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# 6. FITZGERALD MARINE RESERVE

# 6.1 LOCATION AND FEATURES OF FITZGERALD MARINE RESERVE

The Fitzgerald Marine Reserve encompasses approximately 402 acres. The reserve is situated adjacent to the town of Moss Beach and extends southward to near Pillar Point, in the Half Moon Bay area of San Mateo County. The reserve encompasses approximately 35 acres of terrestrial areas along the coastline and approximately 370 acres of intertidal areas. The reserve abuts residential land uses in the north and undeveloped and open space lands to the south. The reserve contains the westernmost port of San Vicente Creek (in the Moss Beach area) and the majority of the Pillar Point Marsh (in the Pillar Point area). Sunshine Creek drains into the reserve from Sunshine Valley and Montara Mountain.

The shoreline and bluffs within the reserve have been used by humans for many centuries, from Native Americans (as evidenced in four cultural resource sites dating about 5,800 years) to current uses of the site for nature exploration (Brady/LSA, 1999). The Pillar Point Marsh was dammed by farmers in the early part of the century to improve farming conditions in the coastal valley areas. Subsequently, the US Air Force constructed an access road across the dam to reach the military installation on the coastal bluff. Additionally, in 1950, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers constructed the breakwater around Pillar Point Harbor. The Fitzgerald Marine Reserve was established in 1969. Since then, additional uplands have been added to the north and south. The northern addition (approximately 2 acres) was added in 1996 and extends along Sunshine Creek from California Avenue to the ocean.

The reserve provides passive recreational uses, including intertidal exploration, picnicking, surf access and hiking. The intertidal zone receives high use due to its close proximity to the San Francisco Bay Area (Fitzgerald Marine Reserve and Pillar Point Marsh Master Plan, Brady & Associates, 1999)

The majority of the reserve land is undeveloped. The terrestrial portion of the reserve supports seven principal plant community types. The primary plant community types documented in the reserve are depicted on Figure 6.1 and are listed below in Table 6.1.

The primary vegetation types are willow riparian woodland, coastal scrub, coastal bluff scrub, coastal salt marsh, freshwater marsh, coastal terrace prairie and landscape tree groves. In addition to native vegetation types, there are also areas that are developed as parking.

Water resources on Reserve consist of a portion of Pillar Point Marsh, creeks and a section of the intertidal area of the Pacific Ocean near Moss Beach.

The historic land uses within portions the northern portion of the reserve (i.e., residential use) has resulted in the planting and subsequent natural revegetation of non-native trees and understory plants. The most notable non-native trees in the reserve is the large grove of Monterey cypress. The cypresses were planted over 75 years ago as a windbreak for an old home site. These trees have altered the coastal bluff landscape. The reserve also supports numerous non-native shrubs and groundcovers, including some species that are considered invasive pests. The dominant invasive species are Cape ivy, poison hemlock, sea fig, pampas grass, periwinkle, and pampas grass.

Despite the incursion of human-induced vegetation, the reserve supports several sensitive upland habitats and special status plant species. The reserve land affords considerable plant biodiversity including examples of plant communities that are indigenous to the region. The reserve is known to support plant communities that are considered sensitive; these include: riparian woodlands along watercourses, coastal salt marsh, coastal terrace prairie and freshwater marsh.

Plant Community Type	Commonly Observed Plant Species	Acreage	Status
Mixed Riparian Woodland	willow, California blackberry, 0.2		Sensitive under County
	stinging nettle		Code
Landscape Tree Groves	Monterey cypress (planted) and	Monterey cypress (planted) and 20.5	
	eucalyptus		botanical resources
Coastal Scrub	coyote brush, California sage,	3	Sensitive if supporting rare
	coffeeberry, poison oak		species
Coastal Bluff Scrub	seaside daisy, lizard tail, California	7.3	Sensitive if supporting rare
	blackberry, yarrow, gumplant		species
Coastal Salt Marsh	pickleweed, alkali heath, fat hen	13.4	Sensitive under County
			Code; wetland under
			Coastal Act
Freshwater Marsh	willow, slough sedge, cattail,	17.7	Sensitive under County
	bulrush, Pacific silverweed		Code; wetland under
			Coastal Act

 Table 6.1. Principal Plant Community Types Identified within Fitzgerald Marine Reserve

# 6.2 VEGETATION CLASSIFICATION AND CONDITION

# 6.2.1 Upland Forest and Woodland Communities

# Landscape Tree Groves

The landscape tree groves within the reserve, covering approximately 20.5 acres (Table 6.1), are dominated by Monterey cypress (*Cupressus macrocarpa*). The majority of these trees were planted as windbreaks; a large grove occurs in the northern portion of the reserve. These tree groves are non-native, although native groves of Monterey cypress occur in southern San Mateo County and northern Santa Cruz County. The cypress tree groves occur in areas that historically were vegetated with coastal terrace prairie. Currently, the understory is sparse, although revegetation efforts have been initiated in some areas. Native understory plant species include native strawberry (*Fragaria chilensis*), Douglas iris (*Iris douglasiana*) and yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*). Non-native species also occur, including velvet grass (*Holcus lanatus*), Italian ryegrass (*Lolium multiflorum*), Australian tea tree (*Leptospermum laevigatum*), periwinkle (*Vinca major*), soft chess (*Bromus hordeaceus*), and wild radish (*Raphanus sativus*).

# 6.2.2 Scrub Communities

# **Coastal Scrub**

Thickets of coastal scrub vegetation occur on the coastal hillsides within the reserve. The scrub habitat is dominated by coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*), yellow bush lupine (*Lupinus arboreus*), poison oak (*Toxicodendron diversilobum*), coffee berry (*Rhamnus californica*), California blackberry (*Rubus ursinus*) and California sage (*Artemisia californica*). Associated species include sanicle (*Sanicula* sp.), common yarrow (Achillea millefolium), hedge nettle (*Stachys* sp.), California bee plant (*Schrophularia californica*) and pampas grass (*Cortederia jubata*).

The reserve supports approximately 3 acres of coastal scrub.

The coastal scrub within the reserve is subject to infestation from invasive, non-native plant species. Perennial plants of pampas grass (*Cortederia jubata*), poison hemlock (*Conium maculatum*), and velvet grass were observed in some areas. Invasive biennial plants were also observed in the scrub habitats, including wild mustard (*Brassica* spp.) and wild radish. These plants grow well in the previously *SAN MATEO COUNTY PARKS VEGETATION RESOURCES*  disturbed soils. As these plants grow into dense stands, they successfully compete with, and over time, exclude the growth of the native plant species, such that their presence reduces the plant diversity of the habitat. The coastal scrub areas within the reserve offer opportunities to remove and/or control the spread of these invasive plant species.

# **Coastal Bluff Scrub**

The reserve supports areas of scrub habitat that grows along the sea cliff. Plant species include sea lettuce (*Dudleya cespitosa*), prostrate coyote brush, native strawberry, Pacific grindelia (*Grindelia stricta* var. *platyphylla*) and Douglas iris (*Iris douglasiana*).

Shrubs of coyote brush, coffeeberry, California sage and poison oak occur in more protected sea cliff areas. Hillside seepage often creates mesic areas that support bracken fern (*Pteridium aquilinum*) and California polypody (*Polypodium californicum*).

# 6.2.3 Riparian and Wetland Communities

Cold season deciduous forests occur along San Vicente Creek (in the northern portion of the reserve) and in the upper ends of Pillar Point Marsh (in the southern portion of the reserve). These forests are commonly referred to as *riparian forests*. This streamside vegetation typically grows up to the bank fullflow line and may extent beyond this line if soil moisture levels are high or frequent flooding occurs, such as along the floodplain of Pillar Point Marsh. Characteristic woody vegetation species within the reserve are arroyo willow (*Salix lasiolepis*). The San Vicente Creek channel exhibits evidence of scour and/or deposition. The high water regime of a stream is an important component in the species composition along a watercourse, as most riparian plant species are adapted to colonizing recently disturbed (i.e., flooded, scoured or depositional areas) portions of a stream.

These deciduous forests typically occur along perennial and intermittent streams shown as a solid or dashed blue line on USGS 1:24,000 scale topographical maps and some ephemeral streams with well-defined channels. Figure 6.1 displays the occurrences of riparian woodland within the reserve based on the volunteer surveys and limited ground-truthing. Approximately 0.2 acres of riparian woodland occur in the reserve.

#### Mixed Riparian Woodland

Where this riparian type occurs along San Vicente Creek, willows (*Salix* spp.) are the dominant trees. Understory plant species include California polypody (*Polypodium californicum*), California blackberry, stinging nettle (*Urtica doioca*), scouring rush (*Equisetum arvense*), hedge nettle, and California bee plant (*Scrophularia californica*). Invasive, non-native plant species were observed along the creek, most notable are Cape/German ivy (*Delaireia odorata / Senecio mikanioides*), poison hemlock (*Conium maculatum*), pampas grass, mustard and garden nasturtium (*Trapeaolum majus*).

The northern portion of Pillar Point Marsh supports a willow riparian woodland, interspersed with patches of freshwater marsh. The woodland is dominated by arroyo willow. Associated species include California blackberry, stinging nettle, Pacific silverweed (*Potentilla anserine*), and Cape ivy.

#### **Coastal Salt Marsh**

The coastal salt marsh occurs at the mouth of Pillar Point Marsh and extends upstream to West Point Road, encompassing approximately 13.4 acres. The marsh is dominated by plant species tolerant of high salinity, such as pickleweed (*Salicornia virginica*), fleshy jaumea (*Jaumea carnosa*), alkali heath (*Frankenia grandiflora*), coastal gumplant (*Grindelia latifolia*) and salt grass (*Distichlis spicata*). The

marsh receives seawater inflow from the Pacific Ocean (when the marsh is open to the ocean), as well as significant freshwater inflow during the winter months. Depending upon the tidal inundation level, mud flats may be visible adjacent to the marsh plain. Pickleweed is adept at colonizing these open areas, and its extent depends upon the duration and magnitude of tidal inundation.

The coastal salt marsh within the reserve has been significantly reduced in distribution since pre-European settlement. Historically, the marsh probably occupied a larger area. Agricultural uses and construction of the Air Force access road probably confined the extent of the marsh.

The marsh plain was observed to support some occurrences of invasive, non-native plant species. Iceplant was observed in some locations. The slopes along the roads were observed to support stands of poison hemlock and some pampas grass. The marsh offers several opportunities for restoration through the removal of occurrences of invasive, non-native plant.

The salt marsh areas are identified as "sensitive habitat" in the County of San Mateo LCP.

# **Freshwater Marsh**

This vegetation type consists of areas dominated by perennial, non-woody plant species that are adapted to growing in wet conditions. The plants grow in permanently saturated soil, such as within portions of San Vicente creek and in the upper areas of Pillar Point Marsh. Winter inundations, creek flows and spring/seeps provide the moisture for the marsh species.

Within the reserve, the Pillar Point Marsh area supports a dense cattail/bulrush habitat. The most common species are California bulrush (*Scirpus californicus*) and cattail (*Typha latifolia*). The distribution of these plant species is primarily a function of historical land uses, source of water (i.e., groundwater, surface runoff) and water depth. The occurrence of other plant species also varies by water depth and the duration of inundation. Along the edges of the bulrush/cattail stands where periodic flooding often occurs, other wetland plant species are present. Common monkey flower (*Mimulus gutattus*), Pacific silverweed, watercress (*Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum*), western goldenrod (*Euthamia occidentalis*), brown-headed rush and waterweed (*Polygonum lapathifolium*) occur in these areas. In open water areas, pondweed (*Lemna* sp.) is also prevalent.

Approximately 17.7 acres of this community occurs within the reserve. All areas supporting freshwater marsh vegetation are identified as "sensitive habitat" in the County of San Mateo LCP (wetlands).

In some areas, the freshwater marsh areas support thickets of poison hemlock, wild mustard and wild radish, three invasive, non-native plant species. The watershed offers several opportunities for restoration of the freshwater marsh areas through the removal of occurrences of invasive, non-native plant species.

# 6.3 SENSITIVE, RARE AND ENDANGERED BOTANICAL RESOURCES

# 6.3.1 Special Status Plant Species

Although no special status plant species, including those listed by the USFWS, CDFG and/or CNPS as rare, threatened or endangered, have been documented from the reserve, some habitats provide potential habitat. In addition, some of the lands provide potential habitat for plants recognized as rare or locally unique by CDFG or CNPS.

The special status plant species with potential to occur in the vicinity of the reserve are listed in Table 6.2.

In addition to special status plant species that are listed on CNPS List 1B, there are species that local botanists, including the local chapters of the California Native Plant Society, consider to be specialty plants of

the region. Such species may have limited occurrences within the region (locally rare), or may be endemic to the reserve area. These plants are typically on CNPS List 4, a watch list. Spring surveys would be needed to confirm the presence of any of these resources on reserve lands.

Table 6.2. List of Special Status Plant Species	Known or With	th Potential to Occur	in Fitzgerald
Marine Reserve, San Mateo County, California			

Species	Status	Observed on Site/Potential Habitat
Blasdale's bentgrass (Agrostis blasdalei)	List 1B	Potential
Coast lily (Lilium maritmum)	List 1B	Potential
Coast wallflower (Erysimum ammophilium)	List 1B	Potential
San Francisco popcorn flower (Plagiobothrys diffusus)	List 1B; SE	Potential
Fragrant fritillary (Fritillaria liliacea)	List 1B	Potential
Hickman's cinquefoil (Potentilla hickmanii)	List 1B; SE; FE	Potential
Kellogg's horkelia (Horkelia cuneata ssp. sericea)	List 1B	Unlikely
Marin checkerbloom (Sidalcea hickmanii ssp. viridis)	List 1B	Potential
Pt. Reyes horkelia (Horkelia marinensis)	List 4	Potential
Coast yellow linanthus ( <i>Linanthus croceus</i> )	List 1B	Known from only one occurrence on bluffs at North end of Reserve near Juliana St.; reported by Toni Corelli (Breen, pers. comm.)
Gairdner's yampah (Perideridia gairdneri ssp. gairdneri)	List 4	Potential
Pt. Reyes meadowfoam (Limnanthes douglasii sulphurea)	List 1B; SE	No/Unlikely
San Francisco gumplant (Grindelia hirsutula var. maritima)	List 1B	Potential
San Francisco campion (Silene verecunda ssp. verecunda)	List 1B	Potential
San Francisco owl's clover (Triphysaria floribunda)	List 1B	Potential
Santa Cruz clover (Trifolium buckwestiorum)	List 1B	Potential
Santa Cruz microseris (Stebbinososeris decipiens)	List 1B	Potential
Artists popcornflower (Plagiobothrys chorisianus var. chorisianus)	List 3	Potential

SE: State Endangered FE: Federally Endangered

#### **CNPS Status**:

List 1B: These plants (predominately endemic) are rare through their range and are currently vulnerable or have a high potential for vulnerability due to limited or threatened habitat, few individuals per population, or a limited number of populations. List 1B plants meet the definitions of Section 1901, Chapter 10 of the CDFG Code.

List 3: This is a review list of plants that lack sufficient data to assign them to another list.

List 4: List 4 is a watch list of plants with limited distribution in the state that has low vulnerability and threat at this time. These plants are uncommon, often significant locally, and should be monitored.

### 6.3.2 Sensitive Plant Communities

Sensitive habitats are defined by local, State, or Federal agencies as those habitats that support special status species, provide important habitat values for wildlife, represent areas of unusual or regionally restricted habitat types, and/or provide high biological diversity. Four of the principal plant communities within the reserve–riparian woodland, oak woodland, northern maritime chaparral and coastal terrace prairie– are designated as high priority communities in the CNDDB (CDFG 1999). This category contains native plant communities that are regarded by CDFG as having special significance under the California Environmental Quality Act. Riparian and wetland habitats are also considered sensitive under the County of San Mateo General Plan and Local Coastal Plan.

#### **Riparian Forests**

The riparian forests are all considered as sensitive habitats according to the County of San Mateo and CDFG. This status is due to the value of these forests to wildlife and the relatively limited (and declining) distribution of this habitat at the local and statewide level. These habitat types are considered areas of high biological quality, warranting preservation and management.

#### **Coastal Salt Marsh and Freshwater Marsh**

The coastal salt and freshwater marshes are considered sensitive habitats according to the County of San Mateo and CDFG. This status is due to the value of these areas to wildlife and the relatively limited (and declining) distribution of this habitat at the local and statewide level. These habitat types are considered areas of high biological quality, warranting preservation and management.

### 6.4 SENSITIVE, RARE AND ENDANGERED ANIMAL SPECIES

Some of the reserve provides habitat for species of concern, including those listed by the USFWS or CDFG as threatened or endangered. The special status animal species known or with potential to occur in the reserve are listed in Table 6.3. Two species, the Red-legged Frog and the San Francisco Common Yellowthroat, are reported within the park in the California Natural Diversity Database. These occurrences are mapped in Figure 6.2.

Table 6.3 was compiled using the following sources: *Fitzgerald Marine Reserve Draft Master Plan* (Brady/LSA August, 1999) *Fitzgerald Marine Reserve Final EIR* (Dept. of Parks and Recreation, San Mateo County 1976) California Natural Diversity Database

Fable 6.3: Special Status Animal Species that May Occur in Fitzgerald Marine Reserve or Pillar Pt. Marsh				
Spacios	Status	Known/Potential Occurronce	Typical Habitat	

Species	Status	Known/Potential Occurrence	Typical Habitat
Myrtle's Silverspot Butterfly (Speyeria zerene myrtleae)	FE	Potential	Coastal forest and wooded areas
Mission Blue Butterfly (Icaricia icarioides missionensis)	FE	Potential	Grasslands with larval food- plants ( <i>Lupinus albifrons, L.</i> <i>formosus, &amp; L. variicolor</i> )
California Red-legged Frog (Rana aura draytoni)	FT	Known	Grassland, woodland, or forest in or near water
San Francisco Garter Snake (Thamnophis sirtalis tetrataenia)	FE; SE; DFG Fully Protected	Known	Grassland, woodland, or scrub near ponds, marshes, streams, wet meadows, or other water sources
Western Pond Turtle (Clemmys marmorata)	DFG CSC, Protected	Potential	Ponds, marshes, rivers, or streams with aquatic vegetation
Double-crested Cormorant ( <i>Phalacrocorax autitus</i> ) Rookery Site	DFG CSC	Known	Estuaries, lakes, ponds, and rivers
American Bittern (Botaurus lentiginosus)	FWS: MNBMC	Known	Marsh
California Black Rail (Laterallus jamaicensis coturniculus)	ST	Potential	Marsh and wet meadow
California Clapper Rail (Rallus longirostris obsoletus)	FE; SE; DFG: Fully protected	Potential	Grassy marsh
Western Snowy Plover (Charadrius alexandrinus nivosus)	FT; DFG CSC; FWS MNBMC <sup>1</sup>	Potential	Sandy beaches
California Gull ( <i>Larus</i> californicus)	DFG CSC <sup>1</sup>	Known. Breeding status unknown.	Near water
Elegant Tern ( <i>Thalasseus elegans</i> ) nesting colony	DFG CSC; FWS: MNBMC <sup>1</sup>	Known. Breeding status unknown	Near water

Species	Status	Known/Potential Occurrence	Typical Habitat
Golden Eagle (Aquila chrysaetoes)	DFG CSC, Fully protected <sup>2</sup>	Known. Breeding status unknown.	Hunts over open areas in hilly or mountainous country
Osprey (Pandion haliaetus)	DFG CSC <sup>1</sup>	Known. Breeding status unknown	Near fresh or saltwater
American Peregrine Falcon (Falco peregrinus anatum)	SE; FWS MNBMC; DFG Fully protected <sup>1</sup>	Known. Breeding status unknown.	Wetlands and open areas with cliffs or other high perches
Merlin (Falco columbarius)	DFG CSC <sup>3</sup>	Potential	Variety of habitats
Cooper's Hawk (Accipiter cooperii)	DFG CSC <sup>1</sup>	Known. Breeding status unknown.	Woodland, forest
Sharp-shinned Hawk (Accipiter striatus)	DFG CSC <sup>1</sup>	Known. Breeding status unknown.	Mixed woodlands
White-tailed Kite ( <i>Elanus caeruleus</i> )	DFG Fully protected; FWS MNBMC <sup>1</sup>	Known. Breeding status unknown.	Grasslands, farmlands
Northern Harrier ( <i>Circus cyaneus</i> )	DFG CSC <sup>1</sup>	Known. Breeding status unknown.	Grassland, marsh
Long-eared Owl (Asio otus)	DFG CSC <sup>1</sup>	Potential	Roosts in thick woods; hunts over open fields
Short-eared Owl (Asio flammeus)	DFG CSC; FWS MNBMC <sup>1</sup>	Known. Breeding status unknown.	Open areas of marsh, grassland or tundra
Burrowing Owl ( <i>Athene cunicularia</i> ) Burrow Sites	DFG CSC; FWS MNBMC	Known	Open grassland; nests on ground in abandoned animal burrows and crevices.
Tri-colored Blackbird (Agelaius tricolor)	DFG CSC; USFWS MNBMC <sup>1</sup>	Known. Breeding status unknown.	Ponds , lakes, and marshes with cattails or bulrush
Willow Flycatcher (Empidonax traillii)	SE <sup>1</sup>	Potential	Brush, often near water
Olive-sided Flycatcher (Nuttallornis borealis)	USFWS MNBMC <sup>1</sup>	Known. Breeding status unknown.	Typically found in coniferous forest, bogs
California Horned Lark (Eremophila alpestris actia)	DFG CSC	Known	Barren ground with short grass and few bushes
San Francisco (=Salt Marsh) Common Yellowthroat (Geothlypis trichas sinuosa)	DFG CSC	Known	Grassland, scrub, marshes
Yellow Warbler (Dendroica petechia)	DFG CSC <sup>1</sup>	Known. Breeding status unknown.	Wet habitats (especially with willows and alders), open woodlands, gardens
Bank Swallow ( <i>Riparia riparia</i> )	ST <sup>1</sup>	Known. Breeding status unknown.	Nest in holes in earthen banks near water.
Black Swift (Cypseloides niger)	DFG CSC; USFWS MNBMC <sup>1</sup>	Known. Breeding status unknown.	Nests in crevices in cliffs, often below waterfalls or on sea cliffs.

Species	Status	Known/Potential Occurrence	Typical Habitat
Vaux's Swift (Chaetura vauxi)	DFG CSC; USFWS MNBMC <sup>1</sup>	Known. Breeding status unknown.	Woodlands near lakes, rivers, streams
White-throated Swift (Aeronautes saxatalis)	DFG CSC; USFWS MNBMC <sup>1</sup>	Known. Breeding status unknown.	Nest in cliff crevices and small holes in building walls or concrete bridges.
Purple Martin (Progne subis)	DFG CSC <sup>1</sup>	Known. Breeding status unknown.	Colonial cavity nester
Rufous Hummingbird (Selasphorus rufus)	USFWS MNBMC <sup>1</sup>	Known. Breeding status unknown.	Forests, edges of woods, thickets
Loggerhead Shrike (Lanius ludovicianus)	DFG CSC; USFWS MNBMC	Known	Open, brushy fields and the edges of woods
Townsend's Western Big- eared Bat (Corynorhinus (=Plecotus) townsendii townsendii)	DFG CSC	Potential	Dwells in caves, buildings.
Salt-marsh Harvest Mouse (Reithrodontomys raviventris)	FE; SE	Potential	Coastal salt marsh with dense pickleweed (Salicornia virginica)
San Francisco Dusky-footed Woodrat ( <i>Neotoma fuscipes</i> <i>annectens</i> )	DFG CSC	Potential	Forest and scrub
California Sea Lion (Zalophus californianus)	FM	Known	Coastal waters and inlets; haul out on beaches and rocks along coast.
Harbor Seal (Phoca vitulina)	FM	Known. Breeds within the reserve.	Nearshore waters and inlets; haul out on beaches and rocks along coast.
Northern Elephant Seal (Mirounga angustirostris)	FM	Known	Breeds on coastal islands. There is a breeding colony at Año Nuevo.
Southern Sea Otter (Enhydra lutris)	FT; DFG Fully Protected; FM	Known	Nearshore waters and inlets in regions where kelp forests occur
Steller's Sea Lion (Eumetopias jubatus)	FM; FT(rookery)	Known	Typically feeds in offshore waters but sometimes seen near shore. There is a breeding colony on Año Nuevo.

FT: Federally Threatened; FE: Federally Endangered; SE: State Endangered; DFG CSC: CA Dept. of Fish and Game species of concern; DFG Fully Protected: CA Dept. of Fish and Game fully protected species; USFWS MNBMC: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Serv. Migratory Nongame Birds of Management Concern; FM: Protected under the Federal Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972.

<sup>1</sup> status applies to nesting birds
 <sup>2</sup> status applies to nesting and wintering birds
 <sup>3</sup> status applies to wintering birds

### 6.5 INVASIVE, NON-NATIVE PLANT SPECIES AND PATHOGENS

#### 6.5.1 Invasive, Non-native Plant Species

Pampas grass, poison hemlock and Cape ivy, three invasive non-native plant species, have become established in several locations within the reserve. Their occurrences are discussed in the plant community type description. Other species observed within the reserve include scattered occurrences of periwinkle, yellow star thistle, Harding grass, velvet grass, garden nasturtium and Monterey cypress. The distribution of these plants, based on the volunteer field reconnaissance surveys and limited ground-truthing is depicted in Figure 6.3.

### 6.6 PLANT SPECIES LIST

Table 6.4 was compiled using the following sources: *Fitzgerald Marine Reserve Final EIR* (Dept. of Parks and Recreation, San Mateo County 1976) *Fitzgerald Marine Reserve Draft Master Plan* (Brady/LSA August, 1999)

Scientific names follow Hickman (1993).

# TABLE 6.4 PLANT SPECIES OF FITZGERALD MARINE RESERVE AND PILLAR POINTMARSH

#### Trees

Castanea sp.\* Cupressus macrocarpa\* Eucalyptus globulus\* Leptospermum laevigatum\* Myrica californica Phoenix canariensis\* Pinus radiata\* Pseudotsuga menziesii Salix coulteri Salix lasiolepis

#### Shrubs

Artemisia californica Baccharis pilularis Eriophyllum staechadifolium Genista monspessulana\* Lavatera arborea\* Lonicera involucrata Lupinus arboreus Mimulus aurantiacus Pittosporum sp.\* Rhamnus californica Rosa californica Rubus ursinus Sambucus racemosa Toxicodendron diversilobum Ulex europaeus\*

#### Herbs

Abronia latifolia Achillea millefolium Allium triquetrum\* Alyssum sp.\* Ambrosia chamissonis Anagallis arvensis\* Anaphalis margaritacea Angelica hendersonii chestnut Monterey cypress blue-gum eucalyptus Australian tea tree wax myrtle Canary Island palm Monterey pine Douglas fir Coulter's willow arroyo willow

California sagebrush coyote brush lizard tail French broom tree-mallow twinberry yellow bush lupine sticky monkey flower pittosporum coffeeberry California rose California blackberry red elderberry poison oak gorse

yellow sand verbena yarrow wild onion sweet alyssum beach bur scarlet pimpernel pearly everlasting coast angelica Apium graveolens\* Artemisia douglasiana Artemisia pycnocephala Aster chilensis Astragalus nuttalli var. virgatus Athyrium filix-femina var. cyclosorum Atriplex californica Atriplex leucophylla Atriplex patula var. patula Avena barbata\* Brassica rapa\* Brassica nigra\* Briza minor\* Bromus diandrus\* Bromus hordaceus\* Cakile maritima\* Calandrinia ciliata Camissonia cheiranthifolia Carex densa Carex obnupta Carpobrotus chilensis\* Carpobrotus edulis\* Castilleja affinis *Castilleja ambigua* Castilleja subinclusa ssp. franciscana Castilleja wightii Centaurea solstitialis\* Chamomilla suaveolens\* Chenopodium murale\* Chlorogalum pomeridianum Cicuta douglasii Cirsium vulgare\* Claytonia perfoliata Conium maculatum\* Convolvulus arvensis\* Conyza canadensis\* Coprosma sp.\* Cortaderia jubata\* Cortaderia selloana\* Cotula coronopifolia\* Cuscuta salina var. major Delairea odorata/Senecio mikanioides\* Distichlis spicata Dudleya farinosa Dryopteris arguta Echium sp.\* *Epilobium brachycarpum Epilobium ciliatum* ssp. *ciliatum* Epilobium ciliatum ssp. watsonii Epilobium densiflorum Erigeron glaucus Erigeron philadelphicus

celerv mugwort beach sagewort common aster San Francisco rattleweed western lady fern California saltbush beach saltbush spear oracle slender wild oat field mustard black mustard quaking grass ripgut brome soft chess sea rocket red maids beach evening primrose dense sedge slough sedge sea fig/iceplant hottentot fig/iceplant Indian paint brush Johnny-nip Franciscan paint brush Wight's paint brush yellow star thistle pineapple weed nettle-leaved goosefoot soap plant water-hemlock bull thistle miner's lettuce poison hemlock bindweed horseweed mirror plant Pampas/jubata grass Pampas grass brass buttons salt marsh dodder Cape/German ivy salt grass bluff lettuce coastal wood fern viper's bugloss/pride of Madeira panicled willow herb California willow herb San Francisco willow herb dense-flowered boisduvalia seaside daisy fleabane

Eriogonum latifolium Erodium cicutarium\* Eschscholzia californica *Equisetum telmateia* ssp. *braunii* Euthamia occidentalis Foeniculum vulgare\* Fragaria chiloensis Frankenia grandifolia Galium aparine\* Geranium dissectum\* Gnaphalium californicum *Gnaphalium luteo-album*\* Gnaphalium purpureum Gnaphalium ramosissimum *Gnaphalium stramineum* Grindelia stricta var. platyphylla Hedera helix\* Helenium puberulum *Heliotropum curassavicum* Heracleum lanatum *Hierochloe occidentalis* Holcus lanatus\* Hordeum murinum ssp. leporinum\* Horkelia californica Hypochaeris radicata\* Iris longipetala Iris douglasiana Jaumea carnosa Juncus bufonius Juncus effusus var. brunneus Juncus falcatus Juncus leseurii Juncus patens Juncus tenuis Lasthenia californica *Lepidium* strictum Leymus mollis Linanthus croceus Linum bienne\* Lobularia maritima\* Lolium multiflorum\* Lolium perenne\* Lomatium dasycarpum Lotus corniculatus\* Lupinus variicolor Lythrum hyssopifolia\* Lythrum salicaria\* Madia gracilis Madia madioides Madia sativa Marah fabaceus Malva nicaeensis\*

coast buckwheat red-stemmed filaree California poppy giant horsetail western goldenrod fennel beach strawberry alkali heath goose grass cut-leaf geranium California cudweed weedv cudweed purple cudweed pink everlasting cotton-batting plant Pacific grindelia English ivy sneezeweed seaside heliotrope cow-parsnip vanilla grass velvet grass foxtail California horkelia rough cat's-ear coast iris Douglas iris fleshy jaumea toad rush bog rush sickle-leaved rush salt rush spreading rush western rush goldfields wayside peppergrass American dune grass coast vellow linanthus small-flowered flax sweet alyssum Italian rye grass perennial wild rye wooly-fruited lomatium bird's foot trefoil varicolor lupine Hyssop loosestrife purple loosestrife slender tarweed woodland madia coast tarweed wild cucumber bull mallow

Medicago polymorpha\* Melilotus indica\* Mentha arvensis Mesembryanthemum sp.\* Mimulus guttatus Navarretia squarrosa Oenanthe sarmentosa Osmorhiza chilensis Oxalis pes-caprae\* Phacelia malvifolia Phalaris angusta Phalaris aquatica\* Picris echioides\* Piperia elegans Plantago lanceolata\* Plantago coronopus\* Plantago major\* Plantago maritima var. californica Polygonum arenastrum\* Polygonum amphibium var. emersum Polygonum punctatum Polypogon monspeliensis\* Polystichum munitum Potentilla egedii var. grandis Prunella vulgaris\* *Pteridium aquilinum* Raphanus sativus\* Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum Rumex acetosella\* Rumex crispus\* Rumex salcifolius var. crassus Salicornia virginica\* Sanicula crassicaulis Scirpus californicus Scirpus cernuus Scirpus koilolepis Scirpus microcarpus Scirpus robustus Scrophularia californica Sidalcea malvaeflora Silene gallica\* Silvbum marianum\* Sisvrinchium bellum Solanum americanum Solanum umbelliferum Solidago canadensis ssp. elongata Sonchus oleraceus\* Sparganium eurycarpum Spergularia macrotheca Spergularia marina Stachys chamissonis Stachys rigida

bur clover sweet clover marsh/field mint iceplant yellow monkey flower skunkweed Pacific oenanthe wood sweet cicely Bermuda buttercup stinging phacelia Harding grass bristly ox-tongue Rein orchid **English** plantain cut-leaved plantain common plantain California seaside plantain common knotweed water smartweed water smartweed rabbit's foot grass sword fern Pacific silverweed self-heal bracken fern wild radish water-cress sheep sorrel curly dock willow dock pickleweed gambleweed/Pacific sanicle California tule/bulrush low club rush dwarf/keeled club rush panicled/small-fruited bulrush prairie bulrush California bee plant checker bloom windmill pink milk thistle blue-eved grass small-flowered nightshade blue witch Canada goldenrod common sow thistle broad-fruited burreed large-flowered sand spurry salt-marsh sand spurry coast hedge nettle rigid hedge nettle

Stellaria media\* Tetragonia tetragonioides\* Trifolium willdenovii Tropeaolum majus\* Typha angustifolia Typha latifolia Urtica dioica ssp. gracilis Vicia benghalensis\* Vicia gigantea Vicia sativa\* Vinca major\* Vulpia myuros var. hirsuta Woodwardia fimbriata common chickweed New Zealand spinach tomcat clover garden nasturtium narrow-leaved cattail broad-leaved cattail hoary nettle purple vetch giant vetch spring vetch periwinkle six-weeks fescue giant chain fern

\*introduced species

# 6.7 ANIMAL SPECIES LIST

Table 6.5 was compiled from the following sources: *Fitzgerald Marine Reserve Final EIR* (Dept. of Parks and Recreation, San Mateo County 1976) *Fitzgerald Marine Reserve Draft Master Plan* (Brady/LSA August, 1999)

# TABLE 6.5ANIMAL SPECIES THAT MAY OCCUR IN FITZGERALD MARINE RESERVEOR PILLAR PT. MARSH

Insects

Danaus plexippus Icaricia icarioides missionensis Speyeria zerene myrtleae Plebeajus (=Icaricia) icariodes pheres Incisalia mossi baysensis Trichocorixa sp.

Aquatic Invertebrates (excluding insects)

Polychaetes Marine Oligochaetes Amphipods Copepods Ostracods Cladocerans Nematodes

#### Fish

*Gasterosteus aculeatus Cottus* sp.

Amphibians

Taricha torosa Ensatina eschscholtzi xanthoptica Batrachoseps attenuatus Aneides lugubris Bufo boreas halophilus Hyla regilla Rana aura draytoni

#### **Reptiles**

Clemmys marmorata Sceloporus occidentalis occidentalis Eumeces skiltonianus skiltonianus Gerrhonotus multicarinatus multicarinatus Gerrhonotus coeruleus coeruleus Charina bottae bottae Diadophis punctatus amabilis Monarch Butterfly Mission Blue Butterfly Myrtle's Silverspot Butterfly Pheres Blue Butterfly San Bruno Elfin Blue Butterfly Water Boatman

Three-spined Stickleback Sculpin

California Newt Yellow-eyed Salamander California Slender Salamander Arboreal Salamander California Toad Pacific Tree Frog California Red-legged Frog

Western Pond Turtle N.W. Fence Lizard Western Skink California Alligator Lizard San Francisco Alligator Lizard Pacific Rubber Boa Pacific Ringneck Snake Contia tenuis Coluber constrictor mormon Pituophis melanoleucus catenifer Lampropeltis getulus californiae Thamnophis sirtalis tetrataenia Thamnophis elegans terrestris Thamnophis couchi atratus

#### **Birds**

Podilymbus podiceps Phalacrocorax auritus Phalacrocorax penicillatus Phalacrocorax pelagicus Ardea herodias Ardea alba Butorides virescens Egretta thula Nycticorax nycticorax Botaurus lentiginosus Anser albifrons Anas platyrhynchos Anas strepera Anas acuta Anas crecca Anas discors Anas cyanoptera Anas americana Anas clypeata *Aythya americana* Avthva valisneria Avthva marila Aythya affinis Bucephala albeola Oxvura jamaicensis *Cathartes aura* Elanus leucurus Accipiter striatus Accipter cooperii Buteo jamaicensis Buteo lineatus Buteo lagopus Aquila chrysaetoes Circus cyaneus Pandion haliaetus *Falco columbarius* Falco peregrinus *Falco sparverius* Lophortyx californicus Phasianus colchicus Rallus limicola Porzana carolina

Sharp-tailed Snake Western Yellow-bellied Racer Pacific Gopher Snake California Kingsnake San Francisco Garter Snake Coast Garter Snake Santa Cruz Garter Snake

Pied-billed Grebe Double-crested Cormorant Brandt's Cormorant Pelagic Cormorant Great Blue Heron Great Egret Green Heron Snowy Egret Black-crowned Night Heron American Bittern White-fronted Goose Mallard Gadwall Pintail American Green-winged Teal Blue-winged Teal Cinammon Teal American Widgeon Northern Shoveler Redhead Canvasback Greater Scaup Lesser Scaup Bufflehead Ruddy Duck Turkey Vulture White-tailed Kite Sharp-shinned Hawk Cooper's Hawk Red-tailed Hawk Red-shouldered Hawk Rough-legged Hawk Golden Eagle Northern Harrier Osprey Merlin Peregrine Falcon American Kestrel California Quail **Ring-necked Pheasant** Virginia Rail Sora

Laterallus jamaicensis Rallus longirostris obsoletus Gallinula chloropus Fulica americana Haematopus bachmani *Charadrius semipalmatus* Charadrius alexandrinus Charadrius vociferus Pluvialis dominica Pluvialis squatarola Aphriza virgata Arenaria interpres Arenaria melanocephala Capella gallinago Numenius americanus Numenius phaeopus Actitis macularia Heteroscelus incanus Catoptrophorus semipalmatus Tringa melanoleucos Tringa flavipes Calidris canutus Calidris ptilocnemis Calidris melanotos Calidris bairdii Calidris minutilla Calidris alpina Calidris mauri Calidris alba Limnodromus griseus Limnodromus scolopaceus Limosa fedoa Recurvirostra americana Himantopus mexicanus Phalaropus fulicarius Steganopus tricolor Lobipes lobatus Larus glaucescens Larus occidentalis Larus argentatus Larus thayeri Larus californicus Larus delawarensis Larus canus Larus philadelphia Larus heermanni Rissa trdactyla Sterna forsteri Sterna hirundo Thalasseus elegans *Hydroprogne caspia* Cepphus columba

Black Rail California Clapper Rail **Common Gallinule** American Coot Black Oystercatcher Semipalmated Plover Snowy Plover Killdeer American Golden Plover Black-bellied Plover Surfbird Ruddy Turnstone Black Turnstone Common Snipe Long-billed Curlew Whimbrel Spotted Sandpiper Wandering Tattler Willet Greater Yellowlegs Lesser Yellowlegs Red Knot Rock Sandpiper Pectoral Sandpiper Baird's Sandpiper Least Sandpiper Dunlin Western Sandpiper Sanderling Short-billed Dowitcher Long-billed Dowitcher Marbled Godwit American Avocet Black-necked Stilt **Red Phalarope** Wilson's Phalarope Northern Phalarope Glaucous-winged Gull Western Gull Herring Gull Thaver's Gull California Gull **Ring-billed Gull** Mew Gull Bonaparte's Gull Heermann's Gull Black-legged Kittiwake Forster's Tern Common Tern Elegant Tern Caspian Tern Pigeon Guillemot

Columba fasciata Columba livia Zenaida macroura Tvto alba Bubo virginianus Speotyto cunicularia Asio flammeus Asio otus Cypseloides niger Chaetura vauxi Aeronautes saxatalis Calvpte anna Selasphorus rufus Selasphorus sasin Megaceryle alcyon *Colaptes auratus* Colaptes auratus Sphyrapicus nuchalis Dendrocopos villosus Dendrocopos pubescens Tvrannus verticalis *Tyrannus melancholicus* Myiarchus cinerascens Empidonax difficilis Contopus sordidulus Sayornis nigricans Sayornis saya Empidonax hammondii Empidonax difficilis Empidonax traillii Nuttallornis borealis Eremophila alpestris Tachycinetta thalassina Iridoprocne bicolor *Riparia riparia* Stelgidopteryx serripennis Hirundo rustica Petrochelidon pyrrhonota Progne subis *Cyanocitta stelleri* Aphelocoma coerulescens Corvus corax Corvus brachyrhynchos Parus rufescens Parus inornatus *Psaltriparus minimus* Sitta canadensis Sitta carolinensis Sitta pygmaea Certhia familiaris Chamaea fasciata Troglodytes aedon

**Band-tailed** Pigeon **Rock Dove** Morning Dove Barn Owl Great Horned Owl Burrowing Owl Short-eared Owl Long-eared Owl Black Swift Vaux's Swift White-throated Swift Anna's Hummingbird **Rufous Hummingbird** Allen's Hummingbird Belted King Fisher Common Flicker "Yellow Shafted" Common Flicker "Red Shafted" Red-naped Sapsucker Hairy Woodpecker Downy Woodpecker Western Kingbird **Tropical Kingbird** Ash-throated Flycatcher Western Flycatcher Western Wood Pewee **Black Phoebe** Say's Phoebe Hammond's Flycatcher Western Flycatcher Willow Flycatcher Olive-sided Flycatcher Horned Lark Violet-green Swallow Tree Swallow Bank Swallow Rough-winged Swallow Barn Swallow **Cliff Swallow Purple Martin** Steller's Jay Scrub Jav Common Raven Common Crow Chestnut-backed Chickadee Plain Titmouse Bushtit Red-breasted Nuthatch White-breasted Nuthatch Pygmy Nuthatch Brown Creeper Wrentit House Wren

Troglodytes troglodytes Thryomanes bewickii Cisthorus palustris Salpinctes obsoletus Mimus polyglottos Toxostoma redivivum Turdus migratorius *Ixoreus naevius* Catharus guttatus Catharus ustulatus Sialia mexicana Regulus satrapa Regulus calendula Anthus spinoletta Bombycilla cedrorum Lanius ludovicianus Sturnus vulgaris Vireo huttoni Vireo solitarius Vireo gilvus Mniotitla varia Vermivora peregrina Vermivora celata Vermivora ruficapilla Dendroica petechia Dendroica magnolia *Dendroica caerulescens* Dendroica coronata Dendroica coronata Dendroica nigrescens Dendroica townsendi Dendroica occidentalis Dendroica fusca Dendroica pensylvanica Dendroica striata Dendroica discolor Dendroica palmarum Seiurus noveboracensis **Oporornis** tolmiei Geothlypis trichas sinuosa Wilsonia citrina Wilsonia pusilla Setophaga ruticilla Passer domesticus Dolichonyx oryzivorus Sturnella neglecta Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus Agelaius phoeniceus Agelaius tricolor Icterus galbula Euphagus cyanocephalus Molothrus ater

Winter Wren Bewick's Wren Long-billed Marsh Wren Rock Wren Mockingbird California Thrasher American Robin Varied Thrush Hermit Thrush Swainson's Thrush Western Bluebird Golden-crowned Kinglet Ruby-crowned Kinglet Water Pipit Cedar Waxwing Loggerhead Shrike Starling Hutton's Vireo Solitary Vireo Warbling Vireo Black & White Warbler Tennessee Warbler Orange-crowned Warbler Nashville Warbler Yellow-Warbler Magnolia Warbler Black-throated Blue Warbler Yellow-rumped Warbler "Mvrtle" Yel.-rumped Warbler "Audubon's" Black-throated Gray Warbler Townsend's Warbler Hermit Warbler Blackburnian Warbler Chestnut-sided Warbler Blackpoll Warbler Prairie Warbler Palm Warbler Northern Waterthrush Mac Gillivray's Warbler Saltmarsh Common Yellowthroat Hooded Warbler Wilson's Warbler American Redstart House Sparrow **Bobolink** Western Meadowlark Yellow-headed Blackbird Red-winged Blackbird Tri-colored Blackbird Northern Oriole Brewer's Blackbird Brown-headed Cowbird

Piranga ludoviciana *Pheucticus melanocephalus* Carpodacus purpureus Carpodacus mexicanus Spinus pinus Spinus tristis Spinus psaltria Loxia curvirostra *Pipilo ervthrophthalmus* Pipilo fuscus Calamospiza melanocorys Passerculus sandwichensis Pooecetes gramineus *Chondestes grammacus* Junco hvemalis Zonotrichia albicollis Zonotrichia leucophrys Zonotrichia atricapilla Passerella iliaca Melospiza lincolnii Melospiza melodia Calcarius sp.

#### <u>Mammals</u>

Didelphis virginiana Sorex vagrans Sorex ornatus Sorex trowbridgii Scapanus latimanus Neurotrichus gibbsii Myotis thysanodes Myotis californicus Myotis volans *Myotis evotis* Myotis yumanensis Lasiurus cinerus Lasiurus borealis *Eptesicus fuscus* Pipistrellus hesperus Antrozous pallidus Plecotus townsendii Corynorhinus (=Plecotus) townsendii townsendii Tadarida brasiliensis Sylvilagus audubonii Sylvilagus bachmani *Eutamias merriami* Spermophilus beechevi Thomomys bottae Reithrodontomys megalotis Peromyscus californicus Peromyscus boylii

Western Tanager Black-headed Grosbeak Purple Finch House Finch Pine Siskin American Goldfinch Lesser Goldfinch Red Crossbill Rufous-sided Towhee Brown Towhee Lark Bunting Savannah Sparrow Vesper Sparrow Lark Sparrow Dark-eved Junco White-throated Sparrow White-crowned Sparrow Golden-crowned Sparrow Fox Sparrow Lincoln's Sparrow Song Sparrow Longspur

Virginia Opossum Vagrant Shrew **Ornate Shrew** Trowbridge Shrew Broad-footed Mole Shrew-Mole Fringed Myotis California Myotis Long-legged/Hairy winged Myotis Long-eared Myotis Yuma Myotis Hoary Bat Red Bat **Big Brown Bat** Western Pipistrelle Pallid Bat Lump-nosed Bat Townsend's Western Big-eared Bat Brazilian Free-tailed Bat Desert Cottontail Brush Rabbit Merriam Chipmunk California Ground Squirrel Botta Pocket Gopher Western Harvest Mouse California Deer Mouse Brush Mouse

Peromyscus maniculatus Peromyscus truei Neotoma fuscipes *Microtus californicus* Perognathus californicus Dipodomys venustus Rattus rattus *Rattus norvegicus* Mus musculus Urocyon cinereoargenteus Canis latrans Procyon lotor Mustela frenata Mephitis mephitis Spilogale putorius Felis rufus Felis cattus Phoca vitulina Zalophus californianus Eumetopias jubatus Mirounga angustirostris Enhydra lutris Odocoileus hemionus columbianus

Deer Mouse Pinon Mouse Dusky-footed Wood Rat California Meadow Mouse California Pocket Mouse Narrow-faced Kangaroo Rat Black Rat Norway Rat House Mouse Gray Fox Coyote Raccoon Long-tailed Weasel Striped Skunk Spotted Skunk Bobcat Domestic House Cat Harbor Seal California Sea Lion Steller's Sea Lion Northern Elephant Seal Southern Sea Otter Black-tailed Deer