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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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To: Airport Manager, Sacramento International Airport (SMF), CA, FAA (AWP-600) 2394811

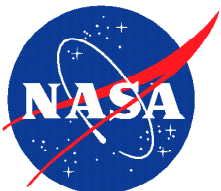
Info: FAA (Director of Air Traffic Operations WSA, AAS-1, AAS-300, ATM SMF Tower, AVP-1, AVP-200, AFS-260, AFS-200, Runway Safety Team), A4A, AAAE, ALPA, AOPA, APA, ASAP, ATSAP, ATSG, CAPA, IATA, ICASS, IFALPA, NATCA, NBAA, NTSB, RAA, SWAPA

From: Becky L. Hooey, Director
NASA Aviation Safety Reporting System

Re: SMF Airport Wildlife Activity

We recently received ASRS reports describing a safety concern that may involve your area of operational responsibility. We do not have sufficient details to assess either the factual accuracy or possible gravity of the report. It is our policy to relay the reported information to the appropriate authority for evaluation and any necessary follow-up. We feel you should be aware of the enclosed deidentified report.

To properly assess the usefulness of our alert message service, we would appreciate it if you would take the time to give us your feedback on the value of the information that we have provided. Please contact Dr. Becky Hooey at (408) 541-2854 or email at becky.l.hooey@nasa.gov.



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ACN 2394811**DATE / TIME**

Date of Occurrence	202607
Local Time Of Day	1801 to 2400

PLACE

Locale	SMF.Airport
State	CA
Altitude - AGL	0

AIRCRAFT / EQUIPMENT X

ATC / Advisory - Tower	SMF
Make Model Name	Commercial Fixed Wing
Operating Under FAR Part	121

PERSON 1

Function - Flight Crew	First Officer
ASRS Report Number	2394811

EVENTS

Anomaly	Ground Event / Encounter - Person / Animal / Bird
Detector - Person	Flight Crew
Result - General	None Reported / Taken

NARRATIVE 1

This was the second bird strike for this crew at SMF in this aircraft on this same day.

Taxiing out, we noticed numerous rabbits, numerous small birds, and several raptors hunting the aforementioned prey in the area. On the takeoff roll, just prior to V1, a raptor entered the runway environment and impacted the aircraft in the upper right-hand corner of the CA's L1 window. No damage was immediately noted, and no adverse engine indications were noted so takeoff was continued. Above acceleration height, and after the AFTER TAKEOFF checklist, we assessed the situation and decided to continue. The remainder of the flight and landing at ZZZ continued without incident.

Wildlife mitigation ABSOLUTELY MUST be taken more seriously at the SMF airport. I have never seen such an abundance of wildlife on any airport property I have ever operated at, and certainly have never had TWO bird strikes at two different times on the same day at the same airport – a situation which I'm sure has little precedent in this industry.

SYNOPSIS

Air carrier First Officer reported multiple bird strikes at SMF occurred on the same day, and noted considerable wildlife activity at the airport.