

Species

When

Sensitive or Endangered Species

**Commonly Seen Birds**

of

**Upper Newport Bay**  
Naturalist Checklist

**STARLINGS**

\_\_\_ European Starling (b) (i) Y TF,UP

**WOOD WARBLERS**

\_\_\_ Orange-crowned Warbler FW  
\_\_\_ Yellow-rumped Warbler TF,UP  
\_\_\_ Common Yellowthroat (b) Y TF  
\_\_\_ Wilson's Warbler S,F UP

**SPARROWS**

\_\_\_ California Towhee Y UP  
\_\_\_ Savannah Sparrow, Belding's (b) Y TF,SM  
\_\_\_ Savannah Sparrow, (other sub-species) W UP  
\_\_\_ Song Sparrow (b) Y FW,UP  
\_\_\_ Lincoln's Sparrow W FW,UP  
\_\_\_ Golden-crowned Sparrow W UP  
\_\_\_ White-crowned Sparrow W UP

**BLACKBIRDS & ORIOLES**

\_\_\_ Red-winged Blackbird (b) Y FW  
\_\_\_ Western Meadowlark (b) Y UP  
\_\_\_ Brewer's Blackbird (b) Y UP  
\_\_\_ Brown-headed Cowbird (b) Y UP  
\_\_\_ Hooded Oriole SU UP

**FINCHES**

\_\_\_ House Finch (b) (i) Y UP

**WEAVER FINCHES**

\_\_\_ House Sparrow (b) Y UP

**LEGEND**

OW = Open water TF = Tide flats SM = Salt marsh  
FW = Freshwater Marsh UP = Uplands  
(b) Breeds at reserve or nearby (i) introduced  
S = Spring (Mar - May) SU = Summer (June - Aug)  
F = Fall (Sep - Nov) W = Winter (Dec - Feb)



**Least Tern (*Sterna antillarum*)**  
Smallest member of the tern family, these birds are but a remnant of the population that once occurred along our Southern California beaches.



**Belding's Savannah Sparrow (*Paserulus sandwichensis beldingi*)**  
Nesting occurs in high marsh habitat around the edges of the bay and on the islands. The 1986 Upper Newport Bay population was estimated at 245 pairs.



**Ridgeway's Rail (*Rallus longirostrus livepes*)**  
In 1992, over 70% of the remaining U.S. population of this bird occurred and bred here at the Bay.



**Brown Pelican (*Pelicanus occidentalis*)**  
This bird lost much of its population due to eggshell thinning from the effects of DDT. Happily numbers are recovering.



**Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*)**  
The fastest bird in the world, the peregrine falcon was another victim of DDT pollution.



**Black Rail (*Laterallus jamaicensis*)**  
Sightings of the black rail are rare. It is believed that the wetland restoration projects within the reserve have created additional habitat. Population status is currently unknown.



Including six sensitive or endangered species that use the Upper Bay at least part of the year



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<b>GREBES</b>			<b>RAILS &amp; COOTS</b>			<b>SHRIKES</b>		
__ Pied-billed Grebe (b)	W	OW	__ Ridgeway's Rail (b)	Y	SM	__ Loggerhead Shrike (b)	Y	UP
__ Eared Grebe	W	OW	__ Sora	W	SM,FW	<b>PIGEONS &amp; DOVES</b>		
__ Western Grebe	W	OW	__ American Coot (b)	Y	OW,SM,TF	__ Rock Pigeon (b) (i)	Y	UP
__ Clark's Grebe	W	OW	<b>PLOVERS</b>			__ Mourning Dove (b)	Y	SM,UP
<b>PELICANS</b>			__ Black-bellied Plover	Y	TF,SM	<b>HUMMINGBIRDS</b>		
__ Brown Pelican	W	OW	__ Semipalmated Plover	W	TF	__ Anna's Hummingbird (b)	Y	UP
__ White Pelican	W	OW	__ Killdeer (b)	Y	TF	<b>SWIFTS</b>		
<b>CORMORANTS</b>			<b>STILTS &amp; AVOCETS</b>			__ White-throated Swift	Y	TF,SM
__ Double-crested Cormorant	Y	OW	__ American Avocet (b)	Y	TF	<b>TYRANT FLYCATCHERS</b>		
<b>HERONS &amp; BITTERNS</b>			<b>SANDPIPERS</b>			__ Black Phoebe (b)	Y	TF,SM
__ Great Blue Heron	Y	TF,SM	__ Willet	Y	FW,TF	__ Say's Phoebe	W	SM,FW
__ Great Egret	Y	TF,SM	__ Greater Yellowlegs	W	TF	<b>SWALLOWS</b>		
__ Snowy Egret	Y	TF,SM	__ Spotted Sandpiper	Y	FW,TF	__ No. Rough-winged Swallow (b)	S	UP
__ Green Heron	Y	TF,SM	__ Whimbrel	Y	FW,TF	__ Cliff Swallow (b)	S	UP
__ Black-crowned Night Heron	Y	FW,TF,SM	__ Long-billed Curlew	Y	FW,TF	__ Barn Swallow (b)	S	FW
<b>DUCKS</b>			__ Marbled Godwit	W	TF	<b>CROWS &amp; JAYS</b>		
__ Green-winged Teal	W	SM,TF	__ Dunlin	W	TF	__ American Crow (b)	Y	FW,UP
__ Mallard (b)	Y	SM,TF,FW	__ Western Sandpiper	W	TF	__ Raven (b)	Y	UP
__ Northern Pintail	W	SM,TF	__ Least Sandpiper	W	TF	<b>BUSHITTIS</b>		
__ Blue-winged Teal	W	SM,TF,FW	__ Short-billed Dowitcher	W	TF	__ Bushitit (b)	Y	FW,UP
__ Cinnamon Teal (b)	Y	SM,TF,FW	__ Long-billed Dowitcher	W	TF	<b>WRENS</b>		
__ Northern Shoveler	W	SM,TF,FW	<b>VULTURES</b>			__ Marsh Wren (b)	Y	FW
__ American Wigeon	W	SM,TF,FW	__ Turkey Vulture	Y	UP,SM	__ Cactus Wren (b)	Y	UP
__ Canvasback	W	OW,FW	<b>HAWKS</b>			<b>GNATCATCHERS</b>		
__ Lesser Scaup	W	OW	__ Northern Harrier (b)	Y	SM,UP	__ California Gnatcatcher (b)	Y	UP
__ Surf Scoter	W	OW	__ Red-shouldered Hawk (b)	Y	SM,UP	<b>MOCKINGBIRDS</b>		
__ Bufflehead	W	OW	__ Red-tailed Hawk (b)	Y	SM,UP	__ Northern Mockingbird (b)	Y	UP
__ Ruddy Duck	W,S	FW	__ Osprey (b)	Y	SM	<b>PIPITS</b>		
<b>GULLS &amp; TERNS</b>			<b>FALCONS</b>			__ American Pipit	W	TF
__ Ring-billed Gull	Y	OW,TF	__ American Kestrel (b)	Y	SM,UP	<b>see reverse side for Legend</b>		
__ California Gull	Y	OW,TF	__ Peregrine Falcon	Y	SM,UP			
__ Western Gull (b)	Y	OW,TF	__ White-tailed Kite	Y	SM,UP			
__ Caspian Tern (b)	Y	OW,TF	<b>OWLS</b>					
__ Elegant Tern (b)	S	OW,TF	__ Great Horned (b)	Y	UP			
__ Forster's Tern (b)	Y	OW,TF	__ Barn Owl (b)	Y	UP			
__ Least Tern, California (b)	S	OW,TF						
<b>SKIMMERS</b>								
__ Black Skimmer (b)	Y	OW,TF						