



NORTHCOAST REGIONAL LAND TRUST

The McNamara Dairy consists of two parcels that are connected by a 30-foot-wide corridor. Located on the north bank of the Redwood Creek Estuary, the property is a historical floodplain, but is now separated from the river by the Redwood Creek levee constructed in 1967. The lower parcel is a traditional pasture, dominated by grasses and forbs, with significant patches of invasive thistle and Himalaya blackberry bushes. A drainage canal runs along the northern side of the levee, which is located at the southern extent of the property. The upper wetland parcel contains rushes, skunk cabbage, and other water-reliant plant species as well as at least one species of



invasive grass (*Spartina*). Sand Cache Creek, a tributary to the Redwood Creek estuary, runs through the middle of the parcel. The variety of habitats found on the McNamara Dairy property (wetlands, freshwater creek, estuary, pasture, spruce bog, willow clusters) has allowed for a wide assortment of native plant and animal species to thrive in a relatively small area. Migratory waterfowl, raptors, and numerous songbirds call the area home. A recent informal bird survey by the Land Trust and US Fish &

Wildlife Service (USFWS) staff found at least 26 bird species occurring in this area, and as many as 100 more species were observed at the mouth of Redwood Creek, one mile away. Deer and elk regularly travel through the area. The property's proximity to Redwood National State Park, and the other relatively undisturbed private lands within the valley, provide some continuity of habitat for these migrating species.

The Land Trust will work with [US Fish & Wildlife Service](#) and local specialists to develop a restoration and management plan that will direct restoration activities to improve habitat conditions for wildlife and increase agricultural productivity.