

**FIELD CHECKLIST**  
for the  
**BIRDS OF SAN ELIJO**  
**LAGOON**  
**ECOLOGICAL RESERVE**  
and  
**ADJACENT SHORELINE**

Over 330 species have been recorded at San Elijo Lagoon, including nesting species and sensitive, threatened, or endangered species. Please observe all rules and regulations to ensure the presence of these species and their habitats for future generations.

B - known to have bred in the area in recent times  
I - nonnative species introduced into the area  
\* - very rare in San Diego County

Date/Notes \_\_\_\_\_

**Ducks, Geese & Swans**

- Greater White-fronted Goose
- Snow Goose
- Ross's Goose
- Brant
- Cackling Goose
- Canada Goose
- Tundra Swan\*
- Wood Duck
- Gadwall (B)
- Eurasian Wigeon
- American Wigeon
- Mallard (B)
- Blue-winged Teal
- Cinnamon Teal (B)
- Northern Shoveler
- Northern Pintail
- Green-winged Teal
- Canvasback
- Redhead
- Ring-necked Duck
- Tufted Duck (hybrid)
- Greater Scaup
- Lesser Scaup
- Surf Scoter
- White-winged Scoter
- Long-tailed Duck
- Bufflehead
- Common Goldeneye
- Hooded Merganser
- Common Merganser
- Red-breasted Merganser
- Ruddy Duck

**Turkeys & Pheasants**

- Ring-necked Pheasant (I)

**Quail**

- California Quail (B)

**Loons**

- Red-throated Loon
- Pacific Loon
- Common Loon

**Grebes**

- Pied-billed Grebe (B)
- Red-necked Grebe\*
- Horned Grebe
- Eared Grebe
- Western Grebe
- Clark's Grebe

**Fulmars & Shearwaters**

- Northern Fulmar
- Pink-footed Shearwater
- Buller's Shearwater\*
- Sooty Shearwater
- Short-tailed Shearwater
- Black-vented Shearwater

**Storm-Petrels**

- Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel\*
- Black Storm-Petrel

**Boobies**

- Masked Booby\*

**Pelicans**

- American White Pelican
- Brown Pelican

**Cormorants**

- Brandt's Cormorant
- Double-crested Cormorant
- Pelagic Cormorant

**Frigatebirds**

- Magnificent Frigatebird\*

**Bitterns & Herons**

- American Bittern
- Least Bittern
- Great Blue Heron (B)
- Great Egret (B)
- Snowy Egret (B)
- Little Blue Heron
- Tricolored Heron\*
- Reddish Egret
- Cattle Egret
- Green Heron (B)
- Black-crowned Night-Heron (B)
- Yellow-crowned Night-Heron\*

**Ibises**

- White-faced Ibis

**Storks**

- Wood Stork\*

**American Vultures**

- Turkey Vulture

**Hawks, Kites & Eagles**

- Osprey
- White-tailed Kite (B)
- Bald Eagle
- Northern Harrier
- Sharp-shinned Hawk
- Cooper's Hawk (B)
- Red-shouldered Hawk (B)
- Red-tailed Hawk (B)
- Ferruginous Hawk
- Rough-legged Hawk\*
- Golden Eagle

**Falcons**

- American Kestrel
- Merlin
- Peregrine Falcon
- Prairie Falcon

**Rails & Coots**

- Black Rail\*
- Clapper Rail (B)
- Virginia Rail (B)
- Sora
- Common Moorhen
- American Coot (B)

**Cranes**

- Sandhill Crane\*

**Plovers**

- Black-bellied Plover
- Pacific Golden-Plover
- Snowy Plover (B)
- Semipalmated Plover
- Killdeer (B)

**Stilts & Avocets**

- Black-necked Stilt (B)
- American Avocet (B)

**Sandpipers**

- Spotted Sandpiper
- Solitary Sandpiper
- Wandering Tattler
- Greater Yellowlegs
- Willet
- Lesser Yellowlegs
- Whimbrel
- Long-billed Curlew
- Marbled Godwit
- Ruddy Turnstone
- Black Turnstone
- Surfbird
- Red Knot
- Sanderling
- Semipalmated Sandpiper\*
- Western Sandpiper
- Least Sandpiper
- Baird's Sandpiper
- Pectoral Sandpiper
- Dunlin
- Curlew Sandpiper\*
- Stilt Sandpiper\*

- Ruff\*
- Short-billed Dowitcher
- Long-billed Dowitcher
- Wilson's Snipe
- Wilson's Phalarope
- Red-necked Phalarope
- Red Phalarope

**Gulls & Terns**

- Black-legged Kittiwake
- Bonaparte's Gull
- Laughing Gull\*
- Franklin's Gull\*
- Heermann's Gull
- Mew Gull
- Ring-billed Gull
- Western Gull
- California Gull
- Herring Gull
- Thayer's Gull
- Glaucous-winged Gull
- Glaucous Gull\*
- Least Tern (B)
- Gull-billed Tern
- Caspian Tern
- Black Tern
- Common Tern
- Forster's Tern
- Royal Tern
- Sandwich Tern\*
- Elegant Tern
- Black Skimmer

**Jaegers**

- Pomarine Jaeger
- Parasitic Jaeger

**Alcids**

- Common Murre
- Xantus's Murrelet
- Ancient Murrelet
- Cassin's Auklet
- Rhinoceros Auklet

**Pigeons & Doves**

- Rock Pigeon (B,I)
- Band-tailed Pigeon
- Eurasian Collared-Dove (I)
- Spotted Dove\* (I)
- White-winged Dove
- Mourning Dove (B)

**Cuckoos**

- Greater Roadrunner

**Barn Owls**

- Barn Owl

**Typical Owls**

- Great Horned Owl
- Burrowing Owl
- Long-eared Owl
- Short-eared Owl

**Nightjars**

- Lesser Nighthawk
- Common Poorwill

**Swifts**

- Black Swift\*
- Chimney Swift\*
- Vaux's Swift
- White-throated Swift

**Hummingbirds**

- Broad-billed Hummingbird\*
- Black-chinned Hummingbird (B)
- Anna's Hummingbird (B)
- Costa's Hummingbird
- Calliope Hummingbird
- Rufous Hummingbird
- Allen's Hummingbird

**Kingfishers**

- Belted Kingfisher

**Woodpeckers**

- Red-naped Sapsucker
- Red-breasted Sapsucker
- Nuttall's Woodpecker (B)
- Downy Woodpecker (B)
- Hairy Woodpecker
- Northern Flicker

**Tyrant Flycatchers**

- Olive-sided Flycatcher
- Western Wood-Pewee
- Willow Flycatcher
- Hammond's Flycatcher
- Pacific-slope Flycatcher
- Black Phoebe (B)
- Eastern Phoebe
- Say's Phoebe
- Vermilion Flycatcher
- Ash-throated Flycatcher
- Tropical Kingbird
- Cassin's Kingbird (B)
- Western Kingbird
- Eastern Kingbird\*
- Scissor-tailed Flycatcher\*

**Shrikes**

- Loggerhead Shrike

**Vireos**

- Bell's Vireo (B)
- Plumbeous Vireo
- Cassin's Vireo
- Hutton's Vireo
- Warbling Vireo

**Jays & Crows**

- Western Scrub-Jay (B)
- American Crow
- Common Raven

**Larks**

- Horned Lark

**Swallows**

- Purple Martin
- Tree Swallow (B)
- Violet-green Swallow
- Northern Rough-winged Swallow (B)
- Bank Swallow
- Cliff Swallow (B)
- Barn Swallow

**Chickadees**

- Mountain Chickadee

**Verdin**

- Verdin

**Bushtits**

- Bushtit (B)

**Nuthatches**

- Red-breasted Nuthatch
- White-breasted Nuthatch

**Wrens**

- Cactus Wren
- Rock Wren
- Bewick's Wren (B)
- House Wren (B)
- Marsh Wren (B)

**Kinglets**

- Golden-crowned Kinglet
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet

**Gnatcatchers**

- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
- California Gnatcatcher (B)

**Thrushes**

- Western Bluebird
- Mountain Bluebird
- Townsend's Solitaire
- Swainson's Thrush
- Hermit Thrush
- American Robin
- Varied Thrush

**Wrentit**

- Wrentit (B)

**Mockingbirds & Thrashers**

- Northern Mockingbird (B)
- Sage Thrasher
- Brown Thrasher\*
- Bendire's Thrasher\*
- California Thrasher (B)

**Starlings**

- European Starling (I)

**Pipits & Wagtails**

- American Pipit

**Waxwings**

- Cedar Waxwing

**Silky Flycatchers**

- Phainopepla

**Wood Warblers**

- Tennessee Warbler
- Orange-crowned Warbler
- Nashville Warbler
- Virginia's Warbler
- Northern Parula
- Yellow Warbler
- Yellow-rumped Warbler
- Black-throated Gray Warbler
- Townsend's Warbler
- Hermit Warbler
- Prairie Warbler\*
- Palm Warbler
- Blackpoll Warbler
- Black-and-white Warbler
- American Redstart
- Prothonotary Warbler\*
- Northern Waterthrush
- MacGillivray's Warbler
- Common Yellowthroat (B)
- Wilson's Warbler
- Yellow-breasted Chat (B)

**Tanagers**

- Summer Tanager
- Western Tanager

**Sparrows & Towhees**

- Green-tailed Towhee
- Spotted Towhee (B)
- California Towhee (B)
- Rufous-crowned Sparrow
- Chipping Sparrow
- Black-chinned Sparrow
- Vesper Sparrow
- Lark Sparrow
- Black-throated Sparrow
- Sage Sparrow
- Savannah Sparrow (B:Belding's subsp.)
- Grasshopper Sparrow
- Fox Sparrow
- Song Sparrow (B)
- Lincoln's Sparrow
- Swamp Sparrow
- White-throated Sparrow
- Harris's Sparrow\*
- White-crowned Sparrow
- Golden-crowned Sparrow
- Dark-eyed Junco

**Cardinals & Grosbeaks**

- Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- Black-headed Grosbeak (B)
- Blue Grosbeak
- Lazuli Bunting

**Blackbirds & Orioles**

- Bobolink\*
- Red-winged Blackbird (B)
- Tricolored Blackbird

- Western Meadowlark
- Yellow-headed Blackbird
- Brewer's Blackbird
- Great-tailed Grackle
- Brown-headed Cowbird (B)
- Orchard Oriole\*
- Hooded Oriole (B)
- Bullock's Oriole
- Baltimore Oriole
- Scott's Oriole

**Finches**

- Purple Finch
- House Finch (B)
- Pine Siskin
- Lesser Goldfinch (B)
- Lawrence's Goldfinch
- American Goldfinch (B)

**Old World Sparrows**

- House Sparrow (I)

**Exotic Species**

- Fulvous Whistling-Duck\* (I)
- Bean-Goose sp. (I)
- Mute Swan (I)
- Common Shelduck (I)
- Common Peafowl (I)
- American Flamingo (I)
- Parrot spp. (I)
- Black-throated Magpie-Jay (I)
- Orange Bishop (I)
- Nutmeg Mannikin (I,B)



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