



Checklist of Birds
of the
Central Valley
California

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GEESE, SWANS & DUCKS

Fulvous Whistling-Duck * CSC
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck **
Greater White-fronted Goose
Emperor Goose **
Snow Goose
Ross's Goose
Brant * CSC
Cackling Goose
Canada Goose
Trumpeter Swan **
Tundra Swan
Whooper Swan **
Wood Duck
Gadwall
Eurasian Wigeon
American Wigeon
American Black Duck **
Mallard
Blue-winged Teal
Cinnamon Teal
Northern Shoveler
Northern Pintail
Garganey **
Baikal Teal **
Green-winged Teal
Canvasback
Redhead CSC
Ring-necked Duck
Tufted Duck *
Greater Scaup
Lesser Scaup
Harlequin Duck * CSC
Surf Scoter *
White-winged Scoter *
Black Scoter *
Long-tailed Duck *
Bufflehead
Common Goldeneye
Barrow's Goldeneye
Smew **
Hooded Merganser
Common Merganser
Red-breasted Merganser
Ruddy Duck

PHEASANTS, TURKEYS AND QUAIL

California Quail
Wild Turkey
Ring-necked Pheasant

LOONS

Red-throated Loon *
Pacific Loon *
Common Loon
Yellow-billed Loon **

GREBES

Pied-billed Grebe
Horned Grebe
Red-necked Grebe *
Eared Grebe
Western Grebe
Clark's Grebe

SHEARWATERS & STORM-

PETRELS

Streaked Shearwater **
Leach's Storm-Petrel *

STORKS

Wood Stork *

PELICANS & CORMORANTS

Magnificent Frigatebird **
Brandt's Cormorant *
Double-crested Cormorant
American White Pelican CSC
Brown Pelican * FP

BITTERNS & HERONS

American Bittern
Least Bittern CSC
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Snowy Egret
Little Blue Heron *
Tricolored Heron **
Cattle Egret
Green Heron
Black-crowned Night-Heron

IBIS & SPOONBILLS

Glossy Ibis **
White-faced Ibis
Roseate Spoonbill **

NEW WORLD VULTURES

Black Vulture **
Turkey Vulture

EAGLES & HAWKS

Osprey
White-tailed Kite FP
Bald Eagle FT, SE, FP
Northern Harrier CSC
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk
Northern Goshawk * CSC
Common Black-Hawk **
Red-shouldered Hawk
Broad-winged Hawk *
Swainson's Hawk ST
Red-tailed Hawk
Ferruginous Hawk
Rough-legged Hawk
Golden Eagle FP

FALCONS

American Kestrel
Merlin
Gyr Falcon **
Peregrine Falcon FP
Prairie Falcon CSC

RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS

Yellow Rail ** CSC
Black Rail ST, FP
Clapper Rail FE, SE, FP
Virginia Rail
Sora
Common Moorhen
American Coot

CRANES

Sandhill Crane ST, FP, CSC
Demoiselle Crane ** SUP

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PLOVERS

Black-bellied Plover
American Golden-Plover **
Pacific Golden-Plover *
Snowy Plover CSC
Semipalmated Plover
Killdeer
Mountain Plover

STILTS & AVOCETS

Black-necked Stilt
American Avocet

SANDPIPERS & PHALAROPES

Spotted Sandpiper
Solitary Sandpiper
Wandering Tattler *
Spotted Redshank **
Greater Yellowlegs
Willet
Lesser Yellowlegs
Whimbrel
Long-billed Curlew
Hudsonian Godwit **
Marbled Godwit
Ruddy Turnstone*
Black Turnstone *
Surfbird *
Red Knot *
Sanderling *
Semipalmated Sandpiper
Western Sandpiper
Red-necked Stint **
Least Sandpiper
White-rumped Sandpiper **
Baird's Sandpiper
Pectoral Sandpiper
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper *
Dunlin
Curlew Sandpiper **
Stilt Sandpiper *
Buff-breasted Sandpiper *
Ruff *
Short-billed Dowitcher
Long-billed Dowitcher
Jack Snipe **

Wilson's Snipe
Wilson's Phalarope
Red-necked Phalarope
Red Phalarope *

JAEGERS, GULLS, TERNS & SKIMMERS

Black-legged Kittiwake *
Sabine's Gull *
Bonaparte's Gull
Black-headed Gull **
Little Gull **
Laughing Gull *
Franklin's Gull *
Heermann's Gull *
Mew Gull
Ring-billed Gull
Western Gull
California Gull
Herring Gull
Thayer's Gull
Iceland Gull **
Lesser Black-backed Gull **
Slaty-backed Gull **
Glaucous-winged Gull
Glaucous Gull *
Least Tern * SE, FP
Caspian Tern
Black Tern CSC
Common Tern *
Arctic Tern *
Forster's Tern
Black Skimmer *
Parasitic Jaeger *
Long-tailed Jaeger *

ALCIDS

Ancient Murrelet *

PIGEONS & DOVES

Rock (Feral) Pigeon
Band-tailed Pigeon
Spotted Dove
Eurasian Collared Dove
White-winged Dove *
Mourning Dove
Common Ground-Dove *

PARROTS

Rose-ringed Parakeet

CUCKOOS & ROADRUNNERS

Yellow-billed Cuckoo * SE
Greater Roadrunner

OWLS

Barn Owl
Flammulated Owl *
Western Screech-Owl
Great Horned Owl
Snowy Owl **
Northern Pygmy-Owl *
Burrowing Owl CSC
Spotted Owl * CSC
Long-eared Owl CSC
Short-eared Owl CSC
Northern Saw-whet Owl *

NIGHTJARS

Lesser Nighthawk
Common Nighthawk
Common Poorwill

SWIFTS

Black Swift * CSC
Chimney Swift *
Vaux's Swift CSC
White-throated Swift

HUMMINGBIRDS

Black-chinned Hummingbird
Anna's Hummingbird
Costa's Hummingbird *
Calliope Hummingbird
Broad-tailed Hummingbird *
Rufous Hummingbird
Allen's Hummingbird *

KINGFISHERS

Belted Kingfisher

WOODPECKERS

Lewis' Woodpecker
Acorn Woodpecker
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker *

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Red-naped Sapsucker *
Red-breasted Sapsucker
Nuttall's Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Pileated Woodpecker

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

Olive-sided Flycatcher CSC
Western Wood-Pewee
Eastern Wood-Pewee **
Willow Flycatcher SE
Least Flycatcher *
Hammond's Flycatcher
Gray Flycatcher
Dusky Flycatcher
Pacific-slope Flycatcher
Black Phoebe
Eastern Phoebe *
Say's Phoebe
Vermilion Flycatcher *
Ash-throated Flycatcher
Tropical Kingbird *
Cassin's Kingbird
Western Kingbird
Eastern Kingbird *
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher *
Fork-tailed Flycatcher **

SHRIKES

Loggerhead Shrike CSC
Northern Shrike *

VIREOS

White-eyed Vireo **
Bell's Vireo * FE, SE
Yellow-throated Vireo *
Plumbeous Vireo *
Cassin's Vireo
Hutton's Vireo
Warbling Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo *
Yellow-green Vireo **

JAYS, MAGPIES & CROWS

Steller's Jay

Blue Jay **
Western Scrub-Jay
Clark's Nutcracker *
Black-billed Magpie *
Yellow-billed Magpie
American Crow
Common Raven

LARKS

Horned Lark CSC

SWALLOWS

Purple Martin CSC
Tree Swallow
Violet-green Swallow
Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Bank Swallow ST
Cliff Swallow
Barn Swallow

CHICKADEES & BUSHTIT

Mountain Chickadee *
Chestnut-backed Chickadee *
Oak Titmouse
Bushtit

NUTHATCHES & CREEPER

Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-breasted Nuthatch
Pygmy Nuthatch *
Brown Creeper

WRENS

Rock Wren
Canyon Wren *
Bewick's Wren
House Wren
Pacific Wren
Marsh Wren

GNATCATCHER

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

DIPPERS

American Dipper *

KINGLETS

Golden-crowned Kinglet
Ruby-crowned Kinglet

SYLVIID WARBLERS

Wrentit

THRUSHES SWIFTS

Northern Wheatear**
Western Bluebird
Mountain Bluebird
Townsend's Solitaire *
Veery **
Swainson's Thrush CSC
Hermit Thrush
Wood Thrush **
American Robin
Varied Thrush

MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS

Gray Catbird *
Northern Mockingbird
Sage Thrasher *
Brown Thrasher *
Bendire's Thrasher* CSC
California Thrasher
Le Conte's Thrasher CSC

STARLINGS

European Starling

WAGTAILS & PIPITS

White Wagtail **
American Pipit

WAXWINGS & SILKY-FLYCATCHERS

Bohemian Waxwing *
Cedar Waxwing
Phainopepla

LONGSPURS & OLD WORLD BUNTINGS

McCown's Longspur *
Lapland Longspur *
Chestnut-collared Longspur *
Snow Bunting **

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WOOD-WARBLERS

Blue-winged Warbler **
Tennessee Warbler *
Orange-crowned Warbler
Nashville Warbler
Virginia's Warbler *
Lucy's Warbler * CSC
Northern Parula *
Yellow Warbler CSC
Chestnut-sided Warbler *
Magnolia Warbler *
Cape May Warbler *
Black-throated Blue Warbler *
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Black-throated Gray Warbler
Black-throated Green Warbler *
Townsend's Warbler
Hermit Warbler
Blackburnian Warbler *
Yellow-throated Warbler **
Prairie Warbler *
Palm Warbler *
Bay-breasted Warbler *
Blackpoll Warbler *
Black-and-white Warbler *
American Redstart *
Prothonotary Warbler *
Ovenbird *
Northern Waterthrush *
Kentucky Warbler *
Connecticut Warbler **
MacGillivray's Warbler
Common Yellowthroat
Hooded Warbler *
Wilson's Warbler
Canada Warbler *

Yellow-breasted Chat CSC

EMBERIZIDS

Green-tailed Towhee *
Spotted Towhee
Rufous-crowned Sparrow
California Towhee
American Tree Sparrow *
Chipping Sparrow
Clay-colored Sparrow *
Brewer's Sparrow *
Black-chinned Sparrow *
Vesper Sparrow CSC
Lark Sparrow
Black-throated Sparrow *
Sage Sparrow
Lark Bunting *
Savannah Sparrow
Grasshopper Sparrow CSC
Fox Sparrow
Song Sparrow CSC
Lincoln's Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow *
White-throated Sparrow
Harris's Sparrow *
White-crowned Sparrow
Golden-crowned Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco

GROSBEAKS & BUNTINGS

Summer Tanager * CSC
Western Tanager
Rose-breasted Grosbeak *
Black-headed Grosbeak
Blue Grosbeak
Lazuli Bunting

Indigo Bunting *
Dickcissel **

BLACKBIRDS & ORIOLES

Bobolink *
Red-winged Blackbird
Tricolored Blackbird CSC
Western Meadowlark
Yellow-headed Blackbird CSC
Rusty Blackbird **
Brewer's Blackbird
Common Grackle **
Great-tailed Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird
Orchard Oriole *
Hooded Oriole
Bullock's Oriole
Baltimore Oriole *

FINCHES

Brambling **
Purple Finch
Cassin's Finch *
House Finch
Red Crossbill *
Common Redpoll **
Pine Siskin
Lesser Goldfinch
Lawrence's Goldfinch
American Goldfinch
Evening Grosbeak *

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

House Sparrow

Additional species seen in adjacent foothills include:

Laysan Albatross *
Black Storm-Petrel *
Blue-footed Booby **
California Condor
Barred Owl *
Whip-poorwill *
Violet-crowned Hummingbird **

Ruby-throated Hummingbird **
Williamson's Sapsucker *
Taiga Flycatcher **
Painted Redstart *
Field Sparrow **
Cassin's Sparrow **
Scott's Oriole *

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LEGEND

** = Species on the California Bird Records Committee review list

* = Rare Species within checklist boundary, generally not found annually during the past 15 years

italicized names = established and introduced species within checklist boundary

FE = federal endangered species

FT = federal threatened species

SE = state endangered species

ST = state endangered species

CSC = California Species of Special Concern

SUP = California Supplemental List; identification confirmed, wild status unclear

For Central Valley Bird Club information, please see the club's website at <http://www.cvbirds.org>.

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