

## Where to Look

Explore birds in their natural habitats

### Redwood / Mixed Evergreen Forest

Trails: *Skyline to the Sea, North Escape Road, Creeping Forest, Dool, Shadowbrook, Sequoia, Sunset*

- Marbled Murrelet (S)
- Allen's Hummingbird (S)
- Pileated Woodpecker (YR)
- Golden-crowned Kinglet (YR)

### Oak / Madrone Woodland

Trails: *North Escape Road, Shadowbrook, Howard King, Sunset, Pine Mountain*

- Great Horned Owl (YR)
- Nuttall's Woodpecker (YR)
- Orange-crowned Warbler (YR)
- American Kestrel (YR)

### Chaparral

Trails: *North Escape Road, Meteor Trail, Pine Mountain*

- Wrentit (YR)
- Western Scrub-Jay (YR)
- Common Poorwill (S)
- Turkey Vulture (YR)

### Riparian Corridor

Trails: *Skyline to the Sea, Sunset, Shadowbrook*

- Common Merganser (W)
- Song Sparrow (YR)
- MacGillivray's Warbler (S)
- American Dipper (YR)

W= Winter S= Summer YR= Year Round

Move quietly between viewing locations, then stand still for a few minutes while trying to locate any bird you hear.

Scan the shrubs, ground, tree tops, and river and banks with both the unaided eye and binoculars.

7X50 binoculars work well for wildlife, astronomy, and sports.



## Birding 101

Tips & Tricks

Mornings and early evenings are especially active times for many species. This is when nocturnal species begin to return to their roosts for the day, and diurnal species begin a day of foraging.

Mid-day can be a good time to spot large raptors hunting as they soar on thermal updrafts.

*A bird does not sing because it has an answer. It sings because it has a song.*

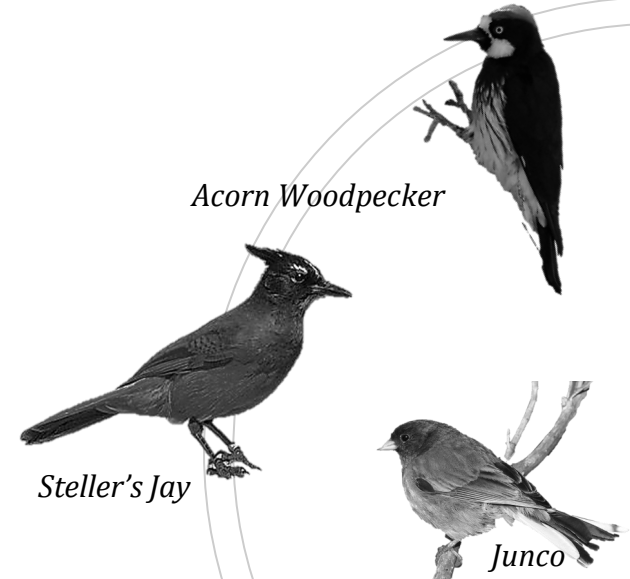
—Proverb

Big Basin Redwoods State Park



## The BIRDS of Big Basin Redwoods State Park

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Boulder Creek, CA 95006



Acorn Woodpecker

Steller's Jay

Junco

Can you find all the birds listed in this guide?

**Discovering Birds  
At Big Basin  
Redwoods State Park**

Many of these birds can be found near the campgrounds and headquarters (these are labeled **HQ**), but you'll need to search more than one of the park's major habitats to find them all. Some species are here year-round thanks to the mild winters in the Redwood Forest, but others are migratory and are just passing through. Spotting birds and other wildlife can be thrilling, but it is an activity that requires careful observation and some patience.

**CHECKLIST**

**Miscellaneous** *Notes*

- Marbled Murrelet (HQ)
- Band-tailed Pigeon (HQ)
- Mourning Dove
- California Quail
- Belted Kingfisher

**Duck-like Birds** *Notes*

- Mallard
- Common Merganser

**Hawk-like Birds** *Notes*

- American Kestrel
- Cooper's Hawk
- Peregrine Falcon
- Red-shouldered Hawk
- Red-tailed Hawk
- Sharp-shinned Hawk
- Turkey Vulture (HQ)

**Owl-like Birds** *Notes*

- Barn Owl (HQ)
- Common Poorwill
- Great Horned Owl
- Northern Pygmy-Owl
- Northern Saw-whet Owl
- Western Screech-Owl (HQ)

**Hummingbirds** *Notes*

- Anna's Hummingbird
- Allen's Hummingbird (HQ)
- Calliope Hummingbird

**Tree-Clinging Birds** *Notes*

- Acorn Woodpecker (HQ)
- Downy Woodpecker
- Hairy Woodpecker
- Pileated Woodpecker (HQ)
- Northern Flicker (HQ)
- Nuttall's Woodpecker
- Red-breasted Sapsucker
- Williamson's Sapsucker

**Corvids** *Notes*

- Steller's Jay (HQ)
- Western Scrub-Jay (HQ)
- American Crow
- Common Raven (HQ)

**Perching Birds** *Notes*

- Vaux's Swift
- Olive-sided Flycatcher
- Western Wood-Pewee
- Dusky Flycatcher
- Pacific-slope Flycatcher (HQ)
- Black Phoebe
- Cassin's Vireo
- Hutton's Vireo
- Warbling Vireo
- Chestnut-backed Chickadee (HQ)
- Oak Titmouse (HQ)
- Bushtit
- Red-breasted Nuthatch
- Pygmy Nuthatch (HQ)
- Brown Creeper (HQ)

**Perching Birds (cont.)** *Notes*

- Pacific Wren (HQ)
- Bewick's Wren
- American Dipper
- Golden-crowned Kinglet (HQ)
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet
- Wrentit
- Swainson's Thrush
- Hermit Thrush (HQ)
- American Robin (HQ)
- Varied Thrush
- Orange-crowned Warbler
- MacGillivray's Warbler
- Yellow-rumped Warbler
- Black-throated Gray Warbler
- Townsend's Warbler
- Hermit Warbler
- Wilson's Warbler (HQ)
- Spotted Towhee (HQ)
- California Towhee
- Chipping Sparrow
- Fox Sparrow
- Song Sparrow
- Golden-crowned Sparrow
- Dark-eyed Junco (HQ)
- Black-headed Grosbeak
- House Finch
- Purple Finch
- Red Crossbill
- Pine Siskin
- Lesser Goldfinch