

Tom Bennett Art and Environmental Science Contest 2010
San Bernardino County Museum Association
Migration Madness

Migratory Birds of Inland Southern California

These lists include migrating birds that winter, breed or pass through the inland southern California region. A few species, such as Canada geese may have established year-round populations. Some, such as mallards, have year-round populations in *some habitats* and migrating populations in others.

This list is based on migratory patterns of the entire species. Birds are listed by habitat to make selecting birds from your own area easier. Learning about locally occurring species helps students understand their own place in the ecosystem. Several of the Classroom Scrapbook competition categories require information about the birds' habitats. The Family Poster categories may also incorporate details about specific habitats, depending on the topic selected.

MOJAVE DESERT

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

great blue heron
mallard
gadwall
Cooper's hawk
lesser nighthawk
belted kingfisher
Vaux's swift
Costa's hummingbird
vermilion flycatcher
ash-throated flycatcher
Cassin's kingbird
western kingbird
least Bell's vireo
barn swallow
cliff Swallow
marsh wren
Bewick's wren
blue-gray gnatcatcher
western bluebird
Lucy's warbler
yellow warbler
Wilson's warbler

yellow-rumped warbler
common yellowthroat
yellow-breasted chat
summer tanager
lazuli bunting

Low Desert refers to the extreme southern portion of the Mojave Desert, and the Colorado Desert which includes Palm Springs, Coachella Valley areas. The Colorado Deserts below 2500 feet elevation

white-winged dove
lesser nighthawk
olive-sided flycatcher
western wood peewee
ash-throated flycatcher
purple martin
tree swallow
barn swallow
cliff swallow
mountain bluebird
western bluebird
sage thrasher
sage sparrow
black-throated sparrow
hooded oriole
Scott's oriole

Joshua Tree Woodland, Sagebrush Scrub, and Pinyon-Juniper Woodland (high desert, low mountain and foothill areas on the transmontane [desert side] mountains; above 2500 feet)

Costa's hummingbird
gray flycatcher
gray vireo
red-breasted nuthatch
house wren
Bewick's wren
blue-gray gnatcatcher
western bluebird
lack-throated gray warbler
Brewer's Sparrow
lazuli bunting
Scott's oriole

MOUNTAINS

Coniferous Forest and Deciduous Forests in Mountain Elevations

bald eagle
long-eared owl
northern saw-whet owl
Calliope hummingbird
olive-sided flycatcher
Hammond's flycatcher
western wood-pewee
dusky flycatcher
Cassin's vireo
violet-green swallow
mountain chickadee
red-breasted nuthatch
brown creeper
winter wren
golden-crowned kinglet
ruby-crowned kinglet
western bluebird
Townsend's solitaire
hermit thrush
American robin
yellow-rumped warbler
Wilson's warbler
western tanager
black-headed grosbeak
green-tailed towhee
chipping sparrow
fox sparrow
dark-eyed junco
purple finch
pine siskin

COASTAL VALLEY AREAS

Streamside and Oak Woodland

olive-sided flycatcher
willow flycatcher
alder flycatcher
pacific-slope flycatcher
violet-green swallow
barn swallow
western bluebird
orange-crowned warbler
spotted towhee

black-headed grosbeak
bullock's oriole

Open Fields, Grasslands and Agricultural Fields

Canada goose
cattle egret
mountain plover
western kingbird
grasshopper sparrow
vesper sparrow

Chaparral and Coastal Sage Scrub Habitats

Costa's hummingbird
gray flycatcher
vermillion flycatcher
ash-throated flycatcher
blue-gray gnatcatcher
western bluebird
sage thrasher
green-tailed towhee
fox sparrow
Rufous-crowned sparrow
black-chinned sparrow
sage sparrow

Freshwater March, Pond and Lakeside Habitats, and Mudflats (standing water and associated thicket, especially willow and cottonwood habitats; sand and mudflats which is preferred habitats for shorebirds) May occur in ecosystems from desert to valley to coastal as long as the habitat is available.

Canada goose
gadwall
American wigeon
mallard
cinnamon teal
northern shoveler
northern pintail
green-winged teal
redhead
ring-necked duck
lesser scaup
bufflehead
horned grebe

eared grebe
western grebe
American bittern
snowy egret
black-necked stilt
American avocet
lesser yellowlegs
greater yellowlegs
spotted sandpiper
western sandpiper
least sandpiper
dunlin
long-billed dowitcher
Wilson's Snipe
Bonaparte's gull
ring-billed gull
California hull
herring gull
marsh wren
common yellowthroat

URBANIZED HUMAN HABITATS

These birds 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.

mallard
gadwall
American wigeon
northern pintail
cinnamon teal
northern shoveler
ring-billed gull
California gull
northern flicker
American robin
yellow-rumped warbler
California towhee
chipping sparrow
song sparrow
white-crowned sparrow
hooded oriole
Bullock's oriole
American goldfinch