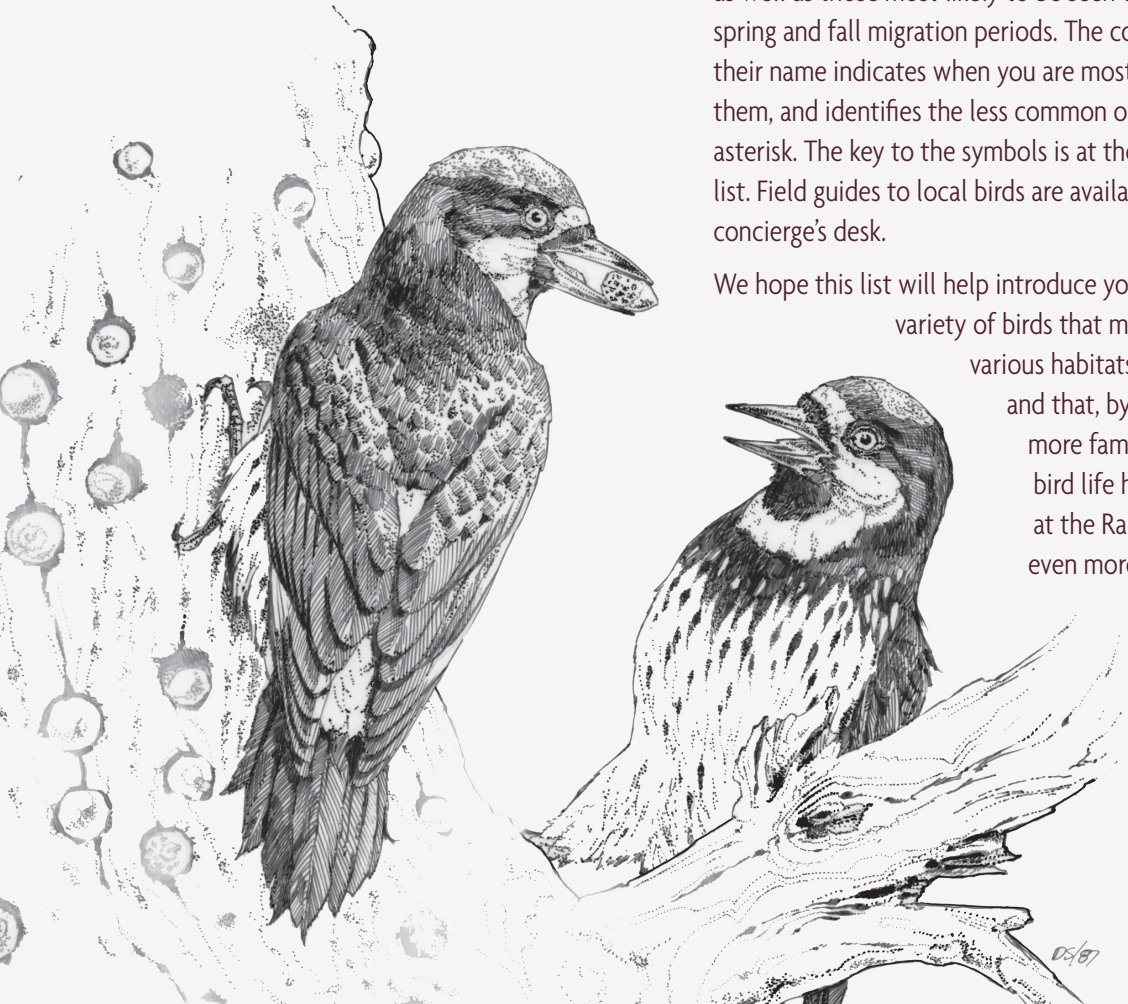


BIRDS

of

RANCHO LA PUERTA



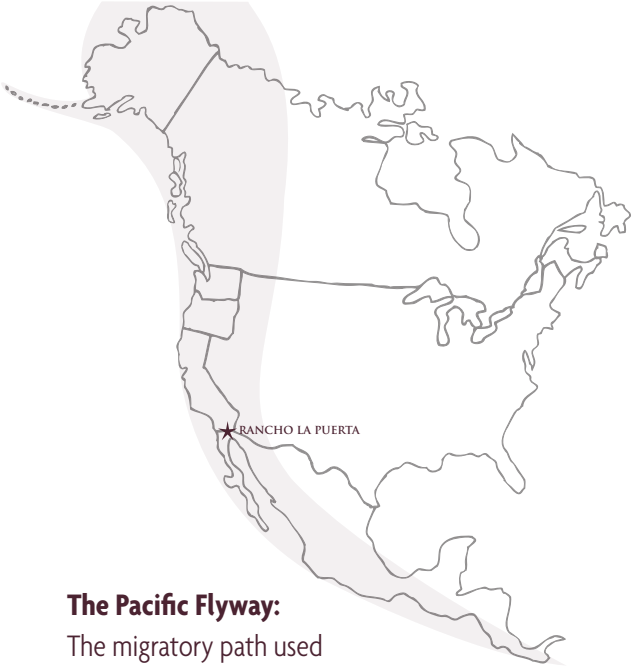
Rancho La Puerta is a magnet for birds.

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.



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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



HERONS & EGRET

- ___ Great Blue Heron *
 - ___ Great Egret *
 - ___ Snowy Egret *
 - ___ Green Heron *

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

QUAIL

- ___ California Quail Y B

SHOREBIRD & GULL

- ___ Killdeer *
- ___ California Gull *

DOVES

- ___ Mourning Dove Y b
- ___ Band-tailed Pigeon *

ROADRUNNER

- ___ Greater Roadrunner Y b

OWLS

- ___ Great Horned Owl * Y B
- ___ Barn Owl Y B
- ___ Western Screech Owl * Y b

NIGHTJARS

- ___ Common Poorwill * Y
- ___ Lesser Nighthawk * S

SWIFTS

- ___ Vaux's Swift M
- ___ White-throated Swift S b

HUMMINGBIRDS

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

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

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

SWALLOWS

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

JAY, CROW & RAVEN

- ___ Western Scrub-Jay Y B
- ___ American Crow Y B
- ___ Common Raven Y b

CHICKADEE, TITS & NUTHATCH

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

WRENS

- ___ House Wren Y B
- ___ Bewick's Wren Y B
- ___ Rock Wren Y B
- ___ Canyon Wren Y b

KINGLET & GNATCATCHERS

- ___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet W
- ___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher * Y b

SILKY FLYCATCHERS

- ___ Cedar Waxwing W
- ___ Phainopepla Y b

THRUSHES & BLUEBIRD

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

MOCKINGBIRD & THRASHER

- ___ Northern Mockingbird Y B
- ___ California Thrasher Y B

SHRIKE

- ___ Loggerhead Shrike *

VIREOS

- ___ Hutton's Vireo * Y
- ___ Warbling Vireo M

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

TANAGERS

- ___ Western Tanager Y
- ___ Summer Tanager * W
- ___ Hepatic Tanager * W
- ___ Scarlet Tanager * W

TOWHEES

- ___ California Towhee Y B
- ___ Spotted Towhee Y B

ORIOLES

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

BLACKBIRDS & COWBIRD

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

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

GROSBEAKS & BUNTING

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

FINCHES & SISKIN

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

INTRODUCED SPECIES

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

KEY TO SYMBOLS

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| 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 |