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Ducks evicted from Laguna wetlands

• Domestic water fowl will be removed from habitat intended for native wild species

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SEBASTOPOL — Domestic ducks will be trapped and taken away from ponds in the city's Laguna Wetlands Preserve this week because the ducks are not wild.

"The whole idea of the Laguna preserve is to restore wildlife habitat" said Kenyon Webster, the city's planning director. "This is intended to be a native wild animal preserve."

The captured ducks will be turned over to duck rescue volunteers and will be relocated to safe and more appropriate environments, said Webster.

About two dozen ducks swimming on the city's former wastewater holding pond behind the Sebastopol Teen Center this week will be relocated because their presence is "inconsistent" with the

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NON-NATIVE — These domestic ducks living in the Laguna de Santa Rosa Wetlands Preserve will be captured and relocated according to an effort now under way by city officials and representatives of the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation. The non-native species are considered incompatible with the Laguna Preserve's goal of providing habitat for native wildlife.

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