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# TOP 25 URBAN BIRDS YOU MAY SEE IN YOUR LA NEIGHBORHOOD

Part 1 is a Starter Kit  
of a series on birds in  
Southern California:

- **Part 1 Common**
- Part 2 Uncommon
- Part 3 Rare
- Part 4 Migratory
- Part 5 Marsh
- Part 6 Water Birds

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1. Allen's Hummingbird
2. American Crow
3. American Goldfinch
4. Anna's Hummingbird
5. Black Phoebe
6. Bushtit
7. Cooper's Hawk
8. Common Raven
9. Eurasian Collared Dove
10. European Starling
11. Feral Pigeon
12. Hooded Oriole
13. House Finch
14. House Sparrow
15. Lesser Goldfinch
16. Mitred Parakeet
17. Mourning Dove
18. Northern Mockingbird
19. Northern Red-shafted Flicker
20. Nuttall's Woodpecker
21. Red-tailed Hawk
22. Rose-ringed Parakeet
23. Scrub Jay
24. Sharp-shinned Hawk
25. Yellow-chevroned Parakeet

Common Birds in  
Los Angeles County  
Urban Areas

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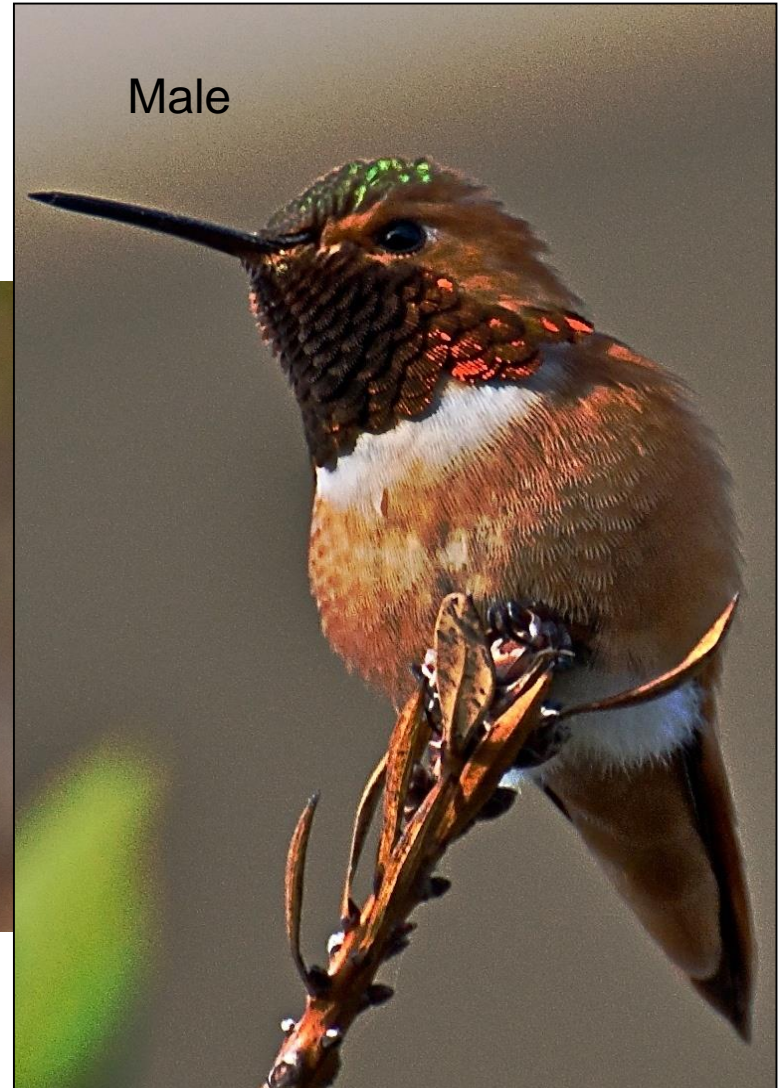
<http://cures.lmu.edu/>

# 1. Allen's Hummingbird



Female

<https://naturetime.wordpress.com/2013/09/20/amazing-hummingbirds/female-allens-hummingbird/>



Male

Photo by Richard Beban



## 2. American Crow



[http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Corvus\\_brachyrhynchos\\_30157.JPG](http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Corvus_brachyrhynchos_30157.JPG)

### 3. American Goldfinch



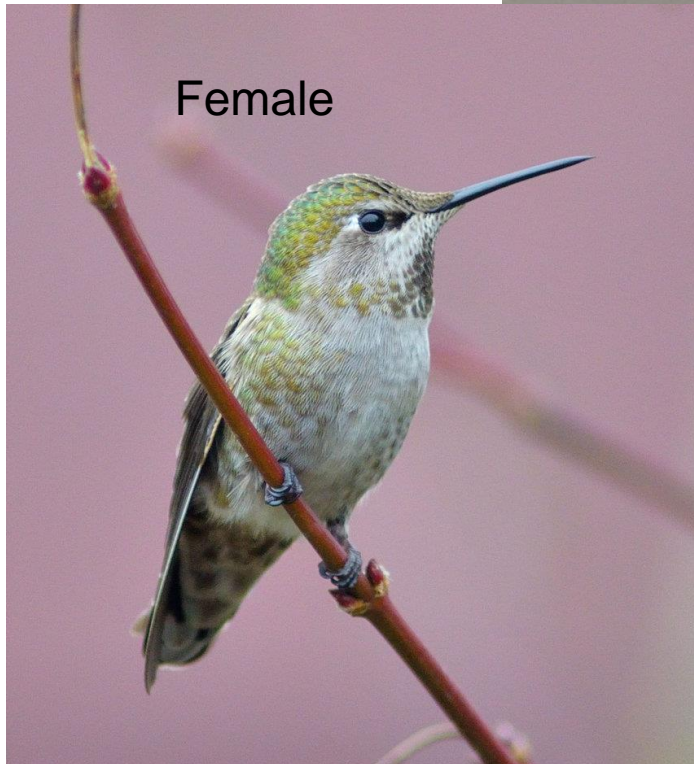
Male going into Winter Plumage



Male in Breeding Plumage



## 4. Anna's Hummingbird



Female



Male

Photo by Don Sterba

<http://rcpage.deviantart.com/art/Female-Anna-s-Hummingbird-350454401>

## 5. Black Phoebe



[http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Black\\_phoebe\\_sayornis\\_nigricans.jpg](http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Black_phoebe_sayornis_nigricans.jpg)

## 6. Bushtit



[http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Psaltriparus\\_minimus\\_-  
Chilliwack,\\_British\\_Columbia,\\_Canada\\_-male-8.jpg](http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Psaltriparus_minimus_-_Chilliwack,_British_Columbia,_Canada_-male-8.jpg)



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## 7. Cooper's Hawk



[http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Sturnus\\_vulgaris#mediaviewer/File:Toulouse\\_-\\_Sturnus\\_vulgaris\\_-\\_2012-02-26\\_-\\_2.jpg](http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Sturnus_vulgaris#mediaviewer/File:Toulouse_-_Sturnus_vulgaris_-_2012-02-26_-_2.jpg)

## 8. Common Raven



[https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Corvus\\_corax\\_\(Common\\_Raven\),\\_Yosemite\\_NP,\\_CA,\\_US\\_-\\_Diliff.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Corvus_corax_(Common_Raven),_Yosemite_NP,_CA,_US_-_Diliff.jpg)

## 9. Eurasian Collared Dove



[https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Collared\\_Dove\\_\(Streptopelia\\_decaocto\),\\_Fairlands\\_Valley\\_Park,\\_Stevenage,\\_15\\_April\\_2011.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Collared_Dove_(Streptopelia_decaocto),_Fairlands_Valley_Park,_Stevenage,_15_April_2011.jpg)



# 10. European Starling



[http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Sturnus\\_vulgaris#mediaviewer/File:Toulouse\\_-\\_Sturnus\\_vulgaris\\_-\\_2012-02-26\\_-\\_2.jpg](http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Sturnus_vulgaris#mediaviewer/File:Toulouse_-_Sturnus_vulgaris_-_2012-02-26_-_2.jpg)

# 11. Feral Pigeon (Rock Dove)



[http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Rock\\_Dove,\\_India.jpg](http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Rock_Dove,_India.jpg)



# 12. Hooded Oriole

## Male Hooded Oriole

[https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Hooded\\_Oriole\\_\(6907341577\).jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Hooded_Oriole_(6907341577).jpg)



## Female Hooded Oriole

[https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Icterus\\_cucullatus\\_female\\_1.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Icterus_cucullatus_female_1.jpg)



# 13. House Finch

<https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:FemalHouseFinch.jpg>



[https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:House\\_Finch\\_\(7557048828\).jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:House_Finch_(7557048828).jpg)

# 14. House Sparrow



Female and Male House Sparrow Bathing

[http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Passer\\_domesticus#mediaviewer/File:Family\\_That\\_Bathes\\_Together.jpg](http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Passer_domesticus#mediaviewer/File:Family_That_Bathes_Together.jpg)

# 15. Lesser Goldfinch



Photo by Don Sterba



## 16. Mitred Parakeet



[https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Pair\\_of\\_Mitred\\_Parakeets.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Pair_of_Mitred_Parakeets.jpg)

# 17. Mourning Dove



[http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Mourning\\_Dove\\_2006.jpg](http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Mourning_Dove_2006.jpg)



# 18. Northern Mockingbird



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# 19. Northern Red-shafted Flicker



[https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Northern\\_Flicker\\_\(Red-shafted\).jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Northern_Flicker_(Red-shafted).jpg)

## 20. Nuttall's Woodpecker

Males have  
the red cap



[https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/3/3e/Nuttall%27s\\_Woodpecker%2C\\_Picoides\\_nuttallii\\_13\\_Feb\\_2011.jpg](https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/3/3e/Nuttall%27s_Woodpecker%2C_Picoides_nuttallii_13_Feb_2011.jpg)

## 21. Red-tailed Hawk



[http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Buteo\\_jamaicensis\\_7.jpg](http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Buteo_jamaicensis_7.jpg)



## 22. Rose-ringed Parakeet



[https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Psittacula\\_krameri#/media/File:Psittacula\\_krameri\\_-Whitefield,\\_Bangalore,\\_India\\_-male-8.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Psittacula_krameri#/media/File:Psittacula_krameri_-Whitefield,_Bangalore,_India_-male-8.jpg)

## 23. Scrub Jay



[http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Western\\_Scrub-Jay\\_6.jpg](http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Western_Scrub-Jay_6.jpg)

## 24. Sharp-shinned Hawk



[https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Accipiter\\_striatus,\\_juvenile,\\_Canet\\_Road,\\_San\\_Luis\\_Obispo\\_1.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Accipiter_striatus,_juvenile,_Canet_Road,_San_Luis_Obispo_1.jpg)



## 25. Yellow-chevroned Parakeet



[https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Yellow-chevroned\\_Parakeets\\_\(Brotogeris\\_chiriri\)\\_on\\_Combretum\\_flowers\\_...\\_\(31743137326\).jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Yellow-chevroned_Parakeets_(Brotogeris_chiriri)_on_Combretum_flowers_..._(31743137326).jpg)

# Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC)

## What is the GBBC?

The Great Backyard Bird Count is an annual four-day event, usually in February over President's Day weekend, that engages bird watchers of all ages in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of where the birds are.

**GBBC checklists can be accepted from anywhere in the world!**

Everyone is welcome--from beginning bird watchers to experts. It takes as little as 15 minutes on one day, or you can count for as long as you like each day of the event. It's free, fun, and easy—and it helps the birds.

Participants tally the number of individual birds of each species they see during their count period. They enter these numbers on the GBBC website.

*The Great Backyard Bird Count is led by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and National Audubon Society, with Canadian partner Bird Studies Canada and sponsorship from Wild Birds Unlimited.*

<http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc>

# Christmas Bird Count (CBC)

## What is a Christmas Bird Count?

The longest running Citizen Science survey in the world, the annual Christmas Bird Count provides critical data on population trends. Tens of thousands of participants know that it is also a lot of fun. Data from the over 2,300 circles are entered after the count and become available to query under the Data & Research link on the following websites.

Information on CBC's nationwide:

<http://www.audubon.org/bird/cbc/>

Information on CBC's in California:

<http://natureali.org/cbcs.htm>

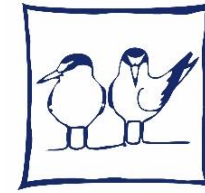


# Get Your Bird On! (Other Bird Resources)

- A. AUDUBON STATE OF THE BIRDS 2017: <http://www.stateofthebirds.org/2017>
- B. Audubon's Birds and Climate Change Report - September 2014: <http://climate.audubon.org/>
- C. Bird Checklist for Southern California – use this to create your own:  
<http://losangelesaudubon.org/images/stories/pdf/fieldlistofthebirdsoflosangelescounty.pdf>
- D. Bird LA Day – May 12, 2018 <http://birdladay.org/>
- E. BRINGING NATURE HOME: HOW NATIVE PLANTS SUSTAIN WILDLIFE IN OUR GARDENS:  
<http://bringingnaturehome.net/book>
- F. Christmas Bird Count (CBC) 2017/2018 – do a count for your area with a local Audubon Chapter:  
<https://www.audubon.org/conservation/science/christmas-bird-count>
- G. eBird – a great way to capture your data and compare with others around the world:  
<http://ebird.org/content/ebird/>
- H. Gardening For Life, article by Douglas Tallamy: <http://www.for-wild.org/download/tallamy/gardeningforlife.html>
- I. Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) February 16-19, 2018 – just do it: <http://gbbc.birdcount.org/>
- J. HOW BIRDS KEEP OUR WORLD SAFE FROM THE PLAGUES OF INSECTS:  
[http://nationalzoo.si.edu/ConservationAndScience/MigratoryBirds/Fact\\_Sheets/default.cfm?fxsht=2](http://nationalzoo.si.edu/ConservationAndScience/MigratoryBirds/Fact_Sheets/default.cfm?fxsht=2)
- K. iNaturalist – a great way to share your observations with others from around the world: <http://www.inaturalist.org/>
- L. LA County Birds Yahoo Group – to keep up on local sightings: <https://groups.yahoo.com/group/LACoBirds/>
- M. Mobile Phone Apps: **Audubon California Birds, iBird PRO, Sibley Life, Merlin Bird ID**
- N. IMPACT OF NATIVE PLANTS on Bird and Butterfly Biodiversity in Suburban Landscapes:  
<http://blog.audubon.org/cs/blogs/birdscapes/archive/2009/03/10/impact-of-native-plants-on-bird-and-butterfly-biodiversity-in-suburban-landscapes.aspx>
- O. Los Angeles leads all US counties nationwide in bird count - February 2014:  
<http://ca.audubon.org/newsroom/press-releases/2014/los-angeles-leads-all-us-counties-nationwide-bird-count>
- P. State Of North America's Birds 2016: <https://www.allaboutbirds.org/state-of-north-americas-birds-2016-more-than-one-third-in-need-of-conservation-action/>

# Ballona Discovery Park

Located at: 13110 Bluff Creek Drive,  
(off Lincoln Boulevard) Playa Vista, CA 90094



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## Center for Urban Resilience (CUREs)

<http://cures.lmu.edu/our-programs/education/ballona-discovery-park/>

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[http://www.ballonafriends.org/visit\\_discovery\\_park.html](http://www.ballonafriends.org/visit_discovery_park.html)



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