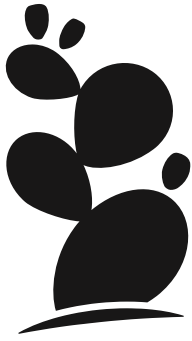


BIRD CHECKLIST AS OF JUNE 4, 2024



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SAN DIEGO BOTANIC GARDEN

Bird Check List

The original list in 2012 was prepared by Sue Smith & Rita Campbell, and dedicated to Freeman Hall, the first SDBG bird walk organizer. This is a June 2024 update to that and subsequent lists.

Date(s) _____ Time(s) _____
Species Seen _____ Group Size _____
Weather _____
Observers _____
Notes _____

Waterfowl

- Canada Goose *Branta canadensis*
- Cinnamon Teal *Spatula cyanoptera*
- Gadwall *Mareca strepera*
- American Wigeon *Mareca americana*
- Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos* **B**
- Green-winged Teal *Anas crecca*
- Northern Pintail *Anas acuta*
- Northern Shoveler *Anas clypeata*

Grouse, Quail, and Allies

- California Quail *Callipepla californica* **B**

Pigeons and Doves

- Rock Pigeon *Columba livia*
- Spotted Dove *Streptopelia chinensis* **X**
- Eurasian Collared-Dove *S. decaocto* **B**
- White-winged Dove *Zenaida asiatica* **R**
- Mourning Dove *Zenaida macroura* **B**

Cuckoos

- Greater Roadrunner *Geococcyx californianus* **U**

Nightjars

- Lesser Nighthawk *Chordeiles acutipennis* **R**

Swifts

- Black Swift *Cypseloides niger* **R**
- Vaux's Swift *Chaetura vauxi*
- White-throated Swift *Aeronautes saxatalis*

Hummingbirds

- Black-chinned Hummingbird *Archilochus alexandri* **B**
- Anna's Hummingbird *Calypte anna* **B**
- Costa's Hummingbird *Calypte costae*
- Rufous Hummingbird *Selasphorus rufus*
- Calliope Hummingbird *Selasphorus calliope* **R**
- Allen's Hummingbird *Selasphorus sasin* **B**
- Rufous/Allen's Hummingbird *Selasphorus rufus/sasin*

Rails, Gallinules, and Allies

- American Coot *Fulica americana*

Shorebirds

- Killdeer *Charadrius vociferus* **B**
- Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*
- Willet *Tringa semipalmata*
- Yellowlegs, sp. *Tringa melanoleuca/flavipes*

Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers

- Ring-billed Gull *Larus delawarensis*
- Western Gull *Larus occidentalis*
- California Gull *Larus californicus*
- Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia*
- Black Skimmer *Rynchops niger* **U**

Loons

- Common Loon *Gavia immer* **U**

Cormorants and Anhingas

- Double-crested Cormorant *Nannopterum auritum*

Pelicans

- American White Pelican *Pelecanus erythrorhynchos* **U**
- Brown Pelican *Pelecanus occidentalis*

Hérons, Ibis, and Allies

- Great Blue Heron *Ardea herodias*
- Great Egret *Ardea alba*
- Snowy Egret *Egretta thula*
- Green Heron *Butorides virescens*
- Black-crowned Night-Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* **U**
- White-faced Ibis *Plegadis chihi* **U**

Vultures, Hawks, and Allies

- Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*
- Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*
- White-tailed Kite *Elanus leucurus*
- Northern Harrier *Circus hudsonius*
- Sharp-shinned Hawk *Accipiter striatus*
- Cooper's Hawk *Accipiter cooperii* **B**
- Red-shouldered Hawk *Buteo lineatus* **B**
- Swainson's Hawk *Buteo swainsoni* **R**
- Red-tailed Hawk *Buteo jamaicensis* **B**

Owls

- Barn Owl *Tyto alba*
- Great Horned Owl *Bubo virginianus* **B**

Kingfishers

__ Belted Kingfisher *Megaceryle alcyon* **U**

Woodpeckers

__ Acorn Woodpecker *Melanerpes formicivorus* **B**
(*historical*)

__ Downy Woodpecker *Dryobates pubescens* **B**

__ Nuttall's Woodpecker *Dryobates nuttallii* **B**

__ Northern Flicker *Colaptes auratus*

__ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker *Sphyrapicus varius* **R**

Falcons and Caracaras

__ Crested Caracara *Caracara plancus* **R**

__ American Kestrel *Falco sparverius*

__ Merlin *Falco columbarius*

__ Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*

Parrots, Parakeets, and Allies

__ parrot sp. *Psittaciformes* sp. (*parrot* sp.)

__ Cockatiel *Nymphicus hollandicus* **E**

Tyrant Flycatchers: Pewees, Kingbirds, and Allies

__ Olive-sided Flycatcher *Contopus cooperi*

__ Western Wood-Pewee *Contopus sordidulus*

__ Willow Flycatcher *Empidonax traillii*

__ Pacific-slope Flycatcher *Empidonax difficilis* **B**

__ Black Phoebe *Sayornis nigricans* **B**

__ Say's Phoebe *Sayornis saya*

__ Ash-throated Flycatcher *Myiarchus cinerascens*

__ Dusky-capped Flycatcher *M. tuberculifer* **R**

__ Cassin's Kingbird *Tyrannus vociferans* **B**

__ Western Kingbird *Tyrannus verticalis*

__ Thick-billed Kingbird *T. crassirostris* **R**

Vireos

__ Hutton's Vireo *Vireo huttoni* **B**

__ Plumbeous Vireo *Vireo plumbeus* **R**

__ Cassin's Vireo *Vireo cassinii* **R**

__ Warbling Vireo *Vireo gilvus*

__ Bell's Vireo *Vireo belli* **U**

Shrikes

__ Loggerhead Shrike *Lanius ludovicianus* **U**

Jays, Magpies, Crows, and Ravens

__ California Scrub-Jay *Aphelocoma californica*
B

__ American Crow *Corvus brachyrhynchos* **B**

__ Common Raven *Corvus corax* **B**

__ Pied Crow *Corvus albus* **E, R**

Penduline-Tits and Verdin

__ Verdin *Auriparus flaviceps* **R**

Larks

__ Horned Lark *Eremophila alpestris*

Martins and Swallows

__ N. Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx*
serripennis **B**

__ Purple Martin *Progne subis* **R**

__ Tree Swallow *Tachycineta bicolor*

__ Violet-green Swallow *Tachycineta thalassina*

__ Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

__ Cliff Swallow *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*

Long-tailed Tits and Bushtit

__ Bushtit *Psaltriparus minimus* **B**

Wrentit, and Allies

__ Wrentit *Chamaea fasciata* **B**

White-eyes and Allies

__ Swinhoe's White-eye *Zosterops simplex* **B, E**

Kinglets

__ Ruby-crowned Kinglet *Corthylio calendula*

Nuthatches

__ Red-breasted Nuthatch *Sitta canadensis*

Gnatcatchers

__ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher *Polioptila caerulea*

__ California Gnatcatcher *Polioptila californica* **B**

Wrens

__ Rock Wren *Salpinctes obsoletus* **U**

__ House Wren *Troglodytes aedon* **B**

__ Pacific Wren *Troglodytes pacificus* **R**

__ Bewick's Wren *Thryomanes bewickii* **B**

Starlings and Mynas

__ European Starling *Sturnus vulgaris* **B**

Catbirds, Mockingbirds, and Thrashers

__ California Thrasher *Toxostoma redivivum* **B**

__ Northern Mockingbird *Mimus polyglottos* **B**

Thrushes

__ Western Bluebird *Sialia mexicana* **B**

__ Varied Thrush *Ixoreus naevius* **R**

__ Swainson's Thrush *Catharus ustulatus*

__ Hermit Thrush *Catharus guttatus*

__ American Robin *Turdus migratorius*

Waxwings

__ Cedar Waxwing *Bombycilla cedrorum*

Weavers and Allies

__ Northern Red Bishop *Euplectes franciscanus*
E

Estrildids

__ Scaly-breasted Munia *Lonchura punctulate* **B**

Old World Sparrows

__ House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* **B**

Wagtails and Pipits

__ American Pipit *Anthus rubescens*

Finches, Euphonias, and Allies

- House Finch *Haemorhous mexicanus* **B**
- Purple Finch *Haemorhous purpureus* **R**
- Pine Siskin *Spinus pinus* **R**
- Lesser Goldfinch *Spinus psaltria* **B**
- Lawrence's Goldfinch *Spinus lawrencei*
- American Goldfinch *Spinus tristis* **U**

New World Sparrows, and Chat

- Chipping Sparrow *Spizella passerine* **U**
- Clay-colored Sparrow *Spizella pallida* **R**
- Lark Bunting, *Calamospiza melanocorys* **R**
- Fox Sparrow *Passerella iliaca*
- Dark-eyed Junco *Junco hyemalis* **U**
- White-crowned Sparrow *Zonotrichia leucophrys*
- Golden-crowned Sparrow *Zonotrichia atricapilla* **U**
- White-throated Sparrow *Z. albicollis* **R**
- Savannah Sparrow *Passerculus sandwichensis* **U**
- Song Sparrow *Melospiza melodia* **B**
- Lincoln's Sparrow *Melospiza lincolnii*
- California Towhee *Melospiza crissalis* **B**
- Green-tailed Towhee *Pipilo chlorurus* **R**
- Spotted Towhee *Pipilo maculatus* **B**
- Yellow-breasted Chat *Icteria virens* **U**

Blackbirds/Orioles and Allies

- Orchard Oriole *Icterus spurius* **R**
- Hooded Oriole *Icterus cucullatus* **B**
- Bullock's Oriole *Icterus bullockii*
- Baltimore Oriole *Icterus galbula* **R**
- Red-winged Blackbird *Agelaius phoeniceus*
- Brown-headed Cowbird *Molothrus ater* **B**
- Brewer's Blackbird *Euphagus cyanocephalus* **U**
- Great-tailed Grackle *Quiscalus mexicanus* **U**

Wood-Warblers

- Black-and-white Warbler *Mniotilta varia* **R**
- Tennessee Warbler *Leiothlypis peregrina* **R**
- Orange-crowned Warbler *Leiothlypis celata* **B**
- Nashville Warbler *Leiothlypis ruficapilla*
- MacGillivray's Warbler *Geothlypis tolmiei*
- Common Yellowthroat *Geothlypis trichas* **B**
- Magnolia Warbler *Setophaga magnolia* **R**
- American Redstart *Setophaga ruticilla* **R**
- Prothonotary Warbler *Protonotaria cirea* **R**
- Northern Parula *Setophaga americana* **R**
- Yellow Warbler *Setophaga petechia*
- Blackpoll Warbler *Setophaga striata* **R**
- Palm Warbler *Setophaga palmarum* **R**
- Yellow-rumped Warbler *Setophaga coronata*
- Black-throated Gray Warbler *Setophaga nigrescens*
- Townsend's Warbler *Setophaga townsendi*
- Hermit Warbler *Setophaga occidentalis*
- Wilson's Warbler *Cardellina pusilla*

Cardinals, Grosbeaks, and Allies

- Summer Tanager *Piranga rubra* **R**
- Western Tanager *Piranga ludoviciana*
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak *Pheucticus ludovicianus* **R**
- Black-headed Grosbeak *P. melanocephalus* **B**
- Lazuli Bunting *Passerina amoena* **U**

Other Species: _____

Key:

- R** = Rare in coastal San Diego County
- B** = Currently Breeds or has Bred at SDBG
- E** = Exotics and Escapees
- X** = Extirpated
- U** = Unusual at this location

About this list...

The 171 bird species featured here have been seen in and from the San Diego Botanic Garden as of June 4, 2024. A good portion of these (43 species or 25%) have been known to breed and raise young in the Garden. Many others use the garden either as a winter home, or as a resting and refueling place during their seasonal migrations or dispersals from their breeding grounds elsewhere. Rarities account for 19% of the total (33 species) and are usually represented by only a few records or individuals. It is rare to find them in our coastal region--most have strayed far from their regular migratory or dispersal routes and home ranges, so careful documentation is needed for these birds--also for those marked 'U' or Unusual. Exotic birds are usually escaped caged birds and account for a small portion of the total (5%), although some former exotics like the Scaly-breasted Munia have become naturalized in the County, as might Swinhoe's White-eye in the future. The garden provides a wonderful sanctuary for these birds, offering them needed protection, an accessible source of water, and a rich food supply provided by the great variety of plantings here.

Helpful Hints...

- Birding is best during the early morning or late afternoon.
- Come prepared with binoculars and field guide (book or phone app) for bird identification.
- Observe first, then look at your guide. Birds may move quickly out of sight.
- Walk quietly, listen for bird song or watch for movement.
- Pay attention to details: size, shape, color, wing and head markings and bill shape.