

Tom Bennett Art and Environmental Science Contest 2009
San Bernardino County Museum Association
Birds of a Feather

These lists include a wide array of birds found in specific or wide-ranging areas of the inland southern California region. Determine the type of habitats on which you will have your students focus. You may select either the natural areas around your school, if your school is near an open space area, in open suburban lands, or rural. You may choose the birds Common in Human Habitats especially if your school is in the heart of the city or around industrial or retail centers. In some cases, you may be choosing birds from more than one list, if your school is nearby more than one type of habitat.

If you have questions on which habitat will be the best for you location and for your students, feel free to contact the Education Division at jredvale@sbcm.sbcounty.gov or 909-307-2669 x256.

MOJAVE DESERT

Desert Riparian—water courses such as the Mojave River, or streamside thickets such as Mojave Narrows Regional Park

Mallard

Gadwall

California Quail (west Mojave)

Gambel's Quail (central/east Mojave)

Great Blue Heron

Turkey Vulture

Cooper's Hawk

Red-tailed Hawk

American Kestrel

American Coot

Mourning Dove

Great Roadrunner

Barn Owl

Western Screech-Owl

Great Horned Owl

Common Poorwill

White-throated Swift

Anna's Hummingbird

Costa's Hummingbird

Ladder-backed Woodpecker

Nuttall's Woodpecker

Vermilion Flycatcher

Black Phoebe

Ash-throated Flycatcher

Loggerhead Shrike

Least Bell's Vireo

Common Raven

Horned Lark

Cliff Swallow

Verdin

Cactus Wren
Bewick's Wren
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Black-tailed Gnatcatcher
Western Bluebird
European Starling
Phainopepla
Lucy's Warbler
Yellow warbler
Common Yellowthroat
Yellow-breasted Chat
Summer Tanager
Song Sparrow
Great-tailed Grackle
House Finch

Creosote Scrub and Sage Scrub (low desert habitats of the Mojave Desert and the Colorado Desert, which occurs in the Palm Springs/Coachella Valley area; below 2500 feet elevation)

Gambel's Quail
Turkey Vulture
Red-tailed Hawk
American Kestrel
Prairie Falcon
Mourning Dove
Common Ground Dove
White-winged Dove
Greater Roadrunner
Western Screech-owl
Great Horned Owl
Burrowing Owl
Lesser Nighthawk
White-throated Swift
Costa's Hummingbird
Ladder-backed Woodpecker
Say's Phoebe
Ash-throated Flycatcher
Loggerhead Shrike
Common Raven
Verdin
Cactus Wren
Rock Wren
Black-tailed Gnatcatcher
Le Conte's Thrasher
Phainopepla
Abert's Towhee
Black-throated Sparrow
Hooded Oriole
House Finch

Joshua Tree Woodland, Sagebrush scrub, and Pinyon-Juniper Woodland (these are high desert habitats, which occur on the low mountain and foothill areas on the transmontane [desert side] of southern California. These habitat occur above 2500 feet elevation.

California Quail
Turkey Vulture
Red-tailed Hawk
Golden Eagle
American Kestrel
Mourning Dove
Western Screech-Owl
Common Poorwill
White-throated Swift
Costa's Hummingbird
Ladder-backed Woodpecker
Gray Flycatcher
Say's Phoebe
Ash-throated Flycatcher
Loggerhead Shrike
Gray Vireo
Western Scrub-Jay
Common Raven
Oak Titmouse
Rock Wren
Bewick's Wren
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Western Bluebird
California Thrasher
Phainopepla
Black-throated Gray Warbler
Brewer's Sparrow
Lazuli Bunting
Brown-headed Cowbird
Scott's Oriole
House Finch

MOUNTAINS

Coniferous Forest in mountain elevations above 4,500 feet

Mountain Quail
Turkey Vulture
Bald Eagle
Cooper's Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
American Kestrel
Band-tailed Pigeon
Mourning Dove
Northern Pygmy-Owl
Spotted Owl
Northern Saw-whet Owl
Common Nighthawk
Calliope Hummingbird

Acorn Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
White-headed Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Olive-sided Flycatcher
Western Wood-Pewee
Dusky Flycatcher
Steller 's Jay
Pinyon Jay
Common Raven
Purple Martin
Violet-green Swallow
Mountain Chickadee
Red-breasted Nuthatch
Whiter-breasted Nuthatch
Pygmy Nuthatch
Brown Creeper
House Wren
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Western Bluebird
Townsend's solitaire
Hermit Thrush
American Robin
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Wilson's Warbler
Western Tanager
Green-tailed Towhee
Chipping Sparrow
Fox Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco
Purple Finch
Cassin's Finch
Pine Siskin

COASTAL VALLEY AREAS

Streamside Riparian and Oak Woodland

California Quail
Cooper's Hawk
Red-shouldered Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
American Kestrel
Mourning Dove
Western Screech-Owl
Common Poorwill
Anna's Hummingbird
Acorn Woodpecker
Nuttall's Woodpecker
Pacific-slope Flycatcher
Ash-throated Flycatcher
Hutton's Vireo
Western Scrub-Jay

American Crow
Oak Titmouse
Bushtit
Bewick's Wren
House Wren
Western Bluebird
California Thrasher
Orange-crowned Warbler
Spotted Towhee
California Towhee
Black-headed Grosbeak
Brown-headed Cowbird
Bullock's Oriole
House Finch
Lesser Goldfinch
American Goldfinch
House Finch

Open Fields, Grasslands and Agricultural Fields

Canada Goose
Cattle Egret
Turkey Vulture
White-tailed Kite
Red-tailed Hawk
Golden Eagle
American kestrel
Killdeer
Mountain Plover
Mourning Dove
Burrowing Owl
Western Kingbird
Say's Phoebe
Loggerhead Shrike
American Crow
Common Raven
Horned Lark
Lark Sparrow
Western Meadowlark

Chaparral and Coastal Sage Scrub Habitats

California Quail
Cooper's Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
Mourning Dove
Greater Roadrunner
Common Poorwill
Anna's Hummingbird
Costa's Hummingbird
Nuttall's Woodpecker
Say's Phoebe
Ash-throated Flycatcher
Loggerhead Shrike

Western Scrub-Jay
Oak Titmouse
Bushtit
Cactus Wren
Rock Wren
Bewick's Wren
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
California Gnatcatcher
Wrentit
Northern Mockingbird
California Thrasher
Spotted Towhee
California Towhee
Rufous-crowned Sparrow
Black-chinned Sparrow
Lark Sparrow
Sage Sparrow

Freshwater Marsh, Pond and Lakeside Habitats, and Mudflats (including standing water and associated thickets of vegetation, especially stands of willow and cottonwood; sand and mudflat areas are preferred habitats for shorebirds)

Gadwall
American Wigeon
Mallard
Cinnamon Teal
Northern Shoveler
Northern Pintail
Green-winged Teal
Redhead
Ring-necked Duck
Lesser Scaup
Bufflehead
Ruddy Duck
Pied-billed Grebe
Eared Grebe
Western Grebe
American Bittern
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Snowy Egret
Green Heron
Black-crowned Night-Heron
Peregrine Falcon
Virginia Rail
Sora
Common Moorhen
American Coot
Killdeer
Black-necked Stilt
American Avocet

Spotted Sandpiper
Greater Yellowlegs
Western Sandpiper
Least Sandpiper
Dunlin
Long-billed Dowitcher
Wilson Snipe
Bonaparte's Gull
Ring-billed Gull
California Gull
Caspian Tern
Forster's Tern
Black Phoebe
Cliff Swallow
Marsh Wren
Common Yellowthroat
Song Sparrow
Red-winged Blackbird
Tricolored Blackbird

URBANIZED HUMAN HABITATS

Habitats in this ecosystem include backyards and gardens, city parks, parking lots, vacant fields, and on buildings. Birds on this list are commonly found in their natural habitats, but have adapted to the abundant food and water resources in the home, garden, retail center parking lots, and city park habitats.

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American Wigeon
Northern Pintail
Cinnamon Teal
Northern Shoveler
Ruddy Duck
Pied-billed Grebe
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Cattle Egret
Cooper's Hawk
Red-shouldered Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
American Kestrel
Killdeer
Ring-billed Gull
California Gull
Rock Pigeon
Eurasian Collared Dove
Mourning Dove
Common Ground Dove
Barn Owl
Western Screech-Owl
Great Horned Owl

Anna's Hummingbird
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