

A checklist of the
Birds
of Fresno
and Madera
Counties

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Species and Recognizable Forms	Status	Habitat	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
Anatidae: Ducks, Geese, and Swans						
Fulvous Whistling-Duck	Ex	Ma,Wa	R	R	R	
Greater White-fronted Goose		Ma,Wa,Ag	R		R	U
Snow Goose		Ma,Wa,Ag	R		R	U
Ross's Goose		Ma,Wa,Ag	R		R	U
Brant	Va	Wa	X			
Cackling Goose						
"Minima"		Ma,Wa,Ag	R		R	U
"Aleutian"		Ma,Wa,Ag	R		R	R
Canada Goose	Br					
Resident "Western"	Br	Ma,Wa,Ag	FC	FC	FC	FC
Migratory "Western"		Ma,Wa,Ag	U		U	FC
"Lesser"		Ma,Wa,Ag	R		R	R
Tundra Swan		Ma,Wa				R
Wood Duck	Br	Ma,Wa	U	U	U	U
Gadwall	Br	Ma,Wa	FC	FC	FC	FC
Eurasian Wigeon	Va	Ma,Wa	X		X	X
American Wigeon		Ma,Wa	U	X	U	C
Mallard	Br	Ma,Wa	FC	FC	FC	C
Blue-winged Teal	Br	Ma,Wa	R	X	R	R
Cinnamon Teal	Br	Ma,Wa	U	U	U	F
Northern Shoveler		Ma,Wa	FC	R	FC	C
Northern Pintail		Ma,Wa	U	X	U	FC
Garganey	Va	Ma,Wa				X
Green-winged Teal						
"American"		Ma,Wa	U	X	U	FC
"Eurasian"	Va	Ma,Wa				X
Canvasback		Wa	U		U	FC
Redhead	Br	Ma,Wa	R	R	R	U
Ring-necked Duck	PBr	Ma,Wa	U	X	UC	UC
Tufted Duck	Va	Wa				X
Greater Scaup		Wa			X	R
Lesser Scaup		Wa	R	X	R	U
Harlequin Duck	Ex	Wa	R	R	R	X
Surf Scoter	Va	Wa				X
White-winged Scoter	Va	Wa			X	X
Long-tailed Duck	Va	Ma,Wa		X	X	X
Bufflehead		Ma,Wa	U		R	C
Common Goldeneye		Wa	R	X	R	U
Barrow's Goldeneye		Wa	R		R	R
Hooded Merganser		Ma,Wa	R	X	R	U
Common Merganser	Br	Wa	R	R	U	FC
Red-breasted Merganser	Va	Wa	X			X
Ruddy Duck	Br	Ma,Wa	FC	U	FC	C
Phasianidae: Pheasants, Grouse, and Turkeys						
Chukar	In,Br	Gr,Sc	R	R	R	R
Ring-necked Pheasant	In,Br	Gr,Ma,Ag	R	R	R	R
White-tailed Ptarmigan	In,Br	Al	R	R	R	R
Sooty Grouse	Br	Fo	U	U	U	U
Wild Turkey	In,Br	Wo	U	U	U	U
Odontophoridae: New World Quail						
Mountain Quail	Br	Fo	FC	FC	F	FC
California Quail	Br	Wo,Ri,Ag,Sc	C	C	C	C

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Gaviidae: Loons						
Red-throated Loon	Va	Wa	X			X
Pacific Loon	Va	Wa		X	X	
Common Loon		Wa	X		X	R
Podicipedidae: Grebes						
Pied-billed Grebe	Br	Ma,Wa	FC	FC	FC	C
Horned Grebe		Wa	X		X	X
Red-necked Grebe	Va	Wa	X			X
Eared Grebe	Br	Ma,Wa	FC	U	FC	C
Western Grebe	Br	Ma,Wa	FC	U	FC	C
Clark's Grebe	Br	Ma,Wa	FC	U	FC	C
Pelecanidae: Pelicans						
American White Pelican		Ma,Wa	U		U	U
Brown Pelican	Va	Wa		X	X	
Phalacrocoracidae: Cormorants						
Brandt's Cormorant	Va		X			
Double-crested Cormorant	Br	Ma,Wa	U	U	U	FC
Ardeidae: Bitterns, Herons, and Egrets						
American Bittern	Br	Ma	R	R	R	R
Least Bittern	Ex	Ma	R	R	R	
Great Blue Heron	Br	Ma,Wa,Ri,Ag,Gr	FC	U	FC	C
Great Egret	Br	Ma,Wa,Ri,Ag,Gr	FC	U	FC	C
Snowy Egret	Br	Ma,Wa,Ri,Ag,Gr	U	R	U	FC
Cattle Egret	Br	Ma, Ag, Gr	U	U	U	F
Green Heron	Br	Ma,Wa,Ri	U	U	U	U
Black-crowned Night-Heron	Br	Ma,Wa,Ri,Ag	FC	U	FC	FC
Threskiornithidae: Ibises and Spoonbills						
White-faced Ibis	Br	Ma,Ag	FC	FC	FC	C
Roseate Spoonbill	Va	Ma			X	
Ciconiidae: Storks						
Wood Stork	Va	Ma		X	X	
Cathartidae: New World Vultures						
Turkey Vulture	Br	Widespread	FC	FC	C	FC
California Condor	Ex	Wo,Gr	R	R	R	R
Accipitridae: Hawks and Allies						
Osprey	Br	Wa,Ri,Fo	R	R	R	R
White-tailed Kite	Br	Ma,Gr,Ag	U	U	U	FC
Bald Eagle	Br	Wa,Ma	U	R	U	U
Northern Harrier	Br	Ma,Gr,Ag	U	U	U	FC
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Br	Widespread	U	R	U	FC
Cooper's Hawk	Br	Widespread	U	U	U	FC
Northern Goshawk	Br	Fo	R	R	R	R
Red-shouldered Hawk	Br	Ri,Wo,De	FC	FC	FC	FC
Swainson's Hawk	Br	Ag,Ri,Gr	U	FC	FC	X
Red-tailed Hawk						
"Western"	Br	Widespread	C	C	C	C
"Harlan's"	Va	Gr,Ag				X
Ferruginous Hawk		Gr,Ag	U		U	U
Rough-legged Hawk		Gr,Ag	X		X	X
Golden Eagle	Br	Gr,Wo	R	R	R	R

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Falconidae: Falcons						
American Kestrel	Br	Widespread	FC	U	FC	C
Merlin						
"Taiga"		Widespread	R		R	R
"Prairie"		Widespread			X	X
"Black"		Widespread				X
Peregrine Falcon	Br	Fo,Cl,Ma,Wa	R	R	R	R
Prairie Falcon	Br	Gr,Ag,Sc,Cl	R	R	R	R
Rallidae: Rails, Gallinules, and Coots						
Virginia Rail	Br	Ma	U	U	U	FC
Sora	Br	Ma	U	U	U	U
Common Moorhen	Br	Ma,Wa	U	U	U	U
American Coot	Br	Ma,Wa,Mu,Gr	C	C	C	C
Gruidae: Cranes						
Sandhill Crane		Ag,Ma,Gr	U		U	U
Charadriidae: Plovers						
Black-bellied Plover		Mu	U		U	U
Pacific Golden-Plover		Mu	X		X	X
Snowy Plover		Mu	X	X	X	
Semipalmated Plover		Mu	R		R	R
Killdeer	Br	Widespread	C	FC	C	C
Mountain Plover		Ag,Gr	R		R	R
Recurvirostridae: Stilts and Avocets						
Black-necked Stilt	Br	Ma,Mu	FC	FC	FC	FC
American Avocet	Br	Ma,Mu	U	U	U	U
Scolopacidae: Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies						
Spotted Sandpiper	Br	Mu,Ma,Ri	U	U	U	U
Solitary Sandpiper	Va	Mu,Ma	X		X	
Greater Yellowlegs		Mu,Ma,Ag	FC	X	FC	FC
Willet		Mu,Ma	R	X	R	
Lesser Yellowlegs		Mu,Ma,Ag	U	X	U	X
Whimbrel		Ag,Gr,Mu	U	R	U	
Long-billed Curlew		Ag,Gr,Mu	C	R	C	C
Marbled Godwit		Mu	R		R	X
Ruddy Turnstone	Va	Mu			X	
Surf-bird	Va	Ag,Mu	X			
Red Knot	Va	Mu	X		X	
Sanderling	Va	Mu	X		X	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	Va	Mu	X		X	
Western Sandpiper		Mu	FC	R	FC	R
Least Sandpiper		Mu,Ma	C	R	C	C
Baird's Sandpiper		Mu	X		R	
Pectoral Sandpiper		Mu			R	
Dunlin		Mu,Ma,Ag,Gr	FC		FC	FC
Stilt Sandpiper	Va	Mu			X	
Ruff	Va	Mu	X		X	
Short-billed Dowitcher		Mu	U		FC	
Long-billed Dowitcher		Mu	C	U	C	C
Wilson's Snipe		Ma,Mu,Gr	U		U	U
Wilson's Phalarope	PBr	Wa,Mu	U	FC	C	
Red-necked Phalarope		Wa,Mu	U	U	FC	
Red Phalarope	Va	Wa				X

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Laridae: Gulls and Terns						
Franklin's Gull	Va	Wa,Mu	X		X	
Bonaparte's Gull		Wa,Mu	U	R	U	R
Mew Gull		Wa				R
Ring-billed Gull		Widespread	C	R	C	C
California Gull		Widespread	C	R	C	C
Herring Gull		Wa,Mu,Ag	U		U	FC
Thayer's Gull		Wa,Mu,Ag	R		R	R
Glaucous-winged Gull	Va	Wa,Mu,Ag				X
Glaucous-winged X Herring Gull		Wa,Mu,Ag	R		R	R
Glaucous Gull	Va	Wa,Mu,Ag	X			
Sabine's Gull	Va	Wa,Mu	X		X	
Least Tern	Va	Wa,Mu		X		
Caspian Tern		Wa,Mu,Ma	U	U	U	R
Black Tern	Br	Wa,Ma	U	R	U	
Common Tern	Va	Wa	X		X	
Forster's Tern	PBr	Wa,Mu	U	R	U	U
Stercorariidae: Skuas and Jaegers						
Parasitic Jaeger	Va	Wa			X	
Columbidae: Pigeons and Doves						
Rock Pigeon	In,Br	De,Ag	C	C	C	C
Band-tailed Pigeon	Br,Ir	Fo,Wo	U	U	U	U
Eurasian Collared-Dove	In,PBr	De	R	R	R	R
Spotted Dove	In,Br	De	U	U	U	U
White-winged Dove	Va	De			X	
Mourning Dove	Br	Widespread	C	C	C	C
Cuculidae: Cuckoos and Roadrunners						
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Ex	Ri		R		
Greater Roadrunner	Br	Wo,Sc	U	U	U	U
Tytonidae: Barn Owls						
Barn Owl	Br	Widespread	C	C	C	C
Strigidae: Typical Owls						
Flammulated Owl	Br	Fo,Wo	R	R	R	
Western Screech-Owl	Br	Wo,Fo	FC	FC	FC	FC
Great Horned Owl	Br	Widespread	C	C	C	C
Northern Pygmy-Owl	Br	Fo,Wo	U	U	U	U
Burrowing Owl	Br	Gr,Ag	U	U	U	U
Spotted Owl	Br	Fo,Wo	U	U	U	U
Great Gray Owl	Br	Fo	R	R	R	R
Long-eared Owl	Br	Wo	R	R	R	U
Short-eared Owl	Br	Gr,Ag	R	R	R	R
Northern Saw-whet Owl	Br	Fo,Wo	R	R	R	R
Caprimulgidae: Nighthawks						
Lesser Nighthawk	Br	Gr,Ag,Ri	U	U	U	
Common Nighthawk	Br	Fo		U		
Common Poorwill	Br	Wo,Sc	U	U	FC	R
Apodidae: Swifts						
Black Swift	Br	Al,Fo,Cl	R	R	R	
Vaux's Swift	Br	Al,Fo	U	R	U	X
White-throated Swift	Br	Al,Cl	FC	U	F	FC

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Trochilidae: Hummingbirds						
Black-chinned Hummingbird	Br	Ri,Wo,De	FC	FC	U	
Anna's Hummingbird	Br	Widespread	C	C	C	C
Costa's Hummingbird	PBr	Sc,Wo,De	R	R	R	R
Calliope Hummingbird	Br	Fo,Wo,De	U	U	R	
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	Va	Wo			X	
Rufous Hummingbird		Fo,Wo,Ri,De	U	R	FC	U
Alcedinidae: Kingfishers						
Belted Kingfisher	Br	Ri,Wa,Ma	FC	FC	FC	FC
Picidae: Woodpeckers						
Lewis's Woodpecker	Ir	Wo,Ri	U		U	U
Acorn Woodpecker	Br	Wo,Ri,De	C	C	C	C
Williamson's Sapsucker	Br	Fo	U	U	U	U
Red-naped Sapsucker	Va	Fo,Wo	X		X	X
Red-naped X Red-breasted Sapsucker	Va	Fo,Wo	X		X	X
Red-breasted Sapsucker	Br	Fo,Wo,Ri,De	FC	U	FC	FC
Nuttall's Woodpecker	Br	Wo,Ri,De	C	C	C	C
Downy Woodpecker	Br	Ri,Wo,Fo,De	U	U	U	U
Hairy Woodpecker	Br	Fo,Wo,Ri,De	FC	FC	FC	FC
White-headed Woodpecker	Br	Fo,Wo	FC	FC	FC	FC
Black-backed Woodpecker	Br	Fo	R	R	R	R
Northern Flicker						
"Red-shafted"	Br	Widespread	C	FC	C	C
"Red-shafted" X "Yellow-shafted"		Widespread	R		R	R
"Yellow-shafted"		Widespread			X	X
Pileated Woodpecker	Br	Fo	U	U	U	U
Tyrannidae: Tyrant Flycatchers						
Olive-sided Flycatcher	Br	Fo	FC	FC	FC	
Western Wood-Pewee	Br	Fo,Wo,Ri	FC	FC	FC	
Willow Flycatcher	Br	Ri,Wo	R	R	U	
Least Flycatcher	Va	Fo			X	
Hammond's Flycatcher	Br	Fo,Wo,Ri	U	FC	U	X
Gray Flycatcher	Br	Wo	U	R	R	
Dusky Flycatcher	Br	Fo,Wo,Ri	U	FC	U	
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	Br	Fo,Wo,Ri	U	U	U	X
Black Phoebe	Br	Widespread	C	C	C	C
Eastern Phoebe	Va	Ri	X		X	X
Say's Phoebe	Br	Gr,Sc,Ag	FC	R	FC	C
Vermilion Flycatcher	Va	Ri,Wo,De	X		X	X
Ash-throated Flycatcher	Br	Wo,Ri	C	C	FC	X
Cassin's Kingbird	PBr	Wo,Gr	R	R	R	X
Western Kingbird	Br	Wo,Ag,Gr	C	C	FC	
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	Va	De		X		
Laniidae: Shrikes						
Loggerhead Shrike	Br	Gr,Ag	FC	U	F	FC
Northern Shrike	Va	Gr,Ag			X	X
Vireonidae: Vireos						
Bell's Vireo	Ex	Ri	R	R	R	X
Cassin's Vireo	Br	Fo,Wo,Ri	U	U	U	X
Hutton's Vireo	Br	Wo,Fo,Ri	U	U	U	U
Warbling Vireo	Br	Fo,Wo,Ri	FC	FC	U	

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Corvidae: Jays, Magpies, and Crows						
Steller's Jay	Br	Fo,Wo	C	C	C	C
Western Scrub-Jay	Br	Wo,De,Ri,Sc,	C	C	C	C
Pinyon Jay	Va	Fo			X	
Clark's Nutcracker	Br	Fo	U	U	U	U
Black-billed Magpie	Va	Fo	X		X	X
Yellow-billed Magpie	Br	Wo,Gr	U	U	U	U
American Crow	Br	De,Ag,Ri	C	C	C	C
Common Raven	Br	Fo,Wo,Gr,Ag	C	C	C	C
Alaudidae: Larks						
Horned Lark	Br	Gr,Ag	FC	U	FC	C
Hirundinidae: Swallows						
Purple Martin	Br,Ir	Fo,Ai	R	R	R	
Tree Swallow	Br	Ri,Ma,Wa,Ai	C	C	FC	FC
Violet-green Swallow	Br	Wo,Fo,Ai	C	C	FC	U
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	Br	Wo,Ri,De,Ai	FC	FC	U	X
Bank Swallow		Ai	X	X	X	
Cliff Swallow	Br	Widespread,Ci,Ai	C	C	FC	R
Barn Swallow	Br	Widespread,Ai	C	C	FC	R
Paridae: Chickadees and Titmice						
Mountain Chickadee	Br	Fo	C	C	C	C
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	PBr	Fo,Ri	R	R	R	R
Oak Titmouse	Br	Wo,Ri	C	C	C	C
Aegithalidae: Long-tailed Tits (Bushtit)						
Bushtit	Br	Wo,Ri,De	C	C	C	C
Sittidae: Nuthatches						
Red-breasted Nuthatch	Br	Fo,Wo,Ri,De	C	C	C	C
White-breasted Nuthatch	Br	Wo,Fo,Ri	C	C	C	C
Pygmy Nuthatch	Br	Fo	R	R	R	R
Certhiidae: Creepers						
Brown Creeper	Br	Fo,Wo,Ri,De	C	C	C	C
Troglodytidae: Wrens						
Rock Wren	Br	Ci	FC	FC	FC	FC
Canyon Wren	Br	Ci	U	U	U	U
Bewick's Wren	Br	Wo,Ri,Sc,De	C	C	C	C
House Wren	Br	Wo,Ri,Sc	FC	FC	FC	U
Winter Wren	Br	Fo,Ri	U	U	U	U
Marsh Wren	Br	Ma	FC	FC	FC	FC
Cinclidae: Dippers						
American Dipper	Br	Wa	U	U	U	U
Regulidae: Kinglets						
Golden-crowned Kinglet	Br	Fo,Wo,Ri	C	C	C	C
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Br	Widespread	C	U	C	C
Sylviidae: Gnatcatchers						
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Br	Wo,Sc,Ri	U	U	U	R
Turdidae: Thrushes						
Western Bluebird	Br	Wo,Ri,Fo,Gr	FC	FC	FC	FC
Mountain Bluebird	Br	Fo,Gr,Ag	U	R	U	U
Townsend's Solitaire	Br	Fo,Wo,Ri	U	U	U	R

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Fringillidae: Finches						
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	Br	Al,Cl	U	U	U	R
Pine Grosbeak	Br	Fo	R	R	R	R
Purple Finch	Br	Fo,Wo,Ri	FC	FC	FC	FC
Cassin's Finch	Br	Fo,Wo	FC	FC	FC	FC
House Finch	Br	Widespread	C	C	C	C
Red Crossbill	Br,Ir	Fo,Ri,Wo,De	U	U	U	U
Pine Siskin	Br,Ir	Fo,Wo,Ri,De	FC	FC	F	FC
Lesser Goldfinch	Br	Widespread	FC	FC	FC	FC
Lawrence's Goldfinch	Br,Ir	Wo,Sc	U	U	U	R
American Goldfinch	Br	Widespread	C	C	C	C
Evening Grosbeak	Br,Ir	Fo,Wo,Ri	U	U	U	U
Passeridae: Old World Sparrows						
House Sparrow	In,Br	De,Ag	C	C	C	C

Species reported but lacking sufficient documentation

Magnificent Frigatebird
 Broad-winged Hawk
 American Golden-Plover
 White-rumped Sandpiper
 Allen's Hummingbird
 Plumbeous Vireo
 Red-eyed Vireo
 Bobolink

Key To Status Codes

Br	Confirmed breeder in Fresno and/or Madera County in recent years: observations of nests with eggs or young, adults carrying food to young, or recently fledged young.
Pbr	Probable or possible breeder in Fresno and/or Madera County: repeated observations of singing males in same area, pairs holding territories, courtship or territorial displays, or bird(s) present in appropriate habitat and season.
Ex	Extirpated: occurred regularly in the indicated seasons historically but no longer does so.
In	Introduced: nonnative.
Ir	Irregular: status varies annually from rare to common; may be absent some years.
Va	Vagrant: outside normal range.

Key To Habitat Codes

Ag	Agricultural lands: also includes berms at sewage and groundwater recharge ponds, canal levees, and landfills.
Ai	Airways: over many terrestrial and aquatic habitats.
Al	Alpine: meadows and snow fields above tree line.
Cl	Cliffs: includes rock outcrops, rockpiles, tallus, rocky canyons, dams, bridges, and buildings.
De	Developed areas: cities, suburbs, and city parks.
Fo	Forests: conifer forests, mostly above 4000'.
Gr	Grasslands: pastures, annual and perennial grasslands, mountain meadows, and weed fields.
Ma	Marsh: fresh emergent wetlands dominated by cattail, bulrush, sedges, and/or rushes.
Mu	Mudflats.
Ri	Riparian: cottonwood, willow, sycamore, alder, and other vegetation types along rivers, lakes, and streams.
Sc	Scrub: includes chaparral, saltbush, iodine bush, ephedra, and brush piles.
Wa	Water: open water at reservoirs, lakes, ponds, rivers, and creeks.
Wo	Woodlands: oak and oak-pine woodlands, including oak savannah, mostly below 4000'.

Key To Abundance Codes

C	Common: present in large numbers.
FC	Fairly common: present in moderate numbers.
U	Uncommon: present in small numbers.
R	Rare: present in very small numbers: often highly localized.
X	Casual: usually three or fewer occurrences per season; may not be present every year.

Key To Seasons

Sp	Spring: March-May
Su	Summer: June-July
Fa	Fall: August-November
Wi	Winter: December-February

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