

RARE BIRDS of SAN DIEGO COUNTY

The categories in this list were determined using a hybrid approach, combining the overall number of records for San Diego County with the species' occurrence (and chase-ability!) in the county during the past 5+ years. If a species has not occurred for a good number of years, it may get bumped up to the next higher category; conversely, species for which there has been a relative, recent "glut" of reports may get demoted one category. Un-chaseable species—for example, those on private property or a seabird seen during a pelagic trip or only as a single-pass fly-by from La Jolla—do *not* need to be immediately text-messaged.

Text-messaging news of birds in the A+, A, B, and C categories does NOT mean that the observer should fail to post news as soon as possible on the *SanDiegoRegionBirding* listserv as well. *All* species of interest should be posted on the latter site.

Category A+

King Eider*
 Short-tailed Albatross*
 Great-winged Petrel*
 Cook's Petrel
 Cory's Shearwater*
 Great Shearwater*
 Wedge-tailed Shearwater*
 Newell's Shearwater*
 Nazca Booby*
 Neotropic Cormorant
 Anhinga*
 White Ibis*
 Black Vulture*
 [California Condor]
 Swallow-tailed Kite*
 Northern Goshawk
 Common Black Hawk*
 Yellow Rail
 Purple Gallinule*
 Lesser Sand-Plover*
 Spotted Redshank*
 Wood Sandpiper*
 Red-necked Stint*
 Little Stint*
 Kittlitz's Murrelet*
 Parakeet Auklet
 Belcher's Gull*
 Black-tailed Gull*
 Iceland Gull*
 Bridled Tern*
 Eastern Whip-poor-will*
 Mexican Whip-poor-will
 Magnificent Hummingbird*
 Blue-throated Hummingbird*
 Broad-tailed Hummingbird
 Violet-crowned
 Hummingbird*
 Xantus's Hummingbird*
 Gila Woodpecker

Northern Wheatear*
 Rufous-backed Robin*
 Curve-billed Thrasher*
 White Wagtail*
 Bohemian Waxwing
 Snow Bunting*
 Louisiana Waterthrush*
 Cerulean Warbler*
 Cassin's Sparrow*
 Baird's Sparrow*
 Le Conte's Sparrow*
 Little Bunting*
 Pyrrhuloxia*
 Streak-backed Oriole*
 Common Redpoll*

Category A

Fulvous Whistling-Duck*
 Tufted Duck
 Barrow's Goldeneye
 Laysan Albatross
 Wilson's Storm-Petrel
 Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel
 Masked Booby*
 Blue-footed Booby
 Red-footed Booby*
 Roseate Spoonbill*
 Wood Stork
 Mississippi Kite*
 Rough-legged Hawk
 Black Rail
 Sandhill Crane
 Wilson's Plover*
 Mountain Plover
 Upland Sandpiper*
 Bar-tailed Godwit*
 Sharp-tailed Sandpiper
 Curlew Sandpiper*
 Buff-breasted Sandpiper

Marbled Murrelet
 Horned Puffin
 Tufted Puffin
 Little Gull*
 Yellow-footed Gull
 Lesser Black-backed Gull
 Sooty Tern*
 Sandwich Tern*
 Inca Dove
 Ruddy Ground-Dove*
 Common Nighthawk
 Chimney Swift
 Crested Caracara*
 Greater Pewee*
 Yellow-bellied Flycatcher*
 Dusky-capped Flycatcher*
 Great Crested Flycatcher*
 Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher*
 Thick-billed Kingbird*
 Philadelphia Vireo
 Winter Wren*
 Gray-cheeked Thrush*
 Wood Thrush*
 Bendire's Thrasher
 Sprague's Pipit
 McCown's Longspur
 Golden-winged Warbler*
 Blue-winged Warbler*
 Connecticut Warbler*
 Mourning Warbler*
 Kentucky Warbler
 Cape May Warbler*
 Bay-breasted Warbler
 Red-faced Warbler*
 American Tree Sparrow
 Rusty Blackbird*
 Common Grackle*
 Bronzed Cowbird

Category B

Tundra Swan	Dickcissel	Short-tailed Shearwater
"Eurasian" Green-winged Teal	Bobolink	Leach's Storm-Petrel
Harlequin Duck	Evening Grosbeak	Red-billed Tropicbird
Red-necked Grebe		Brown Booby
Flesh-footed Shearwater		Reddish Egret
Manx Shearwater	Category C	Pacific Golden-Plover
Magnificent Frigatebird*	White-winged Scoter	Black Oystercatcher
Tricolored Heron*	Black Scoter	Solitary Sandpiper
Harris's Hawk	Long-tailed Duck	Baird's Sandpiper
Broad-winged Hawk	Buller's Shearwater	Pectoral Sandpiper
American Golden-Plover	Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	Craveri's Murrelet
American Oystercatcher	Zone-tailed Hawk	Williamson's Sapsucker
Ruff	Semipalmated Sandpiper	Tropical Kingbird
Stilt Sandpiper	South Polar Skua	Purple Martin
Pigeon Guillemot	Long-tailed Jaeger	Varied Thrush
Guadalupe Murrelet	Ancient Murrelet	Palm Warbler
Franklin's Gull	Laughing Gull	Clay-colored Sparrow
[Spotted Dove]	Glaucous Gull	White-throated Sparrow
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Black Tern	Cassin's Finch
Long-eared Owl	Flammulated Owl	
Broad-billed Hummingbird*	Short-eared Owl	Category F
Least Flycatcher	Black Swift	Ashy Storm-Petrel
Eastern Kingbird	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Least Storm-Petrel
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	Eastern Phoebe	Black-legged Kittiwake
White-eyed Vireo*	Bank Swallow	Gray Flycatcher
Yellow-throated Vireo	Pacific Wren	Vermilion Flycatcher
Blue-headed Vireo*	Red-throated Pipit	Brown-crested Flycatcher
Red-eyed Vireo	Lapland Longspur	Plumbeous Vireo
Yellow-green Vireo	Northern Waterthrush	Golden-crowned Kinglet
Pinyon Jay	Tennessee Warbler	Black-and-white Warbler
Clark's Nutcracker	Northern Parula	American Redstart
American Dipper	Magnolia Warbler	Summer Tanager
Gray Catbird	Blackburnian Warbler	Yellow-headed Blackbird
Brown Thrasher	Chestnut-sided Warbler	
Chestnut-collared Longspur	Blackpoll Warbler	
Ovenbird	Black-throated Blue Warbler	
Worm-eating Warbler*	Sagebrush Sparrow	
Prothonotary Warbler	Scarlet Tanager	
Virginia's Warbler	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	*California Bird Records
Hooded Warbler	Indigo Bunting	Committee (CBRC) review
Pine Warbler	Orchard Oriole	species
Yellow-throated Warbler	Baltimore Oriole	
Prairie Warbler	Red Crossbill	
Grace's Warbler*		
B-t Green Warbler	Category D	
Canada Warbler	Greater White-fronted Goose	
Painted Redstart	Snow Goose	
Hepatic Tanager	Ross's Goose	
Lark Bunting	Cackling Goose	
Nelson's Sparrow	Eurasian Wigeon	
Swamp Sparrow	Black-footed Albatross	
Harris's Sparrow		
Painted Bunting		

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