaneous pond at Los Angeles State Historic Park, and replenished the wetland area at neighboring Rio de Los Angeles State Historic Park. Both have turned into great places to view wildlife rarely seen in the developed Los Angeles basin.

Birds are taking advantage of a place to rest, feed and bathe near trees where they find shelter and rest. Restoring the wetlands to the city through rehabilitating portions of the Los Angeles River, and bringing nature to the city is a significant goal of California State Parks and a personal goal of Sean Woods, Los Angeles Sector Superintendent.

"The sighting of a variety of migratory birds and raptors shows the potential of future habitat right in the most industrial areas," Woods said. "This seasonal pond springing up at the park shows the resiliency of nature and the instantaneous success of our efforts."

The public is invited to view the pond at Los Angeles State Historic Park and the wetlands at Rio de Los Angeles State Park. Groups interested in a guided wetlands program are invited to call (310) 558-4566 x102.

Hurry; the Los Angeles State Historic Park's spontaneous pond is expected to only last a couple of weeks. The wetlands at Rio de Los Angeles State Park, however, are expected be around through much of the spring.

Los Angeles State Historic Park is open every day from 8 a.m. to sunset. The park is located at 1245 N. Spring Street. Admission is free. For more information or for a photo opportunity please contact the park at (310) 558-4566 ext. 102.

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