PROTECTED NATURAL AREAS

The UC Natural Reserve System is a *library of ecosystems* across California. No other network of field sites matches its size, scope, and ecological diversity. Since 1965, the NRS has offered *outdoor laboratories* to field scientists, *classrooms without walls* for students, and *nature’s inspiration* to all.

A VITAL RESOURCE

100,000+
users each year

EARLY CAREER SUPPORT

Mildred E. Mathias Graduate Student Research Grants

486 GRADUATE STUDENTS 30 YEARS

$906,444 GIVEN

WORKING AS A SYSTEM

California Heartbeat Initiative
Monitoring water in California ecosystems via remote sensing technologies like drones.

California Ecology and Conservation
Program immerses UC undergraduates in field research and scientific training at reserves.

Climate Monitoring Network
Climate stations at reserves make environmental data available to all.

BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION

- 30% of California’s native plant species
- 15 of California’s 24 imperiled amphibian species
- First wild-fledged condor chick in 100 years

ENGAGING SCHOOLCHILDREN

7,400+
K–12 students visit each year

EXTERNAL GRANT FUNDING

$220+
MILLION
supports research at reserves