

## Last 2 Months - Dead Bird Surveillance Summary Los Angeles County Veterinary Public Health

### August 2006

296 birds total reported dead in Los Angeles County for month (includes reports coming from state's WNV hotline).

- 11 die-offs of 3 or more dead birds in same location.
  - Size of die-offs
    - Range = 3-10 birds
    - Median = 4 birds
    - Mean = 5 (4.8)
- 91 calls to VPH about dead birds.
- 45 cases in which VPH collected bird carcasses as a result of call.

9 carcasses sent to CAHFS Lab for necropsy and avian influenza testing in August 06.

Bird	Zip Code	Results	Final?
1 pigeon in 4 pigeon die-off	90605	Sarcocystosis. AI/END neg. No WNV	No
1 Great Blue Heron	90744	Trauma. Salmonella. AI/END neg	No
1 Mallard Duck	90221	Trauma, aspergillosis. AI/END/WNV Neg	YES
1 finch in a 5-finch die-off	91316	Pulmonary and esophageal squamous cell carcinoma, bacterial infection WNV PCR POSTIVE.	YES
1 canary in a 4 canary die-off	91702	Suspect systemic viral infection. AI/ END/WNV Neg	YES
1 canary in a 6 canary die-off	90703	lung edema	No
1 seagull	90292	Suspect botulism. AI/ END/WNV Neg.	YES
1 Mallard Duck	91311	WNV neg. Atherosclerosis.	No
1 dove in a 10-15 dove die-off	90001		No

24 VecTests done (11 Positive. 13 Negative). VecTest is a rapid, in-house test for West Nile Virus performed only on dead crows, ravens, and jays.

26 carcasses shipped to the state's WNV Surveillance Program.

## July 2006

**270** birds total reported dead in Los Angeles County for the month (includes reports coming from state's WNV hotline)

- 9 die-offs of three or more birds in same location.
  - Size of die-offs
    - Range = 3-20 birds
    - Median = 6 birds
    - Mean = 7 (7.2)
- 71 calls to VPH about dead birds.
- 24 cases in which VPH collected bird carcasses as a result of call.

**3** carcasses sent to CAHFS Lab for necropsy and avian influenza testing in July 06. All FINAL.

<b>Bird</b>	<b>Zip Code</b>	<b>Results</b>	<b>Final?</b>
1 Snowy Egret in a 2 egret + 1 heron die-off in LONG BEACH (at LB request)	90803	Diagnosis uncertain. AI/END/WNV Neg.	YES
1 finch in an 8 miscellaneous bird die-off.	90247	Trichomoniasis. AI/END/WNV Neg.	YES
1 Peking duck in 9-duck die-off	91733	Botulism. AI/END/WNV Neg	YES

**3** VecTests done (all Negative). VecTest is a rapid, in-house test for West Nile Virus performed only on dead crows, ravens, and jays.

**20** carcasses shipped directly to the state's WNV Surveillance Program.