


-  Fluvial Channel
-  Small Intertidal Channel
-  Tidal Marsh
-  Low Tidal Marsh
-  Salt Pond / Panne
-  Subtidal Channel
-  Channel Flat
-  Bay Flat
-  Shallow Bay

Habitat Type	Historical Acreage
Tidal Marsh	4,490
Low Tidal Marsh	160
Salt Pond / Panne	240
Subtidal Channel	50
Channel Flat	320
Bay Flat (more bay flat existed south of the study area)	2,800
Total	8,060

Figure 9. Historical habitats of the Novato Creek baylands, mid-1800s. An extensive tidal marsh, totaling nearly 5,000 acres, surrounded lower Novato Creek. Within the marsh plain there were over 100 miles of tidal channels and approximately 240 acres of salt pannes. A broad tidal flat, over one mile wide, separated the marsh from San Pablo Bay.

Table 3. Total area (acres) occupied by each habitat type historically.