

This list is prepared using a novel approach for describing the Seasonal Occurrence and Relative Abundance of birds that are observed in and around Cabrillo National Monument and Point Loma. Use the symbols below to become better acquainted with them and assist you in your birding efforts.

AREA COVERED BY THIS LIST

The area covered by this list extends as far north as Hill Street to the west of Catalina Boulevard (State Highway 209) and Cañon Street to the east. Important birding locations within this area include Sunset Cliffs Park, Point Loma Nazarene College, nearby residential areas, Shelter Island, Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, and Cabrillo National Monument. This list contains 377 bird species, 41 of which have been recorded nesting.

**SEASONAL OR TEMPORAL STATUS
WHEN Are You Likely To Find Them?**

- Y = Year Round Resident
- S = Summer Resident
- W = Winter Resident
- M = Seasonal Migrant
- V = Irregular Visitor
- # = Nests On Point Loma

RELATIVE ABUNDANCE

How likely are you to find them?

- a = Abundant – Very easily encountered in suitable habitat and season.
 - c = Common – Expected in suitable habitat and season.
 - u = Uncommon – Present but can be missed or overlooked.
 - o = Occasional – Infrequently observed or encountered.
 - r = Rare – Unusual, out of range or habitat.
 - x = Accidental – Very unusual. Far out of range or habitat.
- Contact others and call the San Diego Rare Bird Alert (619-688-2473)

ADDITIONAL SPECIES

The following sixteen species have been observed on Point Loma but their occurrence and status is unconfirmed, unpublished, or incompletely known: Buller's Shearwater, Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel, Blue-footed Booby, Purple Gallinule, Common Black-headed Gull, Blue-and-yellow Macaw, Mitred Parakeet, Blue-crowned Parakeet, Red-masked Parakeet, Red-crowned Parrot, Cordilleran Flycatcher, Brown-crested Flycatcher, Gray Vireo, Verdin, Gray Silky-Flycatcher, and Pyrrhuloxia



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Bird Checklist
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GAVIIDAE (Loons)

- Red-throated Loon WMu
- Pacific Loon WMc
- Common Loon WMc

PODICEPIDAE (Grebes) (Shearwater)

- Pied-billed Grebe WMu
- Horned Grebe WMu
- Eared Grebe WMc
- Western Grebe WMc
- Clark's Grebe WMu
- Black-vented Shearwater WMu

HYDROBATIDAE (Storm-Petrels)

- Ashy Storm-Petrel Mr
- Black Storm-Petrel Mr
- Least Storm-Petrel Mr

SULIDAE (Boobies)

- Brown Booby Vx
- Am. White Pelican Vx
- Brown Pelican Yc

PHALACROCARIDAE (Cormorants)

- Brandt's Cormorant Yu
- Double-cr. Cormorant Yc
- Pelagic Cormorant Wu

FREGATIDAE (Frigatebirds)

- Magnificent Frigatebird Vr

ARDEIDAE (Herons & Egrets)

- Great Blue Heron Yc #
- Great Egret Yu #
- Snowy Egret Yc
- Cattle Egret Vr
- Green Heron Vr
- Black-cr Night-Heron Yc #

THRESKIORNITHIDAE (Storks & Ibises)

- White-faced Ibis Vx

CATHARTIDAE (New World Vultures)

- Turkey Vulture Mr

ANATIDAE (Geese & Ducks)

- Gr. White-fr. Goose Mx
- Snow Goose Mr
- Canada Goose Mr
- Brant Wu
- Gadwall Mx
- American Wigeon Mo
- Mallard Mu
- Blue-winged Teal Mx
- Cinnamon Teal Mr
- Northern Shoveler Mr
- Northern Pintail Mr
- Green-winged Teal Mr
- Canvasback Mx
- Redhead Mx
- Greater Scaup WMr
- Lesser Scaup WMc
- Surf Scoter WMc
- White-winged Scoter WMo
- Black Scoter WMr
- Long-tailed Duck WMr
- Bufflehead WMc
- Common Goldeneye WMr
- Common Merganser WMx
- Red-breasted Merganser WMu
- Ruddy Duck WMo

ACCIPITRIDAE (Hawks)

- Osprey Yu
- White-tailed Kite Mr
- Mississippi Kite Mx
- Bald Eagle Mr
- Northern Harrier Mu
- Sharp-shinned Hawk WMc
- Cooper's Hawk Yc #
- Red-shouldered Hawk Yu #
- Broad-winged Hawk Mx

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Swainson's Hawk Mx ☐ Zone-tailed Hawk Mx ☐ Red-tailed Hawk Yu # ☐ Ferruginous Hawk Mx ☐ Rough-legged Hawk Mx ☐ Golden Eagle Mx <p>FALCONIDAE (Falcons)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ American Kestrel Yu ☐ Merlin Mo ☐ Peregrine Falcon Yu # ☐ Prairie Falcon Mo <p>ODONTOPHORIDAE (Quails)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ California Quail Yu # <p>RALLIDAE (Rails)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Black Rail Vx ☐ Sora Mr ☐ American Coot WMu <p>CHARADRIIDAE (Plovers)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Black-bellied Plover Wmu ☐ Amer. Golden-Plover Vx ☐ Snowy Plover WMr ☐ Semipalmated Plover WMu ☐ Killdeer WMu <p>HAEMATOPODIDAE (Oystercatchers)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ American Oystercatcher Wr ☐ Black Oystercatcher Yo <p>RECURVIROSTRIDAE (Stilts & Avocets)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Black-necked Stilt Vx ☐ American Avocet Vx <p>SCOLOPACIDAE (Sandpipers)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Greater Yellowlegs Mo ☐ Lesser Yellowlegs Mx ☐ Solitary Sandpiper Mx ☐ Willet WMc ☐ Wandering Tattler WMu ☐ Spotted Sandpiper WMc ☐ Whimbrel WMc ☐ Long-billed Curlew WMo ☐ Marbled Godwit WMu ☐ Ruddy Turnstone WMu ☐ Black Turnstone WMu ☐ Surfbird WMo ☐ Red Knot Mr ☐ Sanderling WMu ☐ Western Sandpiper WMo ☐ Least Sandpiper Wmu ☐ Pectoral Sandpiper Vx ☐ Dunlin WMu ☐ Short-billed Dowitcher Mo ☐ Long-billed Dowitcher Mr ☐ Common Snipe Vx 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Wilson's Phalarope Mr ☐ Red-necked Phalarope Mr ☐ Red Phalarope Mo <p>LARIDAE (Gulls & Terns)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Pomarine Jaeger WMo ☐ Parasitic Jaeger WMu ☐ Laughing Gull Vx ☐ Franklin's Gull Vx ☐ Bonaparte's Gull Wc ☐ Heermann's Gull Ya ☐ Mew Gull Wu ☐ Ring-billed Gull Wc ☐ California Gull Wa ☐ Herring Gull Wu ☐ Thayer's Gull Wr ☐ Western Gull Ya # ☐ Glaucous-winged Gull Wo ☐ Glaucous Gull Wx ☐ Black-legged Kittiwake Wo ☐ Sabine's Gull Vr ☐ Caspian Tern Su,Wr ☐ Royal Tern Yu ☐ Elegant Tern SMc ☐ Common Tern Mu ☐ Arctic Tern Vx ☐ Forster's Tern Yc ☐ Least Tern So ☐ Black Tern Mr ☐ Black Skimmer Yr <p>ALCIDAE (Alcids)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Common Murre Wo ☐ Xantus' Murrelet Wr ☐ Craveri's Murrelet Vx ☐ Ancient Murrelet Vx ☐ Cassin's Auklet Vx ☐ Rhinoceros Auklet Wo <p>COLUMBIDAE (Pigeons & Doves)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Domestic Pigeon Yc # ☐ Band-tailed Pigeon Mo ☐ Spotted Dove Vr ☐ White-winged Dove Mo ☐ Mourning Dove Yc # ☐ Ruddy Ground-Dove Vx ☐ Common Ground-Dove Vx <p>TYTONIDAE (Barn-Owls)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Barn-Owl Yr <p>STRIGIDAE (Typical Owls)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Flammulated Owl Vx ☐ Great Horned Owl Yu # ☐ Burrowing Owl Vx ☐ Long-eared Owl Vx ☐ Short-eared Owl Vx <p>CAPRIMULGIDAE (Goatsuckers)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Common Nighthawk Vx ☐ Lesser Nighthawk Mr ☐ Common Poorwill Mr ☐ Whip-poor-will Vx <p>APODIDAE (Swifts)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Black Swift Mr ☐ Chimney Swift Vr ☐ Vaux's Swift Mu ☐ White-throated Swift Yu <p>TROCHILIDAE (Hummingbirds)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Black-chinned Hummingbird So # ☐ Anna's Hummingbird Ya # ☐ Costa's Hummingbird Yu ☐ Calliope Hummingbird Mo ☐ Broad-tailed Hummingbird Vx ☐ Rufous Hummingbird Mc ☐ Allen's Hummingbird Mu, Wo <p>ALCEDINIDAE (Kingfishers)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Belted Kingfisher WMu <p>PICIDAE (Woodpeckers)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Lewis's Woodpecker Mx ☐ Acorn Woodpecker Mo ☐ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker Vx ☐ Red-naped Sapsucker WMo ☐ Red-breasted Sapsucker Wmu ☐ Williamson's Sapsucker Mx ☐ Nuttall's Woodpecker Vo ☐ Downy Woodpecker Mx ☐ Hairy Woodpecker Mx ☐ Northern Flicker Yu <p>TYRANNIDAE (Tyrant Flycatchers)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Olive-sided Flycatcher Mu ☐ Greater Pewee Mx ☐ Western Wood-Pewee Mc ☐ Willow Flycatcher Mu ☐ Least Flycatcher Vr ☐ Hammond's Flycatcher Mu,Wx ☐ Gray Flycatcher Mo, Wx ☐ Dusky Flycatcher Mo ☐ Pacific-slope Flycatcher Mc ☐ Black Phoebe Yc # 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Eastern Phoebe Mr ☐ Say's Phoebe WMc ☐ Vermilion Flycatcher Mr ☐ Dusky-capped Flycatcher Mx ☐ Ash-throated Flycatcher SMc # ☐ Great Crested Flycatcher Vr ☐ Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher Vx ☐ Tropical Kingbird Mo ☐ Cassin's Kingbird SMu # ☐ Thick-billed Kingbird Vx ☐ Western Kingbird Mc ☐ Eastern Kingbird Vr ☐ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher Vr <p>LANIIDAE (Shrikes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Loggerhead Shrike WMo <p>VIREONIDAE (Vireos)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ White-eyed Vireo Vx ☐ Bell's Vireo Vr ☐ Plumbeous Vireo Mo ☐ Cassin's Vireo Mu,Wr ☐ Blue-headed Vireo Vr ☐ Yellow-throated Vireo Vx ☐ Hutton's Vireo WMo ☐ Warbling Vireo Mc ☐ Philadelphia Vireo Mo ☐ Red-eyed Vireo Vr ☐ Yellow-green Vireo Vr <p>CORVIDAE (Jays & Crows)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Steller's Jay Vx ☐ Western Scrub-Jay Yc # ☐ Clark's Nutcracker Vx ☐ American Crow Yc # ☐ Common Raven Yc # <p>ALAUDIDAE (Larks)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Horned Lark Mo <p>HIRUNDINIDAE (Swallows)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Purple Martin Mo ☐ Tree Swallow Mu ☐ Violet-green Swallow Mu ☐ N. Rough-w. Swallow Mu ☐ Bank Swallow Mo ☐ Cliff Swallow SMc ☐ Barn Swallow SMc # <p>PARIDAE (Chickadees & Titmice)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Mountain Chickadee Vx ☐ Oak Titmouse Vx <p>AEGITHALIDAE (Bushtits)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Bushtit Ya # <p>SITTIDAE (Nuthatches)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ White-breasted Nuthatch Mr ☐ Red-breasted Nuthatch WMr ☐ Pygmy Nuthatch Mx <p>CERTHIIDAE (Creepers)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Brown Creeper Vr <p>TROGLODYTIDAE (Wrens)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Cactus Wren Vx ☐ Rock Wren WMo ☐ Bewick's Wren Yc # ☐ House Wren Wc, Sr ☐ Winter Wren Vx ☐ Marsh Wren Vx <p>REGULIDAE (Kinglets)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Golden-crowned Kinglet WMo ☐ Ruby-crowned Kinglet WMa <p>SYLVIIDAE (Old World Flycatchers)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher Wo, Mu ☐ California Gnatcatcher Yu <p>TURDIDAE(Thrushes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Western Bluebird Vx ☐ Mountain Bluebird Vr ☐ Townsend's Solitaire Vr ☐ Gray-cheeked Thrush Vx ☐ Swainson's Thrush Mu ☐ Hermit Thrush WMc ☐ Wood Thrush Mx ☐ American Robin Yu # ☐ Varied Thrush WMr <p>TIMALIIDAE (Babblers)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Wrentit Yc # <p>MIMIDAE (Mimic Thrushes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Gray Catbird Vr, Wx ☐ Northern Mockingbird Yc # ☐ Sage Thrasher Mo ☐ Brown Thrasher Mr ☐ Bendire's Thrasher Mr ☐ California Thrasher Yc # <p>STURNIDAE (Starlings)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ European Starling Ya # <p>MOTACILIDAE (Wagtails & Pipits)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Red-throated Pipit Mx ☐ American Pipit WMu <p>BOMBYCILLIDAE (Waxwings)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Cedar Waxwing WMc <p>PTILOGONATIDAE (Silky Flycatchers)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Phainopepla Mu <p>PARULIDAE (Wood Warblers)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Blue-winged Warbler Vx ☐ Golden-winged Warbler Vx ☐ Tennessee Warbler Mo, Wr ☐ Orange-crowned Warbler Yc # ☐ Nashville Warbler Mc, Wr ☐ Virginia's Warbler Mr ☐ Lucy's Warbler Mr ☐ Northern Parula Mo ☐ Yellow Warbler Mc ☐ Chestnut-sided Warbler Mo ☐ Magnolia Warbler Mo, Wx ☐ Cape May Warbler Mr, Wx ☐ Black-thr. Blue Warbler Mo ☐ Yellow-rumped Warbler WMa ☐ Black-thr. Gray Warbler Wo, Mc ☐ Black-thr. Green Warbler Mo ☐ Townsend's Warbler WMc ☐ Hermit Warbler Mc, Wx ☐ Blackburnian Warbler Mo ☐ Yellow-throated Warbler Mr ☐ Grace's Warbler Mr, Wx ☐ Pine Warbler Mr, Wx ☐ Prairie Warbler Mr ☐ Palm Warbler Mo, Wr ☐ Bay-breasted Warbler Mr ☐ Blackpoll Warbler Mo ☐ Cerulean Warbler Mx ☐ Black-and-white Warbler Mo ☐ American Redstart Mo, Wx ☐ Prothonotary Warbler Mr ☐ Worm-eating Warbler Mr ☐ Ovenbird Mo, Wx ☐ Northern Waterthrush Vx ☐ Kentucky Warbler Vx ☐ Connecticut Warbler Vx ☐ Mourning Warbler Mr ☐ MacGillivray's Warbler Mu ☐ Common Yellowthroat Mo, Wx ☐ Hooded Warbler Mr ☐ Wilson's Warbler Mc, Wr 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Canada Warbler Mr ☐ Red-faced Warbler Vx ☐ Painted Redstart Mr ☐ Yellow-breasted Chat Mo <p>THRAUPIDAE (Tanager)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Western Tanager Mc, Wo ☐ Summer Tanager Mo, Wr ☐ Scarlet Tanager Mr ☐ Hepatic Tanager Vr, Wx <p>EMBRIZIDAE (Towhees & Sparrows)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Green-tailed Towhee Mo ☐ Spotted Towhee Yc # ☐ California Towhee Ya # ☐ Rufous-crowned Sparrow Yu # ☐ American Tree Sparrow Mr ☐ Chipping Sparrow Yu # ☐ Clay-colored Sparrow Mo ☐ Brewer's Sparrow Mo ☐ Black-chinned Sparrow SMO ☐ Vesper Sparrow Mo ☐ Lark Sparrow Mo ☐ Black-throated Sparrow Mr ☐ Sage Sparrow Mr ☐ Lark Bunting Vx ☐ Savannah Sparrow WMu ☐ Grasshopper Sparrow Mr ☐ Baird's Sparrow Mx ☐ Fox Sparrow WMu ☐ Song Sparrow Yu # ☐ Lincoln's Sparrow Mu, Wo ☐ Swamp Sparrow Vx ☐ White-throated Sparrow Mo, Wr ☐ Harris' Sparrow Mr, Wx ☐ White-crowned Sparrow WMa ☐ Golden-crowned Sparrow WMu ☐ Dark-eyed Junco WMc ☐ Lapland Longspur Vx ☐ Chestnut-collared Longspur Vx 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Little Bunting Vx <p>CARDINALIDAE (Grosbeaks & Buntings)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Rose-breasted Grosbeak Mo, Wr ☐ Black-headed Grosbeak Mc ☐ Blue Grosbeak Mo ☐ Lazuli Bunting Mu ☐ Indigo Bunting Mo ☐ Painted Bunting Mr ☐ Dickcissel Mr <p>ICTERIDAE (Blackbirds & Orioles)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Bobolink Mr ☐ Red-winged Blackbird Mu ☐ Tricolored Blackbird Mr ☐ Western Meadowlark WMu ☐ Yellow-headed Blackbird Mr ☐ Rusty Blackbird Vx ☐ Brewer's Blackbird Yu # ☐ Common Grackle Vx ☐ Great-tailed Grackle Vx ☐ Brown-headed Cowbird SMc # ☐ Orchard Oriole Mr, Wx ☐ Hooded Oriole SMc # ☐ Baltimore Oriole Mo,Wr ☐ Bullock's Oriole Sc,Wo # ☐ Scott's Oriole Mo,Wx <p>FRINGILLIDAE (Finches)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Purple Finch WMo ☐ Cassin's Finch Mr ☐ House Finch Ya # ☐ Red Crossbill WMr ☐ Pine Siskin WMu ☐ Lesser Goldfinch Yc # ☐ Lawrence's Goldfinch Mo ☐ American Goldfinch WMou ☐ Evening Grosbeak Mr <p>PASSERIDAE (Weaver Finches)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ House Sparrow Ya #
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