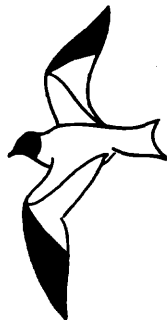


# WESTERN BIRDS



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## CHECKLIST OF CALIFORNIA BIRDS – 1986

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This is the official California state checklist of birds as compiled by the Western Field Ornithologists' California Bird Records Committee (hereafter CBRC; see names of members in Acknowledgments). Several developments have rendered the last state checklist (Jones et al. 1981) obsolete. The American Ornithologists' Union (hereafter AOU) has published its Sixth Edition of the *Check-list of North American Birds* (AOU 1983) and its Thirty-fifth Supplement (AOU 1985), which contain numerous taxonomic innovations that were not, and could not have been, anticipated by Jones et al. (1981). In addition, the CBRC has eliminated the "unresolved category" of the state list, reevaluated most records of the species therein, and compiled a new list for all submitted species judged unacceptable for the state list (see Unaccepted Species). Finally, since 1981 a number of species have been added to or deleted from the state list.

*Methods.* Details on individual records of species mentioned in this introduction and in the unaccepted species list are either unpublished or may be found in the CBRC reports (3rd-9th) indicated in parentheses. Scientific names not in this introduction may be found on the state or unaccepted species lists.

The taxonomy of the AOU (1983, 1985) is followed without exception. For a comparison of the Sixth Edition (AOU 1983) with the Fifth (AOU 1957) and its supplements, see DeBenedictis (1983).

On the state list those seven species marked "I" have been introduced and subsequently become established as viable populations. The two species marked "E" formerly occurred naturally in the state but have since become extirpated. The 137 species indicated by an asterisk (\*) are on the committee review list; in most cases, they have averaged four or fewer records per year over the last 10-year period. The CBRC requests documentation for all past unreviewed and future records of these species and of the subspecies Red-eyed (Yellow-green) Vireo (*Vireo olivaceus flavoviridis*), the species pair White Wagtail/Black-backed Wagtail, and the hybrid combination Blue-winged Warbler X Golden-winged Warbler.

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*State list.* Jones et al. (1981) listed 541 species for California. Since then 20 species have been added on the basis of records judged acceptable by the CBRC: Anhinga (CBRC 9th report), Whooper Swan (9), American Black Duck (unpublished), Steller's Eider (8), Smew (7), Common Black-Hawk (9), Spotted Redshank (8), Gray-tailed Tattler (6), Little Curlew (9), Little Stint (9), Sooty Tern (8), Kittlitz's Murrelet (7), Least Auklet (6), Barred Owl (7), White-collared Swift (8), Ruby-throated Hummingbird (9), Brown Shrike (unpublished), Black-backed Wagtail (7), Rustic Bunting (9), and Brambling (9).

Elevation to species rank by the AOU (1985) has resulted in the addition of two other species: Clark's Grebe and Red-naped Sapsucker. The same publication separated Pacific Loon (*Gavia pacifica*) from Arctic Loon (*G. arctica*). In California the former is a common species; the latter, a largely Eurasian species, is unrecorded but perhaps expected, as *G. a. viridigularis* has been reported as far south as British Columbia in winter (AOU 1983).

Three species accepted by Jones et al. (1981) subsequently have been deleted and then readded: Cook's Petrel (deleted 7, readded 9), Yellow Wagtail (deleted 6, readded 8), and White Wagtail (deleted 6, readded 9). Finally, one species has been deleted: Acadian Flycatcher (7).

The above changes bring the California state list up to 562, a net increase of 21 species.

*Unresolved category.* The CBRC has reevaluated most records of the eight species formerly placed in the "unresolved category" (Jones et al. 1981) of the state list, with the following results: Cape Petrel, Black Vulture, Black-tailed Gull, and Green Violet-ear have been relegated to the unaccepted species list. Records for the Ringed Turtle-Dove (*Streptopelia risoria*) are pending. Records for Kittlitz's Murrelet and American Black Duck were rejected (3) previous to Jones et al. (1981) but have subsequently been accepted (7 and unpublished, respectively), and the species readded to the state list. Anhinga has been added (9) to the state list on the basis of a recent record.

*Pending species.* Records of 13 species not on the state list are currently pending before the CBRC (5 of these, based on other records, are on the unaccepted species list): Solander's Petrel (*Pterodroma solandri*), Townsend's Shearwater (*Puffinus auricularis*), Barnacle Goose (*Branta leucopsis*), White-tailed Ptarmigan (*Lagopus leucurus*; introduced), Common Ringed Plover (*Charadrius hiaticula*), Iceland Gull, Swallow-tailed Gull (*Creagrus furcatus*), Ringed Turtle-Dove (*Streptopelia risoria*; introduced), Ruddy Ground-Dove, Boreal Owl (*Aegolius funereus*), Magnificent Hummingbird, Three-toed Woodpecker, and Alder Flycatcher.

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GAVIIDAE

Red-throated Loon

*Gavia stellata*

Pacific Loon

*Gavia pacifica*

Common Loon

*Gavia immer*

\*Yellow-billed Loon

*Gavia adamsii*

PODICIPEDIDAE

\*Least Grebe

*Tachybaptus dominicus*

Pied-billed Grebe

*Podilymbus podiceps*

Horned Grebe

*Podiceps auritus*

Red-necked Grebe

*Podiceps grisegena*

Eared Grebe

*Podiceps nigricollis*

Western Grebe

*Aechmophorus occidentalis*

Clark's Grebe

*Aechmophorus clarkii*

DIOMEDEIDAE

\*Wandering Albatross

*Diomedea exulans*

\*Short-tailed Albatross

*Diomedea albatrus*

Black-footed Albatross

*Diomedea nigripes*

Laysan Albatross

*Diomedea immutabilis*

PROCELLARIIDAE

Northern Fulmar

*Fulmarus glacialis*

\*Mottled Petrel

*Pterodroma inexpectata*

\*Cook's Petrel

*Pterodroma cookii*

\*Stejneger's Petrel

*Pterodroma longirostris*

\*Streaked Shearwater

*Calonectris leucomelas*

Pink-footed Shearwater

*Puffinus creatopus*

Flesh-footed Shearwater

*Puffinus carneipes*

\*Greater Shearwater

*Puffinus gravis*

Buller's Shearwater

*Puffinus bulleri*

Sooty Shearwater

*Puffinus griseus*

Short-tailed Shearwater

*Puffinus tenuirostris*

Black-vented Shearwater

*Puffinus opisthomelas*

HYDROBATIDAE

\*Wilson's Storm-Petrel

*Oceanites oceanicus*

Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel

*Oceanodroma furcata*

Leach's Storm-Petrel

*Oceanodroma leucorhoa*

Ashy Storm-Petrel

*Oceanodroma homochroa*

\*Band-rumped Storm-Petrel

*Oceanodroma castro*

\*Wedge-rumped Storm-Petrel

*Oceanodroma tethys*

Black Storm-Petrel

*Oceanodroma melania*

Least Storm-Petrel

*Oceanodroma microsoma*

PHAETHONTIDAE

\*White-tailed Tropicbird

*Phaethon lepturus*

Red-billed Tropicbird

*Phaethon aethereus*

\*Red-tailed Tropicbird

*Phaethon rubricauda*

SULIDAE

\*Masked Booby

*Sula dactylatra*

Blue-footed Booby

*Sula nebouxii*

\*Brown Booby

*Sula leucogaster*

\*Red-footed Booby

*Sula sula*

PELECANIDAE

American White Pelican

*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*

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Brown Pelican  
*Pelecanus occidentalis*

PHALACROCORACIDAE

Double-crested Cormorant  
*Phalacrocorax auritus*

\*Olivaceous Cormorant  
*Phalacrocorax olivaceus*

Brandt's Cormorant  
*Phalacrocorax penicillatus*

Pelagic Cormorant  
*Phalacrocorax pelagicus*

ANHINGIDAE

\*Anhinga  
*Anhinga anhinga*

FREGATIDAE

Magnificent Frigatebird  
*Fregata magnificens*

ARDEIDAE

American Bittern  
*Botaurus lentiginosus*

Least Bittern  
*Ixobrychus exilis*

Great Blue Heron  
*Ardea herodias*

Great Egret  
*Casmerodius albus*

Snowy Egret  
*Egretta thula*

Little Blue Heron  
*Egretta caerulea*

Tricolored Heron  
*Egretta tricolor*

\*Reddish Egret  
*Egretta rufescens*

Cattle Egret  
*Bubulcus ibis*

Green-backed Heron  
*Butorides striatus*

Black-crowned Night-Heron  
*Nycticorax nycticorax*

\*Yellow-crowned Night-Heron  
*Nycticorax violaceus*

THRESKIORNITHIDAE

\*White Ibis  
*Eudocimus albus*

White-faced Ibis  
*Plegadis chihi*

Roseate Spoonbill  
*Ajaia ajaja*

CICONIIDAE

Wood Stork  
*Mycteria americana*

ANATIDAE

Fulvous Whistling-Duck  
*Dendrocygna bicolor*

\*Black-bellied Whistling-Duck  
*Dendrocygna autumnalis*

Tundra Swan  
*Cygnus columbianus*

\*Whooper Swan  
*Cygnus cygnus*

\*Trumpeter Swan  
*Cygnus buccinator*

Greater White-fronted Goose  
*Anser albifrons*

Snow Goose  
*Chen caerulescens*

Ross' Goose  
*Chen rossii*

\*Emperor Goose  
*Chen canagica*

Brant  
*Branta bernicla*

Canada Goose  
*Branta canadensis*

Wood Duck  
*Aix sponsa*

Green-winged Teal  
*Anas crecca*

\*Baikal Teal  
*Anas formosa*

\*American Black Duck  
*Anas rubripes*

Mallard  
*Anas platyrhynchos*

Northern Pintail  
*Anas acuta*

\*Garganey  
*Anas querquedula*

Blue-winged Teal  
*Anas discors*

Cinnamon Teal  
*Anas cyanoptera*

Northern Shoveler  
*Anas clypeata*

Gadwall  
*Anas strepera*

Eurasian Wigeon  
*Anas penelope*

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American Wigeon  
*Anas americana*  
 Canvasback  
*Aythya valisineria*  
 Redhead  
*Aythya americana*  
 Ring-necked Duck  
*Aythya collaris*  
 \*Tufted Duck  
*Aythya fuligula*  
 Greater Scaup  
*Aythya marila*  
 Lesser Scaup  
*Aythya affinis*  
 \*King Eider  
*Somateria spectabilis*  
 \*Steller's Eider  
*Polysticta stelleri*  
 Harlequin Duck  
*Histrionicus histrionicus*  
 Oldsquaw  
*Clangula hyemalis*  
 Black Scoter  
*Melanitta nigra*  
 Surf Scoter  
*Melanitta perspicillata*  
 White-winged Scoter  
*Melanitta fusca*  
 Common Goldeneye  
*Bucephala clangula*  
 Barrow's Goldeneye  
*Bucephala islandica*  
 Bufflehead  
*Bucephala albeola*  
 \*Smew  
*Mergellus albellus*  
 Hooded Merganser  
*Lophodytes cucullatus*  
 Common Merganser  
*Mergus merganser*  
 Red-breasted Merganser  
*Mergus serrator*  
 Ruddy Duck  
*Oxyura jamaicensis*

CATHARTIDAE  
 Turkey Vulture  
*Cathartes aura*  
 California Condor  
*Gymnogyps californianus*

ACCIPITRIDAE  
 Osprey  
*Pandion haliaetus*  
 Black-shouldered Kite  
*Elanus caeruleus*  
 \*Mississippi Kite  
*Ictinia mississippiensis*  
 Bald Eagle  
*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*  
 Northern Harrier  
*Circus cyaneus*  
 Sharp-shinned Hawk  
*Accipiter striatus*  
 Cooper's Hawk  
*Accipiter cooperii*  
 Northern Goshawk  
*Accipiter gentilis*  
 \*Common Black-Hawk  
*Buteogallus anthracinus*  
 \*Harris' Hawk  
*Parabuteo unicinctus* E  
 Red-shouldered Hawk  
*Buteo lineatus*  
 Broad-winged Hawk  
*Buteo platypterus*  
 Swainson's Hawk  
*Buteo swainsoni*  
 \*Zone-tailed Hawk  
*Buteo albonotatus*  
 Red-tailed Hawk  
*Buteo jamaicensis*  
 Ferruginous Hawk  
*Buteo regalis*  
 Rough-legged Hawk  
*Buteo lagopus*  
 Golden Eagle  
*Aquila chrysaetos*

FALCONIDAE  
 American Kestrel  
*Falco sparverius*  
 Merlin  
*Falco columbarius*  
 Peregrine Falcon  
*Falco peregrinus*  
 \*Gyr Falcon  
*Falco rusticolus*  
 Prairie Falcon  
*Falco mexicanus*

PHASIANIDAE  
 Chukar  
*Alectoris chukar* 1

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Ring-necked Pheasant  
*Phasianus colchicus* 1  
 Blue Grouse  
*Dendragapus obscurus*  
 Ruffed Grouse  
*Bonasa umbellus*  
 Sage Grouse  
*Centrocercus urophasianus*  
 \*Sharp-tailed Grouse  
*Tympanuchus phasianellus* E  
 Wild Turkey  
*Meleagris gallopavo* 1  
 Gambel's Quail  
*Callipepla gambelii*  
 California Quail  
*Callipepla californica*  
 Mountain Quail  
*Oreortyx pictus*

### RALLIDAE

\*Yellow Rail  
*Coturnicops noveboracensis*  
 Black Rail  
*Laterallus jamaicensis*  
 Clapper Rail  
*Rallus longirostris*  
 Virginia Rail  
*Rallus limicola*  
 Sora  
*Porzana carolina*  
 \*Purple Gallinule  
*Porphyryla martinica*  
 Common Moorhen  
*Gallinula chloropus*  
 American Coot  
*Fulica americana*

### GRUIDAE

Sandhill Crane  
*Grus canadensis*

### CHARADRIIDAE

Black-bellied Plover  
*Pluvialis squatarola*  
 Lesser Golden-Plover  
*Pluvialis dominica*  
 \*Mongolian Plover  
*Charadrius mongolus*  
 Snowy Plover  
*Charadrius alexandrinus*  
 \*Wilson's Plover  
*Charadrius wilsonia*

Semipalmated Plover  
*Charadrius semipalmatus*  
 \*Piping Plover  
*Charadrius melodus*  
 Killdeer  
*Charadrius vociferus*  
 Mountain Plover  
*Charadrius montanus*  
 \*Eurasian Dotterel  
*Charadrius morinellus*

### HAEMATOPODIDAE

\*American Oystercatcher  
*Haematopus palliatus*  
 Black Oystercatcher  
*Haematopus bachmani*

### RECURVIROSTRIDAE

Black-necked Stilt  
*Himantopus mexicanus*  
 American Avocet  
*Recurvirostra americana*

### SCOLOPACIDAE

Greater Yellowlegs  
*Tringa melanoleuca*  
 Lesser Yellowlegs  
*Tringa flavipes*  
 \*Spotted Redshank  
*Tringa erythropus*  
 Solitary Sandpiper  
*Tringa solitaria*  
 Willet  
*Catoptrophorus semipalmatus*  
 Wandering Tattler  
*Heteroscelus incanus*  
 \*Gray-tailed Tattler  
*Heteroscelus brevipes*  
 Spotted Sandpiper  
*Actitis macularia*  
 \*Upland Sandpiper  
*Bartramia longicauda*  
 \*Little Curlew  
*Numenius minutus*  
 Whimbrel  
*Numenius phaeopus*  
 Long-billed Curlew  
*Numenius americanus*  
 \*Hudsonian Godwit  
*Limosa haemastica*  
 \*Bar-tailed Godwit  
*Limosa lapponica*

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- Marbled Godwit  
*Limosa fedoa*  
 Ruddy Turnstone  
*Arenaria interpres*  
 Black Turnstone  
*Arenaria melanocephala*  
 Surfbird  
*Aphriza virgata*  
 Red Knot  
*Calidris canutus*  
 Sanderling  
*Calidris alba*  
 Semipalmated Sandpiper  
*Calidris pusilla*  
 Western Sandpiper  
*Calidris mauri*  
 \*Rufous-necked Stint  
*Calidris ruficollis*  
 \*Little Stint  
*Calidris minima*  
 Least Sandpiper  
*Calidris minutilla*  
 \*White-rumped Sandpiper  
*Calidris fuscicollis*  
 Baird's Sandpiper  
*Calidris bairdii*  
 Pectoral Sandpiper  
*Calidris melanotos*  
 Sharp-tailed Sandpiper  
*Calidris acuminata*  
 Rock Sandpiper  
*Calidris ptilocnemis*  
 Dunlin  
*Calidris alpina*  
 \*Curlew Sandpiper  
*Calidris ferruginea*  
 Stilt Sandpiper  
*Calidris himantopus*  
 \*Buff-breasted Sandpiper  
*Tryngites subruficollis*  
 Ruff  
*Philomachus pugnax*  
 Short-billed Dowitcher  
*Limnodromus griseus*  
 Long-billed Dowitcher  
*Limnodromus scolopaceus*  
 \*Jack Snipe  
*Lymnocyptes minimus*  
 Common Snipe  
*Gallinago gallinago*  
 Wilson's Phalarope  
*Phalaropus tricolor*  
 Red-necked Phalarope  
*Phalaropus lobatus*
- Red Phalarope  
*Phalaropus fulicaria*  
 LARIDAE  
 Pomarine Jaeger  
*Stercorarius pomarinus*  
 Parasitic Jaeger  
*Stercorarius parasiticus*  
 Long-tailed Jaeger  
*Stercorarius longicaudus*  
 South Polar Skua  
*Catharacta maccormicki*  
 Laughing Gull  
*Larus atricilla*  
 Franklin's Gull  
*Larus pipixcan*  
 \*Little Gull  
*Larus minutus*  
 \*Common Black-headed Gull  
*Larus ridibundus*  
 Bonaparte's Gull  
*Larus philadelphia*  
 Heermann's Gull  
*Larus heermanni*  
 Mew Gull  
*Larus canus*  
 Ring-billed Gull  
*Larus delawarensis*  
 California Gull  
*Larus californicus*  
 Herring Gull  
*Larus argentatus*  
 Thayer's Gull  
*Larus thayeri*  
 \*Lesser Black-backed Gull  
*Larus fuscus*  
 Yellow-footed Gull  
*Larus livens*  
 Western Gull  
*Larus occidentalis*  
 Glaucous-winged Gull  
*Larus glaucescens*  
 Glaucous Gull  
*Larus hyperboreus*  
 Black-legged Kittiwake  
*Rissa tridactyla*  
 Sabine's Gull  
*Xema sabini*  
 Gull-billed Tern  
*Sterna nilotica*  
 Caspian Tern  
*Sterna caspia*  
 Royal Tern  
*Sterna maxima*

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- Elegant Tern  
*Sterna elegans*
- \*Sandwich Tern  
*Sterna sanduicensis*
- Common Tern  
*Sterna hirundo*
- Arctic Tern  
*Sterna paradisaea*
- Forster's Tern  
*Sterna forsteri*
- Least Tern  
*Sterna antillarum*
- \*Sooty Tern  
*Sterna fuscata*
- Black Tern  
*Chlidonias niger*
- Black Skimmer  
*Rynchops niger*

ALCIDAE

- Common Murre  
*Uria aalge*
- \*Thick-billed Murre  
*Uria lomvia*
- Pigeon Guillemot  
*Cepphus columba*
- Marbled Murrelet  
*Brachyramphus marmoratus*
- \*Kittlitz's Murrelet  
*Brachyramphus brevirostris*
- Xantus' Murrelet  
*Synthliboramphus hypoleucus*
- Craveri's Murrelet  
*Synthliboramphus craveri*
- Ancient Murrelet  
*Synthliboramphus antiquus*
- Cassin's Auklet  
*Ptychoramphus aleuticus*
- \*Parakeet Auklet  
*Cyclorhynchus psittacula*
- \*Least Auklet  
*Aethia pusilla*
- \*Crested Auklet  
*Aethia cristatella*
- Rhinoceros Auklet  
*Cerorhinca monocerata*
- Tufted Puffin  
*Fratercula cirrhata*
- Horned Puffin  
*Fratercula corniculata*

COLUMBIDAE

- Rock Dove  
*Columba livia* 1

- Band-tailed Pigeon  
*Columba fasciata*
- Spotted Dove  
*Streptopelia chinensis* 1
- White-winged Dove  
*Zenaida asiatica*
- Mourning Dove  
*Zenaida macroura*
- Inca Dove  
*Columbina inca*
- Common Ground-Dove  
*Columbina passerina*

CUCULIDAE

- \*Black-billed Cuckoo  
*Coccyzus erythrophthalmus*
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo  
*Coccyzus americanus*
- Greater Roadrunner  
*Geococcyx californianus*
- \*Groove-billed Ani  
*Crotophaga sulcirostris*

TYTONIDAE

- Common Barn-Owl  
*Tyto alba*

STRIGIDAE

- Flammulated Owl  
*Otus flammeolus*
- Western Screech-Owl  
*Otus kennicottii*
- Great Horned Owl  
*Bubo virginianus*
- \*Snowy Owl  
*Nyctea scandiaca*
- Northern Pygmy-Owl  
*Glaucidium gnoma*
- Elf Owl  
*Micrathene whitneyi*
- Burrowing Owl  
*Athene cucularia*
- Spotted Owl  
*Strix occidentalis*
- \*Barred Owl  
*Strix varia*
- Great Gray Owl  
*Strix nebulosa*
- Long-eared Owl  
*Asio otus*
- Short-eared Owl  
*Asio flammeus*
- Northern Saw-whet Owl  
*Aegolius acadicus*



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CAMPRIMULGIDAE

- Lesser Nighthawk  
*Chordeiles acutipennis*
- Common Nighthawk  
*Chordeiles minor*
- Common Poorwill  
*Phalaenoptilus nuttallii*
- Whip-poor-will  
*Caprimulgus vociferus*

APODIDAE

- Black Swift  
*Cypseloides niger*
- \*White-collared Swift  
*Streptoprocne zonaris*
- Chimney Swift  
*Chaetura pelagica*
- Vaux's Swift  
*Chaetura vauxi*
- White-throated Swift  
*Aeronautes saxatalis*

TROCHILIDAE

- \*Broad-billed Hummingbird  
*Cyanthus latirostris*
- \*Violet-crowned Hummingbird  
*Amazilia violiceps*
- \*Blue-throated Hummingbird  
*Lampornis clemenciae*
- \*Ruby-throated Hummingbird  
*Archilochus colubris*
- Black-chinned Hummingbird  
*Archilochus alexandri*
- Anna's Hummingbird  
*Calypte anna*
- Costa's Hummingbird  
*Calypte costae*
- Calliope Hummingbird  
*Stellula calliope*
- Broad-tailed Hummingbird  
*Selasphorus platycercus*
- Rufous Hummingbird  
*Selasphorus rufus*
- Allen's Hummingbird  
*Selasphorus sasin*

ALCEDINIDAE

- Belted Kingfisher  
*Ceryle alcyon*

PICIDAE

- Lewis' Woodpecker  
*Melanerpes lewis*

- \*Red-headed Woodpecker  
*Melanerpes erythrocephalus*
- Acorn Woodpecker  
*Melanerpes formicivorus*
- Gila Woodpecker  
*Melanerpes uropygialis*
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker  
*Sphyrapicus varius*
- Red-naped Sapsucker  
*Sphyrapicus nuchalis*
- Red-breasted Sapsucker  
*Sphyrapicus ruber*
- Williamson's Sapsucker  
*Sphyrapicus thyroideus*
- Ladder-backed Woodpecker  
*Picoides scalaris*
- Nuttall's Woodpecker  
*Picoides nuttallii*
- Downy Woodpecker  
*Picoides pubescens*
- Hairy Woodpecker  
*Picoides villosus*
- White-headed Woodpecker  
*Picoides albolarvatus*
- Black-backed Woodpecker  
*Picoides arcticus*
- Northern Flicker  
*Colaptes auratus*
- Pileated Woodpecker  
*Dryocopus pileatus*

TYRANNIDAE

- Olive-sided Flycatcher  
*Contopus borealis*
- \*Greater Pewee  
*Contopus pertinax*
- Western Wood-Pewee  
*Contopus sordidulus*
- \*Eastern Wood-Pewee  
*Contopus virens*
- \*Yellow-bellied Flycatcher  
*Empidonax flaviventris*
- Willow Flycatcher  
*Empidonax trailii*
- Least Flycatcher  
*Empidonax minimus*
- Hammond's Flycatcher  
*Empidonax hammondi*
- Dusky Flycatcher  
*Empidonax oberholseri*
- Gray Flycatcher  
*Empidonax wrightii*

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Western Flycatcher  
*Empidonax difficilis*  
 Black Phoebe  
*Sayornis nigricans*  
 Eastern Phoebe  
*Sayornis phoebe*  
 Say's Phoebe  
*Sayornis saya*  
 Vermilion Flycatcher  
*Pyrocephalus rubinus*  
 \*Dusky-capped Flycatcher  
*Myiarchus tuberculifer*  
 Ash-throated Flycatcher  
*Myiarchus cinerascens*  
 \*Great Crested Flycatcher  
*Myiarchus crinitus*  
 Brown-crested Flycatcher  
*Myiarchus tyrannulus*  
 \*Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher  
*Miodynastes luteiventris*  
 Tropical Kingbird  
*Tyrannus melancholicus*  
 Cassin's Kingbird  
*Tyrannus vociferans*  
 \*Thick-billed Kingbird  
*Tyrannus crassirostris*  
 Western Kingbird  
*Tyrannus verticalis*  
 Eastern Kingbird  
*Tyrannus tyrannus*  
 \*Scissor-tailed Flycatcher  
*Tyrannus forficatus*

ALAUDIDAE

\*Eurasian Skylark  
*Alauda arvensis*  
 Horned Lark  
*Eremophila alpestris*

HIRUNDINIDAE

Purple Martin  
*Progne subis*  
 Tree Swallow  
*Tachycineta bicolor*  
 Violet-green Swallow  
*Tachycineta thalassina*  
 Northern Rough-winged Swallow  
*Stelgidopteryx serripennis*  
 Bank Swallow  
*Riparia riparia*  
 Cliff Swallow  
*Hirundo pyrrhonota*  
 Barn Swallow  
*Hirundo rustica*

CORVIDAE

Gray Jay  
*Perisoreus canadensis*  
 Steller's Jay  
*Cyanocitta stelleri*  
 \*Blue Jay  
*Cyanocitta cristata*  
 Scrub Jay  
*Apelocoma coerulescens*  
 Pinyon Jay  
*Gymnorhinus cyanocephalus*  
 Clark's Nutcracker  
*Nucifraga columbiana*  
 Black-billed Magpie  
*Pica pica*  
 Yellow-billed Magpie  
*Pica nuttalli*  
 American Crow  
*Corvus brachyrhynchos*  
 Common Raven  
*Corvus corax*

PARIDAE

Black-capped Chickadee  
*Parus atricapillus*  
 Mountain Chickadee  
*Parus gambeli*  
 Chestnut-backed Chickadee  
*Parus rufescens*  
 Plain Titmouse  
*Parus inornatus*

REMIZIDAE

Verdin  
*Auriparus flavipes*

AEGITHALIDAE

Bushtit  
*Psaltriparus minimus*

SITTIDAE

Red-breasted Nuthatch  
*Sitta canadensis*  
 White-breasted Nuthatch  
*Sitta carolinensis*  
 Pygmy Nuthatch  
*Sitta pygmaea*

CERTHIIDAE

Brown Creeper  
*Certhia americana*

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TROGLODYTIDAE

- Cactus Wren  
*Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus*
- Rock Wren  
*Salpinctes obsoletus*
- Canyon Wren  
*Catherpes mexicanus*
- Bewick's Wren  
*Thryomanes bewickii*
- House Wren  
*Troglodytes aedon*
- Winter Wren  
*Troglodytes troglodytes*
- \*Sedge Wren  
*Cistothorus platensis*
- Marsh Wren  
*Cistothorus palustris*

CINCLIDAE

- American Dipper  
*Cinclus mexicanus*

MUSCICAPIDAE

- \*Dusky Warbler  
*Phylloscopus fuscatus*
- Golden-crowned Kinglet  
*Regulus satrapa*
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet  
*Regulus calendula*
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher  
*Poliophtila caerulea*
- Black-tailed Gnatcatcher  
*Poliophtila melanura*
- \*Northern Wheatear  
*Oenanthe oenanthe*
- Western Bluebird  
*Sialia mexicana*
- Mountain Bluebird  
*Sialia currucoides*
- Townsend's Solitaire  
*Myadestes townsendi*
- \*Veery  
*Catharus fuscescens*
- \*Gray-cheeked Thrush  
*Catharus minimus*
- Swainson's Thrush  
*Catharus ustulatus*
- Hermit Thrush  
*Catharus guttatus*
- \*Wood Thrush  
*Hylocichla mustelina*
- \*Rufous-backed Robin  
*Turdus rufopalliatus*

- American Robin  
*Turdus migratorius*
- Varied Thrush  
*Ixoreus naevius*
- Wrentit  
*Chamaea fasciata*

MIMIDAE

- \*Gray Catbird  
*Dumetella carolinensis*
- Northern Mockingbird  
*Mimus polyglottos*
- Sage Thrasher  
*Oreoscoptes montanus*
- Brown Thrasher  
*Toxostoma rufum*
- Bendire's Thrasher  
*Toxostoma bendirei*
- \*Curve-billed Thrasher  
*Toxostoma curvirostre*
- California Thrasher  
*Toxostoma redivivum*
- Crissal Thrasher  
*Toxostoma crissale*
- Le Conte's Thrasher  
*Toxostoma lecontei*

MOTACILLIDAE

- \*Yellow Wagtail  
*Motacilla flava*
- \*White Wagtail  
*Motacilla alba*
- \*Black-backed Wagtail  
*Motacilla lugens*
- \*Red-throated Pipit  
*Anthus cervinus*
- Water Pipit  
*Anthus spinoletta*
- \*Sprague's Pipit  
*Anthus spragueii*

BOMBYCILLIDAE

- Bohemian Waxwing  
*Bombycilla garrulus*
- Cedar Waxwing  
*Bombycilla cedrorum*

PTILOGONATIDAE

- Phainopepla  
*Phainopepla nitens*

CALIFORNIA CHECKLIST

LANIIDAE

- \*Brown Shrike  
*Lanius cristatus*
- Northern Shrike  
*Lanius excubitor*
- Loggerhead Shrike  
*Lanius ludovicianus*

STURNIDAE

- European Starling  
*Sturnus vulgaris* 1

VIREONIDAE

- \*White-eyed Vireo  
*Vireo griseus*
- Bell's Vireo  
*Vireo bellii*
- Gray Vireo  
*Vireo vicinior*
- Solitary Vireo  
*Vireo solitarius*
- \*Yellow-throated Vireo  
*Vireo flavifrons*
- Hutton's Vireo  
*Vireo huttoni*
- Warbling Vireo  
*Vireo gilvus*
- \*Philadelphia Vireo  
*Vireo philadelphicus*
- Red-eyed Vireo  
*Vireo olivaceus*

EMBERIZIDAE

- \*Blue-winged Warbler  
*Vermivora pinus*
- \*Golden-winged Warbler  
*Vermivora chrysoptera*
- Tennessee Warbler  
*Vermivora peregrina*
- Orange-crowned Warbler  
*Vermivora celata*
- Nashville Warbler  
*Vermivora ruficapilla*
- Virginia's Warbler  
*Vermivora virginiae*
- Lucy's Warbler  
*Vermivora luciae*
- Northern Parula  
*Parula americana*
- Yellow Warbler  
*Dendroica petechia*
- Chestnut-sided Warbler  
*Dendroica pensylvanica*

- Magnolia Warbler  
*Dendroica magnolia*
- Cape May Warbler  
*Dendroica tigrina*
- Black-throated Blue Warbler  
*Dendroica caerulescens*
- Yellow-rumped Warbler  
*Dendroica coronata*
- Black-throated Gray Warbler  
*Dendroica nigrescens*
- Townsend's Warbler  
*Dendroica townsendi*
- Hermit Warbler  
*Dendroica occidentalis*
- Black-throated Green Warbler  
*Dendroica virens*
- \*Golden-cheeked Warbler  
*Dendroica chrysoparia*
- Blackburnian Warbler  
*Dendroica fusca*
- \*Yellow-throated Warbler  
*Dendroica dominica*
- \*Grace's Warbler  
*Dendroica graciae*
- \*Pine Warbler  
*Dendroica pinus*
- Prairie Warbler  
*Dendroica discolor*
- Palm Warbler  
*Dendroica palmarum*
- Bay-breasted Warbler  
*Dendroica castanea*
- Blackpoll Warbler  
*Dendroica striata*
- \*Cerulean Warbler  
*Dendroica cerulea*
- Black-and-white Warbler  
*Mniotilta varia*
- American Redstart  
*Setophaga ruticilla*
- \*Prothonotary Warbler  
*Protonotaria citrea*
- \*Worm-eating Warbler  
*Helminthos vermivorus*
- Ovenbird  
*Seiurus aurocapillus*
- Northern Waterthrush  
*Seiurus noveboracensis*
- \*Louisiana Waterthrush  
*Seiurus motacilla*
- \*Kentucky Warbler  
*Oporornis formosus*
- \*Connecticut Warbler  
*Oporornis agilis*

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- \*Mourning Warbler  
*Oporornis philadelphia*
- MacGillivray's Warbler  
*Oporornis tolmiei*
- Common Yellowthroat  
*Geothlypis trichas*
- Hooded Warbler  
*Wilsonia citrina*
- Wilson's Warbler  
*Wilsonia pusilla*
- Canada Warbler  
*Wilsonia canadensis*
- \*Red-faced Warbler  
*Cardellina rubrifrons*
- Painted Redstart  
*Myioborus pictus*
- Yellow-breasted Chat  
*Icteria virens*
- Hepatic Tanager  
*Piranga flava*
- Summer Tanager  
*Piranga rubra*
- \*Scarlet Tanager  
*Piranga olivacea*
- Western Tanager  
*Piranga ludoviciana*
- \*Northern Cardinal  
*Cardinalis cardinalis*
- \*Pyrrhuloxia  
*Cardinalis sinuatus*
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak  
*Pheucticus ludovicianus*
- Black-headed Grosbeak  
*Pheucticus melanocephalus*
- Blue Grosbeak  
*Guiraca caerulea*
- Lazuli Bunting  
*Passerina amoena*
- Indigo Bunting  
*Passerina cyanea*
- \*Varied Bunting  
*Passerina versicolor*
- \*Painted Bunting  
*Passerina ciris*
- Dickcissel  
*Spiza americana*
- Green-tailed Towhee  
*Pipilo chlorurus*
- Rufous-sided Towhee  
*Pipilo erythrophthalmus*
- Brown Towhee  
*Pipilo fuscus*
- Abert's Towhee  
*Pipilo aberti*
- \*Cassin's Sparrow  
*Aimophila cassinii*
- Rufous-crowned Sparrow  
*Aimophila ruficeps*
- American Tree Sparrow  
*Spizella arborea*
- Chipping Sparrow  
*Spizella passerina*
- Clay-colored Sparrow  
*Spizella pallida*
- Brewer's Sparrow  
*Spizella breweri*
- \*Field Sparrow  
*Spizella pusilla*
- Black-chinned Sparrow  
*Spizella atrogularis*
- Vesper Sparrow  
*Pooecetes gramineus*
- Lark Sparrow  
*Chondestes grammacus*
- Black-throated Sparrow  
*Amphispiza bilineata*
- Sage Sparrow  
*Amphispiza belli*
- Lark Bunting  
*Calamospiza melanocorys*
- Savannah Sparrow  
*Passerculus sandwichensis*
- \*Baird's Sparrow  
*Ammodramus bairdii*
- Grasshopper Sparrow  
*Ammodramus savannarum*
- \*Le Conte's Sparrow  
*Ammodramus leconteii*
- \*Sharp-tailed Sparrow  
*Ammodramus caudacutus*
- Fox Sparrow  
*Passerella iliaca*
- Song Sparrow  
*Melospiza melodia*
- Lincoln's Sparrow  
*Melospiza lincolni*
- Swamp Sparrow  
*Melospiza georgiana*
- White-throated Sparrow  
*Zonotrichia albicollis*
- Golden-crowned Sparrow  
*Zonotrichia atricapilla*
- White-crowned Sparrow  
*Zonotrichia leucophrys*
- Harris' Sparrow  
*Zonotrichia querula*
- Dark-eyed Junco  
*Junco hyemalis*

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McCown's Longspur  
*Calcarius mccownii*  
 Lapland Longspur  
*Calcarius lapponicus*  
 Chestnut-collared Longspur  
*Calcarius ornatus*  
 \*Rustic Bunting  
*Emberiza rustica*  
 \*Snow Bunting  
*Plectrophenax nivalis*  
 Bobolink  
*Dolichonyx oryzivorus*  
 Red-winged Blackbird  
*Agelaius phoeniceus*  
 Tricolored Blackbird  
*Agelaius tricolor*  
 Western Meadowlark  
*Sturnella neglecta*  
 Yellow-headed Blackbird  
*Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus*  
 Rusty Blackbird  
*Euphagus carolinus*  
 Brewer's Blackbird  
*Euphagus cyanocephalus*  
 Great-tailed Grackle  
*Quiscalus mexicanus*  
 \*Common Grackle  
*Quiscalus quiscula*  
 Bronzed Cowbird  
*Molothrus aeneus*  
 Brown-headed Cowbird  
*Molothrus ater*  
 Orchard Oriole  
*Icterus spurius*  
 Hooded Oriole  
*Icterus cucullatus*  
 \*Streak-backed Oriole  
*Icterus pustulatus*

Northern Oriole  
*Icterus galbula*  
 Scott's Oriole  
*Icterus parisorum*

FRINGILLIDAE

\*Brambling  
*Fringilla montifringilla*  
 Rosy Finch  
*Leucosticte arctoa*  
 Pine Grosbeak  
*Pinicola enucleator*  
 Purple Finch  
*Carpodacus purpureus*  
 Cassin's Finch  
*Carpodacus cassinii*  
 House Finch  
*Carpodacus mexicanus*  
 Red Crossbill  
*Loxia curvirostra*  
 \*White-winged Crossbill  
*Loxia leucoptera*  
 \*Common Redpoll  
*Carduelis flammea*  
 Pine Siskin  
*Carduelis pinus*  
 Lesser Goldfinch  
*Carduelis psaltria*  
 Lawrence's Goldfinch  
*Carduelis lawrencei*  
 American Goldfinch  
*Carduelis tristis*  
 Evening Grosbeak  
*Coccothraustes vespertinus*

PASSERIDAE

House Sparrow  
*Passer domesticus* I

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**Unaccepted Species.** This list is comprised of those 34 species for which all records submitted to and judged by the CBRC have been found unacceptable by reason of questionable identification (marked "i"), origin (i.e. possible escapees; marked "o"), or population viability (used only for unestablished introductions; marked "v"). For 5 of these species, additional records are pending (marked †; see also introduction). Numbers refer to CBRC reports.

Black-browed Albatross (*Diomedea melanophris*) 6i; Cape Petrel (*Daption capense*) 5i, 7i; Manx Shearwater (*Puffinus puffinus*) 9i, unpublished i; White-bellied Storm-Petrel (*Fregatta grallaria*) 5i; Great Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*) 4i; Chestnut-bellied Heron (*Agamia agami*) 4i; Spectacled Eider (*Somateria fischeri*) 3o; Masked Duck (*Oxyura dominica*) 3i; Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*) 3o, 6i, 9o; American Swallow-tailed Kite (*Elanoides forficatus*) 7i; Gray Hawk (*Buteo nitidus*) 9i; White-tailed Hawk (*Buteo albicaudatus*) 8i; Plain Chachalaca (*Ortalis vetula*) 5i; Gray Partridge (*Perdix perdix*) 8v; Greater Golden-Plover (*Pluvialis apricaria*) 5i; Wood Sandpiper (*Tringa glareola*) unpublished i; Bristle-thighed Curlew (*Numenius tahitiensis*) 4i; Temminck's Stint (*Calidris temminckii*) 9i; Black-tailed Gull (*Larus crassirostris*) 3o, 9o; †Iceland Gull (*Larus glaucoides*) 8i; Great Black-backed Gull (*Larus marinus*) 7i; Red-legged Kittiwake (*Rissa brevirostris*) 6i; †Ruddy Ground-Dove (*Columbina talpacoti*) 7o; Green Violet-ear (*Colibri thalassinus*) 9i; White-eared Hummingbird (*Hylocharis leucotis*) 3i; Magnificent Hummingbird (*Eugenes fulgens*) 3i, 5i; †Three-toed Woodpecker (*Picoides tridactylus*) 7i, 8i; Acadian Flycatcher (*Empidonax virescens*) 7i; †Alder Flycatcher (*Empidonax alnorum*) 3i; Gray Wagtail (*Motacilla cinerea*) 6i; Gray Silky-flycatcher (*Ptilogonys cinereus*) 7o; Swainson's Warbler (*Limnophyllos swainsonii*) 3i; Olive Warbler (*Peucedramus taeniatus*) 7i, 8i; White-collared Seedeater (*Sporophila torqueola*) 7o.

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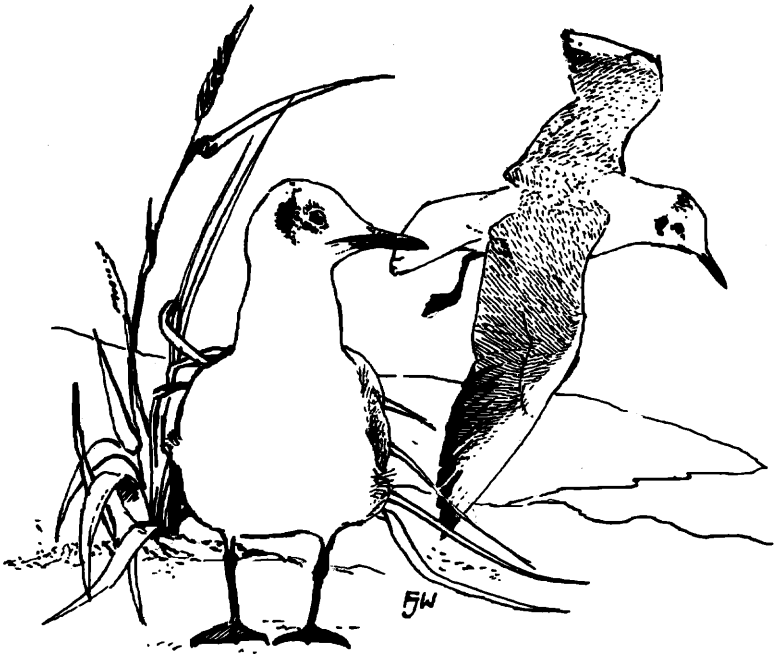
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Common Black-headed Gulls, adults in winter plumage

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