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### Editorial Review

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Hunted for their meat and hides, Tule elk disappeared from much of California in the wake of the Gold Rush of 1849. Many varieties of waterfowl, grasses, fish, and reptiles once lived in tidal wetlands now swallowed up by metropolitan growth. Yet the elk are back in small numbers after a herd was reintroduced on the Point Reyes Peninsula; wetlands are being restored; and the area around San Francisco is benefiting from a growing awareness that its natural wealth has been needlessly squandered--and that something can be done about it. Wildlife photographers Galen Rowell and Michael Sewell document this story in a wonderful collection of plates, backed by a well-written, informative text.

#### Review

"Galen Rowell's *Bay Area Wild* is a vivid evocation, and a record of a heritage...a book to dream over and an instruction manual on how to see." --Robert Hass, former United States poet laureate

"As a big fan of Galen Rowell's photography, I heartily welcome and recommend this magnificent collaborative collection. Michael Sewell's photos are amazing--even to this lifelong resident. [This book] give[s] us so much of the native beauty of the Bay Area back country on the edge of our urban landscape." -Dianne Feinstein, United States Senator

"This work captures the extraordinary contrast between civilization and the wild that exists in the Bay Area. These beautiful photographs remind me of why I feel so lucky to call California my home." --Barbara Boxer, United States Senator

"A splendid look at the unrivaled natural beauty and diversity of the San Francisco metropolitan area--and a vivid story of its preservation by the energy and devotion of generations of citizens." --Ernest Callenbach, author of *Ecotopia*

"Galen Rowell's brilliant photography brings us back to that wonderful world of nature that exists all around us here in the Bay Area--and it truly is a joy to behold." --San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown -- *Review*

#### From the Inside Flap

The San Francisco Bay Area holds the most extensive system of wild greenbelts of any major metropolitan area in the world. More than 200 parks, preserves, and other protected areas can be found within forty miles of the city. Together, they exceed Yosemite National Park in size, biodiversity, and visitation. With stunning photography and thoughtful text, this book is the first to celebrate these separate national, state, regional, county, local, and private entities as a whole.

Galen Rowell's books about wild places enjoy wide appeal because he reveals--in images and words--the essential nature of his subjects. The 172 photographs in this book--of rugged coasts, wild animals, redwood forests, wildflower meadows, oak woodlands, river deltas, bay wetlands, and mountain ranges--are every bit as evocative as images that lure travelers to far corners of the earth.

Working with Rowell to create this stunning collection of images was award-winning photographer Michael Sewell, another Bay Area native. Sewell has spent years photographing Bay Area wildlife, using a combination of remote cameras triggered by infrared beams and Native American animal calls to record elusive creatures at close range in their natural habitat. Often working together in the field, Rowell and Sewell spent two years completing their coverage of Bay Area wildlands, wetlands, and waters.

Spectacular photographs and Galen Rowell's rich descriptions of magnificent Bay Area landscapes, as well as interviews with the men and women who were instrumental in preserving them, combine to make *Bay Area Wild* an unforgettable celebration of these unique national treasures.

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