

BALLONA FRESHWATER MARSH BIRD SPECIES LIST

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Includes all species observed and/or heard since monitoring began in February, 2003. Species confirmed or strongly suspected of nesting, attempting to nest, or establishing a breeding territory at the Freshwater Marsh in a given year are indicated by 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. Direct fly-overs (i.e. birds not foraging or investigating the marsh) are not counted. Species observed in habitat adjacent to the freshwater marsh, and may utilize the freshwater marsh but have not yet been seen there, are counted but listed separately on page 2. Errors or additions should be reported to the Preserve Manager, Edith Read (marshmistress@msn.com).

LOONS

Red-throated Loon*
Pacific Loon*
Common Loon*

GREBES

Pied-billed Grebe (2003-2008)
Horned Grebe*
Eared Grebe
Western Grebe

PELICANS

American White Pelican*
Brown Pelican*

CORMORANTS

Double-crested Cormorant

BITTERN, HERONS, EGRETS AND IBISES

American Bittern*
Least Bittern (2005-2008)
Great Blue Heron
Little Blue Heron*
Great Egret
Snowy Egret

Cattle Egret*
Green Heron ('05; suspected '08)
Black-crowned Night-Heron
White-faced Ibis*

NEW WORLD VULTURES

Turkey Vulture*

WATERFOWL

Mute Swan (introduced)*
Tundra Swan*
Brant*
Greater White-fronted Goose*
Canada Goose ('06, '07, '08)
Cackling Goose*
Wood Duck*
Green-winged Teal
Mallard (2003-2008)
Northern Pintail
Blue-winged Teal
Cinnamon Teal (NEW '08)
Northern Shoveler
Gadwall ('05, '06, '07, '08)
American Wigeon
Canvasback
Redhead
Ring-necked Duck
Greater Scaup
Lesser Scaup
Common Goldeneye
Bufflehead
Hooded Merganser
Red-breasted Merganser*
Ruddy Duck (2003-2008)

RAPTORS

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

Peregrine Falcon

QUAILS

California Quail*

RAILS AND COOTS

Virginia Rail
Sora
Common Moorhen (NEW '08)
American Coot (2003-2008)

SHOREBIRDS

Black-bellied Plover
Semipalmated Plover
Killdeer ('04, '06, '07, '08)
Black-necked Stilt ('03, '07, '08)
American Avocet
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 (2003-2008)
Eurasian Collared Dove (intro?)*

OWLS

Short-eared Owl*
Barn Owl*

GOATSUCKERS

Lesser Nighthawk*

SWIFTS

Black Swift*
Vaux's Swift
White-throated Swift

HUMMINGBIRDS

Anna's Hummingbird ('06, '07, '08)
Allen's Hummingbird ('06, '07, '08)
Rufous Hummingbird*

KINGFISHER

Belted Kingfisher

WOODPECKERS

Acorn Woodpecker*
Downy Woodpecker*
Nuttall's Woodpecker*
Northern "Red-Shafted" Flicker

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

Olive-sided Flycatcher
Western Wood-Pewee
Willow Flycatcher
Hammond's Flycatcher
Dusky Flycatcher
Gray Flycatcher*
Pacific-slope Flycatcher
Black Phoebe (2003-2008)
Say's Phoebe

Ash-throated Flycatcher
Tropical Kingbird*
Cassin's Kingbird
Western Kingbird

SWALLOWS

Purple Martin*
Tree Swallow (nest boxes 2004-2008)
Violet-green Swallow*
Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Bank Swallow*
Cliff Swallow
Barn Swallow (2003-2008)

CORVIDS

American Crow
Common Raven

BUSHTITS

Bushtit ('06,'07,'08)

WRENS

House Wren
Marsh Wren

GNATCATCHERS

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

KINGLETS

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

THRUSHES

American Robin
Swainson's Thrush
Hermit Thrush

MIMIDS

Northern Mockingbird ('06,'07,'08)
Sage Thrasher*
California Thrasher*

WAGTAILS AND PIPITS

Red-throated Pipit*
American Pipit

SILKY-FLYCATCHERS

Phainopepla*

WAXWINGS

Cedar Waxwing*

SHRIKES

Loggerhead Shrike

STARLINGS

European Starling (introduced)

VIREOS

Bell's Vireo*
Cassin's Vireo
Warbling Vireo

WOOD WARBLERS

Northern Parula*
Orange-crowned Warbler
Nashville 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 (2003-2008)
Wilson's Warbler
Yellow-breasted Chat*

TANAGERS

Western Tanager

GROSBEAKS, BUNTINGS,

SPARROWS, JUNCOS, & ALLIES
Black-headed Grosbeak
Blue Grosbeak
Lazuli Bunting

California Towhee*
Spotted Towhee*
American Tree Sparrow*
Chipping Sparrow
Clay-colored Sparrow*
Brewer's Sparrow*
Vesper Sparrow*
Lark Sparrow*
Savannah Sparrow
Fox Sparrow
Song Sparrow (2003-2008)
Lincoln's Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow*
Golden-crowned Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow*
Dark-eyed Junco*

ICTERIDS

Bobolink*
Red-winged Blackbird (2003-2008)
Tricolored Blackbird*
Western Meadowlark
Yellow-headed Blackbird
Great-tailed Grackle (2003-2008)
Brown-headed Cowbird ('07)
Hooded Oriole
Bullock's Oriole

FINCHES

House Finch ('06,'07; suspected '08)
Lesser Goldfinch ('06,'07,'08)
American Goldfinch
Orange Bishop (introduced)
Nutmeg Mannikin (introduced)

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

House Sparrow (introduced)

ADDITIONAL SPECIES OBSERVED AND/OR HEARD IN HABITAT ADJACENT TO FRESHWATER MARSH:

Virginia's Warbler