

Checklist of Birds of Novato

The following list contains birds that can be regularly found in Novato. Some are more abundant than others and some can be more easily found in other parts of the county. Uncommon and locally rare species are excluded from this list. What constitutes “rarity” is of course subject to interpretation, so this is by no means an official list of any kind, but rather aims at conveying what an interested amateur would be able to see in a given year with a moderate amount of effort and persistence. Seasonal movements are represented by (s) for summer, (w) for winter, and (m) for a few birds seen regularly in migration, but there are many variations among different species that are not captured by this general indication: for instance, some birds are widespread in winter, but become much less common in spring. For shorebirds with brief arctic nesting seasons, southbound migrants often first appear in July, so “winter” status may more or less mean that they are quite uncommon in May and June, while most wintering ducks typically arrive later, from September through November.

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| 1. | Canada Goose | _____ | 37. | Black Rail | _____ |
| 2. | Cackling Goose (w) | _____ | 38. | Ridgway’s Rail | _____ |
| 3. | Mute Swan | _____ | 39. | Virginia Rail | _____ |
| 4. | Gadwall | _____ | 40. | Sora | _____ |
| 5. | American Wigeon (w) | _____ | 41. | Common Gallinule | _____ |
| 6. | Mallard | _____ | 42. | American Coot (w) | _____ |
| 7. | Cinnamon Teal (w) | _____ | 43. | Black-necked Stilt | _____ |
| 8. | Northern Shoveler (w) | _____ | 44. | American Avocet | _____ |
| 9. | Northern Pintail (w) | _____ | 45. | Black-bellied Plover (w) | _____ |
| 10. | Green-winged Teal (w) | _____ | 46. | Semipalmated Plover (w) | _____ |
| 11. | Canvasback (w) | _____ | 47. | Killdeer | _____ |
| 12. | Ring-necked Duck (w) | _____ | 48. | Whimbrel (w) | _____ |
| 13. | Greater Scaup (w) | _____ | 49. | Long-billed Curlew (w) | _____ |
| 14. | Lesser Scaup (w) | _____ | 50. | Marbled Godwit (w) | _____ |
| 15. | Bufflehead (w) | _____ | 51. | Least Sandpiper (w) | _____ |
| 16. | Common Goldeneye (w) | _____ | 52. | Western Sandpiper (w) | _____ |
| 17. | Barrow’s Goldeneye (w) | _____ | 53. | Short-billed Dowitcher (w) | _____ |
| 18. | Hooded Merganser (w) | _____ | 54. | Long-billed Dowitcher (w) | _____ |
| 19. | Common Merganser (w) | _____ | 55. | Dunlin (w) | _____ |
| 20. | Red-breasted Merganser (w) | _____ | 56. | Spotted Sandpiper (w) | _____ |
| 21. | Ruddy Duck (w) | _____ | 57. | Greater Yellowlegs | _____ |
| 22. | California Quail | _____ | 58. | Willet (w) | _____ |
| 23. | Wild Turkey | _____ | 59. | Bonaparte’s Gull (w) | _____ |
| 24. | Pied-billed Grebe | _____ | 60. | Ring-billed Gull | _____ |
| 25. | Eared Grebe (w) | _____ | 61. | Western Gull | _____ |
| 26. | Western Grebe (w) | _____ | 62. | California Gull | _____ |
| 27. | Clark’s Grebe (w) | _____ | 63. | Mew Gull | _____ |
| 28. | Rock Pigeon | _____ | 64. | Caspian Tern (s) | _____ |
| 29. | Band-tailed Pigeon | _____ | 65. | Forster’s Tern (s) | _____ |
| 30. | Eurasian Collared-Dove | _____ | 66. | Double-crested Cormorant | _____ |
| 31. | Mourning Dove | _____ | 67. | American White Pelican | _____ |
| 32. | Vaux’s Swift (m) | _____ | 68. | American Bittern | _____ |
| 33. | White-throated Swift | _____ | 69. | Great Blue Heron | _____ |
| 34. | Anna’s Hummingbird | _____ | 70. | Great Egret | _____ |
| 35. | Rufous Hummingbird (m) | _____ | 71. | Snowy Egret | _____ |
| 36. | Allen’s Hummingbird (s) | _____ | 72. | Green Heron | _____ |

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| 73. | Black-crowned Night-Heron | _____ | 120. | House Wren (s) | _____ |
| 74. | Turkey Vulture | _____ | 121. | Pacific Wren | _____ |
| 75. | Osprey | _____ | 122. | Marsh Wren | _____ |
| 76. | White-tailed Kite | _____ | 123. | Bewick's Wren | _____ |
| 77. | Bald Eagle (w) | _____ | 124. | Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (s) | _____ |
| 78. | Golden Eagle | _____ | 125. | Golden-crowned Kinglet | _____ |
| 79. | Northern Harrier | _____ | 126. | Ruby-crowned Kinglet (w) | _____ |
| 80. | Sharp-shinned Hawk (w) | _____ | 127. | Wrentit | _____ |
| 81. | Cooper's Hawk | _____ | 128. | Western Bluebird | _____ |
| 82. | Red-shouldered Hawk | _____ | 129. | Hermit Thrush | _____ |
| 83. | Red-tailed Hawk | _____ | 130. | American Robin | _____ |
| 84. | American Kestrel | _____ | 131. | Varied Thrush (w) | _____ |
| 85. | Merlin (w) | _____ | 132. | Northern Mockingbird | _____ |
| 86. | Peregrine Falcon | _____ | 133. | European Starling | _____ |
| 87. | Barn Owl | _____ | 134. | Cedar Waxwing (w) | _____ |
| 88. | Western Screech-Owl | _____ | 135. | House Sparrow | _____ |
| 89. | Great Horned Owl | _____ | 136. | American Pipit (w) | _____ |
| 90. | Belted Kingfisher | _____ | 137. | House Finch | _____ |
| 91. | Acorn Woodpecker | _____ | 138. | Purple Finch | _____ |
| 92. | Red-breasted Sapsucker (w) | _____ | 139. | Pine Siskin (w) | _____ |
| 93. | Nuttall's Woodpecker | _____ | 140. | Lesser Goldfinch | _____ |
| 94. | Downy Woodpecker | _____ | 141. | American Goldfinch | _____ |
| 95. | Hairy Woodpecker | _____ | 142. | Orange-crowned Warbler (s) | _____ |
| 96. | Northern Flicker | _____ | 143. | Common Yellowthroat | _____ |
| 97. | Pileated Woodpecker | _____ | 144. | Yellow-rumped Warbler (w) | _____ |
| 98. | Pacific-slope Flycatcher (s) | _____ | 145. | Townsend's Warbler (w) | _____ |
| 99. | Black Phoebe | _____ | 146. | Wilson's Warbler (s) | _____ |
| 100. | Say's Phoebe (w) | _____ | 147. | Grasshopper Sparrow (s) | _____ |
| 101. | Ash-throated Flycatcher (s) | _____ | 148. | Lark Sparrow (s) | _____ |
| 102. | Western Kingbird (s) | _____ | 149. | Fox Sparrow (w) | _____ |
| 103. | Hutton's Vireo | _____ | 150. | Dark-eyed Junco | _____ |
| 104. | Warbling Vireo (s) | _____ | 151. | White-crowned Sparrow (w) | _____ |
| 105. | Steller's Jay | _____ | 152. | Golden-crowned Sparrow (w) | _____ |
| 106. | California Scrub-Jay | _____ | 153. | White-throated Sparrow (w) | _____ |
| 107. | American Crow | _____ | 154. | Savannah Sparrow | _____ |
| 108. | Common Raven | _____ | 155. | Song Sparrow | _____ |
| 109. | Horned Lark | _____ | 156. | Lincoln's Sparrow (w) | _____ |
| 110. | Northern Rough-winged Swallow (s) | _____ | 157. | California Towhee | _____ |
| 111. | Tree Swallow (s) | _____ | 158. | Spotted Towhee | _____ |
| 112. | Violet-green Swallow (s) | _____ | 159. | Lazuli Bunting (s) | _____ |
| 113. | Barn Swallow (s) | _____ | 160. | Red-winged Blackbird | _____ |
| 114. | Cliff Swallow (s) | _____ | 161. | Western Meadowlark | _____ |
| 115. | Chestnut-backed Chickadee | _____ | 162. | Brewer's Blackbird | _____ |
| 116. | Oak Titmouse | _____ | 163. | Great-tailed Grackle | _____ |
| 117. | Bushtit | _____ | 164. | Brown-headed Cowbird | _____ |
| 118. | White-breasted Nuthatch | _____ | 165. | Hooded Oriole (s) | _____ |
| 119. | Brown Creeper | _____ | 166. | Bullock's Oriole (s) | _____ |

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