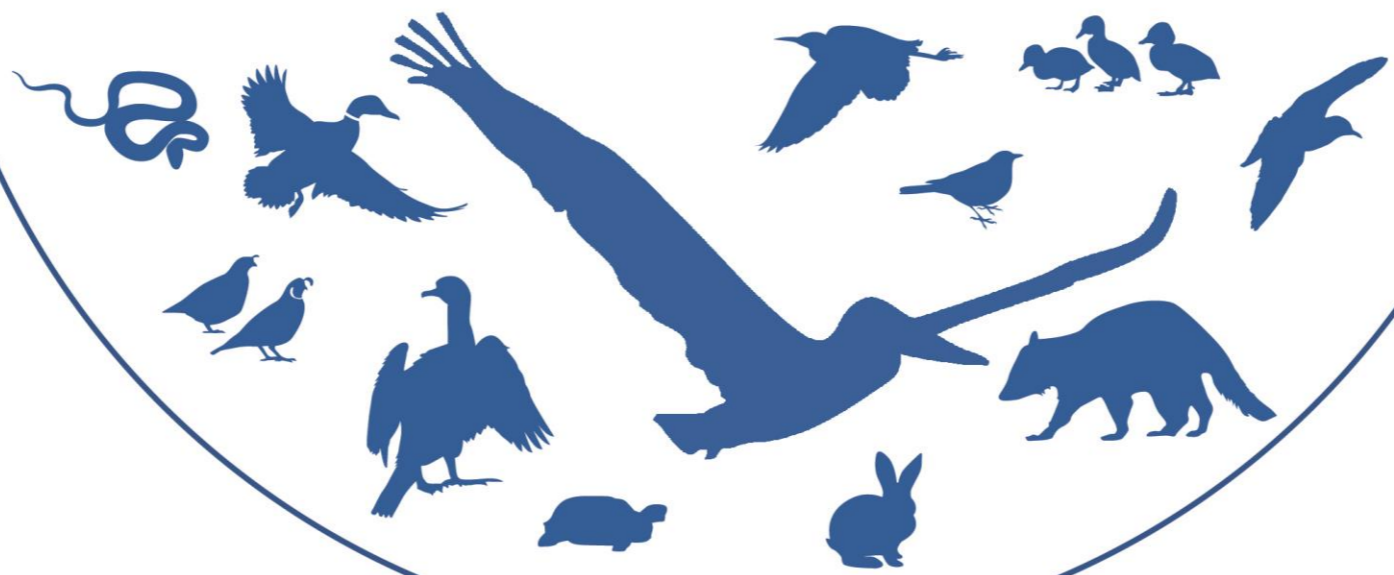




Santa Barbara
Wildlife Care Network
SAVING & SERVING WILDLIFE SINCE 1988





2019:

21 Pelicans

82 Gulls

206 Grebes

33 Loons

6 Herons

33 Cormorants



2018:

76 Pelicans

188 Gulls

214 Grebes

55 Loons

62 Herons

99 Cormorants

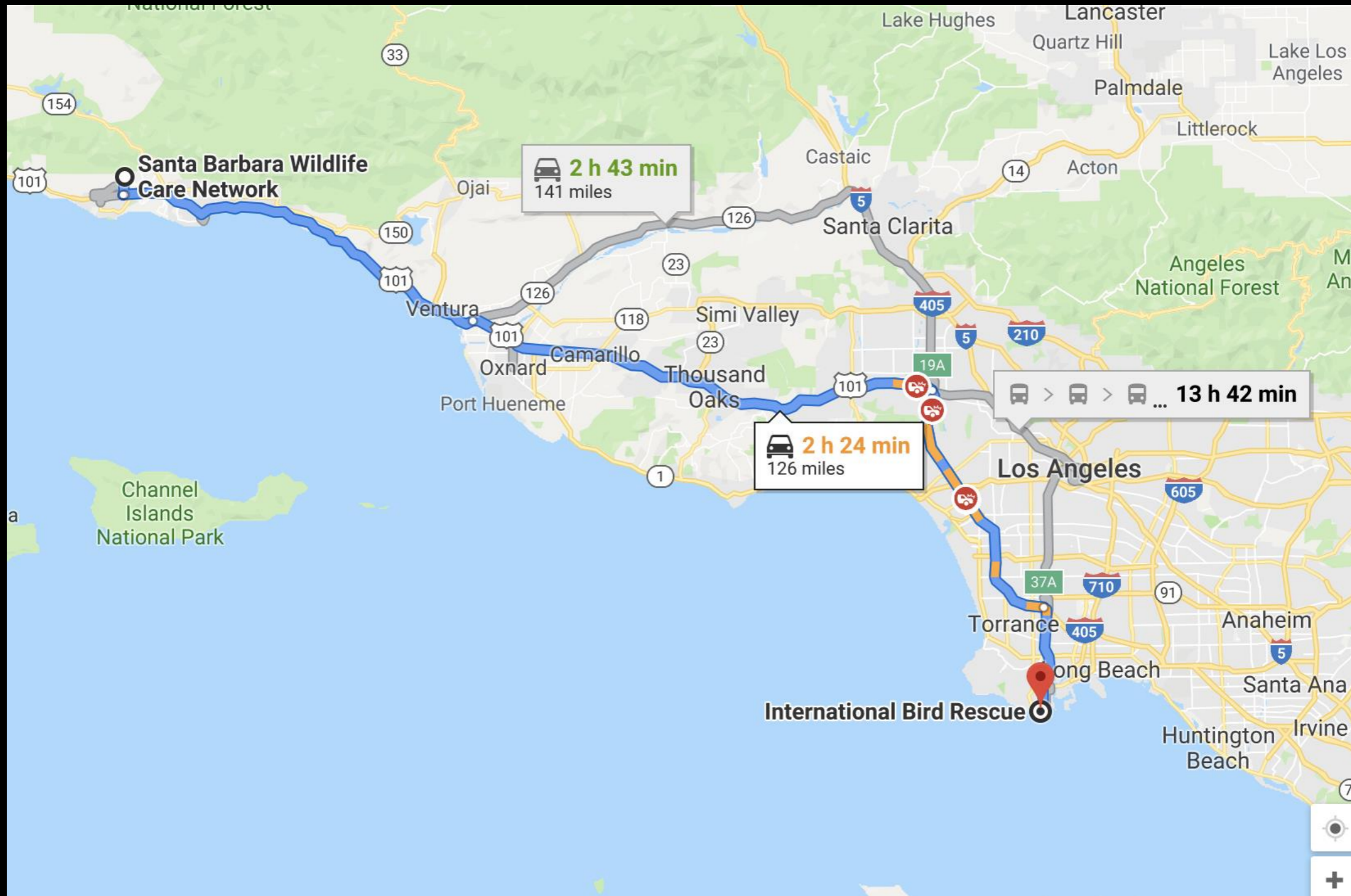


Oiled Birds

- 2019: 187
- 2018: 134
- 2017: 103
- 2016: 110
- 2015: 529



The Tuesday “Bird Run”



Birds transferred to International Bird Rescue (IBR)

- 2019: 260
- 2018: 361
- 2017: 382
- 2016: 256
- 2015: 629



Removing oil from birds

- long, intensive process of ensuring waterproofing
- SBWCN acts as stabilization. We wash beaks, feet, and eyes and prepare the birds for transport.
- Methyl soyate is used to reduce handling time with the birds, its the best remover for oil.
- Removing oil and washing birds is extremely stressful on the bird

Oil spill response

- Each oiled event is different: Sludge pits at oil fields, natural seepage, smaller scale spills (Haskell's), large spills (Refugio), leaking wells, leaking pipelines....all can affect various wildlife populations from seabirds to terrestrial animals.
- Some animals net bottoms: Pelagic Species (Murre, Grebe, Loon, Petrels, Pigeon Guillemot, and Aucklet)
- During Refugio spill the MASH unit (Mobile Avian Stabilization Hospital) was not equipped with Pelican recovery supplies. SBWCN needs to have equipment for all the species we can anticipate being affected.
- Speed is key. The faster we can get the oil off, the more comfortable they are and burns are avoided. Methyl soyate is superior for this removal and for the speed of removal.

Being prepared

- Domoic Acid Poisoning
- Food Cycle fluctuations
- Altered migration patterns
- Daily occurrences (cat attacks, car strikes, fishing hooks)
- Wildfires (evacuations)
- Any natural event affects wildlife, and thus affects the operations of Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network



*Baby grebe is totally new for SBWCN
It's parents should have migrated
And grebe don't generally
Hatch in our area. International Bird Rescue has NEVER
had one of these either.*

