

*bird checklist for the*  
**LAGUNA**  
*de Santa Rosa*



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## Laguna Birds Checklist

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### Abundance Key

- a** - abundant, present, often in high numbers
- c** - common, present, relatively easy to find
- f** - fairly common, present, but not always observed
- u** - uncommon, likely present, may be difficult to find
- r** - rare, may be present, generally low numbers, not every year
- x** - extremely rare, often refers to a single record

### Seasons Key

- W** - Winter, December - February
- Sp** - Spring, March - May
- S** - Summer, June - August
- F** - Fall, September - November

### Breeding Key

- B** - confirmed breeder
- SB** - suspected breeder

Species names in *italics* are feral or non-native.

Taxonomy and nomenclature follow the American Ornithologists' Union Checklist of Birds of North America, 2013.

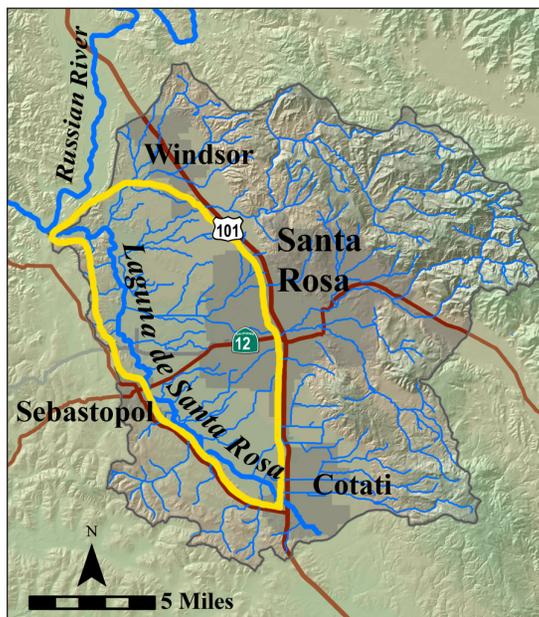


# The Laguna de Santa Rosa Watershed

The Laguna de Santa Rosa is a 22-mile wetland complex that drains a 254-square mile watershed, including most of the Santa Rosa Plain, in Sonoma County, California.

As the second largest freshwater wetlands area in northern California and one of Sonoma County's most abundant wildlife regions, the Laguna is prioritized by local, state and federal regulatory agencies for preservation and restoration. In addition, the area was recognized as a Wetland of International Importance in 2011 at the Ramsar Convention.

The Laguna's open water, riparian, wetland, and oak savannah environments provide important wildlife habitats year-round and necessary feeding and resting grounds for thousands of birds migrating along the Pacific Flyway.



The area of the Laguna watershed covered by this checklist (outlined in yellow on map) includes the Santa Rosa Plain. For the purpose of this checklist, the boundary of the Plain is defined as: West of Highway 101; north of the town of Cotati; east of Highway 116 between Cotati to Palm Drive, including the eastern edges of Sebastopol, Frei Road, Laguna Road, and Trenton Road to the intersection of the Laguna with the Russian River (at Burke's Canoes); south of

Burke's Canoes outside Forestville; south of River Road, back to Highway 101.

Cover L-R: American Avocet, Marsh Wren, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Western Bluebird (m), Western Kingbird, Double-crested Cormorant, Killdeer, Bald Eagle, Black-necked Stilt, Great Egret, Cliff Swallow, Red-tailed Hawk, Ruddy Duck (m), Green Heron, Anna's Hummingbird (f), Bufflehead (m).

Inside Front Cover: Greater Yellowlegs. Page 3: Pied-billed Grebe. Page 5: Northern Flicker (m). Page 8: Red-winged Blackbird (m). Page 10: American Goldfinch (f). Inside Back Cover: White-tailed Kite, Spreading Rush. Back Cover: Barn Owl.

## DUCKS, GEESE, & SWANS *Anatidae*

	W	Sp	S	F
_____ Greater White-fronted Goose	u	r	r	-
_____ Snow Goose	r	-	-	-
_____ Ross' Goose	r	-	-	-
_____ Cackling Goose	u	r	-	u
_____ Canada Goose (B)	a	a	c	a
_____ Mute Swan (SB)	u	u	u	u
_____ Tundra Swan	r	-	-	-
_____ Wood Duck	c	f	f	f
_____ Gadwall (SB)	f	f	-	f
_____ Eurasian Wigeon	r	r	-	r
_____ American Wigeon	c	c	x	c
_____ Mallard (B)	a	a	c	a
_____ Blue-winged Teal	x	r	-	-
_____ Cinnamon Teal (B)	u	u	u	u
_____ Northern Shoveler (SB)	f	f	-	f
_____ Northern Pintail	f	u	-	u
_____ Green-winged Teal	f	f	-	f
_____ Canvasback	u	-	-	-
_____ Redhead	x	-	-	x
_____ Ring-necked Duck	f	f	-	f
_____ Greater Scaup	u	u	-	u
_____ Lesser Scaup	u	u	-	u
_____ Bufflehead	c	u	-	c
_____ Common Goldeneye	u	r	-	r
_____ Barrow's Goldeneye	x	-	-	-
_____ Hooded Merganser	u	u	-	u
_____ Common Merganser	f	f	f	f
_____ Red-breasted Merganser	x	x	-	-
_____ Ruddy Duck (SB)	f	f	-	f

## NEW WORLD QUAIL *Odontophoridae*

_____ California Quail (B)	u	u	u	u
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## PARTRIDGES, GROUSE, TURKEYS, & OLD WORLD QUAIL *Phasianidae*

_____ Ring-necked Pheasant (B)	u	u	u	u
_____ Wild Turkey (B)	c	c	c	c

	W	Sp	S	F
<b>LOONS</b> <i>Gaviidae</i>				
____ Common Loon	x	-	-	-
<b>GREBES</b> <i>Podicipedidae</i>				
____ Pied-billed Grebe (B)	f	f	u	f
____ Horned Grebe	u	-	-	u
____ Eared Grebe	u	-	-	u
____ Western Grebe	r	r	r	r
____ Clark's Grebe	r	r	r	r
<b>STORKS</b> <i>Ciconiidae</i>				
____ Wood Stork	x	-	-	-
<b>FRIGATEBIRDS</b> <i>Fregatidae</i>				
____ Frigatebirds sp.	x	-	-	-
<b>CORMORANTS</b> <i>Phalacrocoracidae</i>				
____ Double-crested Cormorant (B)	c	c	c	c
<b>PELICANS</b> <i>Pelecanidae</i>				
____ American White Pelican	f	f	f	f
<b>BITTERNS, HERONS, &amp; ALLIES</b> <i>Ardeidae</i>				
____ American Bittern (SB)	r	r	r	r
____ Great Blue Heron (B)	f	f	f	f
____ Great Egret (B)	f	f	f	f
____ Snowy Egret (B)	f	f	f	f
____ Tri-colored Heron	-	-	-	x
____ Cattle Egret (B)	f	f	f	f
____ Green Heron (B)	r	u	u	r
____ Black-crowned Night-Heron (B)	c	c	c	c
<b>IBISES &amp; SPOONBILLS</b> <i>Threskiornithidae</i>				
____ White-faced Ibis	x	x	-	-
<b>NEW WORLD VULTURES</b> <i>Cathartidae</i>				
____ Turkey Vulture (B)	c	c	c	c

	W	Sp	S	F
<b>OSPREYS</b> <i>Pandionidae</i>				
____ Osprey (SB)	r	u	u	r
<b>HAWKS, KITES, EAGLES, &amp; ALLIES</b> <i>Accipitridae</i>				
____ White-tailed Kite (B)	f	f	f	f
____ Bald Eagle (B)	r	r	r	r
____ Northern Harrier (SB)	f	f	r	f
____ Sharp-shinned Hawk	f	f	-	f
____ Cooper's Hawk	f	f	f	f
____ Common Black Hawk (B)	x	x	x	x
____ Red-shouldered Hawk	f	f	f	f
____ Swainson's Hawk	-	x	-	-
____ Red-tailed Hawk	f	f	f	f
____ Ferruginous Hawk	r	-	-	r
____ Golden Eagle	r	-	-	-
<b>RAILS, GALLINULES, &amp; COOTS</b> <i>Rallidae</i>				
____ Virginia Rail (SB)	u	u	u	u
____ Sora (B)	u	u	u	u
____ Common Gallinule (SB)	u	u	u	u
____ American Coot (B)	a	c	u	a
<b>CRANES</b> <i>Gruidae</i>				
____ Sandhill Crane	-	-	-	x
<b>STILTS &amp; AVOCETS</b> <i>Recurvirostridae</i>				
____ American Avocet (B)	u	u	u	u
____ Black-necked Stilt (B)	u	u	u	u
<b>LAPWINGS &amp; PLOVERS</b> <i>Charadriidae</i>				
____ Black-bellied Plover	u	u	-	u
____ Pacific Golden Plover	x	-	-	-
____ Killdeer (B)	c	f	f	c



	W	Sp	S	F
<b>SANDPIPERS, PHALAROPES, &amp; ALLIES</b> <i>Scolopacidae</i>				
_____ Spotted Sandpiper (SB)	u	u	-	u
_____ Solitary Sandpiper	-	x	-	x
_____ Greater Yellowlegs	f	f	-	f
_____ Lesser Yellowlegs	-	x	-	x
_____ Whimbrel	x	x	-	-
_____ Long-billed Curlew	u	u	-	-
_____ Willet	u	u	-	u
_____ Dunlin	u	u	-	u
_____ Least Sandpiper	f	f	-	f
_____ Pectoral Sandpiper	-	-	-	x
_____ Western Sandpiper	u	u	-	u
_____ Short-billed Dowitcher	x	-	-	-
_____ Long-billed Dowitcher	u	u	-	u
_____ Wilson's Snipe	f	u	-	f
_____ Wilson's Phalarope (SB)	-	r	r	-

**GULLS, TERNS, & SKIMMERS** *Laridae*

_____ Bonaparte's Gull	r	r	-	r
_____ Mew Gull	c	u	-	u
_____ Ring-billed Gull	c	u	-	u
_____ Western Gull	u	r	-	r
_____ California Gull	c	c	-	c
_____ Herring Gull	r	r	-	r
_____ Thayer's Gull	r	r	-	r
_____ Glaucous-winged Gull	u	u	-	u
_____ Caspian Tern	-	r	-	-
_____ Forster's Tern	-	x	-	-

**PIGEONS & DOVES** *Columbidae*

_____ Rock Pigeon (B)	c	c	c	c
_____ Band-tailed Pigeon	r	r	r	r
_____ Eurasian Collared Dove (B)	u	u	u	u
_____ Mourning Dove (B)	u	u	u	u

**BARN OWLS** *Tytonidae*

_____ Barn Owl (B)	u	u	u	u
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**TYPICAL OWLS** *Strigidae*

	W	Sp	S	F
_____ Western Screech-Owl (B)	u	u	u	u
_____ Great Horned Owl	f	f	f	f
_____ Short-eared Owl	r	-	-	-
_____ Northern Saw-whet Owl	x	-	-	-

**SWIFTS** *Apodidae*

_____ Vaux's Swift (SB)	-	u	u	u
_____ White-throated Swift	-	x	-	-

**HUMMINGBIRDS** *Trochilidae*

_____ Anna's Hummingbird (B)	c	c	c	c
_____ Rufous Hummingbird	-	r	-	r
_____ Allen's Hummingbird (SB)	u	u	u	-

**KINGFISHERS** *Alcedinidae*

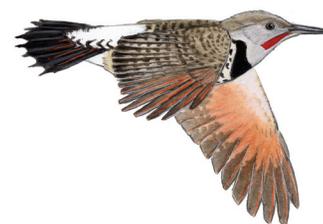
_____ Belted Kingfisher (SB)	u	u	u	u
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**WOODPECKERS & ALLIES** *Picidae*

_____ Acorn Woodpecker (B)	u	u	u	u
_____ Red-breasted Sapsucker	r	-	-	r
_____ Nuttall's Woodpecker (B)	f	f	f	f
_____ Downy Woodpecker (B)	f	f	f	f
_____ Hairy Woodpecker (SB)	u	u	u	u
_____ Northern Flicker (SB)	c	u	u	c
_____ Pileated Woodpecker	-	r	-	r

**CARACARAS & FALCONS** *Falconidae*

_____ American Kestrel (B)	f	u	u	f
_____ Merlin	u	-	-	-
_____ Peregrine Falcon	u	r	r	u
_____ Prairie Falcon	r	-	-	-



	W	Sp	S	F
<b>TYRANT FLYCATCHERS</b> <i>Tyrannidae</i>				
_____ Olive-sided Flycatcher (B)	-	r	r	-
_____ Western Wood-Pewee (B)	-	u	u	-
_____ Willow Flycatcher	-	-	-	r
_____ Pacific-slope Flycatcher	-	f	f	u
_____ Black Phoebe	c	f	f	c
_____ Say's Phoebe	u	-	-	u
_____ Ash-throated Flycatcher (B)	-	u	u	-
_____ Western Kingbird (B)	-	f	f	-

**SHRIKES** *Laniidae*

_____ Loggerhead Shrike	r	r	r	r
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**VIREOS** *Vireonidae*

_____ Cassin's Vireo (SB)	-	r	r	r
_____ Hutton's Vireo (B)	f	f	f	f
_____ Warbling Vireo	-	u	u	u
_____ Red-eyed Vireo	-	-	x	-

**JAYS & CROWS** *Corvidae*

_____ Steller's Jay (SB)	u	u	u	u
_____ Western Scrub-Jay (B)	f	f	f	f
_____ American Crow (B)	a	a	a	a
_____ Common Raven (B)	f	u	u	f

**SWALLOWS** *Hirundinidae*

_____ Tree Swallow (B)	u	a	a	a
_____ Violet-green Swallow (B)	f	a	c	c
_____ Northern Rough-winged Swallow (B)	-	u	u	u
_____ Bank Swallow	-	-	-	x
_____ Cliff Swallow (B)	-	a	a	u
_____ Barn Swallow (B)	r	c	c	r

**CHICKADEES & TITMICE** *Paridae*

_____ Chestnut-backed Chickadee (B)	f	f	f	f
_____ Oak Titmouse (B)	c	c	c	c

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<b>BUSHTITS</b> <i>Aegithalidae</i>				
_____ Bushtit (B)	c	c	c	c

**NUTHATCHES** *Sittidae*

_____ Red-breasted Nuthatch	r	-	-	-
_____ White-breasted Nuthatch (B)	f	f	f	f

**CREEPERS** *Certhiidae*

_____ Brown Creeper (B)	u	u	u	u
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**WRENS** *Troglodytidae*

_____ House Wren	r	-	-	-
_____ Pacific Wren	r	-	-	-
_____ Marsh Wren (B)	u	f	f	u
_____ Bewick's Wren (B)	u	u	u	u

**KINGLETS** *Regulidae*

_____ Golden-crowned Kinglet	r	-	-	-
_____ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	c	u	-	c

**SYLVIID WARBLERS** *Sylviidae*

_____ Wrentit (B)	u	u	u	u
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**THRUSHES** *Turdidae*

_____ Western Bluebird (B)	c	f	f	c
_____ Swainson's Thrush (SB)	-	u	u	u
_____ Hermit Thrush	f	u	-	f
_____ American Robin (B)	a	c	c	a
_____ Varied Thrush	r	-	-	-

**MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS** *Mimidae*

_____ Northern Mockingbird (B)	c	c	c	c
_____ California Thrasher	r	r	r	r

**STARLINGS** *Sturnidae*

_____ European Starling (B)	a	a	a	a
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	W	Sp	S	F
<b>WAGTAILS &amp; PIPITS <i>Motacillidae</i></b>				
____ American Pipit	c	u	-	c
<b>WAXWINGS <i>Bombycillidae</i></b>				
____ Cedar Waxwing	f	f	-	f
<b>SILKY-FLYCATCHERS <i>Ptiliognatidae</i></b>				
____ Phainopepla	x	-	-	-
<b>WOOD WARBLERS <i>Parulidae</i></b>				
____ Blue-winged Warbler	-	x	-	-
____ Black and White Warbler	x	x	-	x
____ Tennessee Warbler	-	-	-	x
____ Orange-crowned Warbler (SB)	r	u	u	u
____ Nashville Warbler	-	-	-	x
____ MacGillivray's Warbler	-	x	-	x
____ Kentucky Warbler	-	-	-	x
____ Common Yellowthroat (B)	u	f	f	u
____ Hooded Warbler	-	x	-	-
____ American Redstart	-	-	-	x
____ Northern Parula	-	x	-	x
____ Yellow Warbler (B)	-	u	u	c
____ Blackpoll Warbler	-	-	-	x
____ Palm Warbler	x	-	-	-
____ Yellow-rumped Warbler	a	u	-	c
____ Black-throated Gray Warbler	x	-	-	u
____ Townsend's Warbler	u	-	-	u
____ Hermit Warbler	x	-	-	x
____ Wilson's Warbler (B)	-	u	u	u
____ Yellow-breasted Chat (SB)	-	r	r	-



	W	Sp	S	F
<b>EMBERIZIDS <i>Emberizidae</i></b>				
____ Green-tailed Towhee	-	x	-	-
____ Spotted Towhee (B)	c	c	c	c
____ California Towhee (B)	c	c	c	c
____ Chipping Sparrow (B)	x	u	u	r
____ Clay-colored Sparrow	x	-	-	-
____ Lark Sparrow	x	-	-	x
____ Savannah Sparrow (B)	a	c	r	c
____ Grasshopper Sparrow (B)	x	r	r	-
____ Fox Sparrow	c	u	-	c
____ Song Sparrow (B)	a	a	a	a
____ Lincoln's Sparrow	u	u	-	u
____ Swamp Sparrow	r	-	-	r
____ White-throated Sparrow	u	u	-	u
____ White-crowned Sparrow	a	c	-	a
____ Golden-crowned Sparrow	a	c	-	a
____ Dark-eyed Junco (SB)	u	u	r	u
<b>CARDINALS, PIRANGA, TANAGERS, &amp; ALLIES <i>Cardinalidae</i></b>				
____ Summer Tanager	-	-	x	-
____ Western Tanager	x	r	-	u
____ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	-	x	-	-
____ Black-headed Grosbeak (B)	-	u	u	u
____ Lazuli Bunting	-	-	-	r
<b>BLACKBIRDS <i>Icteridae</i></b>				
____ Red-winged Blackbird (B)	a	a	a	a
____ Tricolored Blackbird	r	r	r	r
____ Western Meadowlark (B)	c	u	u	c
____ Yellow-headed Blackbird	-	x	-	-
____ Brewer's Blackbird (B)	a	a	a	a
____ Great-tailed Grackle (B)	-	r	r	-
____ <i>Brown-headed Cowbird</i>	r	a	a	u
____ Hooded Oriole (B)	-	u	u	-
____ Bullock's Oriole (B)	-	f	f	f

	W	Sp	S	F
<b>FRINGILLINE, CARDUELINE FINCHES, &amp; ALLIES</b> <i>Fringillidae</i>				
_____ House Finch (B)	a	a	a	a
_____ Purple Finch	r	-	-	-
_____ Pine Siskin	u	-	-	-
_____ Lesser Goldfinch (B)	c	c	c	c
_____ Lawrence's Goldfinch	-	x	-	-
_____ American Goldfinch (B)	c	c	c	c
_____ Evening Grosbeak	x	x	-	-

<b>OLD WORLD SPARROWS</b> <i>Passeridae</i>				
_____ House Sparrow (B)	c	c	c	c

## Field Notes





Since 1989, The Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation has been the voice for Sonoma County's most spectacular wetland complex. We conserve, restore, and inspire appreciation for the Laguna de Santa Rosa's 254-square-mile watershed that encompasses 30,000-acres of internationally recognized fresh water wetlands.

This unique aquatic ecosystem includes several threatened species of flora and fauna and over 200 species of birds. Scientists, diverse land owners, farmers and vintners, public agencies, local and migratory wildlife, California residents, and visitors from around the country rely on our leadership to ensure a beautiful and healthy Laguna for future generations.



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