

Neighborhood Birds

As you walk around our neighborhood, you might like to watch for these birds. This list includes many flyovers, so remember to look overhead for geese, ducks, hawks, herons, swallows, and others that may rarely land or feed in the neighborhood. The list is also on our website, montaloma.org, under the Monta Loma column heading.

Y = Year-round in the neighborhood

W = Winters in the neighborhood

S = Summers in the neighborhood

M = Migrates through the neighborhood

B = Breeds in the neighborhood

C = Common — Can usually be found daily to weekly in neighborhood

F = Fairly common — Can usually be found weekly to monthly in neighborhood

U = Uncommon to rare — Several reports, but not seen often in the neighborhood

R = Rare to very rare/casual — At least one reliable sighting in the neighborhood

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| Canada Goose (YC) | Swainson's Hawk (YR) | California Thrasher (R) |
| Mallard (YU) | Red-tailed Hawk (YF) | Northern Mockingbird (YCB) |
| California Quail (SU) | Barn Owl (YF) | Western Bluebird (YU) |
| Wild Turkey (R) | Western Screech-Owl (R) | Varied Thrush (WU) |
| White-tailed Kite (U) | Great Horned Owl (R) | Hermit Thrush (WU) |
| Rock Pigeon (YU) | Red-breasted Sapsucker (WU) | American Robin (WC) |
| Band-tailed Pigeon (R) | Downy Woodpecker (YU) | Cedar Waxwing (WF) |
| Eurasian Collared-Dove (R) | Nuttall's Woodpecker (YCB) | House Sparrow (YCB) |
| Mourning Dove (YCB) | Hairy Woodpecker (R) | House Finch (YCB) |
| Vaux's Swift (R) | Northern Flicker (WF) | Pine Siskin (WU) |
| White-Throated Swift (R) | Kestrel (YU)Merlin (YU) | Lesser Goldfinch (YCB) |
| Black-chinned Hummingbird (MU) | Black Phoebe (YCB) | American Goldfinch (YU) |
| Anna's Hummingbird (YCB) | Say's Phoebe (WR) | Fox Sparrow (WU) |
| Rufous Hummingbird (M) | Hutton's Vireo (R) | Dark-eyed Junco (YCB) |
| Allen's Hummingbird (M) | Steller's Jay (R) | White-crowned Sparrow (WC) |
| Killdeer (WF) (Feeding in Monta Loma Park at night) | California Scrub-Jay (YCB) | Golden-crowned Sparrow (WF) |
| California Gull (YC) | American Crow (YCB) | White-throated Sparrow (R) |
| Ring-billed Gull (YR) | Common Raven (R) | California Towhee (YCB) |
| Great Blue Heron (YR) | Chestnut-backed Chickadee (YCB) | Rufous-crowned Sparrow (R) |
| Black-crowned Night-Heron (YU) (Feeding in Thaddeus and Monta Loma Parks at night) | Oak Titmouse (YCB) | Spotted Towhee (YU) |
| Turkey Vulture (YC) | Tree Swallow (SU) | Hooded Oriole (SFB) |
| Golden Eagle (YU) | Violet-green Swallow (SU) | Bullock's Oriole (SR) |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk (YU) | Bushtit (YFB) | Red-winged Blackbird (R) |
| Cooper's Hawk (YFB) | Ruby-crowned Kinglet (WF) | Brown-headed Cowbird (SFB) |
| Bald Eagle (YR) | Red-breasted Nuthatch (M) | Brewer's Blackbird (U) |
| Red-shouldered Hawk (YU) | White-breasted Nuthatch (YFB) | Yellow Warbler (M) |
| | Pygmy Nuthatch (MR) | Yellow-rumped Warbler (WC) |
| | Brown Creeper (R) | Townsend's Warbler (R) |
| | Bewick's Wren (YCB) | Western Tanager (M) |
| | European Starling (YF) | Black-headed Grosbeak (R) |

Escapees and other birds not officially listed for Santa Clara County:

Red-crowned parrot (SU) (Flock follows ripening fruit in trees throughout Mountain View.)

Cockatiel (R); Yellow Canary (R); Sulfur-crested Cockatoo (R); Blue Parakeet (R)

For help identifying a bird, try the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's All About Birds site, tinyurl.com/MLNbirds (<https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/search.aspx>) or google the *name of a bird* and *photos* (Bushtit photos). Email your bird questions and unusual bird sightings to Dotty Calabrese <[dottycala at aol.com](mailto:dottycala@aol.com)>.