

CHECK-LIST OF THE BIRDS OF EXPOSITION PARK, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

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This list covers the area bounded by Jefferson Blvd. on the north, Figueroa Ave. on the east,
Martin Luther King Blvd. on the south, and Vermont Ave. on the west.

Last updated: 1 April 2011 (165 species: 155 native, 10 introduced)

Anatidae

Greater White-fronted Goose, *Anser albifrons*. Two records: flocks 8 Feb 1985 and 20 Mar 2004.
Canada Goose, *Branta canadensis*. Flock of 12 on 17 Oct 1989.
Mallard, *Anas platyrhynchos*. Occasional spring, summer breeding resident.
Northern Pintail, *Anas acuta*. One record, 6 Nov 1987.

Phalacrocoracidae

Double-crested Cormorant, *Phalacrocorax auritus*. One record; flock of 20 on 27 Oct 1987.

Pelecanidae

American White Pelican, *Pelecanus erythryrhynchos*. One record, 12 flying over 28 Nov 2007.

Ardeidae

Great Blue Heron, *Ardea herodias*. Occasional visitant.
Great Egret, *Ardea alba*. Several fall and winter records.
Snowy Egret, *Egretta thula*. One record, 13 May 1987.
Cattle Egret, *Bubulcus ibis*. One record, 23 Nov 1985.
Green Heron, *Butorides virescens*. Uncommon spring, fall migrant.
Black-crowned Night-Heron, *Nycticorax nycticorax*. Two Oct records.

Cathartidae

Turkey Vulture, *Cathartes aura*. A few records, Aug to Mar.

Pandionidae

Osprey, *Pandion haliaetus*. Rare migrant, Sep, Mar, 28 Dec 2007.

Accipitridae

Sharp-shinned Hawk, *Accipiter striatus*. Uncommon, fall and winter.
Cooper's Hawk, *Accipiter cooperii*. Fairly common, year-round.
Red-shouldered Hawk, *Buteo lineatus*. Rare, mainly fall and winter.
Red-tailed Hawk, *Buteo jamaicensis*. Common resident.

Falconidae

Merlin, *Falco columbarius*. Uncommon fall, winter visitant.
American Kestrel, *Falco sparverius*. Uncommon resident (formerly more numerous)
Peregrine Falcon, *Falco peregrinus*. Uncommon resident.

Rallidae

American Coot, *Fulica americana*. One record, Nov 1990.

Charadriidae

Killdeer, *Charadrius vociferus*. Uncommon resident.

Scolopacidae

Greater Yellowlegs, *Tringa melanoleuca*. Two records, 12 Sep 1994, 16 Jan 2008.

Lesser Yellowlegs, *Tringa flavipes*. One record, 19 Oct 1982.

Whimbrel, *Numenius phaeopus*. Rare spring migrant.

Long-billed Dowitcher, *Limnodromus scolopaceus*. Two records, 3 Oct 1985 and 19 Oct 2004.

Wilson's Snipe, *Gallinago delicata*. One record, 4 Nov 1994.

Laridae

Franklin's Gull, *Leucophaeus pipixcan*. One record, 11 May 1998.

Mew Gull, *Larus canus*. One winter record.

Ring-billed Gull, *Larus delawarensis*. Rare winter visitant.

Western Gull, *Larus occidentalis*. Common year-round visitant.

California Gull, *Larus californicus*. Common winter visitant, rare summer.

Herring Gull, *Larus argentatus*. Rare fall, winter visitant.

Glaucous-winged Gull, *Larus glaucescens*. Rare winter, spring visitant.

Least Tern, *Sternula antillarum*. One record, two birds on 12 Jun 1987.

Caspian Tern, *Hydroprogne caspia*. One record, 28 Aug 1984.

Columbidae

Rock (Feral) Pigeon, *Columba livia*. Very common breeding resident (introduced).

Band-tailed Pigeon, *Patagioenas fasciata*. Rare year-round visitant (but increasing).

Eurasian Collared-Dove, *Streptopelia decaocto*. Two records, 8 Jul 2009, 17 Mar 2011
(introduced)

Spotted Dove, *Streptopelia chinensis*. Breeding resident (introduced); formerly common, but
virtually absent since late 1990s.

Mourning Dove, *Zenaida macroura*. Common breeding resident.

Psittacidae

Mitred Parakeet, *Aratinga mitrata*. Irregular year-round visitor (introduced).

White-winged Parakeet, *Brotogeris versicolurus*. Rare visitor (introduced).

Yellow-chevroned Parakeet, *Brotogeris chiriri*. Common resident (introduced).

Yellow-headed Parrot, *Amazona oratrix*. Rare visitor (introduced).

Lilac-crowned Parrot, *Amazona finschi*. One record, Jan 1988 (introduced).

Strigidae

Great Horned Owl, *Bubo virginianus*. One record, 19 Sep 1985.

Burrowing Owl, *Athene cunicularia*. Two recent records of birds roosting on NHM building, 14-
18 Oct 2004 and fall 2008.

Short-eared Owl, *Asio flammeus*. One record, 30 Oct 1984.

Caprimulgidae

Lesser Nighthawk, *Chordeiles acutipennis*. One flying over NHM 11 May 2005.

Common Poorwill, *Phalaenoptilus nuttallii*. One in Rose Garden, 12 Oct 2005.

Apodidae

Black Swift, *Cypseloides niger*. Two records: two birds 26 May 1992, one 21 Sep 2010.

Chimney Swift, *Chaetura pelagica*. Rare summer resident from early 1980s to early 1990s.

Vaux's Swift, *Chaetura vauxi*. Common spring, fall migrant; rare in winter.
White-throated Swift, *Aeronautes saxatalis*. Fairly common breeding resident.

Trochilidae

Black-chinned Hummingbird, *Archilochus alexandri*. Fairly common summer resident.
Anna's Hummingbird, *Calypte anna*. Common breeding resident.
Costa's Hummingbird, *Calypte costae*. One record, 12 Oct 1982.
Rufous Hummingbird, *Selasphorus rufus*. Two males, 21 Mar 2011.
Allen's Hummingbird, *Selasphorus sasin*. Common breeding resident.

Alcedinidae

Belted Kingfisher, *Megaceryle alcyon*. Occasional visitant.

Picidae

Lewis's Woodpecker, *Melanerpes lewis*. One record, 8 Oct 2007.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, *Sphyrapicus varius*. Two records (winter 1998-1999, Mar-Apr 2009)
Red-naped Sapsucker, *Sphyrapicus nuchalis*. One record, 12 Oct 1990.
Red-breasted Sapsucker, *Sphyrapicus ruber*. Uncommon fall and winter visitant.
Nuttall's Woodpecker, *Picoides nuttallii*. Rare fall visitor.
Downy Woodpecker, *Picoides pubescens*. Three records: Oct 2002; 25 Mar 2004 (2), and Mar-Jun 2009.
Northern Flicker, *Colaptes auratus*. Fairly common fall migrant, uncommon winter visitant.

Tyrannidae

Olive-sided Flycatcher, *Contopus cooperi*. One, Oct 2006
Western Wood-Pewee, *Contopus sordidulus*. Scarce migrant, e.g. 27 Aug 1996.
Willow Flycatcher, *Empidonax traillii*. Uncommon migrant, May-June and Aug-Sep.
Hammond's Flycatcher, *Empidonax hammondi*. One record, 30 Sep 1998.
Dusky Flycatcher, *Empidonax oberholseri*. One record, 12 Sep 1984.
Pacific-slope Flycatcher, *Empidonax difficilis*. Fairly common migrant.
Black Phoebe, *Sayornis nigricans*. Common breeding resident.
Say's Phoebe, *Sayornis saya*. One, 1-12 Oct 2010.
Ash-throated Flycatcher, *Myiarchus cinerascens*. Uncommon migrant.
Cassin's Kingbird, *Tyrannus vociferans*. Four records, Aug-Dec
Western Kingbird, *Tyrannus verticalis*. Fairly common migrant.

Vireonidae

Cassin's Vireo, *Vireo cassinii*. Uncommon spring, fall migrant.
Plumbeous Vireo, *Vireo plumbeus*. Two records for USC campus, Sep 2007 and Jan 2009.
Hutton's Vireo, *Vireo huttoni*. One record, fall 1987.
Warbling Vireo, *Vireo gilvus*. Common spring, fall migrant.
Red-eyed Vireo, *Vireo olivaceus*. One record, 31 May 1995.

Corvidae

Western Scrub-Jay, *Aphelocoma californica*. Uncommon breeding resident (now rare)
American Crow, *Corvus brachyrhynchos*. Common breeding resident.
Common Raven, *Corvus corax*. Fairly common breeding resident.

Hirundinidae

Purple Martin, *Progne subis*. One record, 21 May 1987.
Northern Rough-winged Swallow, *Stelgidopteryx serripennis*. Fairly common breeder, Mar-Jul.

Cliff Swallow, *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*. Uncommon summer breeder, Mar-Aug (formerly common).

Barn Swallow, *Hirundo rustica*. Uncommon spring and fall migrant.

Paridae

Mountain Chickadee, *Poecile gambeli*. One record, 9 Sep 2005.

Aegithalidae

Bushtit, *Psaltriparus minimus*. Common breeding resident.

Sittidae

White-breasted Nuthatch, *Sitta carolinensis*. One record, fall 1987.

Certhiidae

Brown Creeper, *Certhia americana*. One record, 1 Feb 1988.

Troglodytidae

House Wren, *Troglodytes aedon*. Uncommon fall transient.

Marsh Wren, *Cistothorus palustris*. Two records, fall 1999 and fall 2000.

Poliophtilidae

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, *Poliophtila caerulea*. One record, 12 Sep 1989.

Regulidae

Ruby-crowned Kinglet, *Regulus calendula*. Fairly common fall, winter visitant.

Turdidae

Western Bluebird, *Sialia mexicana*. One bird, 11 March 2010.

Swainson's Thrush, *Catharus ustulatus*. Uncommon spring migrant.

Hermit Thrush, *Catharus guttatus*. Uncommon fall, winter visitant.

American Robin, *Turdus migratorius*. Fairly common breeding resident.

Mimidae

Northern Mockingbird, *Mimus polyglottos*. Common breeding resident.

Sturnidae

European Starling, *Sturnus vulgaris*. Common resident (introduced)

Motacillidae

American Pipit, *Anthus rubescens*. Uncommon fall migrant.

Bombycillidae

Bohemian Waxwing, *Bombycilla garrulus*. One record, 13 Apr 1933.

Cedar Waxwing, *Bombycilla cedrorum*. Common visitant, Oct-May.

Parulidae

Tennessee Warbler, *Oreothlypis peregrina*. One spring, four fall records.

Orange-crowned Warbler, *Oreothlypis celata*. Common migrant, uncommon winter visitant.

Nashville Warbler, *Oreothlypis ruficapilla*. Fairly common spring, scarce fall migrant, winter records for Feb 2004 and Jan 2009.

Virginia's Warbler, *Oreothlypis virginiae*. One record, 18 Sep 1986.

Northern Parula, *Parula americana*. One record, 2 Oct 2000.
Yellow Warbler, *Dendroica petechia*. Common spring, fall migrant.
Chestnut-sided Warbler, *Dendroica pensylvanica*. One record, 17 Jun 1982.
Magnolia Warbler, *Dendroica magnolia*. One record, 1 Nov 1991.
Yellow-rumped Warbler, *Dendroica coronata*. Common visitant, Sep-Apr.
Black-throated Gray Warbler, *Dendroica nigrescens*. Fairly common spring, fall migrant, a few winter records.
Townsend's Warbler, *Dendroica townsendi*. Common migrant, uncommon winter visitor.
Hermit Warbler, *Dendroica occidentalis*. Uncommon spring, fall migrant.
Blackpoll Warbler, *Dendroica striata*. Three Sep records.
Black-and-white Warbler, *Mniotilta varia*. Two fall records, one spring record.
American Redstart, *Setophaga ruticilla*. Several fall records; one Jul 2010.
Northern Waterthrush, *Parkesia noveboracensis*. Two records, 4-6 Sep 1984, 20-21 Sep 2010.
Mourning Warbler, *Oporornis philadelphia*. One record, 24-28 Sep 1997.
MacGillivray's Warbler, *Oporornis tolmiei*. Uncommon spring and fall migrant.
Common Yellowthroat, *Geothlypis trichas*. Fairly common migrant, mainly fall; one 27 Jan 2010.
Wilson's Warbler, *Wilsonia pusilla*. Common spring and fall migrant.
Yellow-breasted Chat, *Icteria virens*. One record, 1 May 1987.

Emberizidae

Spotted Towhee, *Pipilo maculatus*. Two fall records.
California Towhee, *Melospiza crissalis*. Two records: 30 Aug 1982, spring 1996.
Chipping Sparrow, *Spizella passerina*. Uncommon fall, spring migrant.
Clay-colored Sparrow, *Spizella pallida*. One record, 5-6 Nov 1987.
Brewer's Sparrow, *Spizella breweri*. Two records: 15 Oct 1982, Sep 1999.
Lark Sparrow, *Chondestes grammacus*. Uncommon fall migrant; one 27 Jan 2010
Savannah Sparrow, *Passerculus sandwichensis*. Fairly common fall, winter visitant.
Fox Sparrow, *Passerella iliaca*. Two records: 9 Oct 1987, fall 1999
Lincoln's Sparrow, *Melospiza lincolni*. Uncommon spring, fall migrant; one 28 Jan 2010.
Golden-crowned Sparrow, *Zonotrichia atricapilla*. Two records: 9 Nov 1983, Oct 1995.
White-crowned Sparrow, *Zonotrichia leucophrys*. Uncommon fall, winter visitant.
Dark-eyed Junco, *Junco hyemalis*. A few fall records.

Cardinalidae

Summer Tanager, *Piranga rubra*. Singles at USC Feb 2004, Jan 2009, Jun 2009; and at NHM 1 Nov 2006.
Western Tanager, *Piranga ludoviciana*. Common migrant; a few sometimes winter.
Rose-breasted Grosbeak, *Pheucticus ludovicianus*. One record, 28 Oct-2 Nov 1997.
Black-headed Grosbeak, *Pheucticus melanocephalus*. Uncommon spring, fall migrant.
Blue Grosbeak, *Passerina caerulea*. One record, 29 Sep 2004.
Lazuli Bunting, *Passerina amoena*. Uncommon spring, fall migrant.

Icteridae

Red-winged Blackbird, *Agelaius phoeniceus*. Occasional visitant.
Tricolored Blackbird, *Agelaius tricolor*. Uncommon fall, winter, spring visitant.
Western Meadowlark, *Sturnella neglecta*. Uncommon fall, winter visitant.
Brewer's Blackbird, *Euphagus cyanocephalus*. Common (but declining?) breeding resident.
Great-tailed Grackle, *Quiscalus mexicanus*. Flock of 12 on 18 Oct 2006
Brown-headed Cowbird, *Molothrus ater*. Uncommon spring, fall migrant.
Orchard Oriole, *Icterus spurius*. Three records: 25-27 Aug 1992 (two), Oct 1997, Sep-Oct 2010.
Hooded Oriole, *Icterus cucullatus*. Uncommon, Apr-Oct

Baltimore Oriole, *Icterus galbula*. Four fall, winter records.

Bullock's Oriole, *Icterus bullockii*. Fairly common spring, fall migrant; a few may winter.

Fringillidae

Purple Finch, *Carpodacus purpureus*. One record, 13 Nov 1986.

House Finch, *Carpodacus mexicanus*. Common resident.

Red Crossbill, *Loxia curvirostra*. One record, 13 May 1997.

Pine Siskin, *Spinus pinus*. Scarce and irregular fall, winter, spring visitant.

Lesser Goldfinch, *Spinus psaltria*. Uncommon fall migrant.

American Goldfinch, *Spinus tristis*. Uncommon winter visitant, some through year.

Passeridae

House Sparrow, *Passer domesticus*. Common resident.