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Cc: [Clevenstine, Alyssa J](#); [Marquez, Miguel A](#)
Subject: Re: Endemic Farallon Islands NWR Species?
Date: Thursday, September 9, 2021 9:45:05 AM

Great! Thanks.

Miguel, maybe something to share for Farallon Friday, or create a similar post?

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Hi All,

Thank you so much again for the information! Here is the Facebook post: <https://www.facebook.com/USFWS/posts/10159737021415775>

-Becca

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Rebecca,
Please share any Farallon cricket media you produce, and please include Miguel Marquez (cc'ed) who often does a Farallon Friday post on our Refuge Facebook page.
Thanks!

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You can credit the photos to Point Blue Conservation Science.

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Hi Gerry,

This is great! Thank you so much for this info! I'll send you the post metrics next week so you can see how it did.

Thanks again!

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From: McChesney, Gerry <gerry_mcchesney@fws.gov>
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Sorry for the delay getting you some info. Here's some info on the Farallon camel cricket. Hopefully you can still use it.

- The Farallon camel cricket (*Farallonophilus cavernicolus*) is endemic to the Farallon Islands National Wildlife Refuge off the California coast near San Francisco.
- They were not described as a species until 1972.
- Their habitat is limited to a small number of ancient sea caves which now sit above the water line. The majority of the population occurs in just one cave.
- Very rare, the species numbers less than 5,000 individuals.
- They are an ancient species. Recent genetic analyses show the Farallon camel cricket lineage diverged from their closest relatives 8.9 million years ago.
- The main current threat to the species is from introduced, invasive house mice. House mice feed heavily on island insects and attract a wintering population of burrowing owls, which feed heavily on mice, camel crickets, and other rare species.

Attached is a ppt with photos you are welcome to use. I'm actually not sure who took these, so you can credit to FWS file photo.

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Thanks, Gerry! If any of the species are at all harmed by the mice on the island, we might want to consider choosing that species to highlight. May be a good test to see if we're able to get any supportive reactions or somehow loop the mouse eradication project into our wording.

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Two island endemics are Farallon arboreal salamander (subspecies) and Farallon camel cricket (endemic species).

Maritime goldfield is endemic to seabird rock and islands from central Oregon to central California. Not many places where it's found and only two that I know of that have substantial populations: Farallon Islands NWR and Castle Rock NWR (off Crescent City, CA).

We'll pick one and round up some info for you. Probably go with the cricket.

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Hi Gerry,

The Service is planning on supporting a California Biodiversity Day campaign running from September 7-12. Our social media coordinator is looking to highlight some endemic California species on our social media accounts, and I wanted to check to see if there were one or two species on Farallon NWR that we may want to highlight. Are there any species you can think of that fit the bill? If yes, can you let me know and point us in the direction of some interesting facts?

Copying our digital lead, Rebecca Fabbri, for awareness. More info about the campaign: <https://resources.ca.gov/biodiversityday2021>

Thanks!

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