

San Diego County Bird Species Checklist

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| <p> ___ 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 </p> | <p> ___ 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 </p> | <p> ___ 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 </p> | <p> ___ 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
 ___ Lilac-crowned Parrot-I </p> |
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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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