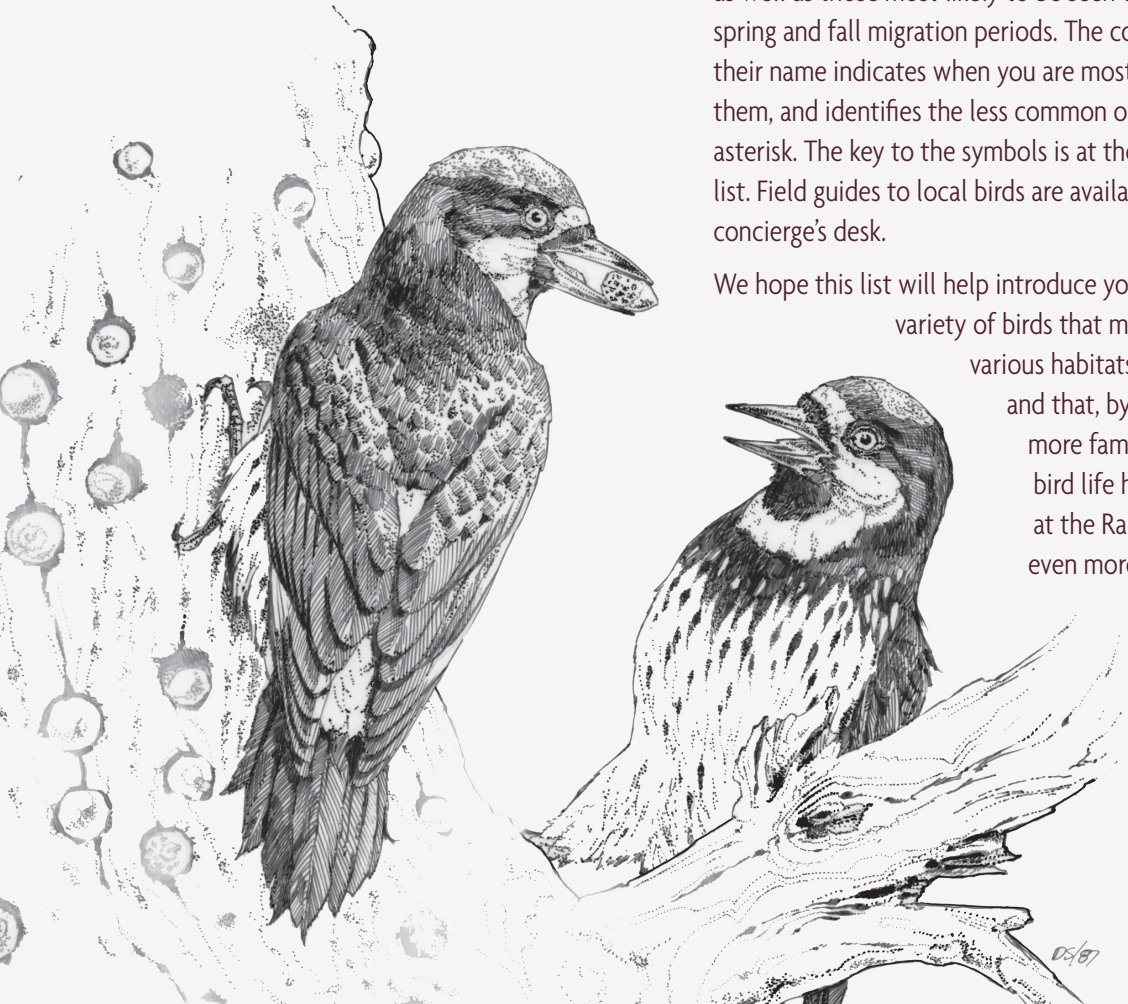


# BIRDS

of

## RANCHO LA PUERTA



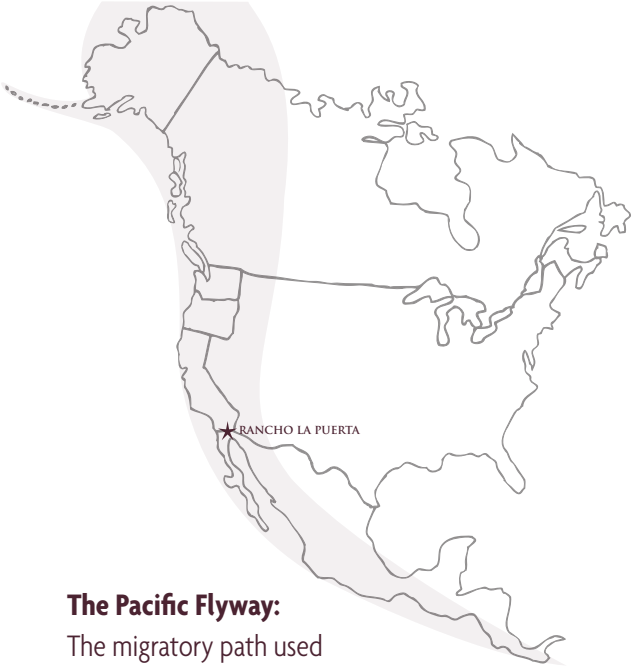
**Rancho La Puerta is a magnet for birds.**

Imagine you are a bird migrating over the region; you would look down and see a large green oasis with flowers, trees, and water in an otherwise brown and arid landscape. Naturally, you would want to drop down and investigate. They do.

The Ranch is equally attractive to native (resident) birds, those that stay here year round. Some of these prefer the developed gardens and lawns; others, the oaks or chaparral on the hillsides. The variety of vegetation in and around the creek area is especially enticing.

This list includes all the common birds at the Ranch, as well as those most likely to be seen during the spring and fall migration periods. The code symbol by their name indicates when you are most likely to see them, and identifies the less common ones with an asterisk. The key to the symbols is at the end of the list. Field guides to local birds are available at the concierge's desk.

We hope this list will help introduce you to the great variety of birds that make use of the various habitats at the Ranch, and that, by becoming more familiar with the bird life here, your stay at the Ranch will be even more enjoyable.



**The Pacific Flyway:**

The migratory path used by most birds that visit the Ranch in Spring and Fall.

For more about Rancho La Puerta's commitment to the environment and our efforts to preserve native habitats, please visit [www.fundacionlapuerta.com](http://www.fundacionlapuerta.com).



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**LOCALES:**  
Landscaped grounds, riparian habitat  
Mountain trails in chaparral habitat  
Rolling hills with grassland habitat  
Tres Estrellas organic garden and orchards

**REFERENCES:**  
Peterson: *Field Guide to Western Birds*  
*National Geographic Guide to North American Birds*  
Sibley: *Field Guide to Birds of Western North America*

**COVER ART:**  
Acorn Woodpeckers, by David Stump



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## HERONS & EGRET

- \_\_\_ Great Blue Heron \*
  - \_\_\_ Great Egret \*
  - \_\_\_ Snowy Egret \*
  - \_\_\_ Green Heron \*

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## VULTURE, HAWKS & EAGLE

- \_\_\_ Turkey Vulture Y
- \_\_\_ White-tailed Kite Y B
- \_\_\_ Cooper's Hawk Y B
- \_\_\_ Sharp-shinned Hawk W
- \_\_\_ Red-shouldered Hawk Y B
- \_\_\_ Red-tailed Hawk Y
- \_\_\_ Swainson's Hawk \* M
- \_\_\_ Golden Eagle \*
- \_\_\_ American Kestrel Y
- \_\_\_ Merlin \* W

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## QUAIL

- \_\_\_ California Quail Y B

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## SHOREBIRD & GULL

- \_\_\_ Killdeer \*
- \_\_\_ California Gull \*

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## DOVES

- \_\_\_ Mourning Dove Y b
- \_\_\_ Band-tailed Pigeon \*

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## ROADRUNNER

- \_\_\_ Greater Roadrunner Y b

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## OWLS

- \_\_\_ Great Horned Owl \* Y B
- \_\_\_ Barn Owl Y B
- \_\_\_ Western Screech Owl \* Y b

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## NIGHTJARS

- \_\_\_ Common Poorwill \* Y
- \_\_\_ Lesser Nighthawk \* S

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## SWIFTS

- \_\_\_ Vaux's Swift M
- \_\_\_ White-throated Swift S b

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## HUMMINGBIRDS

- \_\_\_ Black-chinned Hummingbird S b
- \_\_\_ Anna's Hummingbird Y B
- \_\_\_ Costa's Hummingbird S
- \_\_\_ Rufous Hummingbird \* M
- \_\_\_ Allen's Hummingbird \* M

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## WOODPECKERS

- \_\_\_ Acorn Woodpecker Y B
- \_\_\_ Nuttall's Woodpecker Y B
- \_\_\_ Downy Woodpecker \* Y
- \_\_\_ Hairy Woodpecker \* W
- \_\_\_ Red-breasted Sapsucker \* W
- \_\_\_ Red-naped Sapsucker \* W
- \_\_\_ Northern Flicker Y B

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## FLYCATCHERS

- \_\_\_ Western Wood-Pewee \* M
- \_\_\_ Pacific-slope Flycatcher S B
- \_\_\_ Ash-throated Flycatcher S B
- \_\_\_ Olive-sided Flycatcher \* M
- \_\_\_ Western Kingbird S b
- \_\_\_ Cassin's Kingbird Y
- \_\_\_ Black Phoebe Y B
- \_\_\_ Say's Phoebe W

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## SWALLOWS

- \_\_\_ Violet-green Swallow \* M
- \_\_\_ Northern Rough-winged Swallow S
- \_\_\_ Cliff Swallow S b
- \_\_\_ Barn Swallow \* M

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## JAY, CROW & RAVEN

- \_\_\_ Western Scrub-Jay Y B
- \_\_\_ American Crow Y B
- \_\_\_ Common Raven Y b

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## CHICKADEE, TITS & NUTHATCH

- \_\_\_ Mountain Chickadee \*
- \_\_\_ Oak Titmouse Y B
- \_\_\_ Bushtit Y B
- \_\_\_ Wrentit Y B
- \_\_\_ White-breasted Nuthatch Y b

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## WRENS

- \_\_\_ House Wren Y B
- \_\_\_ Bewick's Wren Y B
- \_\_\_ Rock Wren Y B
- \_\_\_ Canyon Wren Y b

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## KINGLET & GNATCATCHERS

- \_\_\_ Ruby-crowned Kinglet W
- \_\_\_ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher \* Y b

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## SILKY FLYCATCHERS

- \_\_\_ Cedar Waxwing W
- \_\_\_ Phainopepla Y b

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## THRUSHES & BLUEBIRD

- \_\_\_ American Robin W
- \_\_\_ Varied Thrush \* W
- \_\_\_ Hermit Thrush W
- \_\_\_ Swainson's Thrush M
- \_\_\_ Western Bluebird Y B

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## MOCKINGBIRD & THRASHER

- \_\_\_ Northern Mockingbird Y B
- \_\_\_ California Thrasher Y B

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## SHRIKE

- \_\_\_ Loggerhead Shrike \*

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## VIREOS

- \_\_\_ Hutton's Vireo \* Y
- \_\_\_ Warbling Vireo M

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## WARBLERS & CHAT

- \_\_\_ Orange-crowned Warbler Y b
- \_\_\_ Nashville Warbler M
- \_\_\_ Yellow Warbler S b
- \_\_\_ Townsend's Warbler M
- \_\_\_ Hermit Warbler M
- \_\_\_ Black-throated Gray Warbler M
- \_\_\_ Yellow-rumped Warbler W
- \_\_\_ MacGillivray's Warbler \* M
- \_\_\_ Common Yellowthroat Y b
- \_\_\_ Wilson's Warbler M
- \_\_\_ Yellow-breasted Chat \* S

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## TANAGERS

- \_\_\_ Western Tanager Y
- \_\_\_ Summer Tanager \* W
- \_\_\_ Hepatic Tanager \* W
- \_\_\_ Scarlet Tanager \* W

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## TOWHEES

- \_\_\_ California Towhee Y B
- \_\_\_ Spotted Towhee Y B

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## ORIOLES

- \_\_\_ Hooded Oriole S B
- \_\_\_ Bullock's Oriole S b
- \_\_\_ Scott's Oriole \* W

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## BLACKBIRDS & COWBIRD

- \_\_\_ Brewer's Blackbird \* Y
- \_\_\_ Red-winged Blackbird \*
- \_\_\_ Western Meadowlark \* W
- \_\_\_ Brown-headed Cowbird S b

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## SPARROWS & JUNCO

- \_\_\_ Rufous-crowned Sparrow Y b
- \_\_\_ Chipping Sparrow W
- \_\_\_ Black-chinned Sparrow S b
- \_\_\_ Lark Sparrow Y b
- \_\_\_ Sage Sparrow Y B
- \_\_\_ Savannah Sparrow \* W
- \_\_\_ Fox Sparrow W
- \_\_\_ Song Sparrow Y B
- \_\_\_ Lincoln's Sparrow \* W
- \_\_\_ White-crowned Sparrow W
- \_\_\_ Golden-crowned Sparrow W
- \_\_\_ White-throated Sparrow \* W
- \_\_\_ Dark-eyed Junco W

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## GROSBEAKS & BUNTING

- \_\_\_ Black-headed Grosbeak S B
- \_\_\_ Blue Grosbeak \* S
- \_\_\_ Rose-breasted Grosbeak \* M
- \_\_\_ Lazuli Bunting S b

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## FINCHES & SISKIN

- \_\_\_ House Finch Y B
- \_\_\_ Purple Finch \* W
- \_\_\_ American Goldfinch \* W
- \_\_\_ Lesser Goldfinch Y b
- \_\_\_ Lawrence's Goldfinch \* Y
- \_\_\_ Pine Siskin \* W

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## INTRODUCED SPECIES

- \_\_\_ Rock Pigeon Y
- \_\_\_ Eurasian Collard-Dove Y B
- \_\_\_ European Starling Y B
- \_\_\_ House Sparrow Y B

## KEY TO SYMBOLS

Y	Year-round resident at the Ranch
B	Known to breed at the Ranch
b	Possibly breeds at the Ranch
M	Seen during spring and fall migration only
S	Spring-summer breeding migrant
W	Winter visitor only
*	Rare or less likely to be seen at the Ranch