

	W	Sp	Su	F	Breeder
VIREOS					
Hutton's Vireo	x	x	x	x	x
Warbling Vireo		x	x	x	x
JAYS & CROWS					
Steller's Jay	x	x	x	x	x
Western Scrub-Jay	x	x	x	x	x
American Crow	x	x	x	x	x
Common Raven	x	x	x	x	
LARKS					
Horned Lark	x	x	x	x	x
SWALLOWS					
Tree Swallow	x	x	x	x	x
Violet-green Swallow	x	x	x	x	x
Nothern Rough-winged Swallow		x	x	x	x
Bank Swallow		x		x	
Cliff Swallow		x	x		x
Barn Swallow	x	x	x	x	x
CHICKADEES & TITMICE					
Oak Titmouse	x	x	x	x	x
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	x	x	x	x	x
BUSHTITS					
Bushtit	x	x	x	x	x
NUTHATCHES					
Red-breasted Nuthatch	x	x		x	
Pygmy Nuthatch	x	x		x	
CREEPER					
Brown Creeper	x	x	x	x	
WRENS					
Bewick's Wren	x	x	x	x	x
House Wren	x	x		x	
Winter Wren	x	x		x	
Marsh Wren	x	x	x	x	x
KINGLETS					
Golden-crowned Kinglet	x	x		x	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	x		x	x	
GNATCATCHERS					
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	x	x		x	
THRUSHES					
Swainson's Thrush		x	x	x	x

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Hermit Thrush	x	x		x	
American Robin	x	x	x	x	x
Varied Thrush	x			x	
BABLERS					
Wrentit	x	x	x	x	x
MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS					
Northern Mockingbird	x	x	x	x	x
California Thrasher	x	x	x	x	x
STARLINGS					
European Starling	x	x	x	x	x
PIPITS					
American Pipit	x	x		x	
WAXWINGS					
Cedar Waxwing	x	x		x	
WOOD-WARBLERS					
Orange-crowned Warbler	x	x	x	x	x
Nashville Warbler	x	x		x	
Yellow Warbler		x	x	x	x
Yellow-rumped Warbler	x	x		x	
Townsend's Warbler	x	x		x	
Hermit Warbler	x	x		x	
Black-throated Gray Warbler	x	x		x	
Palm Warbler	x			x	
American Redstart		x		x	
Common Yellowthroat	x	x	x	x	x
Wilson's Warbler		x	x	x	x
NEW WORLD SPARROWS & ALLIES					
Spotted Towhee	x	x	x	x	x
California Towhee	x	x	x	x	x
Savannah Sparrow	x	x	x	x	x
Fox Sparrow	x	x		x	
Song Sparrow	x	x	x	x	x
Lincoln's Sparrow	x	x		x	
Swamp Sparrow	x			x	
White-throated Sparrow	x	x		x	
White-crowned Sparrow	x	x	x	x	x
Golden-crowned Sparrow	x	x		x	
Dark-eyed Junco	x	x	x	x	x
CARDINALS, SALTATORS & ALLIES					
Rose-breasted Grosbeak		x	x		
Black-headed Grosbeak		x	x		x
Lazuli Bunting		x		x	

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BLACKBIRDS & ORIOLES					
Bobolink		x		x	
Red-winged Blackbird	x	x	x	x	x
Tri-colored Blackbird	x		x	x	
Western Meadowlark	x	x		x	
Yellow-headed Blackbird		x		x	
Brewer's Blackbird	x	x	x	x	x
Great-tailed Grackle	x	x	x	x	x
Brown-headed Cowbird	x	x	x	x	x
Hooded Oriole		x	x		x
Bullock's Oriole		x	x		x
FINCHES					
Purple Finch	x	x	x	x	x
House Finch	x	x	x	x	x
Pine Siskin	x	x		x	
Lesser Goldfinch	x	x	x	x	x
American Goldfinch	x	x	x	x	x
OLD WORLD SPARROWS					
House Sparrow	x	x	x	x	x

W= Nov-Feb, **Sp**= (Feb) Mar-May, **Su**= June-July, **F**= (July) Aug-Oct

Field Notes:

This checklist's emphasis is primarily on slough birds. The following have been purposely omitted and should be added to field notes if need be: Albatrosses, etc.; Storm-Petrels; Skuas/Jaegers; Alcids; Dippers; some rarities, hybrids, intergrades, and subspecies.


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This checklist covers Watsonville, Struve, West Struve, Harkins, Gallighan, Hanson Sloughs, adjacent marshlands, and the Pajaro River Estuary. Lands include areas protected by the California Department of Fish and Game, the City of Watsonville, the Santa Cruz Land Trust, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and private land owners. Visitors should respect public regulations and private-access restrictions.

This checklist, a work in progress, may be supplemented by the more inclusive “Birding and Wildlife Guide and Maps, Santa Cruz County,” prepared by David Suddjian and the Santa Cruz Bird Club. Seasonal slough information is intended only as a general guideline.

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DUCKS, GEESE, & SWANS						CORMORANTS						American Avocet	x	x	x	x	x	PIGEONS & DOVES					
Tundra Swan	x					Brandt's Cormorant	x	x	x	x								Rock Pigeon	x	x	x	x	x
Greater White-fronted Goose	x	x		x		Double-crested Cormorant	x	x	x	x	x	SANDPIPERS, PHALAROPES & ALLIES						Band-tailed Pigeon			x	x	
Snow Goose	x	x		x		Pelagic Cormorant	x	x	x	x		Killdeer	x	x	x	x	x	White-winged Dove					x
Ross' Goose	x	x		x								Greater Yellowlegs	x	x		x		Mourning Dove	x	x	x	x	x
Brant	x	x	x	x		BITTERNS, HERONS & EGRETS						Lesser Yellowlegs	x	x		x		Eurasian Collared-dove	x	x	x	x	x
Cackling Goose	x	x		x		American Bittern	x	x	x	x	x	Willet	x	x	x	x							
Canada Goose	x	x	x	x	x	Great Blue Heron	x	x	x	x		Spotted Sandpiper	x	x	x	x		BARN OWLS					
Green-winged Teal	x	x		x		Great Egret	x	x	x	x		Solitary Sandpiper		x		x		Barn Owl	x	x	x	x	x
Mallard	x	x	x	x	x	Snowy Egret	x	x	x	x		Whimbrel	x	x	x	x							
Northern Pintail	x	x		x		Cattle Egret				x		Long-billed Curlew	x	x	x	x		OWLS					
Blue-winged Teal	x	x		x		Green Heron	x	x	x	x	x	Marbled Godwit	x	x	x	x		Western Screech-Owl	x	x	x	x	x
Cinnamon Teal	x	x	x	x	x	Black-crowned Night-heron	x	x	x	x	x	Black Turnstone		x		x		Great Horned Owl	x	x	x	x	x
Northern Shoveler	x	x	x	x								Red Knot				x		Burrowing Owl	x			x	
Gadwall	x	x	x	x	x	IBIS						Sanderling	x	x	x	x		Short-eared Owl	x			x	
Eurasian Wigeon	x	x		x		White-faced Ibis	x	x	x	x		Semipalmated Sandpiper				x							
American Wigeon	x	x		x								Western Sandpiper			x	x		SWIFTS					
Canvasback	x	x		x		NEW WORLD VULTURES						Least Sandpiper	x	x		x		Vaux's Swift		x		x	
Redhead	x	x		x		Turkey Vulture	x	x	x	x		Baird's Sandpiper				x		White-throated Swift	x	x	x	x	
Ring-necked Duck	x	x				HAWKS, KITES & EAGLES						Pectoral Sandpiper				x							
Greater Scaup	x	x				Osprey	x	x	x	x	x	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper				x		HUMMINGBIRDS					
Lesser Scaup	x	x				White-tailed Kite	x	x	x	x	x	Dunlin		x		x		Black-chinned Hummingbird		x		x	
Surf Scoter	x	x	x	x		Northern Harrier	x	x	x	x	x	Stilt Sandpiper				x		Anna's Hummingbird	x	x	x	x	x
Common Goldeneye	x	x		x		Sharp-shinned Hawk	x	x	x	x		Buff-breasted Sandpiper				x		Rufous Hummingbird		x	x	x	
Bufflehead	x	x	x	x		Cooper's Hawk	x	x	x	x	x	Ruff				x		Allen's Hummingbird		x	x		x
Common Merganser	x	x	x	x		Red-shouldered Hawk	x	x	x	x	x	Short-billed Dowitcher		x		x							
Red-breasted Merganser	x	x		x		Red-tailed Hawk	x	x	x	x	x	Long-billed Dowitcher	x	x		x		KINGFISHERS					
Hooded Merganser	x	x		x		Golden Eagle	x	x	x	x		Wilson's Snipe	x	x		x		Belted Kingfisher	x	x	x	x	
Ruddy Duck	x	x	x	x	x							Wilson's Phalarope		x		x							
						FALCONS						Red-necked Phalarope		x		x		WOODPECKERS					
GROUSE, QUAILS & ALLIES						American Kestrel	x	x	x	x	x	Red Phalarope	x	x		x		Acorn Woodpecker	x	x	x	x	x
Wild turkey	x	x	x	x	x	Merlin	x	x		x								Red-breasted Sapsucker	x	x		x	
California Quail	x	x	x	x	x	Peregrine Falcon	x	x		x		GULLS & TERNS						Nuttall's Woodpecker	x	x	x	x	x
												Frankin's Gull	x	x				Downy Woodpecker	x	x	x	x	x
LOONS						RAILS & COOTS						Bonaparte's Gull	x	x	x	x		Hairy Woodpecker	x			x	
Red-throated Loon	x	x	x	x		Virginia Rail	x	x	x	x	x	Heermann's Gull	x	x	x	x		Northern Flicker	x	x	x	x	
Pacific Loon	x	x	x	x		Sora	x	x	x	x	x	Mew Gull	x	x		x							
Common Loon	x	x	x	x		Common Moorhen	x	x	x	x	x	Ring-billed Gull	x	x		x		TYRANT FLYCATCHERS					
						American Coot	x	x	x	x	x	California Gull	x	x	x	x		Pacific-slope Flycatcher		x	x	x	x
GREBES												Herring Gull	x	x		x		Willow Flycatcher				x	
Pied-billed Grebe	x	x	x	x	x	PLOVERS						Thayer's Gull	x	x		x		Western Wood-Pewee		x	x		x
Eared Grebe	x	x	x	x		Black-bellied Plover	x	x	x	x		Western Gull	x	x	x	x		Black Phoebe	x	x	x	x	x
Western Grebe	x	x	x	x		Pacific Golden-Plover				x		Glaucous-winged Gull	x	x	x	x		Say's Phoebe	x			x	
Clark's Grebe	x	x	x	x		Snowy Plover	x	x	x	x	x	Glaucous Gull	x	x		x		Ash-throated Flycatcher		x		x	
						Semipalmated Plover	x	x		x		Least Tern		x	x	x		Tropical Kingbird	x			x	
PELICANS												Caspian Tern		x	x	x		Western Kingbird		x		x	
American White Pelican	x	x	x	x		STILTS & AVOCETS						Elegant Tern		x	x	x							
Brown Pelican	x	x	x	x		Black-necked Stilt	x	x	x	x	x	Common Tern		x		x		SHRIKES					
Brown Pelican	x	x	x	x								Forster's Tern	x	x	x	x		Loggerhead Shrike	x			x	