



The Birds of Sunnylands
Annotated List as of September 2018

- Greater White-fronted Goose – uncommon migrant/winter visitor to ponds
 Snow Goose – uncommon migrant/winter visitor to ponds
 Canada Goose – uncommon resident, sometimes flying over or on ponds
 Wood Duck – uncommon migrant/winter visitor to ponds
 Mallard – common resident on ponds
 Gadwall – uncommon migrant/winter visitor to ponds
 American Wigeon – common migrant/winter visitor to ponds
 Eurasian Wigeon – rare winter visitor/migrant to ponds
 Northern Shoveler – uncommon migrant/winter visitor to ponds
 Cinnamon Teal – uncommon migrant/winter visitor to ponds
 Canvasback- uncommon migrant/winter visitor to ponds
 Redhead – uncommon migrant/winter visitor to ponds
 Ring-necked Duck – common migrant/winter visitor to ponds
 Lesser Scaup – uncommon migrant/winter visitor to ponds
 Bufflehead – uncommon migrant/winter visitor to ponds
 Common Goldeneye – rare migrant/winter visitor to ponds
 Ruddy Duck – common migrant/winter visitor to ponds
 Common Merganser – uncommon winter visitor/migrant to ponds
 Red-breasted Merganser – uncommon winter visitor/migrant to ponds
- Pied-billed Grebe – fairly common permanent resident on ponds (Note: there are fish in the ponds)
 Eared Grebe – uncommon migrant/ winter visitor to ponds
 Western Grebe – uncommon migrant/winter visitor to ponds
- Double-crested Cormorant – fairly common migrant/winter visitor to ponds
- American White Pelican – uncommon migrant/winter visitor to ponds. Mostly seen flying overhead
- Least Bittern – rare migrant to ponds
 Great Blue Heron – fairly common migrant/winter visitor to ponds/occasional nester
 Snowy Egret – fairly common migrant/winter resident on ponds
 Great Egret – common migrant/winter resident on ponds
 Green Heron – fairly common migrant/winter resident on ponds/streams near main house
 Black-crowned Night-Heron – uncommon migrant/winter resident on ponds/streams
- White-faced Ibis – uncommon migrant and winter visitor to ponds
- Turkey Vulture – common migrant – roosts in Tamarisk trees or other large trees

Cooper's Hawk – common resident – nests in large tree
Sharp-shinned Hawk – uncommon winter visitor
Red-shouldered Hawk – common resident – prefers to nest in Eucalyptus
Red-tailed Hawk – fairly common resident of open areas
Swainson's Hawk- rare migrant spring and fall
Northern Harrier – uncommon migrant – spring or fall

Prairie Falcon – uncommon resident of the area
American Kestrel- common resident of the area

American Coot – common resident on ponds

Killdeer – fairly common resident – open grassy or gravelly areas

Spotted Sandpiper – uncommon migrant

Ring-billed Gull – fairly common migrant/winter visitor usually seen flying overhead
California Gull – uncommon migrant/winter visitor usually seen flying overhead

Caspian Tern – uncommon visitor to ponds throughout the year

Rock Pigeon – uncommon resident of area – watch for them flying over
White-winged Dove – summer resident – fairly common
Eurasian Collared-Dove – uncommon resident of the area, mostly seen flying by
Mourning Dove – fairly common on grounds – the main dove you will see

Greater Roadrunner – uncommon permanent resident

Barn Owl – fairly common permanent resident
Great Horned Owl – fairly common permanent resident of the area

Lesser Nighthawk – fairly common summer resident of the area

Vaux's Swift – uncommon migrant – especially in spring - flying overhead
White-throated Swift – uncommon resident of the area, seen flying overhead

Costa's Hummingbird – the common resident hummingbird in the gardens near the visitor center
Black-chinned Hummingbird – uncommon in summer
Anna's Hummingbird – fairly common resident on the golf course
Rufous Hummingbird – uncommon migrant, spring and fall

Belted Kingfisher – uncommon migrant/winter visitor

Northern Flicker – common migrant/winter resident of golf course area
Ladder-backed Woodpecker – uncommon resident of the area
Nuttall's Woodpecker – uncommon resident of the area

Olive-sided Flycatcher – uncommon migrant
 Western Wood-Pewee – fairly common migrant
 Pacific-slope Flycatcher – fairly common spring migrant
 Black Phoebe – common resident near water or grassy areas
 Say's Phoebe – fairly common resident – more open areas – golf course
 Vermilion Flycatcher – fairly common resident especially in winter on the golf course near the ponds
 Brown-crested Flycatcher – very rare migrant – needs confirmation
 Ash-throated Flycatcher – uncommon migrant – spring or fall
 Cassin's Kingbird – uncommon spring migrant and winter resident
 Western Kingbird – summer resident, fairly common where there are large trees

Loggerhead Shrike – uncommon resident

Bell's Vireo- uncommon migrant and possible summer nester – 1-2 singing in May
 Cassin's Vireo – uncommon spring migrant
 Warbling Vireo – fairly common spring migrant

California Scrub-Jay – uncommon spring visitor
 American Crow – fairly common resident especially around main house
 Common Raven – common resident of area

Horned Lark – uncommon winter visitor

Northern Rough-winged Swallow – uncommon migrant and summer resident of area
 Barn Swallow – fairly common spring migrant

Mountain Chickadee – uncommon winter visitor/altitudinal migrant (nesting not confirmed)

Verdin – common resident especially near the visitor center

Bushtit – rare winter visitor

Bewick's Wren – common resident of gardens
 Rock Wren – uncommon migrant/visitor – possible resident (needs confirmation)
 House Wren – uncommon migrant and winter resident
 Cactus Wren – uncommon resident of the area

Ruby-crowned Kinglet – common migrant and winter resident

Black-tailed Gnatcatcher – uncommon resident prefers creosote and palo verde trees

Western Bluebird – mainly a migrant and winter visitor but may nest in the area
 Hermit Thrush – uncommon migrant and winter visitor

Northern Mockingbird- common resident in trees and shrubs

European Starling – fairly common resident of the area

Cedar Waxwing – uncommon migrant and winter resident

Orange-crowned Warbler – fairly common migrant/winter resident

Nashville Warbler – uncommon migrant

MacGillivray's Warbler – rare migrant

Yellow Warbler – fairly common migrant and possible summer resident

Black-throated Gray Warbler – uncommon migrant

Hermit Warbler – uncommon spring migrant

Townsend's Warbler – uncommon spring migrant

Yellow-rumped Warbler – common migrant and winter resident

Wilson's Warbler – fairly common migrant

Abert's Towhee – uncommon resident in the visitor center gardens

Spotted Towhee – uncommon migrant and winter resident

Chipping Sparrow – fairly common migrant/winter resident

Brewer's Sparrow – uncommon migrant/winter resident

Savannah Sparrow – fairly common migrant/winter resident

Song Sparrow – uncommon migrant

Lincoln's Sparrow – uncommon migrant/winter resident

Lark Sparrow – uncommon migrant/winter resident

White-crowned Sparrow – common migrant/winter resident

Dark-eyed Junco – uncommon winter visitor

Summer Tanager – uncommon migrant, possible summer resident

Western Tanager – fairly common migrant

Black-headed Grosbeak – fairly common spring migrant

Blue Grosbeak – uncommon migrant

Lazuli Bunting – fairly common migrant, especially in spring

Western Meadowlark – uncommon migrant, especially in Fall

Bullock's Oriole – fairly common migrant – nesting needs confirmation

Hooded Oriole – fairly common migrant/summer visitor – nesting needs confirmation

Brown-headed Cowbird – fairly common resident

House Finch – common resident often flying overhead

Lesser Goldfinch – fairly common resident

Lawrence's Goldfinch – uncommon to rare visitor

American Goldfinch – rare migrant or winter visitor

House Sparrow – Introduced species – fairly common resident of the area

Other critters:

Bluegill, Bass, Catfish and Mosquito Fish in the ponds

Cloudless Sulfur butterfly

Giant Swallowtail – feeds on citrus in nearby neighborhood

Monarch and Queen Butterflies feed on abundant milkweed near visitor center

Painted Lady

Marine Blue

Japanese Fig Beetle (dark green, large – look like carpenter bees at first)
Milkweed Bug
Antlion pit traps
Carpenter Bees – females all black, males golden (uncommon)
Tent Caterpillars
Robber Fly
Apache Cicada
Tarantula Hawk Wasp
various dragonflies – Common Blue Darner
Black-tailed Hare
Desert Cottontail
Coyote
Tiger Whiptail
Ornate Tree Lizard (prefers mesquites near the visitor center)