

Terrestrial and Pelagic Bird Sightings of the Channel Islands and the Santa Barbara Channel

Island Endemics

Common Name	Scientific Name	Description
Island Scrub Jay	<i>Apheloma insularis</i>	Darker; bluer; larger overall; heavier bill/feet
Allen's Hummingbird	<i>Selasphorus sasin sedentarius</i>	Longer wing/tail/bill
Pacific Slope Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax difficilis insulicola</i>	Grayer; longer wing/tail/bill/feet
Horned Lark	<i>Eremophila alpestris insularis</i>	Darker; shorter tail/wing; longer, broader feet
Bewick's Wren	<i>Thyromanes bewikii nesophilus</i>	Darker; shorter tail
Loggerhead Shrike	<i>Lanius ludovicianus anthonyi</i>	Darker; shorter tail/wing; longer bill
Orange-crowned Warbler	<i>Vermivora celata sordida</i>	Darker; shorter tail; longer, broader bill
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	<i>Aimophila ruficeps obscura</i>	Darker; heavier bill/tarsi
Song Sparrow	<i>Melospiza melodia clementae</i>	Grayer; longer wing/tail/feet

Terrestrial

Common Name	Seasons When Found
Red-tailed Hawk	Resident; Spring & Fall Transient SBI
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Fall Transient; Winter Visitor SMI SRI SCI
Coopers Hawk	Fall Transient; Winter Visitor SMI SRI SBI SCI
Northern Harrier	Winter & Spring Visitor to all islands
Bald Eagle	Reintroduced Resident SRI SCI
Osprey	Spring & Fall Transient
Merlin	Spring & Fall Transient; Winter Visitor SRI SCI
Peregrine Falcon	Resident SRI SCI; Winter Visitor on most islands
American Kestrel	Resident on all islands
California Quail	Resident (introduced)
Mourning Dove	Resident on all islands
White-winged Dove	Fall Transient
Common Barn-Owl	Resident on all islands
Burrowing Owl	Resident SBI; Winter Visitor on most islands
Long-eared Owl	Spring Transient SRI; Winter Visitor SMI SBI
Short-eared Owl	Resident SBI; Winter Visitor SMI SRI

Northern Saw-whet Owl	Resident SCI
White-throated Swift	Resident SRI SCI AI
Anna's Hummingbird	Resident SCI SMI; Spring Transient
Rufous Hummingbird	Spring & Fall Transient
Costa's Hummingbird	Spring Transient
Allen's Hummingbird	Resident SMI SRI SCI AI; Spring & Fall Transient SBI
Red-breasted Sapsucker	Winter Visitor
Acorn Woodpecker	Resident SCI; Spring & Fall Transient
Lewis Woodpecker	Fall Transient; Winter Visitor
Northern Flicker	Resident SCI; Winter Visitor
Black Phoebe	Resident SMI SRI SCI; Winter Visitor
Say's Phoebe	Winter Visitor
Pacific Slope Flycatcher	Resident SRI SCI
Willow Flycatcher	Spring & Fall Transient
Western Wood-Pee-wee	Spring & Fall Transient
Western Kingbird	Rare Transient
Horned Lark	Resident SMI SBI SCI; Winter Visitor SRI AI
Barn Swallow	Resident on all islands
Island Scrub Jay	Resident SCI
Common Raven	Resident on all islands
Bushtit	Resident SCI; Spring Visitor AI
Rock Wren	Resident on all islands
House Wren	Winter Visitor
Bewick's Wren	Resident SRI SCI AI; Spring & Fall Transient
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Spring Transient; Winter Visitor
Golden-crowned Kinglet	Winter Visitor SRI SCI; Spring & Fall Transient
Hermit Thrush	Winter Visitor
Northern Mockingbird	Resident SRI SCI; Spring Transient; Winter Visitor
Loggerhead Shrike	Resident SCI SRI; Rare Visitor
European Starling	Resident on all islands
Hutton's Vireo	Resident SRI SCI AI
Solitary Vireo	Spring & Fall Transient
Warbling Vireo	Spring & Fall Transient
Yellow-rumped Warbler	Winter Visitor; Spring & Fall Transient AI
Wilson Warbler	Spring & Summer Visitor
Townsend Warbler	Spring & Fall Transient; Winter Visitor SRI SCI
Orange-crowned Warbler	Resident; Spring & Fall Transient SBI
Black-headed Grosbeak	Spring & Fall Transient; Summer Visitor SCI
Spotted Towhee	Resident SCI; Fall Transient SMI SBI
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	Resident SCI AI
White-crowned Sparrow	Winter Visitor
Savannah Sparrow	Winter Visitor; Spring Transient AI
Song Sparrow	Resident SMI SRI SCI; Fall Transient AI

Golden-crowned Sparrow	Winter Visitor
Fox Sparrow	Winter Visitor; Spring Transient AI
Dark-eyed Junco	Spring & Fall Transient; Winter Visitor SRI SCI
Brewer's Blackbird	Winter Visitor SRI SCI; Spring & Fall Transient
Red-winged Blackbird	Resident SCI; Spring & Fall Transient
Rusty Blackbird	Rare Accidental SRI SCI
Western Meadowlark	Resident on all islands
House Finch	Resident on all islands

On-Shore/Near Shore

Common Name	Seasons When Found
Belted Kingfisher	Resident on all islands
Black-crowned Night Heron	Resident on all islands
Green-backed Heron	Resident on all islands
Great Blue Heron	Resident on all islands
Snowy Egret	Winter Visitor
Great Egret	Winter Visitor
Cattle Egret	Resident on all islands
Virginia Rail	Winter Visitor SCI; Fall Transient SBI
Canada Goose	Winter Visitor
Brant Goose	Winter Visitor
Surf Scoter	Winter Visitor
Northern Pintail	Winter Visitor
Common Merganser	Winter Visitor
Killdeer	Resident on all islands
Snowy Plover	Resident SRI
Black-bellied Plover	Winter Visitor
Black Turnstone	Winter Visitor
Ruddy Turnstone	Winter Visitor
Spotted Sandpiper	Summer Visitor
Western Sandpiper	Winter Visitor
Wandering Tattler	Winter Visitor
Whimbrel	Winter Visitor
Black Oystercatcher	Resident on all islands
American Oystercatcher	Occasional Visitor
Black Skimmer	Resident on all islands

Pelagic

Common Name	Seasons When Found
Red-throated Loon	Winter Visitor
Common Loon	Winter Visitor
Pacific Loon	Winter Visitor

Western Grebe	Winter Visitor
Eared Grebe	Winter Visitor
Clark's Grebe	Winter Visitor
Red-necked Grebe	Winter Visitor
Horned Grebe	Winter Visitor
Pied-billed Grebe	Resident on all islands
Red Phalarope	Winter Visitor
Red-necked Phalarope	Spring Transient
Northern Fulmar	Winter Visitor
Short-tailed Shearwater	Winter Visitor
Black-vented Shearwater	Winter Visitor & Fall Transient
Sooty Shearwater	Summer Visitor
Flesh-footed Shearwater	Summer Visitor
Buller's Shearwater	Summer Visitor
Pink-footed Shearwater	Summer Visitor
Fork-tailed Storm Petrel	Rare Visitor
Ashy Storm Petrel	Resident on all islands
Black Storm Petrel	Summer Visitor (Breed on islands)
Least Storm Petrel	Summer Visitor
California Brown Pelican	Resident (Breed on AI)
American White Pelican	Rare Visitor
Pelagic Cormorant	Resident
Brant's Cormorant	Resident
Double-crested Cormorant	Resident
Pomarine Jaeger	Winter Visitor
Parasitic Jaeger	Winter Visitor
Western Gull	Resident (Breed on AI)
Heerman's Gull	Winter Visitor
Ring-billed Gull	Winter Visitor
Mew Gull	Winter Visitor
Herring Gull	Winter Visitor
Glaucous-winged Gull	Winter Visitor
Bonaparte's Gull	Winter Visitor
California Gull	Winter Visitor
Sabine's Gull	Rare Visitor
Black-legged Kittiwake	Winter Visitor
South Polar Skua	Spring & Fall Transient
Forster's Tern	Winter Visitor
Royal Tern	Winter Visitor
Least Tern	Spring & Summer Visitor (Breed locally)
Elegant Tern	Spring & Summer Visitor
Caspian Tern	Summer Visitor
Arctic Tern	Occasional Visitor
Pigeon Guillemot	Resident

Cassin's Auklet	Resident
Rhinoceros Auklet	Winter Visitor
Craveri's Murrelet	Summer Visitor
Xantus' Murrelet	Winter Visitor (Breed on islands)
Common Murre	Winter Visitor
Tufted Puffin	Rare Winter Visitor
Red-footed Booby	Rare Visitor
Brown Booby	Rare Summer Visitor
Red-billed Tropicbird	Spring & Fall Transient
Laysan Albatross	Rare Visitor
Black-footed Albatross	Rare Visitor

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