

Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society



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A Checklist of

**Birds**  
of Santa Clara County

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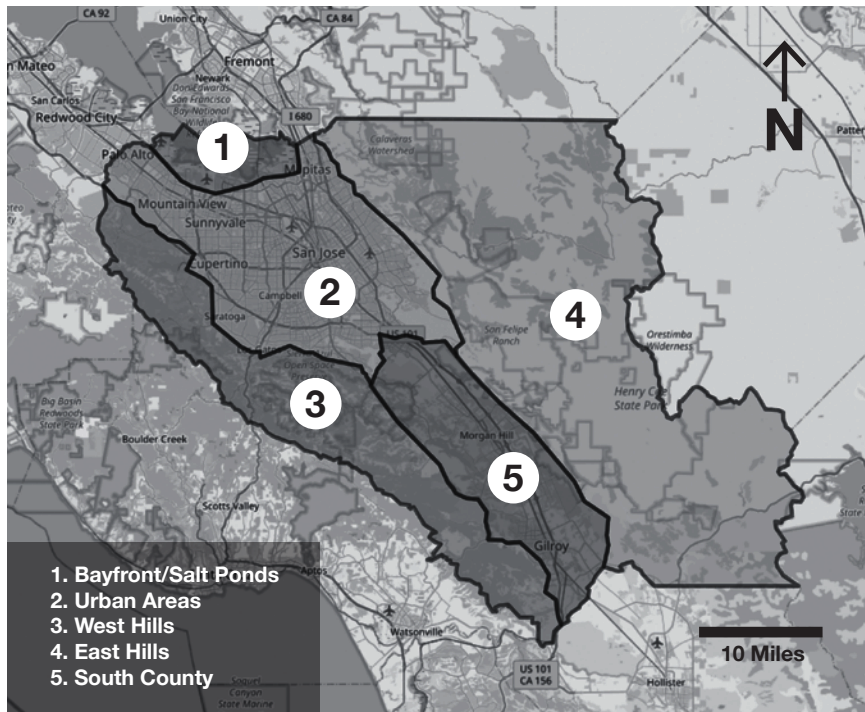


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# Birding in Santa Clara County



## Birding Zones:

Santa Clara County can be divided into five major zones, each of which has different habitats and unique birding opportunities. The map above shows the zones, and below is a selection of productive birding destinations within each zone. For more information about these zones and the birds that can be found there, please visit our self-guided field trip section on the SCVAS website: [scvas.org/self-guided-field-trips](http://scvas.org/self-guided-field-trips).

### 1. Bayfront/Salt Ponds

Don Edwards NWR, Charleston Slough, Shoreline Lake, Palo Alto Baylands

### 2. Urban Areas

Ulistac Natural Area, Vasona Lake Park, Almaden Lake Park

### 3. West Hills

Sanborn County Park, Stevens Creek County Park, Picchetti Ranch Preserve

### 4. East Hills

Ed Levin County Park, Alum Rock Park, Joseph D. Grant County Park

### 5. South County

Santa Teresa County Park, Calero County Park, Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve

# Thank you!

To all the birders who have submitted an eBird checklist, attended one of our field trips, posted a sighting on South Bay Birds, or just visited our lovely county and enjoyed yourselves for a spell—you contributed to our understanding of the local avifauna, and you made this project possible, worthwhile and fun. So thank you! We share your love of the environment. We want you to know you add something special to our community, and you are why we do all this. You make being & birding here wonderful!

## Organizations we love!

**San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory**

[sfbbo.org](http://sfbbo.org)

**Sequoia Audubon Society**

[sequoia-audubon.org](http://sequoia-audubon.org)

**Mount Diablo Audubon Society**

[mtdiabloaudubon.org](http://mtdiabloaudubon.org)

**Ohlone Audubon Society**

[ohloneaudubon.org](http://ohloneaudubon.org)

**Golden Gate Audubon Society**

[goldengateaudubon.org](http://goldengateaudubon.org)

**Santa Cruz Bird Club**

[santacruzbirdclub.org](http://santacruzbirdclub.org)

**American Birding Association**

[aba.org](http://aba.org)

**The Birding Lists Digest**

[sialia.com](http://sialia.com)

**Cornell Lab of Ornithology**

[birds.cornell.edu](http://birds.cornell.edu)

**All About Birds**

[allaboutbirds.org](http://allaboutbirds.org)

**eBird**

[ebird.org](http://ebird.org)

**South Bay Birds**

[groups.io/g/southbaybirds](http://groups.io/g/southbaybirds)

**Saved By Nature**

[savedbynature.org](http://savedbynature.org)

**Feminist Bird Club**

[feministbirdclub.org](http://feministbirdclub.org)

**QBNA (LGBTQ+ Birders of North America)**

Facebook Group

**Open Space Authority**

[openspaceauthority.org](http://openspaceauthority.org)

**Los Gatos Birdwatcher**

[losgatosbirdwatcher.com](http://losgatosbirdwatcher.com)

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## Sources

This checklist is a compilation of bird species observed in Santa Clara County, California. Data was derived from the following sources:

**eBird.org**, managed by The Cornell Lab of Ornithology  
**Checklist of the Birds of Santa Clara County** W.G.Bousman  
**Breeding Bird Atlas of Santa Clara County, California** W.G.Bousman  
**Santa Clara County Bird List** maintained by Brooke Miller  
**Clements 2021 Taxonomy** as of 09/08/21

**Checklist compilation** Barry Langdon-Lassagne  
**Design, artwork and review** Matthew Dodder

## Notes

**Introduced Birds:** The following birds may be seen, some even regularly, in Santa Clara County, but do not have established local populations and so are not included in our checklist.

Mute Swan	Red-masked Parakeet
Egyptian Goose	Northern Red Bishop
Mandarin Duck	Scaly-breasted Munia
African Collared-Dove	Orange-cheeked Waxbill
Nanday Parakeet	European Goldfinch

† **Historical Rarities:** These birds are included in the checklist, but the last observation was so long ago that they do not appear in eBird reports for the county.

Fulvous Whistling-Duck	Philadelphia Vireo
Common Nighthawk	Pinyon Jay
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	Black-billed Magpie
Mountain Plover	Arctic Warbler
Ancient Murrelet	Gray Catbird
Gull-billed Tern	Brown Thrasher
Arctic Loon	Bohemian Waxwing
Northern Fulmar	Scott's Oriole
Magnificent Frigatebird	Prothonotary Warbler
Flammulated Owl	Kentucky Warbler
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	

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# A Checklist of Birds of Santa Clara County

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Covering the **410 species** observed in Santa Clara County, CA

### Key:

- \*\* **Frequent breeder in the county**
- \* **Infrequent breeding bird**
- (\*) **Former county breeder**
- † **Historical rarity (not in eBird, see last page)**

Frequency, least to most common: 

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