

BALLONA FRESHWATER WETLANDS BIRD LIST

Updated September 2021 (265 spp.)
Includes all species observed utilizing habitat in the Freshwater Marsh and Riparian Corridor. Species observed high overhead only are not included. Years when a species has been confirmed or strongly suspected of nesting, attempting to nest, or establishing a breeding territory 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

Fulvous Whistling-Duck*
Snow Goose*
Ross's Goose*
Greater White-fronted Goose*
Brant*
Cackling Goose*
Canada Goose (2006-2020)
Mute Swan (introduced)*
Tundra Swan*
Egyptian Goose (introduced)*
Wood Duck*
Mandarin Duck (introduced)*
Blue-winged Teal
Cinnamon Teal (2008-2017)
Northern Shoveler
Gadwall (2005-2020)
American Wigeon
Mallard (2003-2020)
Northern Pintail
Green-winged Teal
Canvasback*
Redhead
Ring-necked Duck
Greater Scaup*
Lesser Scaup
Surf Scoter*
Bufflehead

Common Goldeneye*
Hooded Merganser
Common Merganser*
Red-breasted Merganser*
Ruddy Duck (2003-2015, 2017-2020)

NEW WORLD QUAIL

California Quail*

GREBES

Pied-billed Grebe (2003-2020)
Horned Grebe*
Eared Grebe
Western Grebe

PIGEONS AND DOVES

Rock Pigeon (introduced)
Eurasian Collared-Dove (introduced, 2019-2020)
White-winged Dove*
Mourning Dove (2003-2020)

NIGHTJARS

Lesser Nighthawk*
Common Poorwill*

SWIFTS

Black Swift*
Vaux's Swift
White-throated Swift

HUMMINGBIRDS

Black-chinned Hummingbird*
Anna's Hummingbird (2006-2020)
Costa's Hummingbird*
Rufous Hummingbird*
Allen's Hummingbird (2006-2020)

RAILS AND ALLIES

Ridgway's Rail*
Virginia Rail (2009-2016)
Sora
Common Gallinule (2008-2015)
American Coot (2003-2020)

STILTS AND AVOCETS

Black-necked Stilt (2003, 2007-2016, 2019-2020)
American Avocet

PLOVERS

Black-bellied Plover
Semipalmated Plover
Killdeer (2004-2020)

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES

Whimbrel
Long-billed Curlew*
Marbled Godwit*
Sanderling*
Dunlin*
Baird's Sandpiper*
Least Sandpiper
Pectoral Sandpiper*
Western Sandpiper
Short-billed Dowitcher*
Long-billed Dowitcher
Wilson's Snipe
Wilson's Phalarope
Red-necked Phalarope
Spotted Sandpiper
Solitary Sandpiper*
Greater Yellowlegs
Willet
Lesser Yellowlegs*

GULLS, TERNS AND ALLIES

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

LOONS

Red-throated Loon*
Pacific Loon*
Common Loon*

CORMORANTS

Double-crested Cormorant
Neotropic Cormorant*

PELICANS

American White Pelican*

Brown Pelican*

BITTERNS AND HERONS

American Bittern*
Least Bittern (2005-2016, 2018-2020)
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Snowy Egret
Little Blue Heron*
Cattle Egret*
Green Heron (2005, 2008-2020)
Black-crowned Night-Heron
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron*

IBISES

Glossy Ibis*
White-faced Ibis

NEW WORLD VULTURES

Turkey Vulture

OSPREY

Osprey

KITES AND HAWKS

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

BARN OWLS

Barn Owl

TYPICAL OWLS

Great Horned Owl
Burrowing Owl*
Short-eared Owl*

KINGFISHERS

Belted Kingfisher

WOODPECKERS AND ALLIES

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

“Yellow-shafted” Flicker*

CARACARAS AND FALCONS

Crested Caracara*
American Kestrel
Merlin
Peregrine Falcon

PARAKEETS AND PARROTS

Cockatiel (introduced)*
Rose-ringed Parakeet (introduced)
Budgerigar (introduced)*
Rosy-faced Lovebird (introduced)*
Lilac-crowned Parrot (introduced)*
Red-lored Parrot (introduced)*
Mitre Parakeet (introduced)*

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

Olive-sided Flycatcher
Western Wood-Pewee
Willow Flycatcher
Hammond’s Flycatcher
Gray Flycatcher*
Dusky Flycatcher
Pacific-slope Flycatcher
Black Phoebe (2003-2020)
Eastern Phoebe*
Say’s Phoebe
Vermilion Flycatcher*
Ash-throated Flycatcher
Tropical Kingbird*
Cassin’s Kingbird
Western Kingbird
Eastern Kingbird*
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher*

VIREOS

White-eyed Vireo*
Least Bell’s Vireo*(2010-2011, ’13,
2020)
Hutton’s Vireo
Cassin’s Vireo
Warbling Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo*

SHRIKES

Loggerhead Shrike

JAYS AND CROWS

California Scrub-Jay
American Crow

Common Raven

LARKS

Horned Lark*

SWALLOWS

Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Purple Martin*
Tree Swallow (FWM nest boxes 2004-
2020)
Violet-green Swallow
Bank Swallow*
Barn Swallow (2003-2020)
Cliff Swallow

BUSHTITS & WRENTIT

Bushtit (2006-2020)

KINGLETS

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

GNATCATCHERS

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
California Gnatcatcher*

WRENS

Rock Wren*
House Wren (2013)
Marsh Wren
Bewick’s Wren*

STARLINGS

European Starling (introduced)

THRASHERS AND ALLIES

California Thrasher*
Sage Thrasher*
Northern Mockingbird (2006-2020)

THRUSHES

Swainson’s Thrush
Hermit Thrush
American Robin

WAXWINGS

Cedar Waxwing

SILKY-FLYCATCHERS

Phainopepla*

WEAVERS

Northern Red Bishop (introduced)
Yellow-crowned Bishop (introduced)*

ESTRILDID FINCHES

Red Avadavat (introduced)*
Scaly-breasted Munia (introduced)

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

House Sparrow (introduced)

WAGTAILS AND PIPITS

Red-throated Pipit*
American Pipit

FINCHES AND ALLIES

House Finch (2006-2013)
Purple Finch*
European Goldfinch (introduced)*
Pine Siskin*
Lesser Goldfinch (2006-2020)
American Goldfinch (2010, 2011,
2013)

NEW WORLD SPARROWS

Chipping Sparrow
Clay-colored Sparrow*
Brewer’s Sparrow*
Lark Sparrow*
American Tree Sparrow*
Fox Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco
White-crowned Sparrow
Golden-crowned Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow*
Vesper Sparrow*
Savannah Sparrow
Song Sparrow (2003-2020)
Lincoln’s Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow*
California Towhee (2009-2020)
Rufous-crowned Sparrow*
Green-tailed Towhee*
Spotted Towhee

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT

Yellow-breasted Chat (2020)*

BLACKBIRDS AND ALLIES

Yellow-headed Blackbird
Bobolink*

Western Meadowlark

Hooded Oriole
Bullock’s Oriole
Baltimore Oriole*
Red-winged Blackbird (2003-2020)
Tricolored Blackbird*
Brown-headed Cowbird (2007-2020)
Brewer’s Blackbird
Great-tailed Grackle (2003-2020)

WOOD-WARBLERS

Ovenbird*
Northern Waterthrush*
Prothonotary Warbler*
Orange-crowned Warbler (2010, 2016-
2020)
Nashville Warbler
Virginia’s Warbler*
MacGillivray’s Warbler
Common Yellowthroat (2003-2020)
Hooded Warbler*
American Redstart*
Northern Parula*
Yellow Warbler (2015, 2017-2020)
Chestnut-sided Warbler*
Blackpoll Warbler*
Palm Warbler*
Yellow-rumped Warbler
“Audubon’s” Warbler
“Myrtle” Warbler
Black-throated Gray Warbler
Townsend’s Warbler
Hermit Warbler
Black-throated Green Warbler*
Wilson’s Warbler

CARDINALS AND ALLIES

Western Tanager
Northern Cardinal (introduced)*
Rose-breasted Grosbeak*
Black-headed Grosbeak
Blue Grosbeak (2011)
Lazuli Bunting
Indigo Bunting*