

**SAN DIEGO AUDUBON
SOCIETY'S SAN DIEGO
COUNTY BIRD CHECKLIST**

This list consists of the 498 species of birds recorded within San Diego County excluding escaped and introduced birds that are not yet considered established. These are arranged in accordance with the A.O.U., 7th edition, 2009, plus supplements. Status and occurrence of these birds can be found in the 'San Diego County Bird Atlas', 2004.

WATERFOWL

| | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| ___ Fulvous Whistling-Duck | A |
| ___ Greater White-fronted Goose | |
| ___ Snow Goose | |
| ___ Ross's Goose | |
| ___ Brant | |
| ___ Canada Goose | |
| ___ Cackling Goose | |
| ___ Tundra Swan | B |
| ___ Wood Duck | |
| ___ Gadwall | |
| ___ Eurasian Wigeon | |
| ___ American Wigeon | |
| ___ Mallard | |
| ___ Blue-winged Teal | |
| ___ Cinnamon Teal | |
| ___ Northern Shoveler | |
| ___ Northern Pintail | |
| ___ Green-winged Teal | |
| ___ Canvasback | |
| ___ Redhead | |
| ___ Ring-necked Duck | |
| ___ Tufted Duck | A |
| ___ Greater Scaup | |
| ___ Lesser Scaup | |
| ___ King Eider* | A |
| ___ Harlequin Duck | B |
| ___ Surf Scoter | |
| ___ White-winged Scoter | A |

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|----------------------------|---|
| ___ Black Scoter | |
| ___ Long-tailed Duck | C |
| ___ Bufflehead | |
| ___ Common Goldeneye | |
| ___ Barrow's Goldeneye | A |
| ___ Hooded Merganser | |
| ___ Common Merganser | |
| ___ Red-breasted Merganser | |
| ___ Ruddy Duck | |

PHEASANTS and TURKEYS

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| ___ Ring-necked Pheasant | I |
| ___ Wild Turkey | I |

NEW WORLD QUAILS

| | |
|----------------------|--|
| ___ Mountain Quail | |
| ___ California Quail | |
| ___ Gambel's Quail | |

LOONS

| | |
|-----------------------|--|
| ___ Red-throated Loon | |
| ___ Pacific Loon | |
| ___ Common Loon | |

GREBES

| | |
|-----------------------|---|
| ___ Pied-billed Grebe | |
| ___ Horned Grebe | |
| ___ Red-necked Grebe | B |
| ___ Eared Grebe | |
| ___ Western Grebe | |
| ___ Clark's Grebe | |

ALBATROSSES

| | |
|----------------------------|---|
| ___ Laysan Albatross | A |
| ___ Black-footed Albatross | C |
| ___ Short-tailed Albatross | A |

SHEARWATERS and PETRELS

| | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| ___ Northern Fulmar | |
| ___ Cook's Petrel | A |
| ___ Cory's Shearwater* | A |
| ___ Pink-footed Shearwater | |
| ___ Flesh-footed Shearwater | B |

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|-----------------------------|---|
| ___ Buller's Shearwater | B |
| ___ Sooty Shearwater | |
| ___ Short-tailed Shearwater | |
| ___ Manx Shearwater | A |
| ___ Townsend's Shearwater* | A |
| ___ Black-vented Shearwater | |

STORM-PETRELS

| | |
|------------------------------|---|
| ___ Wilson's Storm-Petrel | A |
| ___ Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel | B |
| ___ Leach's Storm-Petrel | |
| ___ Ashy Storm-Petrel | |
| ___ Black Storm-Petrel | |
| ___ Least Storm-Petrel | |

TROPICBIRDS

| | |
|---------------------------|---|
| ___ Red-billed Tropicbird | B |
|---------------------------|---|

BOOBIES

| | |
|------------------------|---|
| ___ Masked Booby* | A |
| ___ Blue-footed Booby* | A |
| ___ Brown Booby | C |
| ___ Red-footed Booby* | A |

PELICANS

| | |
|----------------------------|--|
| ___ American White Pelican | |
| ___ Brown Pelican | |

CORMORANTS

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|------------------------------|--|
| ___ Brandt's Cormorant | |
| ___ Double-crested Cormorant | |
| ___ Pelagic Cormorant | |

ANHINGAS

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|--------------|---|
| ___ Anhinga* | A |
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FRIGATEBIRDS

| | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| ___ Magnificent Frigatebird | B |
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HERONS and EGRETS

| | |
|----------------------|--|
| ___ American Bittern | |
| ___ Least Bittern | |
| ___ Great Blue Heron | |

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|----------------------------------|---|
| ___ Great Egret | |
| ___ Snowy Egret | |
| ___ Little Blue Heron | |
| ___ Tricolored Heron* | B |
| ___ Reddish Egret | C |
| ___ Cattle Egret | |
| ___ Green Heron | |
| ___ Black-crowned Night-Heron | |
| ___ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron*B | |

IBISES and STORKS

| | |
|------------------------|---|
| ___ White Ibis* | A |
| ___ White-faced Ibis | |
| ___ Roseate Spoonbill* | A |
| ___ Wood Stork | A |

NEW WORLD VULTURES

| | |
|-----------------------|-----|
| ___ Turkey Vulture | |
| ___ California Condor | A,I |

HAWKS and EAGLES

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| ___ Osprey | |
| ___ White-tailed Kite | |
| ___ Mississippi Kite* | A |
| ___ Bald Eagle | |
| ___ Northern Harrier | |
| ___ Sharp-shinned Hawk | |
| ___ Cooper's Hawk | |
| ___ Northern Goshawk | A |
| ___ Harris's Hawk* | B |
| ___ Red-shouldered Hawk | |
| ___ Broad-winged Hawk | B |
| ___ Swainson's Hawk | |
| ___ Zone-tailed Hawk | C |
| ___ Red-tailed Hawk | |
| ___ Ferruginous Hawk | |
| ___ Rough-legged Hawk | A |
| ___ Golden Eagle | |

FALCONS

| | |
|-----------------------|---|
| ___ Crested Caracara* | A |
| ___ American Kestrel | |
| ___ Merlin | |

___ Peregrine Falcon
___ Prairie Falcon

RAILS

___ Yellow Rail A
___ Black Rail A
___ Clapper Rail
___ Virginia Rail
___ Sora
___ Purple Gallinule* A
___ Common Moorhen
___ American Coot

CRANES

___ Sandhill Crane A

PLOVERS

___ Black-bellied Plover
___ American Golden-Plover* A
___ Pacific Golden-Plover C
___ Snowy Plover
___ Wilson's Plover* B
___ Semipalmated Plover
___ Killdeer
___ Mountain Plover A

OYSTERCATCHERS

___ American Oystercatcher* A
___ Black Oystercatcher C

STILTS and AVOCETS

___ Black-necked Stilt
___ American Avocet

SANDPIPERS

___ Spotted Sandpiper
___ Solitary Sandpiper C
___ Wandering Tattler
___ Spotted Redshank* A
___ Greater Yellowlegs
___ Willet
___ Lesser Yellowlegs
___ Upland Sandpiper* A

___ Whimbrel
___ Long-billed Curlew
___ Bar-tailed Godwit* A
___ Marbled Godwit
___ Ruddy Turnstone
___ Black Turnstone
___ Surfbird
___ Red Knot
___ Sanderling
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper C
___ Western Sandpiper
___ Red-necked Stint* A
___ Least Sandpiper
___ Baird's Sandpiper C
___ Pectoral Sandpiper C
___ Sharp-tailed Sandpiper A
___ Dunlin
___ Curlew Sandpiper* A
___ Stilt Sandpiper B
___ Buff-breasted Sandpiper B
___ Ruff B
___ Short-billed Dowitcher
___ Long-billed Dowitcher
___ Wilson's Snipe
___ Wilson's Phalarope
___ Red-necked Phalarope
___ Red Phalarope

SKUAS and JAEGERs

___ South Polar Skua C
___ Pomarine Jaeger
___ Parasitic Jaeger
___ Long-tailed Jaeger C

GULLS

___ Black-legged Kittiwake
___ Sabine's Gull
___ Bonaparte's Gull
___ Little Gull* A
___ Laughing Gull B
___ Franklin's Gull B
___ Belcher's Gull* A
___ Heermann's Gull

___ Mew Gull
___ Ring-billed Gull
___ Western Gull
___ Yellow-footed Gull A
___ California Gull
___ Herring Gull
___ Thayer's Gull
___ Iceland Gull* A
___ Lesser Black-backed Gull A
___ Glaucous-winged Gull
___ Glaucous Gull B

TERNs and SKIMMERS

___ 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
___ Sandwich Tern* A
___ Elegant Tern
___ Black Skimmer

ALCIDS

___ Common Murre
___ Pigeon Guillemot B
___ Marbled Murrelet B
___ Kittlitz's Murrelet* A
___ Xantus's Murrelet
___ Craveri's Murrelet C
___ Ancient Murrelet C
___ Cassin's Auklet
___ Parakeet Auklet* A
___ Rhinoceros Auklet
___ Horned Puffin A
___ Tufted Puffin A

PIGEONS and DOVES

___ Rock Pigeon I

___ Band-tailed Pigeon
___ Eurasian Collared Dove I
___ Spotted Dove B,I
___ White-winged Dove
___ Mourning Dove
___ Inca Dove B
___ Common Ground-Dove
___ Ruddy Ground-Dove A

PARROTS

___ Red-crowned Parrot I

CUCKOOS

___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo B
___ Greater Roadrunner

BARN and TYPICAL OWLS

___ Common Barn Owl
___ Flammulated Owl C
___ Western Screech-Owl
___ Great Horned Owl
___ Burrowing Owl
___ Spotted Owl
___ Long-eared Owl
___ Short-eared Owl
___ Northern Saw-whet Owl

NIGHTJARS

___ Lesser Nighthawk
___ Common Nighthawk A
___ Common Poorwill
___ Whip-poor-will A

SWIFTS

___ Black Swift B
___ Chimney Swift B
___ Vaux's Swift
___ White-throated Swift

HUMMINGBIRDS

___ Broad-billed Hummingbird* B
___ Xantus's Hummingbird* A
___ Violet-crn Hummingbird* A

___ Magnificent Hummingbird* A
___ Black-chinned Hummingbird
___ Anna's Hummingbird
___ Costa's Hummingbird
___ Calliope Hummingbird
___ Broad-tail Hummingbird* A
___ Rufous Hummingbird
___ Allen's Hummingbird

KINGFISHERS

___ Belted Kingfisher

WOODPECKERS

___ Lewis's Woodpecker
___ Acorn Woodpecker
___ Gila Woodpecker C
___ Williamson's Sapsucker C
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker C
___ Red-naped Sapsucker
___ Red-breasted Sapsucker
___ Ladder-backed Woodpecker
___ Nuttall's Woodpecker
___ Downy Woodpecker
___ Hairy Woodpecker
___ White-headed Woodpecker
___ Northern Flicker

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

___ Olive-sided Flycatcher
___ Greater Pewee* A
___ Western Wood-Pewee
___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher* A
___ Willow Flycatcher
___ Least Flycatcher C
___ Hammond's Flycatcher
___ Gray Flycatcher
___ Dusky Flycatcher
___ Pacific-slope Flycatcher
___ Black Phoebe
___ Eastern Phoebe C
___ Say's Phoebe
___ Vermilion Flycatcher
___ Dusky-capped Flycatcher* A

___ Ash-throated Flycatcher
___ Great Crested Flycatcher* A
___ Brown-crested Flycatcher
___ Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher* A
___ Tropical Kingbird C
___ Cassin's Kingbird
___ Thick-billed Kingbird* A
___ Western Kingbird
___ Eastern Kingbird B
___ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher B

SHRIKES

___ Loggerhead Shrike

VIREOS

___ White-eyed Vireo* A
___ Bell's Vireo
___ Gray Vireo
___ Yellow-throated Vireo B
___ Plumbeous Vireo
___ Cassin's Vireo
___ Blue-headed Vireo* B
___ Hutton's Vireo
___ Warbling Vireo
___ Philadelphia Vireo B
___ Red-eyed Vireo B
___ Yellow-green Vireo* B

JAYS and CROWS

___ Steller's Jay
___ Western Scrub-Jay
___ Pinyon Jay
___ Clark's Nutcracker
___ American Crow
___ Common Raven

LARKS

___ Horned Lark

SWALLOWS

___ Purple Martin
___ Tree Swallow
___ Violet-green Swallow

___ North Rough-wing Swallow
___ Bank Swallow C
___ Cliff Swallow
___ Barn Swallow

CHICKADEES & TITMICE

___ Mountain Chickadee
___ Oak Titmouse

PENDULINE TITS

___ Verdin

LONG-TAILED TITS

___ 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
___ Winter Wren C
___ Marsh Wren

DIPPERS

___ American Dipper B

KINGLETS

___ Golden-crowned Kinglet
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet

GNATCATCHERS

___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
___ California Gnatcatcher
___ Black-tailed Gnatcatcher

THRUSHES

___ Northern Wheatear* A
___ Western Bluebird
___ Mountain Bluebird
___ Townsend's Solitaire
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush* A
___ Swainson's Thrush
___ Hermit Thrush
___ Wood Thrush* A
___ Rufous-backed Robin* A
___ American Robin
___ Varied Thrush C

BABLERS

___ Wrentit

THRASHERS

___ Gray Catbird B
___ Northern Mockingbird
___ Sage Thrasher
___ Brown Thrasher B
___ Bendire's Thrasher B
___ Curve-billed Thrasher* A
___ California Thrasher
___ Crissal Thrasher
___ Le Conte's Thrasher

STARLINGS

___ European Starling

PIPITS

___ Red-throated Pipit B
___ American Pipit
___ Sprague's Pipit* A

WAXWINGS

___ Bohemian Waxwing A
___ Cedar Waxwing

SILKY-FLYCATCHERS

___ Phainopepla

WOOD-WARBLERS

- ___ Blue-winged Warbler* A
- ___ Golden-winged Warbler* A
- ___ Tennessee Warbler C
- ___ Orange-crowned Warbler
- ___ Nashville Warbler
- ___ Virginia's Warbler C
- ___ Lucy's Warbler
- ___ Northern Parula C
- ___ Yellow Warbler
- ___ Chestnut-sided Warbler C
- ___ Magnolia Warbler C
- ___ Cape May Warbler B
- ___ Black-throated Blue Warbler C
- ___ Yellow-rumped Warbler
- ___ Black-throat Gray Warbler
- ___ Black-throat Green Warbler B
- ___ Townsend's Warbler
- ___ Hermit Warbler
- ___ Blackburnian Warbler C
- ___ Yellow-throated Warbler* B
- ___ Grace's Warbler* B
- ___ Pine Warbler* B
- ___ Prairie Warbler B
- ___ Palm Warbler C
- ___ Bay-breasted Warbler B
- ___ Blackpoll Warbler C
- ___ Cerulean Warbler* A
- ___ Black-and-white Warbler
- ___ American Redstart
- ___ Prothonotary Warbler B
- ___ Worm-eating Warbler* A
- ___ Ovenbird C
- ___ Northern Waterthrush C
- ___ Louisiana Waterthrush* A
- ___ Kentucky Warbler B
- ___ Connecticut Warbler* A
- ___ Mourning Warbler* A
- ___ MacGillivray's Warbler
- ___ Common Yellowthroat
- ___ Hooded Warbler* C
- ___ Wilson's Warbler
- ___ Canada Warbler B

- ___ Red-faced Warbler* A
- ___ Painted Redstart C
- ___ Yellow-breasted Chat

TOWHEES & SPARROWS

- ___ Green-tailed Towhee
- ___ California Towhee
- ___ Cassin's Sparrow* A
- ___ Rufous-crowned Sparrow
- ___ American Tree Sparrow A
- ___ Chipping Sparrow
- ___ Clay-colored Sparrow C
- ___ Brewer's Sparrow
- ___ Black-chinned Sparrow
- ___ Vesper Sparrow
- ___ Lark Sparrow
- ___ Black-throated Sparrow
- ___ Sage Sparrow
- ___ Lark Bunting B
- ___ Savannah Sparrow
- ___ Grasshopper Sparrow
- ___ Baird's Sparrow* A
- ___ Nelson's Sparrow C
- ___ Fox Sparrow
- ___ Song Sparrow
- ___ Lincoln's Sparrow
- ___ Swamp Sparrow C
- ___ White-throated Sparrow C
- ___ Harris's Sparrow B
- ___ White-crowned Sparrow
- ___ Golden-crowned Sparrow
- ___ Dark-eyed Junco
- ___ McCown's Longspur A
- ___ Lapland Longspur B
- ___ Chestnut-collared Longspur
- ___ Little Bunting* A
- ___ Snow Bunting A

TANAGERS and CARDINALIDS

- ___ Hepatic Tanager B
- ___ Summer Tanager
- ___ Scarlet Tanager B
- ___ Western Tanager

- ___ Pyrrhuloxia* A
- ___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak C
- ___ Black-headed Grosbeak
- ___ Blue Grosbeak
- ___ Lazuli Bunting
- ___ Indigo Bunting C
- ___ Painted Bunting B
- ___ Dickcissel B

BLACKBIRDS & ORIOLES

- ___ Bobolink B
- ___ Western Meadowlark
- ___ Yellow-headed Blackbird
- ___ Red-winged Blackbird
- ___ Tricolored Blackbird
- ___ Rusty Blackbird* A
- ___ Brewer's Blackbird
- ___ Great-tailed Grackle
- ___ Common Grackle* A
- ___ Bronzed Cowbird B
- ___ Brown-headed Cowbird
- ___ Orchard Oriole B
- ___ Hooded Oriole
- ___ Streak-backed Oriole* A
- ___ Bullock s Oriole
- ___ Baltimore Oriole C
- ___ Scott's Oriole

FINCHES

- ___ Purple Finch
- ___ Cassin's Finch
- ___ House Finch
- ___ Red Crossbill B
- ___ Pine Siskin
- ___ Lesser Goldfinch
- ___ Lawrence's Goldfinch
- ___ American Goldfinch
- ___ Evening Grosbeak B

WEAVER FINCHES

- ___ House Sparrow I

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Review Species

San Diego County Rarity Index Codes

A = Two or fewer records in the last decade.
B = Up to one record annually.
C = Up to eight records annually.

I = Introduced / Exotic bird species.

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