

Birds of Sunnylands – Annotated List as of November 2024

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Greater White-fronted Goose – uncommon migrant/winter visitor to ponds

Snow Goose – uncommon migrant/winter visitor to ponds

Ross's Goose – rare migrant/winter visitor to ponds

Canada Goose – fairly common resident, sometimes flying over or on ponds

Cackling Goose – uncommon to rare fall/winter visitor, mixed in with Canadas

Tundra Swan – rare migrant and winter visitor to ponds

Mute Swan – occasional local visitor to ponds

Black Swan – occasional visitor to ponds (an Introduced species)

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 Pintail – uncommon migrant/winter visitor to ponds

Northern Shoveler – uncommon migrant/winter visitor to ponds

Blue-winged Teal – rare 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

Common Merganser – uncommon winter visitor/migrant to ponds

Red-breasted Merganser – uncommon winter visitor/migrant to ponds

Ruddy Duck – common migrant/winter visitor 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

Rock Pigeon – uncommon resident of area – watch for them flying over

Eurasian Collared-Dove – uncommon resident of the area, mostly seen flying by

White-winged Dove – summer resident – fairly common

Mourning Dove – fairly common on grounds – the main dove you will see

Greater Roadrunner – uncommon permanent resident

Lesser Nighthawk – fairly common summer resident of the area

White-throated Swift – uncommon resident of the area, seen flying overhead

Vaux's Swift – uncommon migrant – especially in spring - flying overhead

Black-chinned Hummingbird – uncommon to rare in summer

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

Sora – uncommon to rare migrant near ponds
American Coot – common resident on ponds

Black-necked Stilt – uncommon migrant/winter visitor to ponds
American Avocet – uncommon migrant/winter visitor to ponds

Killdeer – fairly common resident – open grassy or gravelly areas

Long-billed Curlew – rare spring migrant
Western Sandpiper – uncommon spring migrant
Least Sandpiper – uncommon spring migrant
Wilson's Snipe – rare migrant and winter visitor
Spotted Sandpiper – uncommon migrant
Greater Yellowlegs – 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

Common Loon – rare spring migrant

Neotropic Cormorant – uncommon 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

American Bittern – rare migrant to ponds
Least Bittern – rare migrant to ponds
Great Blue Heron – fairly common migrant/winter visitor to ponds/occasional nester
Cattle Egret – uncommon visitor/resident of the area
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
Osprey – rare migrant, may visit ponds
Bald Eagle – rare visitor to ponds in winter or migration
Northern Harrier – uncommon migrant – spring or fall
Sharp-shinned Hawk – uncommon winter visitor
Cooper's Hawk – common resident – nests in large tree

Red-shouldered Hawk – common resident – prefers to nest in Eucalyptus
Swainson's Hawk- uncommon migrant spring and fall
Red-tailed Hawk – fairly common resident of open areas

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

Belted Kingfisher – uncommon migrant/winter visitor

Acorn Woodpecker – rare spring visitor
Red-breasted Sapsucker – rare migrant and winter visitor
Nuttall's Woodpecker – uncommon to rare resident of the area
Ladder-backed Woodpecker – uncommon resident of the area
Northern Flicker – common migrant/winter resident of golf course area

American Kestrel- common resident of the area
Merlin – rare winter visitor
Prairie Falcon – uncommon resident of the area
Peregrine Falcon – uncommon resident and winter visitor

Olive-sided Flycatcher – uncommon migrant
Western Wood-Pewee – fairly common migrant
Willow Flycatcher – uncommon spring migrant
Hammond's Flycatcher – uncommon spring migrant
Gray Flycatcher – uncommon winter visitor/ spring migrant
Pacific-slope Flycatcher – fairly common 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

Hutton's Vireo – rare fall or winter visitor, one record in early December
Bell's Vireo- uncommon migrant and possible summer nester – 1-2 singing in May
Plumbeous Vireo – uncommon fall migrant
Cassin's Vireo – uncommon spring migrant
Warbling Vireo – fairly common spring migrant

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

Horned Lark – uncommon winter visitor

Tree Swallow – fairly common migrant
Violet-green Swallow- uncommon migrant
Barn Swallow – fairly common migrant
Northern Rough-winged Swallow – fairly common migrant and summer resident of area
Cliff Swallow – fairly common migrant and summer resident of area

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

Verdin – common resident especially near the visitor center

Bushtit – rare winter visitor

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

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – uncommon winter visitor
Black-tailed Gnatcatcher – uncommon resident prefers creosote and palo verde trees

Ruby-crowned Kinglet – common migrant and winter resident

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

Phainopepla – uncommon migrant/winter visitor

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

American Pipit – uncommon spring migrant

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

Orange-crowned Warbler – fairly common migrant/winter resident
Nashville Warbler – uncommon migrant
MacGillivray's Warbler – rare migrant
Common Yellowthroat – uncommon migrant and winter visitor
Yellow Warbler – fairly common migrant and possible summer resident

Yellow-rumped Warbler – common migrant and winter resident
(Myrtle Warbler – subspecies) – rare migrant and winter visitor
Black-throated Gray Warbler – uncommon migrant
Hermit Warbler – uncommon spring migrant, rare in fall
Townsend's Warbler – uncommon spring migrant
Palm Warbler – rare fall migrant
Wilson's Warbler – fairly common migrant

Spotted Towhee – uncommon migrant and winter resident
Abert's Towhee – uncommon resident in the visitor center gardens
Chipping Sparrow – fairly common migrant/winter resident
Brewer's Sparrow – uncommon migrant/winter resident
Lark Sparrow – uncommon migrant/winter resident
Savannah Sparrow – fairly common migrant/winter resident
Lincoln's Sparrow – uncommon migrant/winter resident
Song Sparrow – uncommon migrant
White-crowned Sparrow – common migrant/winter resident
Golden-crowned Sparrow – rare migrant/winter visitor
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
Brewer's Blackbird – uncommon resident and migrant
Great-tailed Grackle – fairly common resident of the area
Brown-headed Cowbird – fairly common resident
Hooded Oriole – fairly common migrant/summer visitor – nesting needs confirmation
Bullock's Oriole – fairly common migrant – nesting needs confirmation