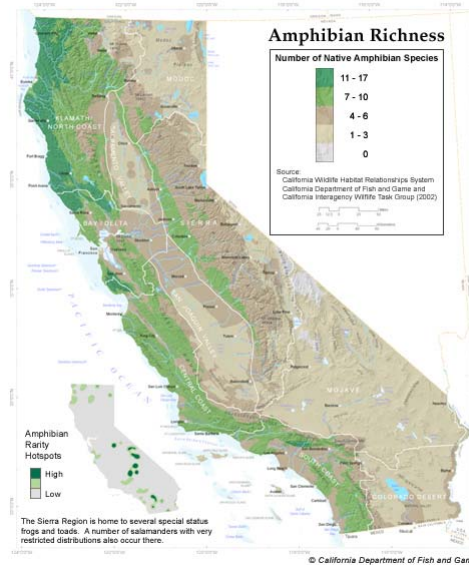
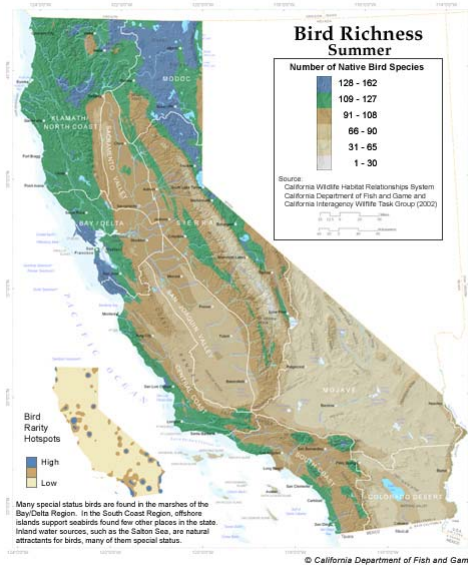


# California the “Golden State”

California is one of the most biologically diverse areas in the world



Scans from ‘Atlas of the Biodiversity of CA’

**There are 961 native vertebrates in California, 65% of these animals are found only in California!**

540 birds, 77 reptiles, 47 amphibians, 214 mammals and 83 freshwater fish

**The California Floristic Province is the largest avian breeding ground in the United States!**

Each year, some 14 million wild ducks and geese funnel down the Pacific Flyway where 65% of them (over 9 million birds) winter in the wetlands of California’s Central Valley

**There are about 30,000 species of insects recorded from California!**