

BALLONA FRESHWATER WETLANDS BIRD LIST

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Includes all species observed utilizing habitat in the Freshwater Marsh and Riparian Corridor. Species confirmed or strongly suspected of nesting, attempting to nest, or establishing a breeding territory in a given year are indicated in parentheses. Unusual species are marked with an asterisk (*) and reports of sightings would be appreciated (see contact information below). This is a screened list. Only reliable observations of species utilizing the marsh in some manner (resting, foraging, and/or nesting) are counted. Errors or additions should be reported to the Preserve Manager, Edith Read (marshmistress@msn.com).

SWANS, GEESE, AND DUCKS

Mute Swan (introduced)*
Tundra Swan*
Brant*
Greater White-fronted Goose*
Ross's Goose
Canada Goose (2006-2010)
Cackling Goose*
Wood Duck*
Mandarin Duck (introduced)
Green-winged Teal
Mallard (2003-2010)
Northern Pintail
Blue-winged Teal
Cinnamon Teal (2008-2010)
Northern Shoveler
Gadwall (2005-2010)
American Wigeon
Canvasback
Redhead
Ring-necked Duck
Greater Scaup
Lesser Scaup
Common Goldeneye
Bufflehead
Common Merganser
Hooded Merganser

Red-breasted Merganser*
Ruddy Duck (2003-2010)

NEW WORLD QUAIL

California Quail*

LOONS

Red-throated Loon*
Pacific Loon*
Common Loon*

GREBES

Pied-billed Grebe (2003-2010)
Horned Grebe*
Eared Grebe
Western Grebe

CORMORANTS

Double-crested Cormorant

PELICANS

American White Pelican*
Brown Pelican*

BITTERN AND HERONS

American Bittern*
Least Bittern (2005-2010)
Great Blue Heron
Little Blue Heron*
Great Egret
Snowy Egret
Cattle Egret*
Green Heron (2005, 2008-2010)
Black-crowned Night-Heron

IBISES

White-faced Ibis

NEW WORLD VULTURES

Turkey Vulture

OSPREY

Osprey

KITES, EAGLES, HAWKS AND ALLIES

White-tailed Kite
Northern Harrier
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk
Ferruginous Hawk*
Red-shouldered Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk

FALCONS

American Kestrel
Peregrine Falcon
Merlin

RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS

Virginia Rail (2009-2010)
Sora
Common Moorhen (2008-2010)
American Coot (2003-2010)

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS

Black-bellied Plover
Semipalmated Plover
Killdeer (2004-2010)

STILTS AND AVOCETS

Black-necked Stilt ('03,'07,'08; attempted 2009, 2010)
American Avocet

SANDPIPERS, PHALAROPES, AND ALLIES

Greater Yellowlegs
Lesser Yellowlegs*
Solitary Sandpiper*
Willet
Spotted Sandpiper
Whimbrel
Long-billed Curlew*
Marbled Godwit*
Western Sandpiper
Least Sandpiper
Baird's Sandpiper*
Pectoral Sandpiper*

Sanderling*
Dunlin*
Short-billed Dowitcher
Long-billed Dowitcher
Wilson's Snipe
Wilson's Phalarope
Red-necked Phalarope

GULLS AND TERNS

Bonaparte's Gull
Mew Gull*
Ring-billed Gull
California Gull
Herring Gull
Western Gull
Glaucous-winged Gull
Caspian Tern
Elegant Tern*
Forster's Tern
Least Tern

PIGEONS AND DOVES

Rock Pigeon (introduced)
White-winged Dove*
Mourning Dove (2003-2010)
Eurasian Collared Dove*

BARN OWLS

Barn Owl*

TYPICAL OWLS

Short-eared Owl*

GOATSUCKERS

Lesser Nighthawk*

SWIFTS

Black Swift*
Vaux's Swift
White-throated Swift

HUMMINGBIRDS

Anna's Hummingbird (2006-2010)
Allen's Hummingbird (2006-2010)
Rufous Hummingbird*

KINGFISHERS

Belted Kingfisher

WOODPECKERS AND ALLIES

Acorn Woodpecker*
Downy Woodpecker
Nuttall's Woodpecker*
Northern Flicker

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

Olive-sided Flycatcher
Western Wood-Pewee
Willow Flycatcher
Hammond's Flycatcher
Dusky Flycatcher
Gray Flycatcher*
Pacific-slope Flycatcher
Black Phoebe (2003-2010)
Say's Phoebe
Eastern Phoebe*
Vermilion Flycatcher*
Ash-throated Flycatcher
Tropical Kingbird*
Cassin's Kingbird
Western Kingbird

SHRIKES

Loggerhead Shrike

VIREOS

Least Bell's Vireo*(2010)
Cassin's Vireo
Warbling Vireo

JAYS, MAGPIES, AND CROWS

American Crow
Common Raven

SWALLOWS

Purple Martin*
Tree Swallow (FWM nest boxes
2004-2010)
Violet-green Swallow
Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Bank Swallow*
Cliff Swallow

Barn Swallow (2003-2010)

BUSHTITS

Bushtit (2006-2010)

WRENS

Bewick's Wren*
House Wren
Marsh Wren

GNATCATCHERS

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

KINGLETS

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

THRUSHES

American Robin
Swainson's Thrush
Hermit Thrush

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS

Northern Mockingbird (2006-2010)
Sage Thrasher*
California Thrasher*

STARLINGS

European Starling (introduced; 2010)

WAGTAILS AND PIPITS

Red-throated Pipit*
American Pipit

WAXWINGS

Cedar Waxwing*

SILKY-FLYCATCHERS

Phainopepla*

WOOD WARBLERS

Northern Parula*
Orange-crowned Warbler (suspected
2010)

Nashville Warbler
Virginia's Warbler
Yellow Warbler
Chestnut-sided Warbler*
Yellow-rumped Warbler
"Audubon's" Warbler
"Myrtle" Warbler
Black-throated Gray Warbler
Townsend's Warbler
Hermit Warbler
Palm Warbler*
Blackpoll Warbler*
Prothonotary Warbler*
Northern Waterthrush*
MacGillivray's Warbler
Common Yellowthroat (2003-2010)
Virginia's Warbler*
Wilson's Warbler
Yellow-breasted Chat

NEW WORLD SPARROWS

California Towhee (2009-2010)
Spotted Towhee*
American Tree Sparrow*
Chipping Sparrow
Clay-colored Sparrow*
Brewer's Sparrow*
Vesper Sparrow*
Lark Sparrow*
Savannah Sparrow
Fox Sparrow
Song Sparrow (2003-2010)
Lincoln's Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow*
Golden-crowned Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow*
Dark-eyed Junco*

CARDINALS AND ALLIES

Western Tanager
Black-headed Grosbeak
Blue Grosbeak
Lazuli Bunting

BLACKBIRDS AND ALLIES

Bobolink*
Red-winged Blackbird (2003-2010)
Tricolored Blackbird*
Western Meadowlark
Yellow-headed Blackbird
Great-tailed Grackle (2003-2010)
Brown-headed Cowbird (2007, 2010)
Hooded Oriole
Bullock's Oriole

FINCHES AND ALLIES

House Finch (2006-2010)
Lesser Goldfinch (2006-2010)
American Goldfinch (2010)

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

House Sparrow (introduced)

WEAVERS

Orange Bishop (introduced)

ESTRILDID FINCHES

Nutmeg Mannikin (introduced)