

**BIRDS OF VENTURA
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C=COMMON, easily seen in proper habitat

FC = FAIRLY COMMON, usually seen in proper
habitat

U=UNCOMMON, difficult to find or occurs in low numbers in proper habitat

R=RARE, extremely local or very low numbers per season in proper habitat

VR=VERY RARE OR CASUAL, regular pattern of occurrence, but may not be present
every year

M=MONTANE, occurs mainly above 4,500 ft. elevation

S=SPORADIC, irregular; may be numerous one year and absent the next

P=PELAGIC, occur on open ocean, or near Channel Islands, sometimes seen from shore

C=COASTAL, occur mainly in nearshore waters, on beaches, in bays, estuaries,
lagoons, harbors and/or beaches

	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL	WINTER	Notes
	Mar-May	Jun-Jul	Aug-Nov	Dec-Feb	
SWANS, GEESE & DUCKS					
Greater White-fronted Goose	U		R	U	
Snow Goose	R		R	R	
Ross' Goose	R		R	R	
Cackling Goose	R		R	R	
Canada Goose	U		U	U	
Brant	FC	R	R	U	C
Wood Duck	R		R	R	
Gadwall	C	U	C	C	
Eurasian Wigeon	R		R	R	
American Wigeon	C	VR	C	C	
Mallard	C	C	C	C	
Blue-winged Teal	R		U	U	
Cinnamon Teal	C	U	C	C	
Northern Shoveler	C	VR	C	C	
Northern Pintail	C	VR	C	C	
Green-winged Teal	FC	VR	FC	FC	
Canvasback	U	VR	U	U	
Redhead	R		U	R	
Ring-necked Duck	FC		FC	FC	
Tufted Duck				VR	

Greater Scaup	VR		R	R	
Lesser Scaup	U		FC	FC	
Surf Scoter	C	R	C	C	C
White-winged Scoter	R		R	R	C
Black Scoter	VR		R	R	C
Long-tailed Duck	VR		VR	VR	C
Bufflehead	C		C	C	
Common Goldeneye	R			R	
Hooded Merganser	R		R	R	
Common Merganser	R	R	R	R	
Red-breasted Merganser	U	R	U	FC	
Ruddy Duck	C	C	C	C	

PARTRIDGES & QUAIL

Chukar	U	U	U	U	
Mountain Quail	U	U	U	U	M
California Quail	C	C	C	C	

LOONS

Red-throated Loon	U	R	U	FC	C
Pacific Loon	C	R	U	FC	C
Common Loon	C	R	U	C	

GREBES

Pied-billed Grebe	FC	FC	FC	FC	
Horned Grebe	R		R	R	
Red-necked Grebe	VR		VR	VR	C
Eared Grebe	C	R	C	C	
Western Grebe	C	FC	C	C	
Clark's Grebe	C	FC	C	C	

ALBATROSSES

Laysan Albatross	R		VR	R	P
Black-footed Albatross	U	R	R	VR	P

SHEARWATERS & PETRELS

Northern Fulmar	U	VR	U	U	P,S
Murphy's Petrel	VR	VR			P
Cook's Petrel	R	R			P
Pink-footed Shearwater	U	U	U	VR	P
Flesh-footed Shearwater		R	R		P
Buller's Shearwater			U		P
Sooty Shearwater	C	C	FC	R	P
Short-tailed Shearwater				R	P
Black-vented Shearwater	FC	R	C	C	P

STORM-PETRELS

Leach's Storm-Petrel	U	U	U	VR	P
Ashy Storm-Petrel	FC	FC	FC	VR	P
Black Storm-Petrel	U	FC	FC		P
Least Storm-Petrel		R	R		P

TROPICBIRDS

Red-billed Tropicbird			R		
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PELICANS

American White Pelican	VR	VR	VR	R
Brown Pelican	C	C	C	C

CORMORANTS

Brandt's Cormorant	FC	R	FC	C
Double-crested Cormorant	C	C	C	C
Pelagic Cormorant	FC	U	FC	C

BITTERN & HERONS

American Bittern	VR	VR	R	R
Least Bittern	R	R	VR	VR
Great Blue Heron	C	FC	C	C
Great Egret	C	FC	C	C
Snowy Egret	C	FC	C	C
Reddish Egret			VR	VR
Little Blue Heron	VR		VR	VR
Cattle Egret	U	R	U	U
Green Heron	FC	FC	FC	FC
Black-crowned Night-Heron	C	C	C	C

IBISES

White-faced Ibis	U	R	FC	FC
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AMERICAN VULTURES

Turkey Vulture	C	C	C	C
California Condor	R	R	R	R

KITES, EAGLES & HAWKS

Osprey	U	VR	U	U
White-tailed Kite	U	U	U	U
Bald Eagle	VR		R	VR
Northern Harrier	U	VR	U	U
Sharp-shinned Hawk	U		U	U
Cooper's Hawk	FC	U	FC	FC
Northern Goshawk	VR	VR	VR	VR
Red-shouldered Hawk	C	C	C	C
Swainson's Hawk	VR		VR	VR
Zone-tailed Hawk	VR		VR	VR
Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	C
Ferruginous Hawk	U		U	FC
Rough-legged Hawk			VR	VR
Golden Eagle	U	U	U	U

FALCONS

American Kestrel	C	FC	C	C
Merlin	R		R	R
Peregrine Falcon	R		R	R
Prairie Falcon	R	R	R	R

RAILS & COOTS

Clapper Rail	R	R	R	R
Virginia Rail	U	U	U	U
Sora	U	R	U	U
Common Moorhen	U	R	U	U
American Coot	C	C	C	C

PLOVERS

Black-bellied Plover	C	U	C	C	
American Golden-Plover			R		
Pacific Golden-Plover	R	VR	R	R	
Snowy Plover	FC	U	FC	FC	C
Semipalmated Plover	U	R	FC	FC	
Killdeer	C	C	C	C	
Mountain Plover			R	VR	

OYSTERCATCHERS

Black Oystercatcher	U	U	U	U	C
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STILTS & AVOCETS

Black-necked Stilt	C	C	C	C	
American Avocet	C	C	C	C	

SANDPIPERS & PHALAROPES

Greater Yellowlegs	FC	U	FC	FC	
Lesser Yellowlegs	U	R	U	R	
Solitary Sandpiper			R		
Willet	C	FC	C	C	
Wandering Tattler	U	VR	U	U	C
Spotted Sandpiper	FC	U	FC	FC	
Whimbrel	FC	U	FC	C	
Long-billed Curlew	FC	VR	FC	FC	
Marbled Godwit	FC	R	C	C	
Ruddy Turnstone	U	VR	FC	U	C
Black Turnstone	FC	VR	FC	FC	C
Surfbird	FC	VR	FC	FC	C
Red Knot	R		R		C
Sanderling	C	U	C	C	C
Semipalmated Sandpiper	VR		R		
Western Sandpiper	C	FC	C	C	
Least Sandpiper	C	FC	C	C	
Baird's Sandpiper	VR	VR	U		
Pectoral Sandpiper	VR		U		
Dunlin	U		U	U	
Stilt Sandpiper			VR		
Buff-breasted Sandpiper			VR		
Ruff			VR	VR	
Short-billed Dowitcher	FC	FC	C	VR	
Long-billed Dowitcher	C	VR	C	C	
Wilson's Snipe	U		U	U	
Wilson's Phalarope	R	U	FC	VR	
Red-necked Phalarope	FC	VR	C	VR	
Red Phalarope	R		U	U	

SKUAS, GULLS, TERNS & SKIMMERS

South Polar Skua	VR	VR	R		P
Pomarine Jaeger	U	VR	FC	R	P
Parasitic Jaeger	U	VR	U	R	P
Long-tailed Jaeger		VR	VR		P
Franklin's Gull	VR		VR	VR	
Bonaparte's Gull	C	VR	FC	FC	

Heermann's Gull	C	U	C	C	
Mew Gull	C		C	C	
Ring-billed Gull	C	U	C	C	
California Gull	C	U	C	C	
Herring Gull	U	VR	U	U	
Thayer's Gull	VR		VR	VR	
Western Gull	C	C	C	C	
Glaucous-winged Gull	U	VR	U	U	
Sabine's Gull	R	R	U		
Black-legged Kittiwake	R		R	R	S,C
Caspian Tern	C	C	C	VR	
Royal Tern	FC	R	FC	FC	C
Elegant Tern	R	C	C	VR	C
Common Tern	R	R	U		P
Arctic Tern	VR	VR	U		
Forster's Tern	C	U	C	C	
Least Tern	FC	FC	FC		
Black Tern	VR		VR		
Black Skimmer	U	R	U	U	

AUKS, MURRES & PUFFINS

Common Murre	R		R	R	C
Pigeon Guillemot	C	C	C	VR	C
Xantus' Murrelet	U	U	VR	VR	P
Craveri's Murrelet		VR	VR		P
Ancient Murrelet	VR	VR	VR	VR	C
Cassin's Auklet	U	U	U	U	P
Rhinoceros Auklet	U	R	U	U	P
Tufted Puffin			VR	VR	P

PIGEONS & DOVES

Rock Dove	C	C	C	C	
Band-tailed Pigeon	C	C	C	C	
Eurasian Collared Dove	C	C	C	C	
Spotted Dove	U	U	U	U	
White-winged Dove	VR		VR	VR	
Mourning Dove	C	C	C	C	
Common Ground- Dove	U	U	U	U	

PARROTS

Red-crowned Parrot	U	U	U	U	
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CUCKOOS & ROADRUNNERS

Yellow-billed Cuckoo	VR	VR	VR		
Greater Roadrunner	U	U	U	U	

BARN OWLS

Barn Owl	C	C	C	C	
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TYPICAL OWLS

Flammulated Owl	R	R	VR		M
Western Screech-Owl	U	U	U	U	
Great Horned Owl	C	C	C	C	
Northern Pygmy-Owl	U	U	U	U	
Burrowing Owl	VR	VR	VR	VR	

Spotted Owl	VR	VR	VR	VR	
Long-eared Owl	VR	VR	VR	VR	
Short-eared Owl			VR	VR	
Northern Saw-whet Owl	R	R	R	R	M

GOATSUCKERS

Lesser Nighthawk	R	R	R		
Common Poorwill	U	U	U	VR	

SWIFTS

Black Swift	VR		VR		
Vaux's Swift	U		U	VR	
White-throated Swift	FC	FC	FC	FC	

HUMMINGBIRDS

Black-chinned Hummingbird	C	C	U		
Anna's Hummingbird	C	C	C	C	
Costa's Hummingbird	FC	FC	FC	VR	
Calliope Hummingbird	VR	R			
Rufous Hummingbird	U	R	U	VR	
Allen's Hummingbird	C	C	U	U	

KINGFISHERS

Belted Kingfisher	FC	R	FC	FC	
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WOODPECKERS

Lewis' Woodpecker	U		U	U	S
Acorn Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Williamson's Sapsucker	VR		VR	VR	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	VR		VR	VR	
Red-naped Sapsucker	VR		VR	R	
Red-breasted Sapsucker	U	R	U	U	
Nuttall's Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Downy Woodpecker	FC	FC	FC	FC	
Hairy Woodpecker	U	U	U	U	
White-headed Woodpecker	U	U	U	U	M
Northern Flicker	C	C	C	C	

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

Olive-sided Flycatcher	U	FC	R		
Western Wood-Pewee	C	C	U		
Willow Flycatcher	R	R	U		
Hammond's Flycatcher	U		VR		
Gray Flycatcher	R	R	R		M
Dusky Flycatcher	R	U	R		M
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	C	C	U	VR	
Black Phoebe	C	C	C	C	
Eastern Phoebe	VR			VR	
Say's Phoebe	U	R	C	C	
Vermillion Flycatcher	VR		VR	VR	
Ash-throated Flycatcher	C	C	U		
Tropical Kingbird	VR		VR	VR	
Cassin's Kingbird	C	C	C	C	
Western Kingbird	C	C	FC		
Eastern Kingbird			VR		

SHRIKES

Loggerhead Shrike	C	U	C	C
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VIREOS

Bell's Vireo	U	U	R	
Plumbeous Vireo	VR		VR	VR
Cassin's Vireo	U	U	U	VR
Hutton's Vireo	C	C	C	C
Warbling Vireo	C	U	C	
Yellow-green Vireo			VR	

JAYS, MAGPIES & CROWS

Steller's Jay	C	C	C	C	M
Western Scrub-Jay	C	C	C	C	
Pinyon Jay	R	R	R	R	M
Clark's Nutcracker	U	U	U	U	M
American Crow	C	C	C	C	
Common Raven	C	C	C	C	

LARKS

Horned Lark	FC	U	FC	FC
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SWALLOWS

Purple Martin	VR			
Tree Swallow	C	C	C	U
Violet-green Swallow	C	C	U	R
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	C	C	C	R
Bank Swallow	VR		VR	
Cliff Swallow	C	C	C	R
Barn Swallow	C	C	FC	R

TITMICE

Mountain Chickadee	C	C	C	C	M
Oak Titmouse	C	C	C	C	

BUSHTITS

Bushtit	C	C	C	C
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NUTHATCHES

Red-breasted Nuthatch	U	U	U	U	M S
White-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C	
Pygmy Nuthatch	C	C	C	C	M

CREEPERS

Brown Creeper	FC	FC	FC	FC	M
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WRENS

Cactus Wren	C	C	C	C
Rock Wren	C	C	C	C
Canyon Wren	C	C	C	C
Bewick's Wren	C	C	C	C
House Wren	C	C	C	U
Winter Wren	C	C	C	C
Marsh Wren	R		R	R
	C	U	C	C

DIPPERS

American Dipper	U	U	U	U
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THRUSHES & ALLIES

Golden-crowned Kinglet	R	R	R	R	M S
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C	VR	C	C	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	C	FC	C	C	
California Gnatcatcher	R	R	R	R	
Western Bluebird	C	C	C	C	
Mountain Bluebird	U	VR	C	C	M
Townsend's Solitaire	R	R	R	R	M
Swainson's Thrush	U	U	R		
Hermit Thrush	C		C	C	
American Robin	C	C	C	C	
Varied Thrush	VR		VR	VR	S
Wrentit	C	C	C	C	

MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS

Northern Mockingbird	C	C	C	C
Sage Thrasher	VR		VR	VR
California Thrasher	C	C	C	C

STARLINGS

European Starling	C	C	C	C
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PIPITS

Red-throated Pipit			VR	
American Pipit	C		C	C

WAXWINGS

Cedar Waxwing	C		C	C
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SILKY-FLYCATCHERS

Phainopepla	C	C	C	FC
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WARBLERS

Tennessee Warbler	VR		VR	VR
Orange-crowned Warbler	C	C	C	U
Nashville Warbler	U	VR	U	VR
Virginia's Warbler			R	VR
Lucy's Warbler			VR	VR
Yellow Warbler	C	C	C	R
Chestnut-sided Warbler			VR	VR
Magnolia Warbler			VR	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	C	U	C	C
Black-throated Gray Warbler	U	R	U	VR
Townsend's Warbler	FC		FC	FC
Hermit Warbler	U		U	VR
Blackburnian Warbler			VR	
Prairie Warbler			VR	
Palm Warbler			R	VR
Blackpoll Warbler			R	
Black and White Warbler	VR		VR	VR
American Redstart			R	
Northern Waterthrush	VR		VR	VR
MacGillivray's Warbler	U	VR	U	

Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C	C
Wilson's Warbler	C	U	C	R
Yellow-breasted Chat	U	U	R	

TANAGERS

Summer Tanager	VR		VR	VR
Western Tanager	C	C	U	VR

SPARROWS & ALLIES

Green-tailed Towhee	U	C	U	VR	M
Spotted Towhee	C	C	C	C	
California Towhee	C	C	C	C	
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	C	C	C	C	
Chipping Sparrow	FC	FC	FC	FC	
Clay-colored Sparrow			R	VR	
Brewer's Sparrow	U	U	U		
Black-chinned Sparrow	U	U	R	VR	
Vesper Sparrow	VR		R	R	
Lark Sparrow	C	C	C	C	
Black-throated Sparrow	VR	VR	VR	VR	
Sage Sparrow	U	U	U	U	
Savannah Sparrow	C	U	C	C	
Grasshopper Sparrow	FC	FC	VR		
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow			R	R	
Fox Sparrow	C	C	C	U	
Song Sparrow	C	C	C	C	
Lincoln's Sparrow	C		C	C	
Swamp Sparrow	VR		VR	VR	
White-throated Sparrow	VR		R	R	
White-crowned Sparrow	C		C	C	
Golden-crowned Sparrow	C		C	C	
Dark-eyed Junco	C	C	C	C	
McCown's Longspur			VR		
Lapland Longspur			R	VR	
Chestnut-collard Longspur			VR		

GROSBEAKS & BUNTINGS

Rose-breasted Grosbeak	VR	VR	VR	VR
Black-headed Grosbeak	C	C	FC	VR
Blue Grosbeak	U	U	U	
Lazuli Bunting	C	C	U	
Indigo Bunting	VR	VR	VR	

BLACKBIRDS & ALLIES

Bobolink			R	
Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	C	C
Tricolored Blackbird	U	U	U	U
Western Meadowlark	C	C	C	C
Yellow-headed Blackbird	R	R	R	R
Brewer's Blackbird	C	C	C	C
Great-tailed Grackle	U	U	U	U
Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	C	C
Orchard Oriole	VR		VR	VR
Hooded Oriole	C	C	U	VR
Bullock's Oriole	C	C	C	U
Baltimore Oriole	VR		VR	VR

Scott's Oriole	R	R	VR	VR	
FINCHES					
Purple Finch	C	C	C	C	
Cassin's Finch	FC	FC	FC	FC	M
House Finch	C	C	C	C	
Red Crossbill	R	R	R	R	S
Pine Siskin	R	VR	R	R	S
Lesser Goldfinch	C	C	C	C	
Lawrence's Goldfinch	C	C	U	VR	
American Goldfinch	C	C	C	C	
Evening Grosbeak	VR			VR	M

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

House Sparrow	C	C	C	C	
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ACCIDENTAL - very few records, little or no pattern of occurrence

Fulvous Whistling-Duck
Emperor Goose
Tundra Swan
King Eider
Harlequin Duck
Barrow's Goldeneye
Yellow-billed Loon
Short-tailed Albatross
Mottled Petrel
Dark-rumped Petrel
Streaked Shearwater
Manx Shearwater
Wilson's Storm-Petrel
Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel
Band-rumped Storm-Petrel
Wedge-rumped Storm-Petrel
Red-tailed Tropicbird
Masked Booby
Blue-footed Booby
Brown Booby
Tricolored Heron
Yellow-crowned Night Heron
Roseate Spoonbill
Wood Stork
Broad-winged Hawk
Black Rail
Sandhill Crane
Lesser Sand-Plover
Wilson's Plover
American Oystercatcher
Upland Sandpiper
Hudsonian Godwit
Bar-tailed Godwit
Red-necked Stint
White-rumped Sandpiper
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper
Curlew Sandpiper

Laughing Gull
Little Gull
Black-headed Gull
Glaucous Gull
Sooty Tern
Marbled Murrelet
Parakeet Auklet
Horned Puffin
Black-billed Cuckoo
Common Nighthawk
Buff-collared Nightjar
Whip-poor-will
Chimney Swift
Broad-billed Hummingbird
Xantus' Hummingbird
Violet-crowned Hummingbird
Broad-tailed Hummingbird
Greater Pewee
Least Flycatcher
Dusky-capped Flycatcher
Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher
Thick-billed Kingbird
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
Northern Shrike
Gray Vireo
Yellow-throated Vireo
Blue-headed Vireo
Philadelphia Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo
Chestnut-backed Chickadee
Sedge Wren
Veery
Gray Catbird
Brown Thrasher
Bendire's Thrasher
White Wagtail
Sprague's Pipit
Bohemian Waxwing
Golden-winged Warbler
Northern Parula
Cape May Warbler
Black-throated Blue Warbler
Black-throated Green Warbler
Grace's Warbler
Bay-breasted Warbler
Prothonotary Warbler
Worm-eating Warbler
Ovenbird
Kentucky Warbler
Connecticut Warbler
Mourning Warbler
Hooded Warbler
Canada Warbler
Painted Redstart
Scarlet Tanager
American Tree Sparrow

Lark Bunting
LeConte's Sparrow
Harris' Sparrow
Dickcissel
Rusty Blackbird
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch