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**From:** Dan Cooper/Cooper Ecological <lathrotriccus@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 29, 2016 1:15 PM  
**To:** Richard Brody; Karina Johnston; Edith Read  
**Subject:** Got 'im (rail)  
**Attachments:** RIRA 29Apr16.jpg

Don Sterba reports photographing (the) Ridgway's Rail at Ballona Freshwater Marsh this AM:

Date: 4/29/16 11:43 am  
From: Don Sterba <donsterba...> [LACoBirds] <LACoBirds-noreply...>  
Subject: [LACoBirds] ABC: Ridgway's Rail at Ballona Freshwater Marsh Fri 29 Apr

This morning at 8 AM I photographed a Ridgway's Rail while standing near the chain-link fenced inlet at the mid-Lincoln leg of the public path.

This likely is the bird whose call Jonathan Coffin recorded a few weeks ago in a different part of the marsh.

Rail location: Lat, Lon = 33.968893, -118.429442 My location: Lat, Lon = 33.969339, -118.429141

I posted a photo in the Rails album.

I did NOT see or hear: Least Bittern, American Bittern, Virginia Rail

Don Sterba  
Culver City

I'm attaching a screenshot of the photo. Looks like a giant Virginia Rail w/o the gray cheeks.

This is the longest-staying individual in modern (post-1950s) history in Ballona. The Bolsa Chica birds started with one, so we'll see if this one can attract a mate.

Dan

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