Plants and Wildlife

Bird species seen here include:
American Crow, American Goldfinch, American Robin, Anna’s Hummingbird, Blue Heron, Brown-headed Cowbird, Brown Creeper, Cedar Waxwing, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Evening Grosbeak, Great Egret, Hawks (Cooper’s, Red-tail and Sharp-shinned), Finches (House, Purple), Kinglets (Golden-crowned, Ruby-crowned), Mallard, Northern Flicker, Osprey, Red-winged Blackbird, Sparrows (Song, White-crowned), Spotted Towhee, Starling, Steller’s Jay, Swainson’s Thrush, Swallows (Barn, Tree, Violet-green), Warblers (Wilson’s, Yellow), Willow Flycatcher, Wrens (Bewick’s, Winter), Wrentit

Trees and shrubs include:

Other native plants include:
Arrowhead, Beach Strawberry, Cattails, Corn Lily (False Hellebore), Cow Parsnip, False Lily-of-the-Valley, Ferns (Lady, Sword), Horsetail, Pacific Silverweed, Pacific Water Parsley, Rushes, Sedges, Water-platant

Invasive plants include:
Bindweed (Morning Glory), Creeping Buttercup, Crocosmia (Montbretia), English Holly, English Ivy, Himalayan Blackberry

Park History

The central area of what was to become the City of Yachats was at one time a rich coastal marshland. It was home to a wide variety of native plants and wildlife, and served as a resting place for migrating waterfowl. As the city developed, the natural character of the area slowly degraded, overwhelmed by construction debris dumps and non-native invasive plants.

An old grainy photograph of the undis turbed marshland was enough to inspire a small group of locals to initiate a restoration project. That was in 2003. With considerable help from the City and the community, the Yachats Community Park Task Force spent four years researching, planning, and securing the funds necessary to return the center of Yachats to a productive, functioning wetland.

Although the restoration project was completed in 2007, the Yachats Community Park continues to evolve. Volunteers maintain the trails through the park and control the many invasive plant species that threaten to take over. As of 2022, plans are afoot to transform the grass field in the north-eastern corner of the park into a green space with paths and gathering areas.

More information about the park and its history can be found at the kiosk near the pavilion.

The Yachats Community Park

The park is accessible from 4th St, 5th St, 7th St and Ocean View Drive (refer to map inside)