

Birds of Southern California Checklist (M. Byhower)

Names in italics are extremely rare, irregular, and/or local

(Check ABA Southern California Guide for seasonal and geographic distribution of all species of interest)

Whistling Ducks	
	<i>Fulvous Whistling-Duck</i> (Salton Sea)
Geese	
	Greater White-fronted Goose
	Snow Goose
	Ross' Goose
	Brant
	Canada Goose
	Cackling Goose
Ducks	
	Wood Duck
	Green-winged Teal
	Mallard
	Northern Pintail
	Blue-winged Teal
	Cinnamon Teal
	Northern Shoveler
	Gadwall
	<i>Eurasian Wigeon</i>
	American Wigeon
	Canvasback
	Redhead
	Ring-necked Duck
	<i>Tufted Duck</i>
	Lesser Scaup
	Greater Scaup
	Long-tailed Duck
	Black Scoter
	Surf Scoter
	White-winged Scoter
	Common Goldeneye
	Bufflehead
	Hooded Merganser
	Common Merganser
	Red-breasted Merganser
	Ruddy Duck
Loons	
	Red-throated Loon
	Pacific Loon
	Common Loon

Grebes	
	Pied-billed Grebe
	Horned Grebe
	Eared Grebe
	Western Grebe
	Clark's Grebe
	<i>Red-necked Grebe</i>
Albatrosses (pelagic)	
	Black-footed Albatross
	<i>Laysan Albatross</i>
Petrels & Shearwaters (pelagic)	
	Northern Fulmar
	Pink-footed Shearwater
	<i>Flesh-footed Shearwater</i>
	<i>Buller's Shearwater</i>
	Sooty Shearwater
	Short-tailed Shearwater
	Black-vented Shearwater
Storm-Petrels (pelagic)	
	<i>Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel</i>
	Leach's Storm-Petrel
	Ashy Storm-Petrel
	Black Storm-Petrel
	Least Storm-Petrel
Pelicans	
	American White Pelican
	Brown Pelican
Cormorants	
	Double-crested Cormorant
	Brandt's Cormorant
	Pelagic Cormorant
Hérons	
	<i>American Bittern</i>
	<i>Least Bittern</i>
	Great Blue Heron
	Great Egret

	<i>Little Blue Heron</i>
	<i>Reddish Egret</i>
	Cattle Egret
	Green Heron
	Black-crowned Night-Heron
Ibises	
	White-faced Ibis
Storks	
	<i>Wood Stork</i> (Salton Sea, rare now)
Vultures	
	Turkey Vulture
	<i>California Condor</i> (irregularly in region)
Kites, Hawks & Eagles	
	Osprey
	White-tailed Kite
	Bald Eagle
	Northern Harrier
	Sharp-shinned Hawk
	Cooper's Hawk
	Harris' Hawk
	Red-shouldered Hawk
	<i>Swainson's Hawk</i>
	Red-tailed Hawk
	Ferruginous Hawk
	<i>Rough-legged Hawk</i>
	Golden Eagle
Falcons	
	American Kestrel
	Merlin
	Prairie Falcon
	Peregrine Falcon
Ptarmigans	
	Chukar
	Ring-necked Pheasant
Quail	
	Gambel's Quail
	California Quail
	Mountain Quail (seasonal and irregular)
Rails	
	Clapper Rail
	Virginia Rail
	Sora

	Common Moorhen
	American Coot
Plovers	
	Black-bellied Plover
	Pacific Golden-Plover
	Snowy Plover
	Semipalmated Plover
	Killdeer
	Mountain Plover
Oystercatchers	
	Black Oystercatcher
Stilts & Avocets	
	Black-necked Stilt
	American Avocet
Sandpipers	
	Greater Yellowlegs
	Lesser Yellowlegs
	<i>Solitary Sandpiper</i>
	Willet
	Wandering Tattler
	Spotted Sandpiper
	Whimbrel
	Long-billed Curlew
	Marbled Godwit
	Ruddy Turnstone
	Black Turnstone
	Surfbird
	Red Knot
	Sanderling
	<i>Semipalmated Sandpiper</i>
	Western Sandpiper
	Least Sandpiper
	Baird's Sandpiper
	Pectoral Sandpiper
	Dunlin
	<i>Ruff</i>
	Stilt Sandpiper (mainly Salton Sea)
	Short-billed Dowitcher
	Long-billed Dowitcher
	Wilson's Snipe
	Wilson's Phalarope
	Red-necked Phalarope
	Red Phalarope
Jaegers & Skuas	

	Pomarine Jaeger
	Parasitic Jaeger
	<i>Long-tailed Jaeger</i> (pelagic)
	South Polar Skua (pelagic)
Gulls	
	Laughing Gull (Salton Sea)
	<i>Franklin's Gull</i>
	Bonaparte's Gull
	Heermann's Gull
	Mew Gull
	Ring-billed Gull
	California Gull
	Herring Gull
	Thayer's Gull
	Yellow-footed Gull (Salton Sea)
	Western Gull
	Glaucous-winged Gull
	<i>Glaucous Gull</i>
	Sabine's Gull (pelagic)
Terns	
	Caspian Tern
	Royal Tern
	Elegant Tern
	Common Tern
	Arctic Tern (pelagic)
	Forster's Tern
	Least Tern
	Black Tern (Salton Sea)
	Gull-billed Tern (Salton Sea)
	Black Skimmer
Auks, Murres & Puffins (generally pelagic, occasionally from shore)	
	Common Murre
	<i>Pigeon Guillemot</i>
	<i>Marbled Murrelet</i>
	Xantus' Murrelet
	<i>Craveri's Murrelet</i>
	<i>Ancient Murrelet</i>
	Cassin's Auklet
	Rhinoceros Auklet
	<i>Tufted Puffin</i>
Pigeons & Doves	
	Rock Dove
	Band-tailed Pigeon
	Spotted Dove (increasingly rare!)

	White-winged Dove
	Mourning Dove
	Inca Dove
	Common Ground-Dove
	Ruddy Ground-Dove (Salton Sea)
	<i>Eurasian Collared-Dove</i>
Parrots	
	Yellow-chevroned Parakeet
	<i>White-winged Parakeet</i>
	Mitred Parakeet
	Red-crowned Parrot
Cuckoos	
	<i>Yellow-billed Cuckoo</i>
	Greater Roadrunner
Barn Owls	
	Barn Owl
Typical Owls	
	<i>Flammulated Owl</i>
	Western Screech-Owl
	Great Horned Owl
	<i>Northern Pygmy-Owl</i>
	Burrowing Owl
	<i>Spotted Owl</i>
	<i>Long-eared Owl</i>
	<i>Short-eared Owl</i>
	<i>Northern Saw-whet Owl</i>
Nightjars	
	Lesser Nighthawk
	<i>Common Nighthawk</i>
	Common Poorwill
	<i>Whip-poor-will</i>
Swifts	
	Black Swift (extremely local and seasonal)
	<i>Chimney Swift</i>
	Vaux's Swift
	White-throated Swift
Hummingbirds	
	Black-chinned Hummingbird
	Anna's Hummingbird
	Costa's Hummingbird
	Calliope Hummingbird
	Rufous Hummingbird

	Allen's Hummingbird
Kingfishers	
	Belted Kingfisher
Woodpeckers	
	Lewis' Woodpecker (unpredictable)
	Acorn Woodpecker
	Gila Woodpecker (eastern CA)
	<i>Red-naped Sapsucker</i>
	Red-breasted Sapsucker
	Williamson's Sapsucker
	Ladder-backed Woodpecker
	Nuttall's Woodpecker
	Downy Woodpecker
	Hairy Woodpecker
	White-headed Woodpecker
	Northern Flicker
Tyrant Flycatchers	
	Olive-sided Flycatcher
	Western Wood-Pewee
	Black Phoebe
	Eastern Phoebe
	Say's Phoebe
	Vermilion Flycatcher
	Ash-throated Flycatcher
	Brown-crested Flycatcher
	Cassin's Kingbird
	Western Kingbird
Empidonax Flycatchers	
	Willow Flycatcher
	Hammond's Flycatcher
	Dusky Flycatcher
	Gray Flycatcher
	Pacific-slope Flycatcher
Vireos	
	Bell's Vireo
	<i>Gray Vireo</i>
	Cassin's Vireo
	Plumbeous Vireo
	Hutton's Vireo
	Warbling Vireo
Larks	
	Horned Lark

Swallows	
	<i>Purple Martin</i>
	Tree Swallow
	Violet-green Swallow
	Northern Rough-winged Swallow
	Cliff Swallow
	Barn Swallow
Corvids	
	Steller's Jay
	Western Scrub-Jay
	<i>Island Scrub-Jay</i>
	Pinyon Jay
	Clark's Nutcracker
	Yellow-billed Magpie (Santa Barbara Co. Northward)
	American Crow
	Common Raven
Chickadees and Titmice	
	Mountain Chickadee
	Oak Titmouse
Verdin	
	Verdin
Bushtits	
	Bushtit
Nuthatches	
	Red-breasted Nuthatch
	White-breasted Nuthatch
	Pygmy Nuthatch
Creepers	
	Brown Creeper
Wrens	
	Cactus Wren
	Rock Wren
	Canyon Wren
	Bewick's Wren
	House Wren
	Marsh Wren
Dippers	
	American Dipper
Thrushes	

	Golden-crowned Kinglet
	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
	California Gnatcatcher
	Black-tailed Gnatcatcher
	Western Bluebird
	Mountain Bluebird
	Townsend's Solitaire
	Swainson's Thrush
	Hermit Thrush
	American Robin
	Varied Thrush
Babblers	
	Wrentit
Thrashers	
	Northern Mockingbird
	Sage Thrasher
	California Thrasher
	Le Conte's Thrasher
	Crissal Thrasher (Salton Sea, eastern CA)
Wagtails & Pipits	
	American Pipit
Waxwings	
	Cedar Waxwing
Silky Flycatchers	
	Phainopepla
Shrikes	
	Loggerhead Shrike
Starlings	
	European Starling
Warblers	
	Orange-crowned Warbler
	Nashville Warbler
	<i>Virginia's Warbler</i>
	Yellow Warbler
	Yellow-rumped Warbler
	Black-throated Gray Warbler
	Townsend's Warbler
	Hermit Warbler
	MacGillivray's Warbler
	Common Yellowthroat

	Wilson's Warbler
	Yellow-breasted Chat
Tanagers	
	<i>Hepatic Tanager</i>
	Summer Tanager
	Western Tanager
Grosbeaks & Buntings	
	Black-headed Grosbeak
	Blue Grosbeak
	Lazuli Bunting
Towhees & Sparrows	
	Green-tailed Towhee
	Spotted Towhee
	California Towhee
	Abert's Towhee
	Rufous-crowned Sparrow
	Chipping Sparrow
	Brewer's Sparrow
	Black-chinned Sparrow
	Vesper Sparrow
	Lark Sparrow
	Black-throated Sparrow
	Sage Sparrow
	Savannah Sparrow
	<i>Grasshopper Sparrow</i>
	<i>Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow</i>
	Fox Sparrow
	Song Sparrow
	Lincoln's Sparrow
	<i>Swamp Sparrow</i>
	Golden-crowned Sparrow
	White-crowned Sparrow
	Dark-eyed Junco
	<i>McCown's Longspur</i>
	<i>Lapland Longspur</i>
	<i>Chestnut-collared Longspur</i>
Icterids	
	Bobolink
	Red-winged Blackbird
	Tricolored Blackbird
	Western Meadowlark
	Yellow-headed Blackbird
	Brewer's Blackbird
	Great-tailed Grackle
	Bronzed Cowbird

	Brown-headed Cowbird
	Hooded Oriole
	<i>Baltimore Oriole</i>
	Bullock's Oriole
	Scott's Oriole
	Finches
	Purple Finch
	Cassin's Finch
	House Finch
	Red Crossbill
	Pine Siskin

	Lesser Goldfinch
	Lawrence's Goldfinch
	American Goldfinch
	Old World Sparrows
	House Sparrow
	Other Exotics
	Nutmeg Mannikin
	Orange (Red) Bishop