

FAMILY/Species	Codes:	Date seen:
House Wren	u	
Winter Wren	a	
BULBULS		
Red-whiskered Bulbul	r	
KINGLETS		
Golden-crowned Kinglet	r	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	c / W	
GNATCATCHERS		
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	u	
THRUSHES		
Western Bluebird	r	
Townsend's Solitaire	a	
Swainson's Thrush	r / Sp	
Hermit Thrush	u / W	
American Robin	u	
Varied Thrush	r	
BABLERS		
Wrentit	c / B	
MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS		
Northern Mockingbird	c / B	
California Thrasher	c / B	
STARLINGS		
European Starling	c	
WAXWINGS		
Cedar Waxwing	c / W	
SILKY FLYCATCHERS		
Phainopepla	u / S	
WARBLERS		
Orange-crowned Warbler	c	
Nashville Warbler	u / Sp	
Northern Parula	r	
Yellow Warbler	c	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	c / W	
Black-throated Gray Warbler	r	
Black-throated Green Warbler	u / Sp	
Townsend's Warbler	u / Sp	
Hermit Warbler	u / Sp	
Black-and-White Warbler	r	
Yellow-throated Warbler	a	
Northern Waterthrush	r	
MacGillivray's Warbler	r / Sp	
Common Yellowthroat	u	
Hooded Warbler	a	
Wilson's Warbler	c / Sp	
TANAGERS		
Summer Tanager	r	
Western Tanager	u	

FAMILY/Species	Codes:	Date seen:
EMBERIZIDS		
Green-tailed Towhee	a	
Spotted Towhee	c / B	
California Towhee	c / B	
Chipping Sparrow	u	
Savannah Sparrow	r	
Fox Sparrow	u / W	
Song Sparrow	c / B	
Lincoln's Sparrow	u	
White-throated Sparrow	r	
Golden-crowned Sparrow	u / W	
White-crowned Sparrow	c / W	
Dark-eyed Junco	u	
GROSBEAKS & BUNTINGS		
Black-headed Grosbeak	u / S	
Lazuli Bunting	r / S	
BLACKBIRDS		
Red-winged Blackbird	u / B	
Western Meadowlark	r	
Brewer's Blackbird	u	
Brown-headed Cowbird	c / Sp	
Hooded Oriole	u / B	
Bullock's Oriole	u	
Baltimore Oriole	r	
FINCHES		
Purple Finch	u	
House Finch	c / B	
Pine Siskin	u / W	
Lesser Goldfinch	c / B	
Lawrence's Goldfinch	r	
American Goldfinch	u	
OLD WORLD SPARROWS		
House Sparrow	c / B	

Abundance:

- c - common to abundant
- u - uncommon to fairly common
- r - rare to very uncommon
- o - occasional, less than 5 per season
- a - accidental, less than 10 records
- B - species regularly breeds

Seasonality:

- W - Winter SP - Spring
- S - Summer F - Fall



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California Quail: Terri L. Chapman



Checklist of Birds

Descanso Gardens sponsors bird walks year-round on the fourth Sunday of every month at 8am. Open to members only.

Report unusual sightings to Karen Johnson at LV2BIRD@aol.com

The nomenclature and taxonomy used in this list follows the Ornithologists Union Check-List of North American Birds, 7th Edition.

FAMILY/Species	Codes:	Date seen:
DUCKS & GEESE		
Canada Goose	u / W	
Wood Duck	c / B	
Mandarin Duck	r	
American Wigeon	r / W	
Mallard	c / B	
Blue-winged Teal	r / W	
Cinnamon Teal	r / W	
Northern Shoveler	r / W	
Northern Pintail	r / W	
Green-winged Teal	r / W	
Canvasback	r / W	
Ring-necked Duck	u / W	
Lesser Scaup	r / W	
Common Merganser	a / W	
Red-breasted Merganser	r / W	
Ruddy Duck	u / W	
QUAIL		
California Quail	c / B	
GREBES		
Pied-billed Grebe	u / W	
PELICANS		
American White Pelican	r / W	
CORMORANTS		
Double-crested Cormorant	r	
BITTERNS & HERONS		
American Bittern	r	
Great Blue Heron	u	
Great Egret	u	
Snowy Egret	u	
Green Heron	u	
Black-crowned Night-Heron	u	
VULTURES		
Turkey Vulture	u	
KITES, HAWKS, EAGLES		
Osprey	r / W	
Northern Harrier	r	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	c / W	
Cooper's Hawk	c / B	
Northern Goshawk	a	
Red-shouldered Hawk	u / B	
Swainson's Hawk	r	
Red-tailed Hawk	c / B	
FALCONS		
American Kestrel	r	
Merlin	a	
Peregrine Falcon	r	

FAMILY/Species	Codes:	Date seen:
RAILS		
Sora	r	
Common Moorhen	r	
American Coot	u	
PLOVERS		
Killdeer	r	
SANDPIPERS		
Spotted Sandpiper	r	
GULLS & TERNS		
Ring-billed Gull	u	
California Gull	u	
Caspian Tern	r	
PIGEONS & DOVES		
Rock Pigeon	u	
Band-tailed Pigeon	u	
Spotted Dove	r	
Mourning Dove	c / B	
PARROTS		
Red-crowned Parrot	u	
BARN OWLS		
Barn Owl	r	
TYPICAL OWLS		
Western Screech-Owl	r / B	
Great Horned Owl	u / B	
Long-eared Owl	a	
NIGHTJARS		
Lesser Nighthawk	r	
SWIFTS		
Vaux's Swift	r / W	
White-throated Swift	u	
HUMMINGBIRDS		
Black-chinned Hummingbird	c / S	
Anna's Hummingbird	c / B	
Costa's Hummingbird	u	
Calliope Hummingbird	r	
Rufous Hummingbird	u	
Allen's Hummingbird	c / B	
KINGFISHERS		
Belted Kingfisher	u	
WOODPECKERS		
Acorn Woodpecker	c	
Red-naped Sapsucker	r / W	
Red-breasted Sapsucker	r	
Nuttall's Woodpecker	c / B	
Downy Woodpecker	u / B	
Hairy Woodpecker	r	

FAMILY/Species	Codes:	Date seen:
Northern Flicker	u	
FLYCATCHERS		
Olive-sided Flycatcher	r	
Western Wood-pewee	u / B	
Willow Flycatcher	r	
Hammond's Flycatcher	r	
Dusky Flycatcher	r	
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	u / Sp	
Black Phoebe	c / B	
Ash-throated Flycatcher	u / Sp	
Cassin's Kingbird	r	
Western Kingbird	u / S	
SHRIKES		
Loggerhead Shrike	r	
VIREOS		
Yellow-throated Vireo	a	
Plumbeous Vireo	r / Sp	
Cassin's Vireo	u / Sp	
Hutton's Vireo	c / B	
Warbling Vireo	u / Sp	
JAYS & CROWS		
Steller's Jay	r	
Western Scrub-Jay	c / B	
American Crow	c / B	
Common Raven	u / B	
LARKS		
Horned Lark	r	
SWALLOWS		
Purple Martin	a	
Tree Swallow	u	
Violet-green Swallow	r	
No. Rough-winged Swallow	c / Sp	
Cliff Swallow	u	
Barn Swallow	r	
CHICKADEES & TITMICE		
Mountain Chickadee	u	
Oak Titmouse	c / B	
BUSHTITS		
Bushtit	c / B	
NUTHATCHES		
Red-breasted Nuthatch	r / W	
White-breasted Nuthatch	r / W	
CREEPERS		
Brown Creeper	r / W	
WRENS		
Bewick's Wren	c / B	