

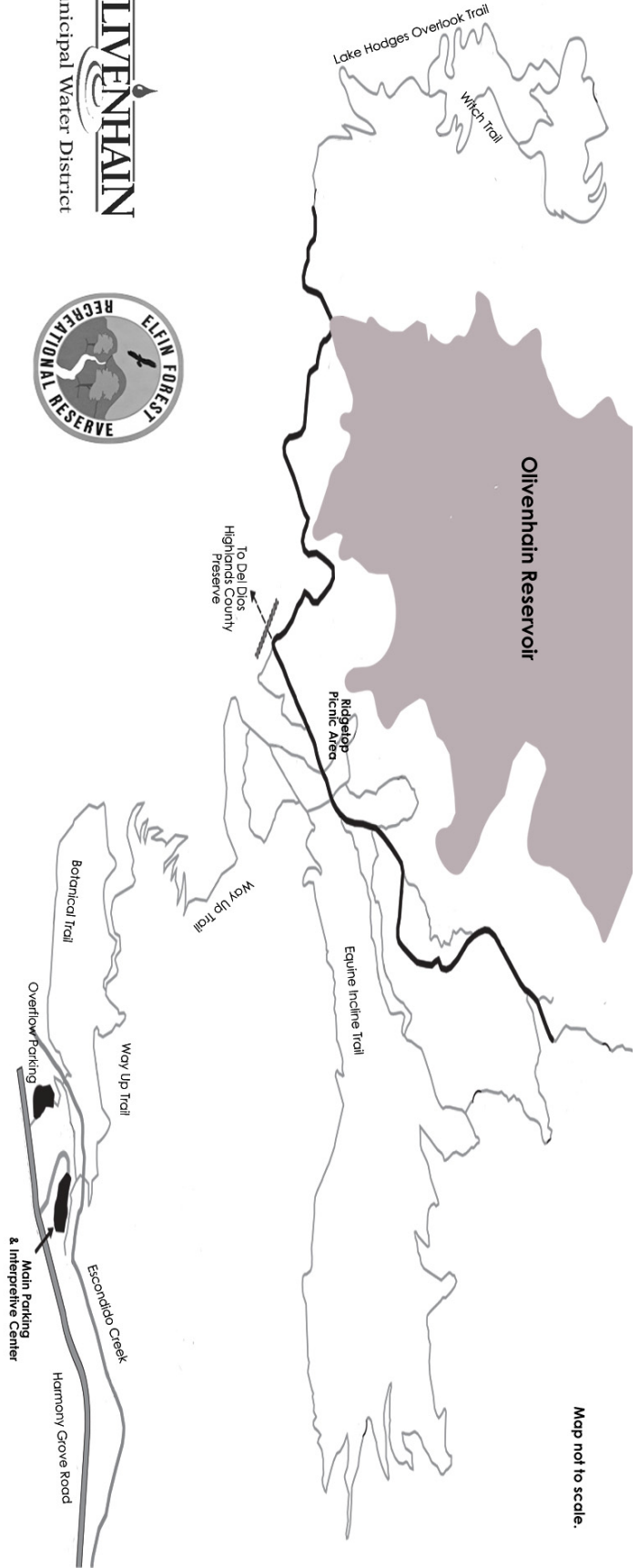
Elfin Forest

RECREATIONAL RESERVE



Birdwatcher's Guide

A list of birds most often seen at the reserve and where to find them.



Map not to scale.

These 62 birds can be seen in the Reserve. If you see all 62 in one day, you will get a gold medal.

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

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