

San Diego County Bird Species Checklist

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> __ Fulvous Whistling-Duck-A __ Snow Goose-D __ Ross's Goose-D __ Greater White-fronted Goose-D __ Brant __ Cackling Goose-D __ Canada Goose __ Tundra Swan-B __ Wood Duck __ Blue-winged Teal __ Cinnamon Teal __ Northern Shoveler __ Gadwall __ Eurasian Wigeon-D __ American Wigeon __ Mallard __ <Mexican Duck*-A+> __ Northern Pintail __ Green-winged Teal __ Canvasback __ Redhead __ Ring-necked Duck __ Tufted Duck-A __ Greater Scaup __ Lesser Scaup __ King Eider*-A+ __ Harlequin Duck-A __ Surf Scoter __ White-winged Scoter-C __ Black Scoter-C __ Long-tailed Duck-C __ Buffhead __ Common Goldeneye __ Barrow's Goldeneye-A __ Hooded Merganser __ Common Merganser __ Red-breasted Merganser __ Ruddy Duck __ Mountain Quail __ California Quail __ Gambel's Quail __ Wild Turkey-I __ Ring-necked Pheasant-I __ Pied-billed Grebe __ Horned Grebe __ Red-necked Grebe-B __ Eared Grebe __ Western Grebe __ Clark's Grebe __ Rock Pigeon-I __ Band-tailed Pigeon __ Eurasian Collared-Dove-I __ [Spotted Dove]-I,-B __ Inca Dove-A __ Common Ground Dove __ Ruddy Ground Dove*-A __ White-winged Dove __ Mourning Dove __ Groove-billed Ani*-A+ __ Greater Roadrunner __ Yellow-billed Cuckoo-B __ Lesser Nighthawk __ Common Nighthawk-A __ Common Poorwill __ Eastern Whip-poor-will*-A+ __ Mexican Whip-poor-will-A+ __ Black Swift-C __ Chimney Swift-B __ Vaux's Swift __ White-throated Swift | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> __ Rivoli's Hummingbird*-A+ __ Blue-throated Mountain-gem*-A+ __ Black-chinned Hummingbird __ Anna's Hummingbird __ Costa's Hummingbird __ Calliope Hummingbird __ Rufous Hummingbird __ Allen's Hummingbird __ Broad-tailed Hummingbird-A __ Broad-billed Hummingbird-B __ Xantus's Hummingbird*-A+ __ Violet-crowned Hummingbird*-A+ __ Ridgway's Rail __ Virginia Rail __ Sora __ Common Gallinule __ American Coot __ Purple Gallinule*-A+ __ Yellow Rail-A+ __ Black Rail-A __ Sandhill Crane-A __ Black-necked Stilt __ American Avocet __ American Oystercatcher-B __ Black Oystercatcher-D __ Black-bellied Plover __ American Golden-Plover-B __ Pacific Golden-Plover-D __ Killdeer __ Semipalmated Plover __ Lesser Sand-Plover*-A+ __ Wilson's Plover*-A __ Mountain Plover-A __ Snowy Plover __ Upland Sandpiper*-A __ Whimbrel __ Long-billed Curlew __ Bar-tailed Godwit*-A __ Hudsonian Godwit*-A+ __ Marbled Godwit __ Ruddy Turnstone __ Black Turnstone __ Red Knot __ Surf-bird __ Ruff-B __ Sharp-tailed Sandpiper-A __ Stilt Sandpiper-B __ Curlew Sandpiper*-A __ Red-necked Stint*-A+ __ Sanderling __ Dunlin __ Baird's Sandpiper-D __ Little Stint*-A __ Least Sandpiper __ Buff-breasted Sandpiper-B __ Pectoral Sandpiper-D __ Semipalmated Sandpiper-C __ Western Sandpiper __ Short-billed Dowitcher __ Long-billed Dowitcher __ Wilson's Snipe __ Spotted Sandpiper __ Solitary Sandpiper-D __ Wandering Tattler __ Lesser Yellowlegs __ Willet __ Spotted Redshank*-A+ __ Greater Yellowlegs __ Wood Sandpiper*-A+ __ Wilson's Phalarope __ Red-necked Phalarope __ Red Phalarope __ South Polar Skua-D __ Pomarine Jaeger __ Parasitic Jaeger __ Long-tailed Jaeger-C | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> __ Common Murre __ Pigeon Guillemot-B __ Marbled Murrelet-A __ Kittlitz's Murrelet*-A+ __ Scripps's Murrelet __ Guadalupe Murrelet-B __ Craveri's Murrelet-C __ Ancient Murrelet-C __ Cassin's Auklet __ Parakeet Auklet-A+ __ Rhinoceros Auklet __ Horned Puffin-A __ Tufted Puffin-A __ Black-legged Kittiwake-D __ Sabine's Gull __ Bonaparte's Gull __ Little Gull*-A __ Laughing Gull-C __ Franklin's Gull-B __ Belcher's Gull*-A+ __ Black-tailed Gull*-A+ __ Heermann's Gull __ Short-billed Gull __ Ring-billed Gull __ Western Gull __ Yellow-footed Gull-A __ California Gull __ Herring Gull __ Iceland Gull __ Lesser Black-backed Gull-B __ Glaucous-winged Gull __ Glaucous Gull-C __ Sooty Tern*-A __ Bridled Tern*-A+ __ Least Tern __ Gull-billed Tern __ Caspian Tern __ Black Tern-C __ Common Tern __ Arctic Tern __ Forster's Tern __ Royal Tern __ Elegant Tern __ Black Skimmer __ Red-billed Tropicbird-C __ Red-throated Loon __ Pacific Loon __ Common Loon __ Laysan Albatross-B __ Black-footed Albatross-D __ Short-tailed Albatross*-A+ __ Wilson's Storm-Petrel-A __ Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel-B __ Leach's Storm-Petrel-D __ Townsend's Storm-Petrel-C __ Ashy Storm-Petrel-E __ Black Storm-Petrel __ Least Storm-Petrel-E __ Northern Fulmar __ Gray-faced Petrel*-A+ __ Cook's Petrel-A __ Cory's Shearwater*-A+ __ Wedge-tailed Shearwater*-A+ __ Buller's Shearwater-C __ Short-tailed Shearwater-D __ Sooty Shearwater __ Great Shearwater*-A+ __ Pink-footed Shearwater __ Flesh-footed Shearwater-B __ Manx Shearwater-B __ Newell's Shearwater*-A+ __ Black-vented Shearwater __ Wood Stork*-A __ Magnificent Frigatebird-B __ Masked Booby*-A __ Nazca Booby-B __ Blue-footed Booby-B __ Brown Booby-C __ Red-footed Booby-B __ Anhinga*-A+ __ Brandt's Cormorant __ Pelagic Cormorant __ Double-crested Cormorant __ Neotropic Cormorant-B __ American White Pelican __ Brown Pelican __ American Bittern __ Least Bittern __ Great Blue Heron __ Great Egret __ Snowy Egret __ Little Blue Heron __ Tricolored Heron*-B __ Reddish Egret-D __ Cattle Egret __ Green Heron __ Black-crowned Night-Heron __ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron-C __ White Ibis*-A+ __ <Glossy Ibis*-A+> __ White-faced Ibis __ Roseate Spoonbill*-A+ __ [California Condor]-A+ __ Black Vulture*-A+ __ Turkey Vulture __ Osprey __ White-tailed Kite __ Swallow-tailed Kite*-A+ __ Golden Eagle __ Northern Harrier __ Sharp-shinned Hawk __ Cooper's Hawk __ Northern Goshawk-A+ __ Bald Eagle __ Royal Tern __ Mississippi Kite*-A __ Common Black Hawk*-A+ __ Harris's Hawk-B __ Red-shouldered Hawk __ Broad-winged Hawk-B __ Swainson's Hawk __ Zone-tailed Hawk-C __ Red-tailed Hawk __ Rough-legged Hawk-A __ Ferruginous Hawk __ Barn Owl __ Flammmulated Owl-C __ Western Screech-Owl __ Great Horned Owl __ Burrowing Owl __ Spotted Owl __ Long-eared Owl __ Short-eared Owl-C __ Northern Saw-whet Owl __ Belted Kingfisher __ Lewis's Woodpecker __ Acorn Woodpecker __ Gila Woodpecker-A+ __ Williamson's Sapsucker-C __ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker-C __ Red-naped Sapsucker __ Red-breasted Sapsucker __ Downy Woodpecker __ Nuttall's Woodpecker __ Ladder-backed Woodpecker __ Hairy Woodpecker __ White-headed Woodpecker __ Northern Flicker __ Crested Caracara*-A __ American Kestrel __ Merlin __ Peregrine Falcon __ Prairie Falcon __ Red-crowned Parrot-I |
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Checklist follows the Official California Checklist compiled by the California Bird Records Committee, which itself follows the AOU Check-list of North American Birds (7th edition, and supplements).

* = California Bird Records Committee (CBRC) Review Species

I = Introduced Species

[] = Extirpated Species

<> = Under CBRC review

Rarity Listing Codes

A+ = One or two records for the county

A = Two or fewer records in the last decade

B = Averages up to about one record annually

C = Averages up to about five records annually

D = Averages up to about ten records annually

E = Rare but regular

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Total number of San Diego County bird species = 525

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