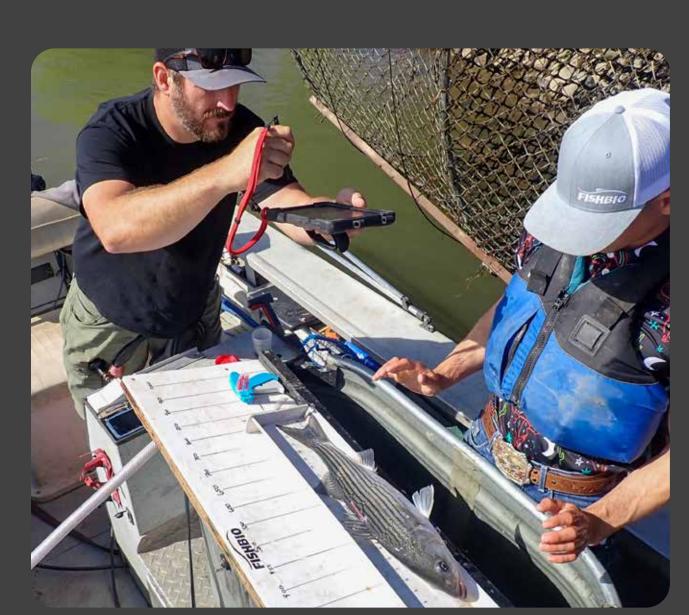
DIGITAL VS PAPER



Digital Speed

» Transitional Learning Curve

- There is an initial adjustment period, but efficiency improves with practice.
- » Variety of Data Collection Strategies Workflow can be optimized for faster data input.
- » Default or Pre-Populated Answers
- No repetitive manual entry speeds up data collection.

Paper Post-Processing

- » Data Transcription and Entry
- Manual transcription and data re-
- » Physical Data Storage
- Paper requires organization, space, and retrieval time.

» Error-Prone Process



Data are stored locally and automatically backed up to the cloud when connected to the internet.

Offline Use &

Cloud Backup

WHY WE CHOSE WILDNOTE

Customizable Fisheries Data



Project customization allows for tailored data collection.

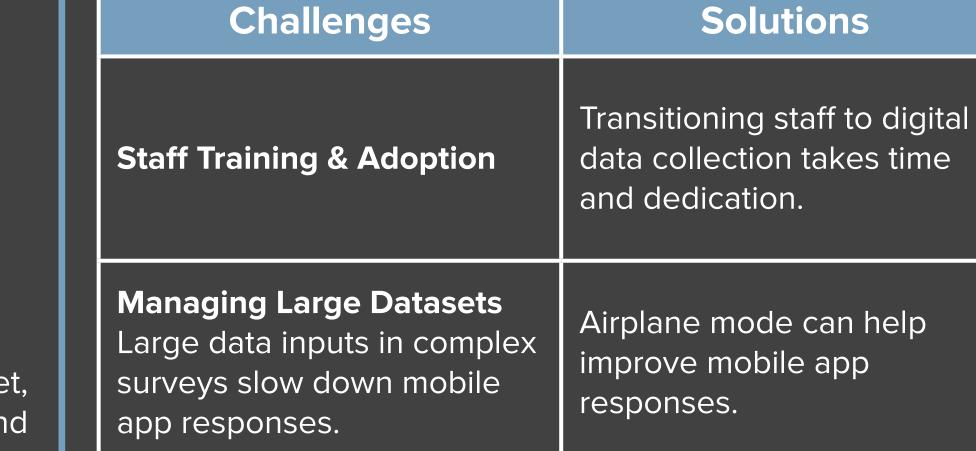
Error Reduction & QA/QC Efficiency



Field and boundaries can be set, ensuring data are not missed and preventing erroneous records.

Customer Support

bleshoot challenges.



CHALLENGES & SOLUTIONS

Battery life Backup power sources are Long field days can drain included in field gear. iPad/device batteries.



- entry can create duplicate efforts.

 There is increased risk of lost, illegible, or misinterpreted data.

Photo **Cross-Verification**



Data can be verified with linked images.

Multi-device Capabilities



Wildnote app can be accessed via a browser on a variety of devices, including phones.

orchards. The transition to digital has allowed us to collect accurate, real-time data and improve our research workflow.



Representatives are quick to respond and help trou-

TEMPLATES & APP INTEGRATIONS

The Wildnote app comes **pre-configure**d with multiple relevant industry templates such as:

- » Pre/Post-Construction Monitoring
- and Compliance
- » Restoration and Biological Assessments
- » Wetland Delineation

- Apps that **integrate** well with Wildnote: » ESRI ArcGIS Pro & ArcMap
- Data can be exported as GDB or GeoJSON for mapping.
- » Developer API
- Wildnote data can be synced with other platforms.
- » GNSS Device Compatibility
- The App works with Trimble R1, EOS Arrow, Juniper Geode, and Bad Elf for sub-meter GPS accuracy.

PROJECTS UTILIZING WILDNOTE

FISHBIO customizes all Wildnote datasheets to include fisheries-specific data such as:

- 1. Environmental data like flow, temperature, conductivity,
- weather, and dissolved oxygen 2. Fish species, weight, length, tag numbers, and GPS images
- 3. Scale and genetic sample ID





Calaveras River Rotary Screw Trap

Steelhead and Chinook salmon are monitored in the Calaveras River using a rotary screw trap.

Project-specific customization:

- » Default dropdown **menu of target salmonids**
- » Three different data sheets developed for trap checking;
- Standard trap check and maintenance
- Fish marking
- Fish release

» Pre-loaded tag numbers

 Tag numbers include those for geographically overlapping projects (improves data collection for potential recaptures of tagged fish)

Delta Electrofishing Surveys

Boat electrofishing surveys have been conducted since 2022 in the South Delta and lower San Joaquin River to monitor non-native predator fish populations.

Project-specific customization:

- » Default dropdown menu of target non-native predator fish
- » Electrofishing information such as waveform, frequency, voltage, duty cycle, start/end time, and start/end effort
- » Datasheet developed to match the **team's data collection workflow** (i.e., Locations > Species > Length), decreasing scrolling time
- » Diet sample label defaulted to display repeating codes (i.e., SJR-2025-XXXX)





tool Wildnote to streamline data collection, reduce errors, and enhance efficiency.

Almond Board of California Avian Point Counts

Bird count surveys and Autonomous Recording Units (ARUs) are used to study seasonal biodiversity of birds in Central Valley almond orchards.

Project-specific customization:

- » Over **2,000 preloaded bird species**
- » ARU information such as model, unit, and status
- » Bird detection by sight, distance seen, breeding status, and sound

FISHBIO WILDNOTE STATS 2022-2025

195,676



Enhancing Fish Monitoring Efficiency with Wildnote

Transitioning from paper to digital data collection has significantly improved FISHBIO's monitoring efforts. Since 2022, we've used the data collection

With custom survey forms, offline functionality, and built-in QA/QC tools, we have utilized the Wildnote app to support various fish and wildlife projects,

such as studying juvenile O. mykiss in the Calaveras River, conducting electrofishing surveys in the Delta, and researching bird populations in almond

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Projects using Wildnote

Datasheets

Completed

Custom Digital Wildnote Datasheet



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