



American Crow



Great Blue Heron



Birdwatcher's Guide

A list of birds most often seen at EFRR and where to find them



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Roadrunner



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These 62 birds can be seen in EFRR. If you see all 62 in one day, give yourself a gold medal.

Chances of spotting this bird: (G = Good; F = Fair; L = Count yourself very lucky!)

SPECIES	CHANCE	OFTEN SPOTTED HERE
<input type="checkbox"/> American Coot	G	at the reservoir
<input type="checkbox"/> American Crow	G	in big groups on higher trails
<input type="checkbox"/> American Kestrel	F	perched on higher chaparral or on high power lines
<input type="checkbox"/> Anna's Hummingbird	G	everywhere
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Owl	L	in groves of big oaks on Botanical Trail
<input type="checkbox"/> Belted Kingfisher	L	occasional fly-bys along Escondido Creek
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Phoebe	G	perched or flying above coastal sage scrub
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-chinned Hummingbird	L	summer in big oaks by Escondido Creek/Botanical Trail
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-headed Grosbeak	F-G	in big oaks along Escondido Creek during summer
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	L	in oaks at Ridgetop Picnic Area
<input type="checkbox"/> Brewer's Blackbird	G	along roads on higher trails
<input type="checkbox"/> Bushtit	G	in groups going bush to bush, everywhere
<input type="checkbox"/> California Gnatcatcher	L	in coastal sage scrub
<input type="checkbox"/> California Quail	F	running or flying low at top of Way Up Trail
<input type="checkbox"/> California Thrasher	G	in open chaparral on higher trails
<input type="checkbox"/> California Towhee	G	everywhere
<input type="checkbox"/> Cassin's Kingbird	L	in big oaks along Escondido Creek
<input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Waxwing	F	in groups, looking for fruits during early winter
<input type="checkbox"/> Cliff Swallow	F	occasional fly-bys on Lake Hodges Overlook Trail during summer
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Poorwill	L	along Lake Hodges Overlook Trail and Witch Trail
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Raven	F	in twos or threes on higher trails
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat	G	like to nest near water
<input type="checkbox"/> Cooper's Hawk	F	in tall oaks on Botanical Trail (perched)
<input type="checkbox"/> Double-crested Cormorant	F	at the reservoir, on Witch Trail
<input type="checkbox"/> Fox Sparrow	F	in open chaparral and coastal sage scrub during winter
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Blue Heron	F	standing near the shores of Escondido creek
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Egret	G	at the reservoir
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Horned Owl	L	in groves of big oaks on Botanical Trail
<input type="checkbox"/> Green Heron	L-F	at the reservoir, occasionally on Escondido Creek
<input type="checkbox"/> Hermit Thrush	L	in big oaks along Escondido Creek
<input type="checkbox"/> Horned Lark	L	along roads on higher trails
<input type="checkbox"/> House Finch	G	at the interpretive center in Staging Area
<input type="checkbox"/> House Wren	G	at the interpretive center in Staging Area
<input type="checkbox"/> Hutton's Vireo	L-F	in big oaks along Escondido Creek
<input type="checkbox"/> Killdeer	F	on grassy meadows, top of Way Up Trail
<input type="checkbox"/> Lesser Goldfinch	G	in open country on higher trails
<input type="checkbox"/> Mallard	G	along Escondido Creek
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove	G	everywhere
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker	F-G	flying everywhere (odd bird making odd noises)
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Harrier	L-F	in the air, flying low, at top of Way Up Trail
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Mockingbird	F	in open chaparral on higher trails
<input type="checkbox"/> Nuttall's Woodpecker	L-F	in big oaks along Escondido Creek
<input type="checkbox"/> Oak Titmouse	F	in oak woods along Escondido Creek
<input type="checkbox"/> Orange-crowned Warbler	F	in dense chaparral on Way Up Trail
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-shouldered Hawk	L-F	in tall oaks on Botanical Trail (perched)
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk	G	in the air, perched in trees
<input type="checkbox"/> Roadrunner	L	on roads on higher trails (exceedingly rare)
<input type="checkbox"/> Rock Wren	L	Lake Hodges Overlook Trail and Witch Trail
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-crowned Kinglet	F	in big oaks along Escondido Creek
<input type="checkbox"/> Sage Sparrow	F	in chaparral, in water containers at top of Way Up Trail
<input type="checkbox"/> Scrub Jay	G	everywhere
<input type="checkbox"/> Snowy Egret	G	at the reservoir, occasionally on Escondido Creek
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow	G	near water
<input type="checkbox"/> Spotted Towhee	G	in open chaparral
<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Vulture	G	in the air at top of Way Up Trail
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Bluebird	F	in open chaparral on higher trails
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Meadowlark	F	in very open meadows on higher trails
<input type="checkbox"/> White-crowned Sparrow	G	in open chaparral and coastal sage scrub during winter
<input type="checkbox"/> White-tailed Kite	F	flying above the oaks by Escondido Creek
<input type="checkbox"/> White-throated Swift	L	occasional fly-bys on upper trails
<input type="checkbox"/> Wrentit	F	in open chaparral on higher trails
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-rumped Warbler	G	in open chaparral (sometimes called "Audubon's Warbler")