



# Birds of the San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden and the surrounding El Chorro Regional Park

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(with recent additions in August 2013)

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Common Name	Scientific Name	Community
<b>Partridges &amp; Turkeys (Phasianidae)</b>		
— Wild turkey	<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	GL
<b>New World Quail (Odontophoridae)</b>		
— California quail	<i>Callipepla californica</i>	CS, RC, CLOW
<b>Bitterns, Herons, &amp; Allies (Ardeidae)</b>		
— Great blue heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>	RC, GL
— Great egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	RC, GL
<b>New World Vultures (Cathartidae)</b>		
— Turkey vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	CP
<b>Hawks, Kites, Eagles &amp; Allies (Accipitridae)</b>		
— Golden eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	GL
— White-tailed kite	<i>Elanus leucurus</i>	GL
— Northern harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	GL
— Cooper's hawk	<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	GL
— Red-shouldered hawk	<i>Bufo lineatus</i>	GL
— Red-tailed hawk	<i>Bufo jamaicensis</i>	GL
<b>Caracaras &amp; Falcons (Falconidae)</b>		
— American kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	GL
<b>Plovers (Charadriidae)</b>		
— Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	GL, AP
<b>Pigeons &amp; Doves (Columbidae)</b>		
— Band-tailed pigeon	<i>Patagioenas fasciata</i>	CP
— Mourning dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>	CP

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<b>Barn Owls (Tytonidae)</b>		
— Barn owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>	GL, CLOW
<b>Typical Owls (Strigidae)</b>		
— Great horned owl	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>	GL, CLOW
— Western screech-owl	<i>Megascops kennicottii</i>	GL, CLOW
<b>Hummingbirds (Trochilidae)</b>		
— Anna's hummingbird	<i>Calypte anna</i>	RC, CS
— Allen's hummingbird	<i>Selasphorus sasin</i>	AP
<b>Woodpeckers &amp; Allies (Picidae)</b>		
— Northern flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	CLOW
— Red-breasted sapsucker	<i>Sphyrapicus ruber</i>	CLOW
— Nuttall's woodpecker	<i>Picoides nuttallii</i>	CLOW
— Downy woodpecker	<i>Picoides pubescens</i>	CLOW
<b>Tyrant Flycatchers (Tyrannidae)</b>		
— Western wood-pewee	<i>Contopus sordidulus</i>	RC
— Pacific slope flycatcher	<i>Empidonax difficilis</i>	RC
— Black phoebe	<i>Sayornis nigricans</i>	RC
— Eastern phoebe	<i>Sayornis phoebe</i>	RC
— Say's phoebe	<i>Sayornis saya</i>	GL
— Ash-throated flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus cinerascens</i>	RC
— Cassin's kingbird	<i>Tyrannus vociferans</i>	GL
— Western kingbird	<i>Tyrannus verticalis</i>	GL
<b>Vireos (Vireonidae)</b>		
— Cassin's vireo	<i>Vireo cassinii</i>	RC
<b>Jays &amp; Crows (Corvidae)</b>		
— Western scrub-jay	<i>Aphelocoma californica</i>	CP
— Stellar's Jay	<i>Cyanocitta stelleri</i>	RC
— American crow	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	CP
<b>Swallows (Hirundinidae)</b>		
— Violet-green swallow	<i>Tachycineta thalassina</i>	CLOW, RC
— Cliff swallow	<i>Petrochelidon pyrrhonota</i>	AP, RC
— Barn swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	AP, RC
<b>Bushtits (Aegithalidae)</b>		
— Bushtit	<i>Psaltriparus minimus</i>	CLOW, RC

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<b>Chickadees &amp; Titmice (Paridae)</b>		
— Chestnut-backed chickadee	<i>Poecile rufescens</i>	CS, RC, CLOW
— Oak titmouse	<i>Baeolophus inornatus</i>	CS, CLOW
<b>Wrens (Troglodytidae)</b>		
— House wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	CS, RC, CLOW
— Bewick's wren	<i>Thryomanes bewickii</i>	CS, RC, CLOW
— Rock wren	<i>Salpinctes obsoletus</i>	RO
<b>Gnatcatchers (Poliopitidae)</b>		
— Blue-gray gnatcatcher	<i>Poliopitila caerulea</i>	CS
<b>Babblers (Timalidae)</b>		
— Wrentit	<i>Chamaea fasciata</i>	CS
<b>Kinglets (Regulidae)</b>		
— Ruby-crowned kinglet	<i>Regulus calendula</i>	CS, RC
<b>Thrushes (Turdidae)</b>		
— Western bluebird	<i>Sialia mexicana</i>	RC
— Hermit thrush	<i>Catharus guttatus</i>	RC
— American robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	RC, CLOW
<b>Mockingbirds &amp; Thrashers (Mimidae)</b>		
— Northern mockingbird	<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>	AP
— California thrasher	<i>Toxostoma redivivum</i>	CS
<b>Waxwings (Bombycillidae)</b>		
— Cedar waxwing	<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>	RC
<b>Starlings (Sturnidae)</b>		
— European starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	AP, CP
<b>Wood-warblers (Parulidae)</b>		
— Orange-crowned warbler	<i>Vermivora celata</i>	CLOW
— Yellow-rumped warbler	<i>Dendroica coronata</i>	CLOW
— Townsend's warbler	<i>Dendroica townsendi</i>	CLOW
— Common yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>	RC
<b>Towhees, Sparrows &amp; Juncos (Emberizidae)</b>		
— Spotted towhee	<i>Pipilo maculatus</i>	RC, CLOW
— California towhee	<i>Pipilo crissalis</i>	CS, RC, CLOW
— Lark sparrow	<i>Chondestes grammacus</i>	GL
— Savannah sparrow	<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>	GL

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— Song sparrow	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>	CS, RC, CLOW
— White-crowned sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>	CP, AP
— Golden-crowned sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia atricapilla</i>	
— Dark-eyed junco	<i>Junco hyemalis</i>	CP
<b>Tanagers, Grosbeaks &amp; Allies (Cardinaliade)</b>		
— Western tanager	<i>Piranga ludoviciana</i>	CLOW
— Black-headed grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus melanocephalus</i>	RC, CLOW
— Lazuli bunting	<i>Passerina amoena</i>	CS
<b>Blackbirds (Icteridae)</b>		
— Red-winged blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	CP, AP
— Brewer's blackbird	<i>Euphagus cyanocephalus</i>	AP
— Great-tailed grackle	<i>Quiscalus mexicanus</i>	RC
— Brown-headed cowbird	<i>Molothrus ater</i>	CP
— Bullock's oriole	<i>Icterus bullockii</i>	CLOW, RC
— Hooded oriole	<i>Icterus cucullatus</i>	RC

<b>Finches &amp; Allies (Fringillidae)</b>		
— House finch	<i>Carpodacus mexicanus</i>	CP
— Purple finch	<i>Carpodacus purpureus</i>	CP
— American goldfinch	<i>Spinus tristis</i>	CS, RC, CLOW
— Lesser goldfinch	<i>Spinus psaltria</i>	CS, RC, CLOW

<b>Old World Sparrows (Passeridae)</b>		
— European house sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	CP

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