



Bird List

This checklist of bird species that have been recorded in Santa Barbara Botanic Garden was compiled under the direction of Dr. Robert Muller, Director of Research at the Garden, by Larry Ballard, Louis Bevier, and Florence Sanchez. Special thanks are given to the many birders who also contributed to this list.

The checklist is based in part on a previous publication, *Wildlife in the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden* (Bevier, 1986), which was published in memory of Dean Bazzi. Several species have been added to the new list, while four species from the earlier publication were omitted because of a lack of recent data: Common Poorwill, Loggerhead Shrike, Lark Sparrow, and Savannah Sparrow.

Taxonomy follows the American Ornithologists' 's *Check-list of North American Birds* (Seventh Edition, 1998) and its subsequent supplements.

Key

- C = Common to abundant; regularly found on most visits to the Garden
- U = Uncommon to fairly common; usually present in the appropriate season, but not always found
- R = Occurs in the proper season, but in very small numbers or individually
- O = Found only occasionally; not expected every year
- X = Accidental rarity or out-of-range species for the Garden; very few records

- B = Breeds in the Botanic Garden
- OB = Occasional or former breeder
- Ir = Irregular: numbers can vary greatly from year to year
- i = Introduced species

- Sp = Spring: March through May
- Su = Summer: June through August
- F = Fall: September through November
- W = Winter: December through February

Note: There can be much overlap in seasonal distribution and bird activity, with fall migration of land birds starting as early as August for some species, and nesting for others beginning in January.

	Sp	Su	F	W	Status
Ducks & Geese					
Cackling Goose			X		
Wood Duck				X	
Mallard	R	R	R	R	
New World Quail					
California Quail	C	C	C	C	B
Partridges, Grouse & Turkeys					
Wild Turkey	O	O	O	O	i
Pigeons & Doves					
Rock Pigeon	U	U	U	U	i
Band-tailed Pigeon	C	C	C	C	B
Eurasian Collared-Dove	O			O	i
Mourning Dove	C	C	C	C	B
Roadrunners					
Greater Roadrunner	O	O	O	O	
Swifts					
Vaux's Swift	O				
White-throated Swift	U	R	R	R	
Hummingbirds					
Black-chinned Hummingbird	C	C			B
Anna's Hummingbird	C	C	C	C	B
Costa's Hummingbird	R	R			
Calliope Hummingbird	O				
Rufous Hummingbird	R				
Allen's Hummingbird	C	C	R	R	B
Cormorants					
Double-crested Cormorant	O	O	O	O	
Hérons					
Great Blue Heron	R	R	R	R	
Green Heron	X				

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New World Vultures					
Turkey Vulture	C	C	C	C	
Osprey					
Osprey				X	
Hawks & Eagles					
White-tailed Kite	O	O	O		OB
Golden Eagle	X				
Northern Harrier	X			X	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	R		R	R	
Cooper's Hawk	U	U	U	U	B
Red-shouldered Hawk	C	C	C	C	B
Zone-tailed Hawk				X	
Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	C	B
Barn Owls					
Barn Owl	O	O	O	O	
Typical Owls					
Western Screech-Owl	R	R	R	R	B
Great Horned Owl	U	U	U	U	B
Northern Pygmy-Owl	R	R	R	R	
Spotted Owl			X	X	
Kingfishers					
Belted Kingfisher	O		O	O	
Woodpeckers					
Acorn Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	B
Red-breasted Sapsucker	O		R	R	
Nuttall's Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	B
Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	B
Hairy Woodpecker	U	U	U	U	
White-headed Woodpecker			X		
Northern Flicker	C	C	C	C	B
Falcons					
American Kestrel	R	R	R	R	
Merlin				O	
Peregrine Falcon			X		

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Tyrant Flycatchers					
Ash-throated Flycatcher	U	U	U		
Cassin's Kingbird				O	
Western Kingbird	O				
Eastern Kingbird			X		
Olive-sided Flycatcher	U		R		OB
Western Wood-Pewee	U		R		OB
Willow Flycatcher	R		U		
Hammond's Flycatcher	R		R		
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	C	C	U	O	B
Black Phoebe	C	C	C	C	B
Say's Phoebe			O		
Vireos					
Hutton's Vireo	C	C	C	C	B
Cassin's Vireo	U		R		
Plumbeous Vireo	X		X		
Warbling Vireo	C	R	U		OB
Jays & Crows					
Steller's Jay			O	O	
California Scrub-Jay	C	C	C	C	B
American Crow	C	C	C	C	B
Common Raven	O	O	O	O	
Chickadees & Titmice					
Mountain Chickadee			O	O	
Oak Titmouse	C	C	C	C	B
Swallows					
Tree Swallow	O		O		
Violet-green Swallow	R		R		
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	R	R			
Purple Martin	O				
Barn Swallow	R	R			
Cliff Swallow	C	C	U		
Bushtits					
Common Bushtit	C	C	C	C	B

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Sylviid Warblers					
Wrentit	C	C	C	C	B
Kinglets					
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C	C	
Golden-crowned Kinglet			O	O	
Waxwings					
Cedar Waxwing	C	X	C	C	lr
Silky-Flycatchers					
Phainopepla	R	R	R	O	OB
Nuthatches					
Red-breasted Nuthatch	R		R	U	lr
White-breasted Nuthatch	U	U	U	U	B
Creepers					
Brown Creeper			R	R	
Gnatcatchers					
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	C	U	C	C	OB
Wrens					
Canyon Wren	U	U	U	U	OB
House Wren	C	C	C	C	B
Pacific Wren			R	R	
Bewick's Wren	C	C	C	C	B
Mockingbirds & Thrashers					
California Thrasher	C	C	C	C	B
Northern Mockingbird	U	U	U	U	B
Starlings					
European Starling	C	C	C	C	B, i
Dippers					
American Dipper			O	O	

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Thrushes					
Western Bluebird	O		O	O	
Townsend's Solitaire				O	
Swainson's Thrush	U	O	R		OB
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Hermit Thrush	C		C	C	
American Robin	C	U	C	C	B
Varied Thrush			O	O	
Waxbills and Allies					
Scaly-breasted Munia	U	U	U	U	i
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Scaly-breasted Munia	U	U	U	U	i
Old World Sparrows					
House Sparrow	U	U	U	U	i
Finches					
House Finch	C	C	C	C	B
Purple Finch	C	C	C	C	B
Pine Siskin	R		R	R	lr
Lesser Goldfinch	C	C	C	C	B
Lawrence's Goldfinch	O		O	O	lr
American Goldfinch	U	R	U	U	
New World Sparrows					
Chipping Sparrow	X				
Fox Sparrow	R		U	R	
Dark-eyed Junco	C	C	C	C	B
White-crowned Sparrow	C		C	C	
Golden-crowned Sparrow	C		C	C	
White-throated Sparrow				X	
Song Sparrow	C	C	C	C	B
Lincoln's Sparrow			R	R	
California Towhee	C	C	C	C	B
Spotted Towhee	C	C	C	C	B
Yellow-breasted Chats					
Yellow-breasted Chat	O		O		

Blackbirds & Orioles					
Hooded Oriole	C	C	U		B
Bullock's Oriole	C	U	U		
Scott's Oriole			X		
Red-winged Blackbird	O	O	O	O	
Brewer's Blackbird	U	U	U	U	
Brown-headed Cowbird	C	U	R	R	B
Wood-Warblers					
Ovenbird			X		
Northern Waterthrush			X		
Golden-winged Warbler			X		
Black-and-white Warbler	O		R	O	
Orange-crowned Warbler	C	C	C	C	B
Nashville Warbler	U		R		
Virginia's Warbler			X		
MacGillivray's Warbler	U		U		
Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C	C	B
Hooded Warbler	X	X			
American Redstart			O		
Northern Parula			X		
Magnolia Warbler			X		
Yellow Warbler	C	C	U		B
Chestnut-sided Warbler			X		
Black-throated Blue Warbler			X	X	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	U		C	C	
Yellow-throated Warbler			X		
Prairie Warbler			X		
Black-throated Gray Warbler	U		U		
Townsend's Warbler	C		C	C	
Hermit Warbler	U		R		
Canada Warbler			X		
Wilson's Warbler	C	R	C		
Tanagers, Grosbeaks & Buntings					
Summer Tanager	O		O		
Western Tanager	C		C		
Rose-breasted Grosbeak			X		
Black-headed Grosbeak	C	C	C		B
Lazuli Bunting	O		O		