

Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve BIRD LIST



Spotted Towhee in Scrub Oak
A resident bird on the SRPER

COMMON NAME	SEASON/OCCURRENCE				HABITAT
	SP	SU	FA	WI	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Swallow		u			o
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Rough-winged Swallow ♦	c	c			
<input type="checkbox"/> Cliff Swallow ♥	a	a	u		G
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Swallow	r	r	r	r	
CHICKADEES					
<input type="checkbox"/> Oak Titmouse ♥	c	c	c	c	O,S,C
<input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Chickadee			r	r	O
BUSHTITS					
<input type="checkbox"/> Bushtit ♥	a	a	a	a	O,S,C
NUTHATCHES					
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-breasted Nuthatch			r		R,O
<input type="checkbox"/> White-breasted Nuthatch ♥	c	c	c	c	O
WRENS					
<input type="checkbox"/> House Wren ♥	c	c	u	o	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Bewick's Wren ♥	c	c	c	c	C,O
<input type="checkbox"/> Cactus Wren ♦	r	r	r	r	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Rock Wren ♦	c	r	c	c	G
<input type="checkbox"/> Canyon Wren ♦	o	o	o	o	
KINGLETS & GNATCATCHERS					
<input type="checkbox"/> Golden-crowned Kinglet				r	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-crowned Kinglet	c		a	a	C,O
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	r	u	u	u	
<input type="checkbox"/> California Gnatcatcher ♦	o		o	o	S
BLUEBIRDS, THRUSHES & ALLIES					
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Bluebird ♥	a	a	a	a	R,O
<input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Bluebird	o		o	o	G
<input type="checkbox"/> Swainson's Thrush	r		r		O,G
<input type="checkbox"/> Hermit Thrush	o	o	o	o	O,R,C
<input type="checkbox"/> American Robin	c		o	c	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Varied Thrush			r	r	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wrentit ♥	a	a	a	a	S,C
MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS					
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Mockingbird ♦	o	o	o	o	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Sage Thrasher	r				
<input type="checkbox"/> California Thrasher ♦	c	c	c	c	S,C
STARLINGS					
<input type="checkbox"/> European Starling ♥	a	a	c	c	R
PIPITS					
<input type="checkbox"/> American Pipit	o		o	c	G
WAXWINGS					
<input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Waxwing	r	r	r	r	
SILKY FLYCATCHERS					
<input type="checkbox"/> Phainopepla ♦	a	o	o	o	O
WOOD WARBLERS					
<input type="checkbox"/> Orange-crowned Warbler ♥	c	c	c	o	O,R
<input type="checkbox"/> Nashville Warbler	o		o		O,R
<input type="checkbox"/> Virginia's Warbler	r				O,R
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Parula	x				
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Warbler	o	o	o		O,R
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-rumped Warbler	a	r	c	a	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-throated Gray Warbler	u	u	u		O,R
<input type="checkbox"/> Townsend's Warbler	u	u	u		O,R
<input type="checkbox"/> Hermit Warbler	o	o			O
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-throated Warbler				x	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Redstart				r	
<input type="checkbox"/> MacGillivray's Warbler	r				

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<input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat ♦		c	o	o	o	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Warbler		c	o	o		O,R
<input type="checkbox"/> Hooded Warbler			x			O,R
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-breasted Chat				r		R
TANAGERS						
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Tanager		c		o		O
<input type="checkbox"/> Summer Tanager		r	r			O,R
TOWHEES & SPARROWS						
<input type="checkbox"/> Green-tailed Towhee				r		C
<input type="checkbox"/> California Towhee ♥		c	c	c	c	S,C
<input type="checkbox"/> Spotted Towhee ♥		c	c	c	c	S,C
<input type="checkbox"/> Rufous-crowned Sparrow ♥		u	u	u	u	S
<input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow ♥		u	u	u	u	O,G
<input type="checkbox"/> Brewer's Sparrow				o		G
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-chinned Sparrow ♦		o	o			S,G
<input type="checkbox"/> Vesper Sparrow		o		o	o	G
<input type="checkbox"/> Lark Sparrow ♥		c	c	c	c	S,C
<input type="checkbox"/> Sage Sparrow		r	r	r		S,C
<input type="checkbox"/> Savannah Sparrow		a	r	c	a	G
<input type="checkbox"/> Grasshopper Sparrow ♥		c	c	u	u	G
<input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln's Sparrow		r		u	u	C,R
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow ♥		c	c	c	c	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Fox Sparrow		u	u	u	u	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Golden-crowned Sparrow		u	u	u	c	O,C
<input type="checkbox"/> White-crowned Sparrow		c	c	c	c	O,C
<input type="checkbox"/> Dark-eyed Junco		a	r	a	a	O,G
GROSEBEAKS & BUNTINGS						
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-headed Grosbeak		c	o	r		O,R
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Grosbeak ♦		c	c			R,G
<input type="checkbox"/> Lazuli Bunting ♥		u	u			O,R
ORIOLES & BLACKBIRDS						
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Meadowlark ♥		a	a	a	a	G
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Cowbird ♥		o	o		r	O,R
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-headed Blackbird		r				R,V
<input type="checkbox"/> Tri-colored Blackbird					r	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged Blackbird ♥		a	u	r	c	V,R
<input type="checkbox"/> Brewer's Blackbird ♦		c	o	u	c	
<input type="checkbox"/> Great-tailed Grackle			r			
<input type="checkbox"/> Hooded Oriole ♥		u	u	r		O
<input type="checkbox"/> Bullock's Oriole ♥		c	c	c		O
<input type="checkbox"/> Scott's Oriole					r	
FINCHES & ALLIES						
<input type="checkbox"/> Purple Finch		o		r	o	O
<input type="checkbox"/> House Finch ♥		a	a	a	a	O,C
<input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch ♦		o	o	o	o	C,O,G
<input type="checkbox"/> Lesser Goldfinch ♦		c	c	c	c	C,S,O
<input type="checkbox"/> Lawrence's Goldfinch ♦		u	r	r	r	C,S,O
<input type="checkbox"/> Pine Siskin		r		r	r	O

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Wildlife observation on the Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve is encouraged and endorsed by the Riverside County Park and Open-Space District.

Key to Abbreviations and Symbols

Seasons

- SP** Spring (March through May)
- SU** Summer (June through August)
- FA** Fall (September through November)
- WI** Winter (December through February)

Occurrence

- a** **abundant** - very numerous and easily seen, often in flocks.
- c** **common** - usually seen in their regular habitat but not in large numbers.
- u** **uncommon** - probably present but not certain to be seen.
- o** **occasional** - seen only a few times during a season.
- r** **rare** - not present every year.
- x** **accidental** - species far from their normal range, usually a disoriented bird.
- *** **reported but not confirmed.**
- ^** **reported only before 1984.**

Habitat

Listing of habitats where a particular species is usually found. If no habitat is specified, the species is considered to be of widespread occurrence.

- V** **Vernal Pools.** Located on lava rock mesas, these seasonal ponds fill during winter rains and usually evaporate by the end of spring.
- R** **Riparian.** Areas bordering seasonal streams and tenajas, consisting largely of sycamore and willow trees.

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- O **Oak Woodland.** Consisting mainly of coast live oak and the rare Engelmann oak, these areas occur in irregular patterns on the mesas, hills and along stream banks.
- G **Grassland.** Native bunchgrass prairie occupies much of the Plateau and is considered to many to be the finest example of bunch grass prairie left in California.
- S **Coastal Sage Scrub.** Areas of low, sparse growth of shrubs such as sagebrush and buckwheat. Includes prickly pear cactus patches.
- C **Chaparral.** Dense stands of evergreen shrubs and small trees, mainly on the rocky slopes bordering grasslands and oak woodlands.

Nesting ♥ Nesting confirmed
 ♦ Nesting probable

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SWANS, GEESE, & DUCKS

<input type="checkbox"/> Snow Goose				r	V
<input type="checkbox"/> Ross's Goose				r	V
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Goose				r	V
<input type="checkbox"/> Brant				r	V
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Duck				r	R
<input type="checkbox"/> American Wigeon				a	V
<input type="checkbox"/> Eurasian Wigeon				r	V
<input type="checkbox"/> Gadwall				o	V
<input type="checkbox"/> Mallard ♥				c u u c	V,R
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Shoveler				a	V
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Pintail				c	V
<input type="checkbox"/> Green-winged Teal				a	V
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-winged Teal				r	V
<input type="checkbox"/> Cinnamon Teal				a	V
<input type="checkbox"/> Redhead				r	V
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-necked Duck				o	V
<input type="checkbox"/> Lesser Scaup					o V
<input type="checkbox"/> Bufflehead				r	V
<input type="checkbox"/> Hooded Merganser				r	V
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Merganser				r	V
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruddy Duck				r	V

PHEASANTS, TURKEYS, & QUAILS

<input type="checkbox"/> Wild Turkey ♥		r	r	r	r	G
<input type="checkbox"/> California Quail ♥		a	a	a	a	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Quail		o	o	o	r	C

GREBES

<input type="checkbox"/> Eared Grebe				r	V
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PELICANS

<input type="checkbox"/> American White Pelican				r	r	r
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CORMORANTS

<input type="checkbox"/> Double-crested Cormorant				r	r	r
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BITTERNS & HERONS

<input type="checkbox"/> Great Egret				r	r	V,G
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Blue Heron				r	r	V,G
<input type="checkbox"/> Green Heron					r	V
<input type="checkbox"/> Snowy Egret				r		
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-crowned Night-heron					r	

IBISES & SPOONBILLS

<input type="checkbox"/> White-faced Ibis				r		V
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VULTURES

<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Vulture				c	c	c	o
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KITES, EAGLES, & HAWKS

<input type="checkbox"/> Osprey				r		r	V	
<input type="checkbox"/> White Tailed Kite ♥				c	c	c	c	O,G
<input type="checkbox"/> Golden Eagle ♥				o	o	o	o	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sharp-shinned Hawk				o		u	u	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Cooper's Hawk ♥				u	u	u	u	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Harrier				o	r	c	c	G
<input type="checkbox"/> Zone-tailed Hawk						r		
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-shouldered Hawk ♥				c	c	c	c	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-tail Hawk ♥				c	c	c	c	
<input type="checkbox"/> Swainson's Hawk				r		r		
<input type="checkbox"/> Ferruginous Hawk				r		r	o	G
<input type="checkbox"/> Rough-legged Hawk						r		

FALCONS

<input type="checkbox"/> American Kestrel ♥				c	c	c	c	G,R
<input type="checkbox"/> Merlin				u		u	u	O,G,V
<input type="checkbox"/> Prairie Falcon				u		u	u	G
<input type="checkbox"/> Peregrine Falcon						r		V

RAILS, GALLINULES, & COOTS

<input type="checkbox"/> American Coot				r				V
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PLOVERS

<input type="checkbox"/> Black Bellied Plover				r				V
<input type="checkbox"/> Killdeer ♦				o	o	o	o	G,V

STILTS & AVOCETS

<input type="checkbox"/> Black Necked Stilt				c			c	V
<input type="checkbox"/> American Avocet				r				V

SANDPIPERS & PHALAROPES

<input type="checkbox"/> Greater Yellowlegs				c			c	V
<input type="checkbox"/> Lesser Yellowlegs				r				V
<input type="checkbox"/> Willet				o			o	V
<input type="checkbox"/> Spotted Sandpiper				r			r	V
<input type="checkbox"/> Whimbrel				r			r	V,G
<input type="checkbox"/> Least Sandpiper				r			r	V
<input type="checkbox"/> Pectoral Sandpiper							r	V
<input type="checkbox"/> Long-billed Dowitcher				r			u	V
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Snipe				u			u	V

GULLS & TERNS

<input type="checkbox"/> Bonaparte's Gull								V
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-billed Gull				r				V
<input type="checkbox"/> California Gull							r	V
<input type="checkbox"/> Herring Gull				r			r	V

PIGEONS & DOVES

<input type="checkbox"/> Band-tailed Pigeon ♦				a	u	a	a	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Rock Pigeon				o	r	r	o	
<input type="checkbox"/> Spotted Dove				r				
<input type="checkbox"/> Eurasian Collared-Dove							r	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove ♥				c	c	c	c	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Ground-Dove				o	r	r		C,O

COOKOOS & ROADRUNNERS

<input type="checkbox"/> Greater Roadrunner ♦				o	o	o	o	S,C
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OLD WORLD OWLS

<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Owl ♥				c	c	u	c	
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TYPICAL OWLS

<input type="checkbox"/> Short-eared Owl							r	
<input type="checkbox"/> Long-eared Owl				*				

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<input type="checkbox"/> Great Horned Owl ♥				c	c	c	c	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Screech-owl ♦				u	u	u	u	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Burrowing Owl						u	u	G

GOATSUCKERS

<input type="checkbox"/> Lesser Nighthawk					*			
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Poorwill				o	o	o	r	

SWIFTS

<input type="checkbox"/> White-throated Swift				o	o	o	o	
<input type="checkbox"/> Vaux's Swift				o		r		

HUMMINGBIRDS

<input type="checkbox"/> Black-chinned Hummingbird ♥				c	c			R,C
<input type="checkbox"/> Costa's Hummingbird ♥				u	o	r	o	C,S
<input type="checkbox"/> Anna's Hummingbird ♥				c	c	c	c	C,S
<input type="checkbox"/> Calliope Hummingbird				r				
<input type="checkbox"/> Rufous Hummingbird				o		o		
<input type="checkbox"/> Allen's Hummingbird				r				

KINGFISHERS

<input type="checkbox"/> Belted Kingfisher				r	r			
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WOODPECKERS

<input type="checkbox"/> Acorn Woodpecker ♥				a	a	a	a	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Lewis's Woodpecker				r			r	O,G
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-breasted Sapsucker				o			o	R,O
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Sapsucker							o	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-naped Sapsucker							o	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Nuttall's Woodpecker ♥				c	c	c	c	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Downy Woodpecker					r			R
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker				c	c	c	c	O,C

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

<input type="checkbox"/> Olive-sided Flycatcher				r	r	r		
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Wood-peegee				o	o	o		O,R
<input type="checkbox"/> Willow Flycatcher						r	r	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Hammond's Flycatcher				r				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pacific-slope Flycatcher ♥				c	c	r		O,R
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Phoebe						r	r	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Phoebe ♥				c	c	c	c	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Say's Phoebe				u		c	c	G
<input type="checkbox"/> Ash-throated Flycatcher ♥				a	a	r		O
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown-crested Flycatcher					*			
<input type="checkbox"/> Cassin's Kingbird				u	u	c	c	G,C
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Kingbird ♦				c	c	r		G

SHRIKES

<input type="checkbox"/> Loggerhead Shrike ♦				o	o	o	o	G
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VIREOS

<input type="checkbox"/> Hutton's Vireo ♦				u	u	u	u	R,O
<input type="checkbox"/> Plumbeous Vireo							r	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cassin's Vireo				r		r		
<input type="checkbox"/> Warbling Vireo				o		o		

JAYS & CROWS

<input type="checkbox"/> Western Scrub-Jay ♥				a	a	a	a	C,O
<input type="checkbox"/> American Crow ♥				a	a	a	a	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Raven ♥				a	a	a	a	O,G

LARKS

<input type="checkbox"/> Horned Lark ♥				u	u	u	u	G
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SWALLOWS

<input type="checkbox"/> Purple Martin ♥				r				
<input type="checkbox"/> Violet-Green Swallow ♥				a	a			O