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Field List of the
BIRDS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY
(mainland and offshore waters)

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This field list contains 491 bird species recorded in Los Angeles County, California, including Santa Catalina and San Clemente Islands and offshore waters (to the 200 mile limit) for which the nearest point of land is Los Angeles County. The list includes eight well-established non-native species that have been accepted to the California state list by the California Bird Records Committee; an additional 14 naturalized non-native species which have significant populations in Los Angeles County but are not accepted to the California list are listed in brackets (), as are two additional species, the Gambel's Quail and Northern Cardinal, which are native to California but introduced into Los Angeles County (bracketed species are not included in the 491 total above).

DUCKS, GEESE, SWANS

- _ Fulvous Whistling-Duck (e)*
- _ Greater White-fronted Goose
- _ Snow Goose
- _ Ross's Goose
- _ Brant
- _ Cackling Goose
- _ Canada Goose (B)
- _ Trumpeter Swan **
- _ Tundra Swan
- _ Wood Duck (B)
- _ Gadwall (B)
- _ Eurasian Wigeon
- _ American Wigeon
- _ Mallard B
- _ Blue-winged Teal (B?)
- _ Cinnamon Teal B
- _ Northern Shoveler (B)
- _ Northern Pintail
- _ Garganey **
- _ Green-winged Teal
- _ Canvasback
- _ Redhead (B)
- _ Ring-necked Duck
- _ Tufted Duck *
- _ Greater Scaup
- _ Lesser Scaup
- _ King Eider **

- _ Harlequin Duck *
- _ Surf Scoter
- _ White-winged Scoter
- _ Black Scoter
- _ Long-tailed Duck
- _ Bufflehead (B)
- _ Common Goldeneye
- _ Hooded Merganser
- _ Common Merganser
- _ Red-breasted Merganser
- _ Ruddy Duck B

PARTRIDGES, PHEASANTS

- _ Chukar I(is)
- _ [Common Peafowl I]

NEW WORLD QUAIL

- _ California Quail B
- _ [Gambel's Quail I(is)]
- _ Mountain Quail B

LOONS

- _ Red-throated Loon
- _ Pacific Loon
- _ Common Loon
- _ Yellow-billed Loon **

GREBES

- _ Pied-billed Grebe B
- _ Horned Grebe
- _ Red-necked Grebe *
- _ Eared Grebe (B)
- _ Western Grebe (B)
- _ Clark's Grebe (B)

ALBATROSSES

- _ Laysan Albatross
- _ Black-footed Albatross
- _ Short-tailed Albatross **

SHEARWATERS, PETRELS

- _ Northern Fulmar
- _ Murphy's Petrel *
- _ Cook's Petrel *
- _ Pink-footed Shearwater
- _ Flesh-footed Shearwater *
- _ Buller's Shearwater
- _ Sooty Shearwater
- _ Short-tailed Shearwater
- _ Manx Shearwater **
- _ Black-vented Shearwater

STORM-PETRELS

- _ Wilson's Storm-Petrel *
- _ Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel *
- _ Leach's Storm-Petrel
- _ Ashy Storm-Petrel
- _ Black Storm-Petrel
- _ Least Storm-Petrel

TROPIC BIRDS

- _ Red-billed Tropicbird
- _ Red-tailed Tropicbird **

BOOBIES

- _ Masked Booby **
- _ Blue-footed Booby **
- _ Brown Booby **
- _ Red-footed Booby **

PELICANS

- _ American White Pelican
- _ Brown Pelican

CORMORANTS

- _ Brandt's Cormorant (B/is)
- _ Double-crested Cormorant (B)
- _ Pelagic Cormorant

FRIGATEBIRDS

- _ Magnificent Frigatebird *

HERONS

- _ American Bittern (e)
- _ Least Bittern (B)
- _ Great Blue Heron B
- _ Great Egret (B)
- _ Snowy Egret (B)
- _ Little Blue Heron *
- _ Tricolored Heron **
- _ Reddish Egret *
- _ Cattle Egret (B)
- _ Green Heron B
- _ Black-crowned Night-Heron B
- _ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron **

IBISES, SPOONBILLS

- _ White-faced Ibis (B)
- _ Roseate Spoonbill **

STORKS

- _ Wood Stork *

NEW WORLD VULTURES

- _ Turkey Vulture (B)
- _ California Condor E(r)

HAWKS

- _ Osprey (e)
- _ White-tailed Kite B
- _ Mississippi Kite **
- _ Bald Eagle (e)(r/is)
- _ Northern Harrier (B)
- _ Sharp-shinned Hawk
- _ Cooper's Hawk B
- _ Northern Goshawk *
- _ Harris's Hawk
- _ Red-shouldered Hawk B
- _ Broad-winged Hawk *
- _ Swainson's Hawk (B)
- _ Zone-tailed Hawk *
- _ Red-tailed Hawk B
- _ Ferruginous Hawk
- _ Rough-legged Hawk
- _ Golden Eagle (B)

FALCONS

- _ Crested Caracara **
- _ American Kestrel B
- _ Merlin
- _ Peregrine Falcon (B)
- _ Prairie Falcon (B)

RAILS, COOTS

- _ Yellow Rail **
- _ Black Rail (e)*
- _ Clapper Rail (e)*
- _ Virginia Rail B
- _ Sora (e)
- _ Common Moorhen (B)
- _ American Coot B

CRANES

- _ Sandhill Crane *

POLOERS

- _ Black-bellied Plover
- _ American Golden Plover **
- _ Pacific Golden-Plover *
- _ Snowy Plover (B)
- _ Semipalmated Plover
- _ Piping Plover **
- _ Killdeer B
- _ Mountain Plover

OYSTERCATCHERS

- _ American Oystercatcher **
- _ Black Oystercatcher (B)

STILTS AVOCETS

- _ Black-necked Stilt B
- _ American Avocet (B)

SANDPIPERS

- _ Spotted Sandpiper (B)
- _ Solitary Sandpiper
- _ Gray-tailed Tattler **
- _ Wandering Tattler
- _ Greater Yellowlegs
- _ Willet
- _ Lesser Yellowlegs
- _ Whimbrel
- _ Long-billed Curlew
- _ Hudsonian Godwit **
- _ Bar-tailed Godwit **
- _ Marbled Godwit
- _ Ruddy Turnstone
- _ Black Turnstone
- _ Surfbird
- _ Red Knot
- _ Sanderling
- _ Semipalmated Sandpiper
- _ Western Sandpiper
- _ Red-necked Stint **
- _ Little Stint **
- _ Least Sandpiper
- _ White-rumped Sandpiper **
- _ Baird's Sandpiper
- _ Pectoral Sandpiper
- _ Sharp-tailed Sandpiper *
- _ Rock Sandpiper *
- _ Dunlin
- _ Curlew Sandpiper **
- _ Stilt Sandpiper *
- _ Buff-breasted Sandpiper *
- _ Ruff*
- _ Short-billed Dowitcher
- _ Long-billed Dowitcher
- _ Wilson's Snipe
- _ Wilson's Phalarope
- _ Red-necked Phalarope
- _ Red Phalarope

GULLS, TERNS, SKIMMERS

- _ Laughing Gull *
- _ Franklin's Gull
- _ Little Gull **
- _ Black-headed Gull **
- _ Bonaparte's Gull
- _ Heermann's Gull
- _ Mew Gull
- _ Ring-billed Gull
- _ California Gull
- _ Herring Gull
- _ Thayer's Gull
- _ Lesser Black-backed Gull **
- _ Yellow-footed Gull *
- _ Western Gull (B)
- _ Glaucous-winged Gull
- _ Glaucous Gull*
- _ Black-legged Kittiwake
- _ Sabine's Gull
- _ Least Tern (B)
- _ Gull-billed Tern *
- _ Caspian Tern (B)
- _ Black Tern
- _ Common Tern
- _ Arctic Tern
- _ Forster's Tern
- _ Royal Tern (B)
- _ Sandwich Tern **
- _ Elegant Tern (B)
- _ Black Skimmer (B)

SKUAS

- _ South Polar Skua
- _ Pomarine Jaeger
- _ Parasitic Jaeger
- _ Long-tailed Jaeger

AUKS, MURRES, PUFFINS

- _ Common Murre
- _ Thick-billed Murre **
- _ Pigeon Guillemot
- _ Marbled Murrelet *
- _ Xantus's Murrelet (B/is)
- _ Craveri's Murrelet
- _ Ancient Murrelet *
- _ Cassin's Auklet
- _ Rhinoceros Auklet
- _ Horned Puffin *
- _ Tufted Puffin *

PIGEONS, DOVES

- _ Rock Pigeon I
- _ Band-tailed Pigeon B
- _ Eurasian Collared-Dove I
- _ Spotted Dove I
- _ White-winged Dove
- _ Mourning Dove B
- _ Inca Dove (B?)*
- _ Common Ground-Dove (B)

PARROTS

- _ [Rose-ringed Parakeet I]
- _ [Blue-crowned Parakeet I]
- _ [Mitred Parakeet I]
- _ [Red-masked Parakeet I]
- _ [Black-hooded Parakeet I]
- _ [White-winged Parakeet I]
- _ [Yellow-chevroned Parakeet I]
- _ Red-crowned Parrot I

- _ [Lilac-crowned Parrot I]
- _ [Red-lored Parrot I]
- _ [Yellow-headed Parrot I]

CUCKOOS

- _ Yellow-billed Cuckoo (e)*
- _ Greater Roadrunner B
- _ Groove-billed Ani **

BARN OWLS

- _ Barn Owl B

TYPICAL OWLS

- _ Flammulated Owl (B)
- _ Western Screech-Owl B
- _ Great Horned Owl B
- _ Northern Pygmy-Owl B
- _ Elf Owl *
- _ Burrowing Owl B
- _ Spotted Owl B
- _ Long-eared Owl (B)
- _ Short-eared Owl
- _ Northern Saw-whet Owl B

NIGHTJARS

- _ Lesser Nighthawk B
- _ Common Nighthawk *
- _ Common Poorwill B
- _ Whip-poor-will (B?)*

SWIFTS

- _ Black Swift (B)
- _ Chimney Swift (B?)*
- _ Vaux's Swift
- _ White-throated Swift B

HUMMINGBIRDS

- _ Broad-billed Hummingbird **
- _ Violet-crowned Hummingbird **
- _ Black-chinned Hummingbird B
- _ Anna's Hummingbird B
- _ Costa's Hummingbird B
- _ Calliope Hummingbird (B)
- _ Broad-tailed Hummingbird *
- _ Rufous Hummingbird
- _ Allen's Hummingbird B

KINGFISHERS

- _ Belted Kingfisher (B)

WOODPECKERS

- _ Lewis's Woodpecker
- _ Red-headed Woodpecker **
- _ Acorn Woodpecker B
- _ Gila Woodpecker *
- _ Williamson's Sapsucker (B)
- _ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker *
- _ Red-naped Sapsucker
- _ Red-breasted Sapsucker B
- _ Ladder-backed Woodpecker B
- _ Nuttall's Woodpecker B
- _ Downy Woodpecker B
- _ Hairy Woodpecker B
- _ White-headed Woodpecker B
- _ Northern Flicker B
- _ Pileated Woodpecker *

FLYCATCHERS

- _ Olive-sided Flycatcher B
- _ Greater Pewee **
- _ Western Wood-Pewee B
- _ Willow Flycatcher (B)
- _ Least Flycatcher *
- _ Hammond's Flycatcher
- _ Gray Flycatcher (B)
- _ Dusky Flycatcher B
- _ Pacific-slope Flycatcher B
- _ Black Phoebe B
- _ Eastern Phoebe *
- _ Say's Phoebe B
- _ Vermilion Flycatcher (B)
- _ Dusky-capped Flycatcher **
- _ Ash-throated Flycatcher B
- _ Great Crested Flycatcher **
- _ Brown-crested Flycatcher *
- _ Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher **
- _ Tropical Kingbird
- _ Cassin's Kingbird B
- _ Thick-billed Kingbird **
- _ Western Kingbird B
- _ Eastern Kingbird *
- _ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher *

SHRIKES

- _ Loggerhead Shrike B
- _ Northern Shrike *

VIREOS

- _ White-eyed Vireo **
- _ Bell's Vireo (B)
- _ Gray Vireo (B)*
- _ Yellow-throated Vireo **
- _ Plumbeous Vireo (B?)
- _ Cassin's Vireo B
- _ Hutton's Vireo B
- _ Warbling Vireo B
- _ Philadelphia Vireo *
- _ Red-eyed Vireo *
- _ Yellow-green Vireo **

JAYS, CROWS

- _ Steller's Jay B
- _ Western Scrub-Jay B
- _ Pinyon Jay *
- _ Clark's Nutcracker B
- _ Yellow-billed Magpie B
- _ American Crow B
- _ Common Raven B

LARKS

- _ Horned Lark B

SWALLOWS

- _ Purple Martin (e)
- _ Tree Swallow (B)
- _ Violet-green Swallow B
- _ No. Rough-winged Swallow B
- _ Bank Swallow (e)
- _ Cliff Swallow B
- _ Barn Swallow B

CHICKADEES AND TITMICE

- _ Mountain Chickadee B
- _ Oak Titmouse B

VERDIN

- _ Verdin B

BUSHTIT

- _ Bushtit B

NUTHATCHES

- _ Red-breasted Nuthatch B
- _ White-breasted Nuthatch B
- _ Pygmy Nuthatch B

CREEPERS

- _ Brown Creeper B

WRENS

- _ Cactus Wren B
- _ Rock Wren B
- _ Canyon Wren B
- _ Bewick's Wren B
- _ House Wren B
- _ Winter Wren
- _ Marsh Wren B

DIPPERS

- _ American Dipper (B)

BULBULS

- _ [Red-whiskered Bulbul I]

KINGLETS

- _ Golden-crowned Kinglet (B?)
- _ Ruby-crowned Kinglet (B?)

GNATCATCHERS

- _ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher B
- _ California Gnatcatcher (B)
- _ Black-tailed Gnatcatcher *

THRUSHES

- _ Northern Wheatear **
- _ Stonechat (is) **
- _ Western Bluebird B
- _ Mountain Bluebird (B)
- _ Townsend's Solitaire B
- _ Gray-cheeked Thrush **
- _ Swainson's Thrush B
- _ Hermit Thrush B
- _ Wood Thrush **
- _ American Robin B
- _ Varied Thrush

BABLERS

- _ Wrentit B

THRASHERS

- _ Gray Catbird *
- _ Northern Mockingbird B
- _ Sage Thrasher
- _ Brown Thrasher *
- _ Bendire's Thrasher *
- _ California Thrasher B
- _ Le Conte's Thrasher B

STARLINGS

- _ European Starling I

WAGTAILS, PIPITS

- _ Eastern Yellow Wagtail **
- _ White Wagtail **
- _ Red-throated Pipit **
- _ American Pipit
- _ Sprague's Pipit **

WAXWINGS

- _ Bohemian Waxwing *
- _ Cedar Waxwing

SILKY-FLYCATCHERS

- _ Phainopepla B

WOOD-WARBLERS

- _ Blue-winged Warbler **
- _ Golden-winged Warbler **
- _ Tennessee Warbler *
- _ Orange-crowned Warbler B
- _ Nashville Warbler (B)
- _ Virginia's Warbler (B)
- _ Lucy's Warbler
- _ Northern Parula
- _ Yellow Warbler B
- _ Chestnut-sided Warbler
- _ Magnolia Warbler
- _ Cape May Warbler *
- _ Black-throated Blue Warbler
- _ Yellow-rumped Warbler B
- _ Black-throated Gray Warbler B
- _ Black-throated Green Warbler *
- _ Townsend's Warbler
- _ Hermit Warbler (B)
- _ Blackburnian Warbler *
- _ Yellow-throated Warbler **
- _ Grace's Warbler **
- _ Pine Warbler **
- _ Prairie Warbler *
- _ Palm Warbler
- _ Bay-breasted Warbler *
- _ Blackpoll Warbler
- _ Black-and-white Warbler
- _ American Redstart
- _ Prothonotary Warbler *
- _ Worm-eating Warbler *
- _ Ovenbird

CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS

- _ [Northern Cardinal I]
- _ Pyrrhuloxia **
- _ Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- _ Black-headed Grosbeak B
- _ Blue Grosbeak B
- _ Lazuli Bunting B
- _ Indigo Bunting (B)
- _ Painted Bunting *
- _ Dickcissel

BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES

- _ Bobolink
- _ Red-winged Blackbird B
- _ Tricolored Blackbird B
- _ Western Meadowlark B
- _ Yellow-headed Blackbird B
- _ Rusty Blackbird *
- _ Brewer's Blackbird B
- _ Common Grackle **

- _ Canada Warbler *
- _ Red-faced Warbler **
- _ Painted Redstart *
- _ Yellow-breasted Chat B

TANAGERS

- _ Hepatic Tanager *
- _ Summer Tanager (B)
- _ Scarlet Tanager **
- _ Western Tanager B

NEW WORLD SPARROWS

- _ Green-tailed Towhee B
- _ Spotted Towhee B
- _ California Towhee B
- _ Cassin's Sparrow **
- _ Rufous-crowned Sparrow B
- _ American Tree Sparrow *
- _ Chipping Sparrow B
- _ Clay-colored Sparrow
- _ Brewer's Sparrow (B)
- _ Black-chinned Sparrow B
- _ Vesper Sparrow
- _ Lark Sparrow B
- _ Black-throated Sparrow B
- _ Sage Sparrow B
- _ Lark Bunting
- _ Savannah Sparrow (B)
- _ Grasshopper Sparrow (B)
- _ Le Conte's Sparrow **
- _ Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow *
- _ Fox Sparrow B
- _ Song Sparrow B
- _ Lincoln's Sparrow (B)
- _ Swamp Sparrow
- _ White-throated Sparrow
- _ Harris's Sparrow *
- _ White-crowned Sparrow
- _ Golden-crowned Sparrow
- _ Dark-eyed Junco B
- _ McCown's Longspur *
- _ Lapland Longspur
- _ Chestnut-collared Longspur
- _ Snow Bunting (is) **

- _ Great-tailed Grackle B
- _ Bronzed Cowbird *
- _ Brown-headed Cowbird B
- _ Orchard Oriole *
- _ Hooded Oriole B
- _ Baltimore Oriole
- _ Bullock's Oriole B
- _ Scott's Oriole B

FINCHES

- _ Purple Finch B
- _ Cassin's Finch B
- _ House Finch B
- _ Red Crossbill B
- _ Pine Siskin B
- _ Lesser Goldfinch B
- _ Lawrence's Goldfinch B
- _ American Goldfinch B
- _ Evening Grosbeak

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

- _ House Sparrow I

WEAVERS

- _ [Orange Bishop I]

ESTRILDID FINCHES

- _ [Nutmeg Mannikin I]

CHECKLIST SYMBOLS

B currently a regular breeding species; but see (B)

(B) currently a very scarce, irregular, or very localized breeding species

(B/is) breeds only on Channel Islands (Santa Catalina and/or San Clemente)

(B?) probable breeder, but positive evidence needed

I introduced (naturalized, non-native) species

(is) Channel Islands (Santa Catalina and/or San Clemente) only

E completely extirpated from the county

(e) extirpated breeder in the county, but still occurs as regular non-breeder

(e)* extirpated breeder in the county; occurs now only as very rare visitor

(r) reintroduction in progress

***** very rare; in general, not seen annually in the county (or, only 1-2 birds per year)

****** statewide rarity; reviewed by California Bird Records Committee. Send details to: Secretary, CBRC
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