

**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

___ 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

___ 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
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BOOBIES

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

PELICANS

___ American White Pelican	
___ Brown Pelican	

CORMORANTS

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

ANHINGAS

___ Anhinga*	A
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FRIGATEBIRDS

___ Magnificent Frigatebird	B
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HERONS and EGRETS

___ American Bittern	
___ Least Bittern	
___ Great Blue Heron	

___ 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
- \_\_\_ Spotted 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

Date(s) and Location(s):

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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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