

# Kirkham Farm Property

<b>Date Acquired</b>	August 26, 2005
<b>Easement Size</b>	169 acres
<b>Location</b>	Southwest corner of Twin Cities Road and Franklin Boulevard in southern Sacramento County.
<b>Property Description</b>	The property is composed of approximately 150 acres of leveled farmland that is currently covered with dense low-growing grasses and used as cattle pasture. The remainder of the property is either disturbed (ruderal) or marsh habitat. A 2.6-acre tailwater pond is located on the southern-central boundary of the property.
<b>Conservation Value</b>	The property consists of high-quality foraging habitat for Swainson's hawks. The low groundcover of the pasture serves as excellent foraging habitat for Swainson's hawks as numerous small burrows, gopher mounds, and vole runs were observed during a monitoring site visit in May 2010. According to California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) California Natural Diversity Data Base (CNDDDB) records, there are 103 previously recorded occurrences of Swainson's hawk within a ten-mile radius of the property (CDFG 2009). Since numerous Swainson's hawk nests have been recorded in the region, it is reasonable to assume that Swainson's hawks nest in the vicinity of the property and would use the property as foraging habitat.

