

In 2003 the Illahee residential community was built around an existing wetland, a portion of which was turned over to the City of Sammamish. Residential water runoff has resulted in increased water levels, and changes to both plants and wildlife have occurred now that it is no longer grazed by farm animals.



Local residents with the support of the City of Sammamish are removing invasive plants such as Himalayan blackberries, Scotch broom, and tansy ragwort and replacing them with natives to increase plant diversity and habitat.



Human activity has resulted in a loss of native habitat which hosts insects. Without insects, we lose birds. As restoration efforts have progressed, over 90 bird species have been recorded by birders visiting the wetland. Other species are also thriving, including opossums who eat lots of things, including snails and slugs. Too many slugs? Not enough opossums!

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Trees	Quail	Mourning Dove	Band-tailed Pigeon	Hummingbird	Woodpecker	Flycatcher	Vireo	Jay	Chickadee	Nuthatch	Robin	Kinglet	Thrush, Varied	Thrush, Swainson's	Waxwing, Cedar	Warbler	Wren	Goldfinch	Finch, House	Finch, Purple	Grosbeak	Pine Siskin	Sparrow	<b>Brown Creeper</b>	Junco	Towhee	Tanager	Bushtit
Pine spp.	X	×	×		×	10.8		×	×	×	- 0			-	12.			X	X	X	X	X		100	X			X
Douglas fir					×				×	×									-			×		×				
True fir spp.					×	18	Jir.	624	×	×			71	100		100		X	X	×	X		0.1	1119	1			
Hemlock						-			×									X	X	×		X			X			
W. Red cedar		1			×		100	×		-		177	19		X	X		1			×	X	X	100	X	ml day		
Big leaf maple	X						×			×		Х				X			X	×	X	X	X					
Vine maple	X				×	11.5	1 71	-	100	×				-119		130			X	×	X		1410		2.40	6 17		
Douglas maple	×				×					×		25011				185.7	1200		×	×	×	0.000	00000					1000
Alder					×	×	×		×	×		X	- 19			X	X					X	X				TIE	X
Birch spp.					×				×	×		×				X	X	X	X	×		X	X		X			×
Dogwood					×		×	×					X	X					X	×	X		X	180	130	x		1
Hawthorn			×	×	×						×		X		×					Report	×							
Oregon ash														1					X	X	X						100	3.3
Pacific crab apple				_	×						×		X	X	X						×					X		
Aspen	1				×	1 3	-	100	×			18	1 13	100	13					X	1	X			231			1
Cottonwood	X			1	×		×												×	×	X					X		
Bitter cherry		×	×	-	×	1	13.83	×			×			123	X				X	X	×			1	-12	x	X	
Garry oak	X		×		×			×	×	×			X	×							10000					X		2000
Cascara		×	×	-	×	×		×	×	×	×	X									X			240			X	X
Sumac							×	×	×										×	×								
Willow spp.					×	×	×		×	×	-	X				X		1	-		X			144	943			X
Madrona	X	×	×								×		X		X						X							

Shrubs & Perennials	Quail	Dove, Mourning	Pigeon, Band-tailed	Hummingbird	Woodpecker	Flycatcher	Vireo	Jay	Chickadee	Nuthatch	Robin	Kinglet	Thrush, Varied	Thrush, Swainson's	Waxwing, Cedar	Warbler	Wren	Goldfinch	Finch, House	Finch, Purple	Grosbeak	Pine Siskin	Sparrow	Brown Creeper	Junco	Towhee	Tanager	Bushtit
Serviceberry					×				×				X		X			X			X				X	X	X	X
Bog birch							×		×						1	×		1			x	x			x		-	
Red-twig dogwood Hazelnut	x	×	×		×	×	×	×			×					×			R									100
Oceanspray								-	×		-	-			5				73									x
Twinberry	×			×	×							x		×	×				×	×	x				x		×	-
Osoberry									×	100	×	1			×		1					97.						
Mock orange	x				×				×		-						×		x		x				x			
Ninebark									×	110		x					×										1	x
Chokecherry					×		×	×	-		×				×		1				x							-
Wild azalea				FI	ower	rs for	pol	inate	ors				1					-	-3	-				744	din.		10.7	
Golden currant								×			×		1															
Red-flowering currant				×	×		-	×	-		×	723	100		x	- 1							x		75	x	510	
Wild rose	×			-																	x		10000		x			
Thimbleberry	x		-					×							100		×		x	x					-		1-19	x
Salmonberry				×							×			X			x		x	x					x			X
Elderberry			×	×	×			×	×		×	6	×		x	x		TY.			x	1	x		×	3	X	
Sitka ash/mountain ash Hardhack				124							×				×				x	x	x	15			200		1000	-
Snowberry	×														x						x							
Red huckleberry		×		×	×			×	×		×		172	94.1	×	3					m		x		100	x	x	
Highbush cranberry		-		-	×			×	-		×				×				×	×			1		2.00	-	-	
Silk tassel bush					-						×	194	750	72					1						7			
Salal			×								_															x		
Oregon grape Wax myrtle	×			×							×		Ta I		x					This		31	x		×	x		
Evergreen huckleberry			×		-				-		-	1			×	1 "	2701	14-		200	-	1			1		5.5	

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Kinnikinnik			×																		х		X			Х	
Wild strawberry			×							1.5	×				×											X	
Wintergreen											×												X			X	
Common juniper		_	W	inter	food	d for	seve	eral :	spec	ies	_	_			1				100			100				1	
Trailing raspberry			×						×		×												X				
Trumpet honeysuckle	_			×	×	Ļ					×		1		X				X		X				×		
Yarrow	-	_	_	1	owe	rs to	r pol	inat	ors	_	_	_	-					-									-
Pearly everlasting								- 5	-																	100	
Columbine Seathrift				×														uni	X	X	-		X		X		
Goat's beard																1											
Aster		_	_	×	OWO	re fo	r pol	linat	ore	_	_	_	1						1						100		1000
Balsamroot							r pol						1					- 110	1								Till S
Campanula				×	T	T	T	1	T	1			1									1		-	1		100
Bleeding heart				×																							
Fireweed			100	1					138										1000						395	USS	- 3
Buckwheat		_	_	FI	owe	rs fo	r pol	linat	ors			_	1														
Blanket flower		din.		FI	owe	rs fo	r pol	linat	ors				1							-		1			15		100
Coral bells				×	Г	T	T						1														
Lupine				×			11																			2017	
Skunk cabbage				FI	owe	rs fo	r pol	linat	ors																		
Penstemon				×											-							1					
Sedum				F	owe	rs fo	r pol	linat	ors																		
Solomon's seal			×										X		1	1								1			
Native grasses, cattails Brush piles	Use	ed by	y wa	terfo	M, S	song   ×			arro	ws, t	inch	es, v	wren x		ackt	oirds,	tow		s, jur	x	L	L	x		l x	x	