

Checklist of Birds of Northeast Marin

The following list contains birds that can be regularly found around Novato and San Rafael, excluding locally rare species. What constitutes “rarity” is of course subject to interpretation, so this is by no means an official list, but rather an approximation of what an interested amateur could see in a given year with a moderate amount of effort. Seasonal movements are represented by (s) for summer, (w) for winter, and (m) for a few birds seen most 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 and songbirds typically arrive later, from September through November: consider the seasonal markers loose suggestions rather than strict rules.

1.	Canada Goose	_____	39.	Ridgway’s Rail	_____
2.	Cackling Goose (w)	_____	40.	Virginia Rail	_____
3.	Mute Swan	_____	41.	Sora	_____
4.	Gadwall	_____	42.	Common Gallinule	_____
5.	American Wigeon (w)	_____	43.	American Coot (w)	_____
6.	Mallard	_____	44.	Black-necked Stilt	_____
7.	Cinnamon Teal (w)	_____	45.	American Avocet	_____
8.	Northern Shoveler (w)	_____	46.	Black Oystercatcher	_____
9.	Northern Pintail (w)	_____	47.	Black-bellied Plover (w)	_____
10.	Green-winged Teal (w)	_____	48.	Semipalmated Plover (w)	_____
11.	Canvasback (w)	_____	49.	Killdeer	_____
12.	Ring-necked Duck (w)	_____	50.	Whimbrel (w)	_____
13.	Greater Scaup (w)	_____	51.	Long-billed Curlew (w)	_____
14.	Lesser Scaup (w)	_____	52.	Marbled Godwit (w)	_____
15.	Bufflehead (w)	_____	53.	Black Turnstone (w)	_____
16.	Common Goldeneye (w)	_____	54.	Least Sandpiper (w)	_____
17.	Barrow’s Goldeneye (w)	_____	55.	Western Sandpiper (w)	_____
18.	Hooded Merganser (w)	_____	56.	Short-billed Dowitcher (w)	_____
19.	Common Merganser (w)	_____	57.	Long-billed Dowitcher (w)	_____
20.	Red-breasted Merganser (w)	_____	58.	Wilson’s Snipe (w)	_____
21.	Ruddy Duck (w)	_____	59.	Dunlin (w)	_____
22.	California Quail	_____	60.	Spotted Sandpiper (w)	_____
23.	Wild Turkey	_____	61.	Greater Yellowlegs (w)	_____
24.	Pied-billed Grebe	_____	62.	Willet (w)	_____
25.	Horned Grebe (w)	_____	63.	Lesser Yellowlegs (w)	_____
26.	Eared Grebe (w)	_____	64.	Bonaparte’s Gull (w)	_____
27.	Western Grebe (w)	_____	65.	Ring-billed Gull	_____
28.	Clark’s Grebe (w)	_____	66.	Western Gull	_____
29.	Rock Pigeon	_____	67.	California Gull	_____
30.	Band-tailed Pigeon	_____	68.	Mew Gull (w)	_____
31.	Eurasian Collared-Dove	_____	69.	Caspian Tern (s)	_____
32.	Mourning Dove	_____	70.	Forster’s Tern (s)	_____
33.	Vaux’s Swift (m)	_____	71.	Double-crested Cormorant	_____
34.	White-throated Swift	_____	72.	American White Pelican	_____
35.	Anna’s Hummingbird	_____	73.	American Bittern	_____
36.	Rufous Hummingbird (m)	_____	74.	Great Blue Heron	_____
37.	Allen’s Hummingbird (s)	_____	75.	Great Egret	_____
38.	Black Rail	_____	76.	Snowy Egret	_____

77.	Green Heron	_____	127.	Brown Creeper	_____
78.	Black-crowned Night-Heron	_____	128.	House Wren (s)	_____
79.	Turkey Vulture	_____	129.	Pacific Wren	_____
80.	Osprey	_____	130.	Marsh Wren	_____
81.	White-tailed Kite	_____	131.	Bewick's Wren	_____
82.	Bald Eagle (w)	_____	132.	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (s)	_____
83.	Golden Eagle	_____	133.	Golden-crowned Kinglet (w)	_____
84.	Northern Harrier	_____	134.	Ruby-crowned Kinglet (w)	_____
85.	Sharp-shinned Hawk (w)	_____	135.	Wrentit	_____
86.	Cooper's Hawk	_____	136.	Western Bluebird	_____
87.	Red-shouldered Hawk	_____	137.	Hermit Thrush	_____
88.	Red-tailed Hawk	_____	138.	American Robin	_____
89.	American Kestrel	_____	139.	Varied Thrush (w)	_____
90.	Merlin (w)	_____	140.	Northern Mockingbird	_____
91.	Peregrine Falcon (w)	_____	141.	European Starling	_____
92.	Barn Owl	_____	142.	Cedar Waxwing (w)	_____
93.	Western Screech-Owl	_____	143.	House Sparrow	_____
94.	Great Horned Owl	_____	144.	American Pipit (w)	_____
95.	Belted Kingfisher	_____	145.	House Finch	_____
96.	Acorn Woodpecker	_____	146.	Purple Finch	_____
97.	Red-breasted Sapsucker (w)	_____	147.	Pine Siskin (w)	_____
98.	Nuttall's Woodpecker	_____	148.	Lesser Goldfinch	_____
99.	Downy Woodpecker	_____	149.	American Goldfinch	_____
100.	Hairy Woodpecker	_____	150.	Orange-crowned Warbler (s)	_____
101.	Northern Flicker	_____	151.	Common Yellowthroat	_____
102.	Pileated Woodpecker	_____	152.	Yellow-rumped Warbler (w)	_____
103.	Western Wood-Pewee	_____	153.	Black-throated Gray Warbler (s)	_____
104.	Pacific-slope Flycatcher (s)	_____	154.	Townsend's Warbler (w)	_____
105.	Black Phoebe	_____	155.	Wilson's Warbler (s)	_____
106.	Say's Phoebe (w)	_____	156.	Grasshopper Sparrow (s)	_____
107.	Ash-throated Flycatcher (s)	_____	157.	Lark Sparrow (s)	_____
108.	Western Kingbird (s)	_____	158.	Fox Sparrow (w)	_____
109.	Hutton's Vireo	_____	159.	Dark-eyed Junco	_____
110.	Warbling Vireo (s)	_____	160.	White-crowned Sparrow (w)	_____
111.	Steller's Jay	_____	161.	Golden-crowned Sparrow (w)	_____
112.	California Scrub-Jay	_____	162.	White-throated Sparrow (w)	_____
113.	American Crow	_____	163.	Savannah Sparrow	_____
114.	Common Raven	_____	164.	Rufous-crowned Sparrow	_____
115.	Horned Lark	_____	165.	Song Sparrow	_____
116.	Northern Rough-winged Swallow (s)	_____	166.	Lincoln's Sparrow (w)	_____
117.	Tree Swallow (s)	_____	167.	California Towhee	_____
118.	Violet-green Swallow (s)	_____	168.	Spotted Towhee	_____
119.	Barn Swallow (s)	_____	169.	Lazuli Bunting (s)	_____
120.	Cliff Swallow (s)	_____	170.	Red-winged Blackbird	_____
121.	Chestnut-backed Chickadee	_____	171.	Western Meadowlark	_____
122.	Oak Titmouse	_____	172.	Brewer's Blackbird	_____
123.	Bushtit	_____	173.	Great-tailed Grackle	_____
124.	White-breasted Nuthatch	_____	174.	Brown-headed Cowbird	_____
125.	Red-breasted Nuthatch	_____	175.	Hooded Oriole (s)	_____
126.	Pygmy Nuthatch	_____	176.	Bullock's Oriole (s)	_____