

Checklist of Birds of MCBG

Seasons _____ W Sp S F

Swans, Geese, and Ducks				
Canada Goose	c	c	c	c
Cackling Goose	r	r		r
Brant	u	fc		u
Wood Duck	u	u	u	u
Mallard	c	c	c	c
Blue-winged Teal	x	x		x
Northern Pintail	u	u		u
Ring-necked Duck	fc	fc		fc
Greater Scaip	fc	fc		fc
Surf Scoter	c	c	r	c
White-winged Scoter	u	u		u
Bufflehead	c	c		c
Hooded Merganser	r			r
Common Merganser	fc	fc	fc	fc
Red-breasted Merganser	fc	fc	x	fc
Grouse, Turkeys, and Quail				
Wild Turkey	c	c	c	c
California Quail	c	c	c	c
Loons				
Red-throated Loon	c	c	r	c
Pacific Loon	c	c	u	c
Common Loon	c	c	u	c
Grebes				
Horned Grebe	fc	fc		fc
Red-necked Grebe	u	u		u
Eared Grebe	fc	fc		fc
Western Grebe	c	c	r	c
Shearwaters and Petrels				
Northern Fulmar	r	r		r
Sooty Shearwater	r	r	r	u
Pelicans				
Brown Pelican	r	fc	c	fc
Cormorants				
Brandt's Cormorant	c	c	c	c
Double-crested Cormorant	c	c	r	c
Pelagic Cormorant	c	c	c	c
Hérons, Egrets, and Bitterns				
Great Blue Heron	c	c	c	c
Great Egret	fc	fc	r	fc
Snowy Egret	u	u	x	u
Green Heron	x	u	u	u
American Vultures				
Turkey Vulture	fc	c	c	c

Kites, Hawks, and Eagles				
Osprey	r	fc	fc	fc
White-tailed Kite	u	u	u	u
Northern Harrier	u	u	u	u
Sharp-shinned Hawk	fc	fc	u	fc
Cooper's Hawk	u	u	r	u
Red-shouldered Hawk	fc	fc	fc	fc
Red-tailed Hawk	c	c	fc	c
Falcons				
American Kestrel	c	c	u	c
Merlin	r	r		r
Peregrine Falcon	u	r	x	u
Rails, Gallinules and Coots				
Virginia Rail	u	u	r	u
American Coot	c	c	r	c
Plovers				
Semipalmated Plover	r	fc	x	fc
Killdeer	c	c	fc	c
Oystercatcher				
Black Oystercatcher	c	c	c	c
Sandpipers & Phalaropes				
Greater Yellowlegs	fc	fc		fc
Wandering Tattler	r	u		u
Spotted Sandpiper	u	u	r	u
Whimbrel	fc	fc	r	fc
Marbled Godwit	r	u		u
Ruddy Turnstone	r	u		u
Black Turnstone	c	c	x	c
Surfbird	fc	fc		fc
Least Sandpiper	u	c		c
Pectoral Sandpiper				u
Wilson's Snipe	u	u		u
Red-necked Phalarope	u	r		u
Red Phalarope	r	u	x	u
Gulls and Terns				
Bonaparte's Gull	r	u	x	u
Heermann's Gull	x	x	fc	fc
Mew Gull	fc	fc	x	fc
California Gull	c	c	r	c
Herring Gull	fc	fc	r	fc
Thayer's Gull	r	r		r
Western Gull	c	c	c	c
Glaucous-winged Gull	fc	fc	u	fc
Black-legged Kittiwake	r	r		r
Caspian Tern	u	r		u

Auks, Murres and Puffins	
Common Murre	c c c c
Pigeon Guillemot	x fc fc fc
Marbled Murrelet	r r r u
Rhinoceros Auklet	u u u u
Pigeons and Doves	
Rock Pigeon	u u u u
Band-tailed Pigeon	u u u u
Mourning Dove	c c c c
Owls	
Northern Pygmy-Owl	r r r r
Swifts	
Vaux's Swift	u u u
Hummingbirds	
Anna's Hummingbird	c c c c
Rufous Hummingbird	r
Allen's Hummingbird	c c fc
Kingfishers	
Belted Kingfisher	fc fc fc fc
Woodpeckers	
Acorn Woodpecker	fc fc fc fc
Red-breasted Sapsucker	u u r u
Downy Woodpecker	fc fc fc fc
Hairy Woodpecker	u u u u
Northern Flicker	c c c c
Pileated Woodpecker	r r r r
Tyrant Flycatchers	
Olive-sided Flycatcher	fc fc fc
Western Wood-Pewee	fc fc fc
Willow Flycatcher	x r
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	c c c
Black Phoebe	fc fc u c
Say's Phoebe	r r r
Ash-throated Flycatcher	x
Vireos	
Cassin's Vireo	x
Hutton's Vireo	fc fc fc fc
Warbling Vireo	fc fc fc
Jays and Crows	
Steller's Jay	c c c c
Western Scrub-Jay	fc fc fc fc
Common Raven	c c c c
Swallows	
Purple Martin	r r r
Tree Swallow	r fc fc fc
Violet-green Swallow	c c c

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N. Rough-winged Swallow	u u u
Cliff Swallow	fc fc fc
Barn Swallow	c c c
Chickadees and Bushtits	
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	c c c c
Bushtit	c c c c
Nuthatches	
Red-breasted Nuthatch	u r x r
Pygmy Nuthatch	fc fc fc fc
Creepers	
Brown Creeper	fc fc fc fc
Wrens	
Winter Wren	fc fc fc fc
Marsh Wren	fc fc fc fc
Kinglets	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	c c c c
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	c c c
Thrushes and Babblers	
Swainson's Thrush	fc c fc
Hermit Thrush	c c c
American Robin	c c c c
Varied Thrush	fc fc x fc
Wrentit	c c c c
Mockingbirds and Thrashers	
Northern Mockingbird	u u u u
Starlings	
European Starling	c c c c
Pipits and Waxwings	
American Pipit	fc fc fc
Cedar Waxwing	fc fc u fc
Warblers, Sparrows, Blackbirds & Allies	
Orange-crowned Warbler	x fc fc fc
Nashville Warbler	x
Yellow Warbler	r x u
Chestnut-sided Warbler	x
Yellow-rumped Warbler	c c c
Black-throated Gray Warbler	x
Townsend's Warbler	u u u
Hermit Warbler	r r r
Palm Warbler	x x
American Redstart	x
MacGillivray's Warbler	r r
Common Yellowthroat	x u r u
Wilson's Warbler	fc fc fc
Western Tanager	x fc fc fc
Spotted Towhee	fc fc fc fc

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Lark Sparrow				x
Savannah Sparrow	c	c	c	c
Fox Sparrow	fc	fc		fc
Song Sparrow	c	c	c	c
Lincoln's Sparrow	u	u		u
White-crowned Sparrow	c	c	c	c
Golden-crowned Sparrow	fc	fc		fc
Dark-eyed Junco	fc	fc	u	fc
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	x	x	x	x
Black-headed Grosbeak		u	u	u
Red-winged Blackbird	c	c	c	c
Western Meadowlark	c	c	r	c
Brewer's Blackbird	c	c	c	c
Brown-headed Cowbird		c	c	c
Hooded Oriole				x
Bullock's Oriole		r		r
Finches				
Purple Finch	fc	fc	fc	fc
House Finch	c	c	c	c
Red Crossbill	r	r	r	r
Pine Siskin	c	c	fc	c
Lesser Goldfinch		r		r
American Goldfinch	r	c	c	c
Old World Sparrows				
House Sparrow	c	c	c	c

Seasons:

W: winter (Dec, Jan, Feb) Sp: spring (Mar, Apr, May)

S: summer (June, July)* F: fall (Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov)

*For shore birds S: summer (Mid May, June)

F: fall (July, Aug, Sept)

Abundance Codes:

c : common r: rare

fc : fairly common x: extremely rare

u : uncommon

The birds listed have been observed in the Gardens; abundance codes reflect their distribution in the Mendocino Coast area, rather than the Gardens only. Please report any observations of birds not listed.

This list was compiled based on monthly bird walks sponsored by the Mendocino Coast Audubon Society & draws heavily on Robert Keiffer's 2005 "Field Checklist of the Birds of Mendocino County" & Dorothy Tobkin's "A Checklist of Birds Seen at MacKerricher State Park", April 2006.