

Common Species of the Working Lands of Coastal San Mateo County

A WILDLIFE CHECKLIST



Bewick's Wren. By Sophie Webb.

Over 200 of the region's birds, mammals, amphibians, reptiles, butterflies and dragonflies with information on habitat, status, season and abundance

Produced by Point Blue Conservation Science in cooperation with TomKat Ranch and partner organizations. Point Blue Naturalist Rich Stallcup (1946–2012) conducted surveys at TomKat Ranch and developed many of these species lists.

When managed properly, the working lands of coastal San Mateo County can support superlative biological diversity. This checklist illustrates that biodiversity and highlights the species you are likely to find near the coast of San Mateo County when outdoors hiking, biking, horseback riding, and working.

This is not a complete list of all the species you may encounter in terrestrial habitats (and does not include the immediate shoreline or the ocean).

Enjoy your biodiversity!

For more information that can support managing your land for biodiversity, contact Carlene Henneman, Lead TomKat Ranch Ecologist, Point Blue Conservation Science – chenneman@pointblue.org or (760) 417-9987.

On the front cover: A Bewick's Wren brings food to its nestlings. This year-round resident relies upon coastal scrub habitat. *Drawing © Sophie Webb.*

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	HABITAT	STATUS	SEASON	ABUND.
Amphibians				
California Giant Salamander	we fo	*	y	r
California Newt	fo sc gr	*	y	r
Rough-skinned Newt	we	*	y	c
California Slender Salamander	we ge	*	y	c
Arboreal Salamander	we fo	*	y	c
Ensatina	we ge	*	y	c
Western Toad	we	*	y	c
Sierran Tree Frog	we	*	y	c
American Bullfrog	we	* i	y	c
California Red-legged Frog	we	* \$	y	r
Reptiles				
Western Pond Turtle	we	* #	y	c
Coast Horned Lizard	ge	* #	y	r
Western Fence Lizard	ge	*	y	a
Skilton's Skink	ge	*	y	c
California Alligator Lizard	ge	*	y	a
California Legless Lizard	ge	* #	y	c
Northern Rubber Boa	ge	*	y	r
California Nightsnake	gr sc	*	y	r
California King Snake	ge	*	y	c
Gopher Snake	ge	*	y	c
Sharp-tailed Snake	ge	*	y	r
Western Yellow-bellied Racer	ge	*	y	c
Ring-necked Snake	fo ri	*	y	r
Coast Garter Snake	we	*	y	c
Santa Cruz Garter Snake	we	*	y	r
San Francisco Garter Snake	ge	* &	y	r
Northern Rattlesnake	gr sc	*	y	c
Butterflies (adult)				
Pipevine Swallowtail	ge	*	s	c
Anise Swallowtail	ge	*	s	c
Western Tiger Swallowtail	ge	*	s	c
Pale Swallowtail	ge	*	s	c
Gray-veined White	ge	*	s	c
Cabbage White	ge	*	s	c
Orange Sulphur	ge	*	s	c
Western Brown Elfin	ge	*	s	c
Spring Azure	ge	*	s	c
Acmon Blue	ge	*	s	c
Satyr Angleming	ge	*	s	c
Mourning Cloak	ge	*	s	c
Painted Lady	ge	*	s	c
West Coast Lady	ge	*	s	c
Red Admiral	ge	*	s	c
Buckeye	ge	*	s	c
Lorquin's Admiral	ge	*	s	c
California Sister	ge	*	s	c
California Ringlet	ge	*	s	c
Monarch	ge	*	s	c

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Damselflies and Dragonflies				
Vivid Dancer	we	*	s	c
Tule Bluet	we	*	s	c
Pacific Forktail	we	*	s	c
Green Darner	we	*	s	c
California Darner	we	*	s	c
Blue-eyed Darner	we	*	s	c
Grappletail	we	*	s	r
Variegated Meadowhawk	we	*	s	c
Cardinal Meadowhawk	we	*	s	c
Striped Meadowhawk	we	*	s	c
Western Pondhawk	we	*	s	c
Blue Dasher	we	*	s	c
Common White-tailed Skimmer	we	*	s	c
Eight-spotted Skimmer	we	*	s	c
Widow Skimmer	we	*	s	r
Twelve-spotted Skimmer	we	*	s	c
Flame Skimmer	we	*	s	c
Black Saddlebags	we	*	s	c

Additional species that you observe:

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Waterbirds				
Pied-billed Grebe	we		y	c
Double-crested Cormorant	we		w	c
Great Blue Heron	we gr		y	c
Great Egret	we gr		w	r
Green Heron	we	*	s	r
Black-crowned Night-Heron	we	*	y	r
Gadwall	we	*	y	c
American Wigeon	we	*	w	c
Mallard	we	*	y	c
Lesser Scaup	we		w	r
Bufflehead	we		w	r
Common Merganser	we ri		w	r
Ruddy Duck	we		w	c
American Coot	we	*	y	c
Raptors				
Turkey Vulture	gr		y	a
White-tailed Kite	gr	*	y	c
Northern Harrier	gr	* #	y	r
Sharp-shinned Hawk	fo		m,w	r
Cooper's Hawk	fo		m,w	r
Red-shouldered Hawk	gr	*	y	c
Red-tailed Hawk	gr	*	y	a
Golden Eagle	gr	*	y	r
American Kestrel	gr		w	c
Merlin	gr		w	r
Peregrine Falcon	gr		w	r
Game Birds				
California Quail	sc	*	y	a
Mourning Dove	ge	*	y	c
Band-tailed Pigeon	fo	*	y	a
Owls				
Barn Owl	gr	*	y	r
Great Horned Owl	ge	*	y	c
Burrowing Owl	gr	* !	y	r
Western Screech Owl	fo ri	*	y	r
Northern Pygmy Owl	fo	*	y	r

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Swifts, Hummingbirds and Kingfishers				
White-throated Swift	ge		s,m	r
Anna's Hummingbird	ri gr	*	y	a
Rufous Hummingbird	ri		m	r
Allen's Hummingbird	ri	*	s	c
Belted Kingfisher	ri	*	w	r
Woodpeckers				
Acorn Woodpecker	gr	*	y	c
Red-breasted Sapsucker	fo ri		w	r
Nuttall's Woodpecker	ri	*	y	c
Downy Woodpecker	fo	*	y	c
Hairy Woodpecker	fo	*	y	c
Northern Flicker	ri fo	*	y	c
Pileated Woodpecker	fo	*	y	r
Flycatchers				
Olive-sided Flycatcher	fo	* #	s	r
Western Wood-Pewee	fo	*	s	c
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	fo	*	s	a
Black Phoebe	gr ri	*	y	c
Say's Phoebe	gr		w	r
Ash-throated Flycatcher	gr		s,m	r
Shrikes and Vireos				
Loggerhead Shrike	gr	!	w	r
Warbling Vireo	ri	*	s	c
Hutton's Vireo	fo	*	y	c
Jays and Crows				
Steller's Jay	fo	*	y	r
Western Scrub-Jay	sc	*	y	a
American Crow	ge	*	y	c
Common Raven	fo	*	y	c
Swallows				
Tree Swallow	gr ri	*	s	c
Violet-green Swallow	gr	*	s	c
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	gr ri	*	s	r
Cliff Swallow	gr ri	*	s	c
Barn Swallow	gr	*	s	c

Symbols for Special Conservation Status
California Dept of Fish and Wildlife Species of Special Concern
! California Dept of Fish and Wildlife Species of Special Concern and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Bird of Conservation Concern
\$ State or Federally Threatened
& State or Federally Endangered

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Chickadees and Nuthatches				
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	fo	*	y	c
Bushtit	sc	*	y	c
Red-breasted Nuthatch	fo	*	w	r
Pygmy Nuthatch	fo	*	y	r
Brown Creeper	fo	*	y	r
Wrens				
Bewick's Wren	sc	*	y	c
House Wren	sc	*	y	r
Pacific Wren	fo	*	y	r
Kinglets and Gnatcatchers				
Golden-crowned Kinglet	fo		w	r
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	fo		w	a
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	sc	*	s	r
Thrushes				
Western Bluebird	gr	*	y	c
Swainson's Thrush	fo ri	*	s	c
Hermit Thrush	fo		w	c
American Robin	ge	*	y	c
Varied Thrush	fo		w	c
Babblers				
Wrentit	sc	*	y	c
Thrashers and Waxwings				
California Thrasher	sc	*	y	r
Cedar Waxwing	sc fo		w	c
Warblers				
Orange-crowned Warbler	fo	*	s	r
Yellow Warbler	ri	!	m	c
Yellow-rumped Warbler	fo		w	a
Townsend's Warbler	fo		w	c
MacGillivray's Warbler	sc	*	s	r
Common Yellowthroat ¹	ri	* #	y	r
Wilson's Warbler	ri	*	s	c
Sparrows				
Spotted Towhee	sc	*	y	c
California Towhee	sc	*	y	c
Savannah Sparrow	gr		w	c
Grasshopper Sparrow	gr	* #	s	r
Fox Sparrow	fo		w	r
Song Sparrow	sc ri	*	y	c
White-crowned Sparrow	sc		w	c
Golden-crowned Sparrow	sc		w	c
Dark-eyed Junco	fo	*	y	a
Buntings and Grosbeaks				
Black-headed Grosbeak	ri	*	s	c
Lazuli Bunting	gr	*	s	r

¹ The San Francisco (or Salt Marsh) subspecies of Common Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis trichas sinuosa*) is a California Bird Species of Special Concern.

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Blackbirds				
Red-winged Blackbird	ge	*	y	c
Western Meadowlark	gr		w	c
Brewer's Blackbird	ge	*	y	c
Brown-headed Cowbird	gr	*	s	c
Bullock's Oriole	ge		s,m	r
Finches				
Purple Finch	fo	*	y	r
House Finch	ge	*	y	c
Pine Siskin	fo		w	c
Lesser Goldfinch	sc	*	s	r
American Goldfinch	sc	*	s	a
Non-Natives				
Wild Turkey	gr	* i	y	r
Eurasian Collared-Dove	ge	* i	y	c
European Starling	ge	* i	y	a
House Sparrow	ge	* i	y	c
Mammals				
Opossum	ge	* i	y	c
Trowbridge Shrew	fo	*	y	c
Broad-footed Mole	gr ri	*	y	c
Brush Rabbit	sc	*	y	c
Black-tailed Jackrabbit	sc gr	*	y	c
Western Gray Squirrel	ri fo	*	y	r
California Ground Squirrel	gr	*	y	a
Merriam's Chipmunk	ri fo	*	y	r
Botta's Pocket Gopher	gr	*	y	a
House Mouse	ge	*	y	c
California Vole	gr	*	y	a
Deer Mouse	ge	*	y	a
Black Rat	ri ge	* i	y	c
California Mouse	fo sc	*	y	c
Western Harvest Mouse	sc gr	*	y	a
San Francisco Dusky-footed Woodrat	fo	* #	y	c
Gray Fox	sc fo	*	y	r
Coyote	ge	*	y	r
Raccoon	ge	*	y	c
Long-tailed Weasel	gr	*	y	r
American Badger	gr	* #	y	r
Spotted Skunk	ge	*	y	c
Striped Skunk	ge	*	y	c
Mountain Lion	ge	*	y	r
Bobcat	ge	*	y	r
Wild Pig	ge	* i	y	c
Black-tailed Deer	ge	*	y	a

HABITAT	SEASON
fo forest	s summer resident
ge generalist	w winter resident
gr grassland	m fall or spring
ri riparian	migrating visitor
sc scrub	y year-round resident
we wetland	
STATUS	ABUNDANCE
* breeds here	a abundant
#! special conservation	c fairly common
\$& status (box at right)	r rare
i introduced	