



CHECKLIST OF THE BIRDS OF VENTURA COUNTY

Relative Abundance

- C = COMMON, easily seen in proper habitat
FC = FAIRLY COMMON, usually seen in proper habitat
U = UNCOMMON, difficult to find or occurs in low numbers in proper habitat
R = RARE, extremely local or very low numbers per season in proper habitat
VR = VERY RARE or CASUAL, regular pattern of occurrence, but may not be present every year

Notes

- M = MONTANE, occur mainly above 4,500 ft. elevation
S = SPORADIC, irregular; may be numerous one year and absent the next
P = PELAGIC, occur on open ocean, or near Channel Islands, sometimes seen from shore
C = COASTAL, occur mainly in near shore waters, on beaches, in bays, estuaries, lagoons, harbors and/or beaches

Seasons

- SP = Spring: March - May
SU = Summer: June - July
FA = Fall: August - November
WI = Winter: December - February

SWANS, GEESE & DUCKS

Table with 6 columns: Species, SP, SU, FA, WI, NOTES. Lists species like Greater White-fronted Goose, Snow Goose, Ross's Goose, Brant, Cackling Goose, Canada Goose, Wood Duck, Gadwall, Eurasian Wigeon, American Wigeon, Mallard, Blue-winged Teal, Cinnamon Teal, Northern Shoveler, Northern Pintail, Green-winged Teal, Canvasback, Redhead, Ring-necked Duck, Tufted Duck, Greater Scaup, Lesser Scaup, Surf Scoter, White-winged Scoter, Black Scoter, Long-tailed Duck, Bufflehead, Common Goldeneye, Hooded Merganser, Common Merganser, Red-breasted Merganser, Ruddy Duck.

QUAIL

Table with 6 columns: Species, SP, SU, FA, WI, NOTES. Lists Mountain Quail, California Quail.

PARTRIDGES & TURKEY

Table with 6 columns: Species, SP, SU, FA, WI, NOTES. Lists Chukar, Wild Turkey.

LOONS

Table with 6 columns: Species, SP, SU, FA, WI, NOTES. Lists Red-throated Loon, Pacific Loon, Common Loon.

GREBES

Table with 6 columns: Species, SP, SU, FA, WI, NOTES. Lists Pied-billed Grebe, Horned Grebe, Red-necked Grebe, Eared Grebe, Western Grebe, Clark's Grebe.

ALBATROSSSES

Table with 6 columns: Species, SP, SU, FA, WI, NOTES. Lists Laysan Albatross, Black-footed Albatross.

SHEARWATERS & PETRELS

Table with 6 columns: Species, SP, SU, FA, WI, NOTES. Lists Northern Fulmar, Murphy's Petrel, Cook's Petrel, Pink-footed Shearwater, Flesh-footed Shearwater, Buller's Shearwater, Sooty Shearwater, Short-tailed Shearwater, Black-vented Shearwater.

STORM-PETRELS

Table with 6 columns: Species, SP, SU, FA, WI, NOTES. Lists Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel, Leach's Storm-Petrel, Ashy Storm-Petrel, Black Storm-Petrel, Least Storm-Petrel.

TROPICBIRDS

Table with 6 columns: Species, SP, SU, FA, WI, NOTES. Lists Red-billed Tropicbird.

BOOBIES

Table with 6 columns: Species, SP, SU, FA, WI, NOTES. Lists Brown Booby.

CORMORANTS

Table with 6 columns: Species, SP, SU, FA, WI, NOTES. Lists Brandt's Cormorant, Double-crested Cormorant, Pelagic Cormorant.

PELICANS

Table with 6 columns: Species, SP, SU, FA, WI, NOTES. Lists American White Pelican, Brown Pelican.

BITTERNS & HERONS

Table with 6 columns: Species, SP, SU, FA, WI, NOTES. Lists American Bittern, Least Bittern, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Little Blue Heron, Reddish Egret, Cattle Egret, Green Heron, Black-crowned Night-Heron, Yellow-crowned Night-Heron.

IBISES

Table with 6 columns: Species, SP, SU, FA, WI, NOTES. Lists White-faced Ibis.

AMERICAN VULTURES

Table with 6 columns: Species, SP, SU, FA, WI, NOTES. Lists Turkey Vulture, California Condor.

OSPREY

Table with 6 columns: Species, SP, SU, FA, WI, NOTES. Lists Osprey.

KITES, EAGLES & HAWKS

Table with 6 columns: Species, SP, SU, FA, WI, NOTES. Lists White-tailed Kite, Bald Eagle, Northern Harrier, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Northern Goshawk, Red-shouldered Hawk, Swainson's Hawk, Zone-tailed Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Rough-legged Hawk, Ferruginous Hawk, Golden Eagle.

RAILS & COOTS

Table with 6 columns: Species, SP, SU, FA, WI, NOTES. Lists Ridgway's Rail, Virginia Rail, Sora, Common Gallinule, American Coot.

CRANES

Table with 6 columns: Species, SP, SU, FA, WI, NOTES. Lists Sandhill Crane.

STILTS & AVOCETS

Table with 6 columns: Species, SP, SU, FA, WI, NOTES. Lists Black-necked Stilt, American Avocet.

OYSTERCATCHERS

Table with 6 columns: Species, SP, SU, FA, WI, NOTES. Lists American Oystercatcher, Black Oystercatcher.

PLOVERS

Table with 6 columns: Species, SP, SU, FA, WI, NOTES. Lists Black-bellied Plover, American Golden-Plover, Pacific Golden-Plover, Snowy Plover, Semipalmated Plover, Killdeer, Mountain Plover.

SANDPIPERS & PHALAROPESES

Table with 6 columns: Species, SP, SU, FA, WI, NOTES. Lists Spotted Sandpiper, Solitary Sandpiper, Wandering Tattler, Greater Yellowlegs, Willet, Lesser Yellowlegs, Whimbrel, Long-billed Curlew, Marbled Godwit, Ruddy Turnstone, Black Turnstone, Red Knot, Surfbird, Ruff, Stilt Sandpiper, Sanderling, Dunlin, Baird's Sandpiper, Least Sandpiper, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper, Semipalmated Sandpiper, Western Sandpiper, Short-billed Dowitcher, Long-billed Dowitcher, Wilson's Snipe, Wilson's Phalarope, Red-necked Phalarope, Red Phalarope.

SKUAS & JAEGERSES

Table with 6 columns: Species, SP, SU, FA, WI, NOTES. Lists South Polar Skua, Pomarine Jaeger, Parasitic Jaeger, Long-tailed Jaeger.

AUKS, MURRES & PUFFINS

Table with 6 columns: Species, SP, SU, FA, WI, NOTES. Lists Common Murre, Pigeon Guillemot, Marbled Murrelet, Scripps's Murrelet, Guadalupe Murrelet, Craven's Murrelet, Ancient Murrelet, Cassin's Auklet, Rhinoceros Auklet, Tufted Puffin.

GULLS, TERNS, SKIMMERS

Table with 6 columns: Species, SP, SU, FA, WI, NOTES. Lists Black-legged Kittiwake, Sabine's Gull, Bonaparte's Gull, Franklin's Gull, Heermann's Gull, Mew Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Western Gull, California Gull, Herring Gull, Thayer's Gull, Glaucous-winged Gull, Glaucous Gull, Least Tern, Caspian Tern, Black Tern, Common Tern, Arctic Tern, Forster's Tern, Royal Tern, Elegant Tern, Black Skimmer.

PIGEONS & DOVES

Table with 6 columns: Species, SP, SU, FA, WI, NOTES. Lists Rock Pigeon, Band-tailed Pigeon, Eurasian Collared-Dove.

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CUCKOOS & ROADRUNNERS

Table with 6 columns: Species, SP, SU, FA, WI, NOTES. Lists Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Greater Roadrunner.

BARN OWLS

Table with 6 columns: Species, SP, SU, FA, WI, NOTES. Lists Barn Owl.

TYPICAL OWLS

Table with 6 columns: Species, SP, SU, FA, WI, NOTES. Lists Flammulated Owl, Western Screech-Owl, Great Horned Owl, Northern Pygmy-Owl, Burrowing Owl, Spotted Owl, Long-eared Owl, Short-eared Owl, Northern Saw-whet Owl.

GOATSUCKERS

Table with 6 columns: Species, SP, SU, FA, WI, NOTES. Lists Lesser Nighthawk, Common Poorwill.

SWIFTS

Table with 6 columns: Species, SP, SU, FA, WI, NOTES. Lists Black Swift, Vaux's Swift, White-throated Swift.

HUMMINGBIRDS

Table with 6 columns: Species, SP, SU, FA, WI, NOTES. Lists Black-chinned Hummingbird, Anna's Hummingbird, Costa's Hummingbird, Rufous Hummingbird, Allen's Hummingbird, Calliope Hummingbird.

KINGFISHERS

Table with 6 columns: Species, SP, SU, FA, WI, NOTES. Lists Belted Kingfisher.

WOODPECKERS

Table with 6 columns: Species, SP, SU, FA, WI, NOTES. Lists Lewis's Woodpecker, Acorn Woodpecker, Williamson's Sapsucker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Red-naped Sapsucker, Red-breasted Sapsucker, Nuttall's Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, White-headed Woodpecker, Northern Flicker.

FALCONS

Table with 6 columns: Species, SP, SU, FA, WI, NOTES. Lists American Kestrel, Merlin, Peregrine Falcon, Prairie Falcon.

PARROTS

Table with 6 columns: Species, SP, SU, FA, WI, NOTES. Lists Red-crowned Parrot.

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

Table with 6 columns: Species, SP, SU, FA, WI, NOTES. Lists Olive-sided Flycatcher, Western Wood-Pewee, Willow Flycatcher, Hammond's Flycatcher, Gray Flycatcher, Dusky Flycatcher, Pacific-slope Flycatcher, Black Phoebe, Eastern Phoebe, Say's Phoebe, Vermilion Flycatcher, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Tropical Kingbird, Cassin's Kingbird, Western Kingbird, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher.

SHRIKES

Table with 6 columns: Species, SP, SU, FA, WI, NOTES. Lists Loggerhead Shrike.

VIREOS

Table with 6 columns: Species, SP, SU, FA, WI, NOTES. Lists Bell's Vireo, Plumbeous Vireo, Cassin's Vireo, Hutton's Vireo, Warbling Vireo, Yellow-green Vireo.