

BALLONA FRESHWATER WETLANDS BIRD LIST

Updated July 2024 (272 spp.)

Includes all species observed utilizing habitat in the Freshwater Marsh and Riparian Corridor. Species observed high overhead only are not included. Species confirmed or strongly suspected of nesting, attempting to nest, or establishing breeding territory are indicated with an asterisk (*). This is a screened list. Only reliable observations of species utilizing the marsh in some manner (resting, foraging, and/or nesting) are counted. Errors or additions should be reported to Friends of Ballona Wetlands (info@ballonafriends.org).

SWANS, GEESE AND DUCKS

Fulvous Whistling-Duck
Snow Goose
Ross's Goose
Greater White-fronted Goose
Brant
Cackling Goose
Canada Goose
Mute Swan (introduced)
Tundra Swan
Egyptian Goose (introduced)
Wood Duck
Mandarin Duck (introduced)
Blue-winged Teal
Cinnamon Teal *
Northern Shoveler
Gadwall *
American Wigeon
Mallard *
Northern Pintail
Green-winged Teal
Canvasback
Redhead
Ring-necked Duck
Greater Scaup
Lesser Scaup
Surf Scoter
Bufflehead
Common Goldeneye
Hooded Merganser
Common Merganser
Red-breasted Merganser
Ruddy Duck *

NEW WORLD QUAIL

California Quail

GREBES

Pied-billed Grebe *
Horned Grebe
Eared Grebe
Western Grebe

PIGEONS AND DOVES

Rock Pigeon (introduced)
Eurasian Collared-Dove * (introduced)
White-winged Dove
Mourning Dove *

NIGHTJARS

Lesser Nighthawk
Common Poorwill

SWIFTS

Black Swift
Vaux's Swift
White-throated Swift

HUMMINGBIRDS

Black-chinned Hummingbird
Anna's Hummingbird *
Costa's Hummingbird
Rufous Hummingbird
Allen's Hummingbird *

RAILS AND ALLIES

Ridgway's Rail
Virginia Rail *
Sora
Common Gallinule *
American Coot *

STILTS, PLOVERS, AVOCETS

Black-necked Stilt *
American Avocet
Black-bellied Plover
Killdeer
Semipalmated Plover

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES

Whimbrel
Long-billed Curlew
Marbled Godwit
Short-billed Dowitcher
Long-billed Dowitcher

Wilson's Snipe
Wilson's Phalarope
Red-necked Phalarope
Spotted Sandpiper
Solitary Sandpiper
Lesser Yellowlegs
Greater Yellowlegs
Willet
Sanderling
Dunlin
Baird's Sandpiper
Least Sandpiper
Pectoral Sandpiper
Western Sandpiper

GULLS, TERNS AND ALLIES

Bonaparte's Gull
Franklin's Gull
Short-billed Gull
Ring-billed Gull
Western Gull
California Gull
Herring Gull
Glaucous-winged Gull
Black Skimmer
Least Tern
Caspian Tern
Forster's Tern
Elegant Tern

LOONS

Red-throated Loon
Pacific Loon
Common Loon

CORMORANTS

Double-crested Cormorant
Neotropic Cormorant

PELICANS

American White Pelican
Brown Pelican

BITTERNS, HERONS, IBISES

American Bittern
Least Bittern *
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron
Black-crowned Night-Heron
Little Blue Heron
Snowy Egret
Green Heron *
Cattle Egret

Great Egret
Great Blue Heron
Glossy Ibis
White-faced Ibis

VULTURES, HAWKS AND KITES

Turkey Vulture
Osprey
White-tailed Kite
Northern Harrier
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk
Red-shouldered Hawk
Swainson's Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
Ferruginous Hawk

BARN OWLS

Barn Owl
Great Horned Owl
Burrowing Owl
Short-eared Owl

KINGFISHERS

Belted Kingfisher

WOODPECKERS AND ALLIES

Acorn Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Nuttall's Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
"Red-shafted" Flicker
"Yellow-shafted" Flicker

CARACARAS AND FALCONS

Crested Caracara
American Kestrel
Merlin
Peregrine Falcon

PARAKEETS AND PARROTS

Cockatiel (introduced)
Rose-ringed Parakeet (introduced)
Budgerigar (introduced)
Rosy-faced Lovebird (introduced)
Lilac-crowned Parrot (introduced)
Red-lored Parrot (introduced)
Mitre Parakeet (introduced)

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

Olive-sided Flycatcher
Western Wood-Pewee
Willow Flycatcher
Hammond's Flycatcher
Gray Flycatcher
Dusky Flycatcher
Western 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

VIREOS

White-eyed Vireo
Least Bell's Vireo*
Hutton's Vireo
Cassin's Vireo
Warbling Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo

SHRIKES

Loggerhead Shrike

JAYS AND CROWS

California Scrub-Jay
American Crow
Common Raven

LARKS

Horned Lark

SWALLOWS

Bank Swallow
Tree Swallow *FWM boxes
Violet-green Swallow
Purple Martin
Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Barn Swallow *
Cliff Swallow

BUSHTITS

Bushtit *

KINGLETS

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

GNATCATCHERS

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
California Gnatcatcher*

WRENS

Rock Wren
House Wren *
Marsh Wren
Bewick's Wren

STARLINGS

European Starling *introduced)

THRASHERS AND ALLIES

California Thrasher
Sage Thrasher
Northern Mockingbird *

THRUSHES

Western Bluebird
Swainson's Thrush
Hermit Thrush
American Robin
Varied Thrush

WAXWINGS

Cedar Waxwing

SILKY-FLYCATCHERS

Phainopepla

WEAVERS

Northern Red Bishop (introduced)
Yellow-crowned Bishop (introduced)

ESTRILDID FINCHES

Red Avadavat (introduced)
Scaly-breasted Munia (introduced)
Pin-tailed Whydah

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

House Sparrow (introduced)

WAGTAILS AND PIPITS

Red-throated Pipit
American Pipit

FINCHES AND ALLIES

House Finch *
Purple Finch
European Goldfinch (introduced)
Pine Siskin

Lesser Goldfinch *
American Goldfinch *

NEW WORLD SPARROWS

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

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT

Yellow-breasted Chat *

BLACKBIRDS AND ALLIES

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

WOOD-WARBLERS

Ovenbird
Northern Waterthrush
Prothonotary Warbler
Orange-crowned Warbler *
Nashville Warbler
Virginia's Warbler
MacGillivray's Warbler
Common Yellowthroat *
Hooded Warbler
American Redstart
Northern Parula

Yellow Warbler *
Chestnut-sided Warbler
Blackpoll Warbler
Palm Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler
"Myrtle" Warbler
"Audubon's" Warbler
Black-throated Gray Warbler
Townsend's Warbler
Hermit Warbler
Black-throated Green Warbler
Wilson's Warbler

CARDINALS AND ALLIES

Summer Tanager
Western Tanager
Northern Cardinal (introduced)
Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Black-headed Grosbeak
Blue Grosbeak *
Lazuli Bunting
Indigo Bunting