

This species list includes birds that may be found in both freshwater and saltwater coastal California wetlands. This includes the waterbirds as well as raptors, and birds of the grasslands and woodlands that surround the wetlands. Some are quite common, others rarely seen.

COMMON LOON

*GREBES*

Pied-billed Grebe

Horned Grebe

Eared Grebe

Western Grebe

Clark's Grebe

*PELICANS, CORMORANTS*

American White Pelican

Brown Pelican

Double-crested Cormorant

*HERONS, BITTERNs*

American Bittern

Great Blue Heron

Great Egret

Snowy Egret

Cattle Egret

Green-backed Heron

Black-crowned Night Heron

WHITE-FACED IBIS

*WATERFOWL*

Greater White-fronted Goose

Snow Goose

Ross' Goose

Brant

Canada Goose

Wood Duck

Green-winged Teal

Mallard

Northern Pintail

Blue-winged Teal

Cinnamon Teal

Northern Shoveler

Gadwall

Eurasian Wigeon

American Wigeon

Canvasback

It is not intended to be a definitive listing; check with local bird clubs for records of unusual sightings.

Names in all capitals, italicized, introduce a group, e.g. *GREBES*; if not italicized, the bird is the sole representative of its group, e.g. COMMON LOON.

Redhead

Ring-necked Duck

Greater Scaup

Lesser Scaup

Common Goldeneye

Barrow's Goldeneye

Bufflehead

Hooded Merganser

Common Merganser

Red-breasted Merganser

Ruddy Duck

*HAWKS, FALCONS*

Turkey Vulture

Osprey

White-tailed Kite

Bald Eagle

Northern Harrier

Sharp-shinned Hawk

Cooper's Hawk

Red-shouldered Hawk

Red-tailed Hawk

Ferruginous Hawk

Rough-legged Hawk

Golden Eagle

American Kestrel

Merlin

Peregrine Falcon

Prairie Falcon

CALIFORNIA QUAIL

*RAILS, COOTS*

Virginia Rail

Sora

Common Moorhen

American Coot

*SHOREBIRDS*

Black-bellied Plover

Semipalmated Plover

Killdeer  
Black-necked Stilt  
American Avocet  
Greater Yellowlegs  
Lesser Yellowlegs  
Spotted Sandpiper  
Whimbrel  
Long-billed Curlew  
Marbled Godwit  
Western Sandpiper  
Least Sandpiper  
Pectoral Sandpiper  
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper  
Dunlin  
Stilt Sandpiper  
Buff-breasted Sandpiper  
Short-billed Dowitcher  
Long-billed Dowitcher  
Common Snipe  
Wilson's Phalarope  
Red-necked Phalarope  
*GULLS, TERNS*  
Bonaparte's Gull  
Heermann's Gull  
Ring-billed Gull  
California Gull  
Herring Gull  
Thayer's Gull  
Western Gull  
Caspian Tern  
Royal Tern  
Elegant Tern  
Forster's Tern  
Least Tern  
Black Tern  
*PIGEONS, DOVES*  
Rock Dove  
Band-tailed Pigeon  
Mourning Dove  
*OWLS*  
Barn Owl  
Great Horned Owl  
Burrowing Owl  
Long-eared Owl  
Short-eared Owl

*SWIFTS, HUMMINGBIRDS*  
White-throated Swift  
Anna's Hummingbird  
Rufous Hummingbird  
Allen's Hummingbird  
BELTED KINGFISHER  
*WOODPECKERS*  
Acorn Woodpecker  
Red-breasted Sapsucker  
Nuttall's Woodpecker  
Downy Woodpecker  
Hairy Woodpecker  
Northern Flicker  
*TYRANT FLYCATCHERS*  
Olive-sided Flycatcher  
Pacific-slope Flycatcher  
Western Wood-Pewee  
Black Phoebe  
Say's Phoebe  
Ash-throated Flycatcher  
HORNED LARK  
*SWALLOWS*  
Tree Swallow  
Violet-green Swallow  
N. Rough-winged Swallow  
Bank Swallow  
Cliff Swallow  
Barn Swallow  
LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE  
*JAYS, CROWS*  
Western Scrub Jay  
American Crow  
*CHICKADEES, BUSHTITS*  
Chestnut-backed Chickadee  
Plain Titmouse  
Bushtit  
BROWN CREEPER  
*WRENS*  
Bewick's Wren  
House Wren  
Marsh Wren  
*KINGLETS, THRUSHES*  
Ruby-Crowned Kinglet  
Western Bluebird  
Hermit Thrush  
American Robin

Varied Thrush  
Wrentit  
*MIMIC THRUSHES*  
Northern Mockingbird  
California Thrasher  
AMERICAN PIPIT  
CEDAR WAXWING  
EUROPEAN STARLING  
*VIREOS*  
Hutton's Vireo  
Warbling Vireo  
*WOOD WARBLERS*  
Orange-crowned Warbler  
Nashville Warbler  
Yellow Warbler  
Yellow-rumped Warbler  
Black-throated Gray Warbler  
Townsend's Warbler  
MacGillivray's Warbler  
Common Yellowthroat  
Wilson's Warbler  
WESTERN TANAGER  
*GROSBEAKS, SPARROWS*  
Black-headed Grosbeak  
Spotted Towhee

California Towhee  
Savannah Sparrow  
Fox Sparrow  
Song Sparrow  
Lincoln's Sparrow  
Swamp Sparrow  
White-throated Sparrow  
Golden-crowned Sparrow  
White-crowned Sparrow  
Dark-eyed Junco  
*BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES*  
Red-winged Blackbird  
Tricolored Blackbird  
Western Meadowlark  
Yellow-headed Blackbird  
Brewer's Blackbird  
Brown-headed Cowbird  
Bullock's Oriole  
*FINCHES*  
Purple Finch  
House Finch  
Pine Siskin  
Lesser Goldfinch  
American Goldfinch  
HOUSE SPARROW

Nomenclature follows the A.O.U. checklist (6th edition) as supplemented.