

Raptors



White-tailed
Kite



Osprey



American Kestrel



Cooper's Hawk



Red-shouldered
Hawk



Red-tailed
Hawk



Peregrine
Falcon



Turkey Vulture



California Condor

About This Guide:

This guide is provided to assist our visitors in identifying the birds most commonly seen at Point Lobos State Natural Reserve. Most can be seen throughout the year, but a few only seasonally. The **habitat** sections show where they are most commonly, but not exclusively, seen. Many more species than those shown reside in or visit Point Lobos.

The birds at Point Lobos range from one of the smallest (Anna's Hummingbird, 4 in. long) to one of the largest (California Condor, 9 ft. wingspan) in North America. The **sizes** are roughly representative of the differences between them, but are not to scale.

Bird **plumage patterns** can differ, depending on age, sex, season and many other variables. This guide uses images of birds which are generally representative of those seen in the Reserve.

Point Lobos is a good place to observe the **nesting** of some of our showier birds, including the Great Blue Herons at Coal Chute Point, Black-crowned Night-Herons in the Bird Island area, Brandt's Cormorants on the near-shore rocks, and Pelagic Cormorants on the cliff faces near Sea Lion Point. The nests of other birds are not easily seen.

If you have any **questions**, please feel free to ask a docent, who may know the answer or direct you to other resources. Your digital photograph will help with identification.

You can **learn more** about these birds by referring to a bird field guide (available at the Information Station and Whalers Cabin), or by exploring web-based resources.

Stay on the trails and happy birding!

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A Guide to the BIRDS of Point Lobos



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Belted Kingfisher



Killdeer



Black Turnstone



Heermann's Gull



Western Gull



Pelagic Cormorant



Double-crested Cormorant



Canada Goose



Great Egret



Black-crowned Night-Heron



Eared Grebe



Western Grebe



Black Oystercatcher



Pigeon Guillemot



Mallard



Brandt's Cormorant



Great Blue Heron



Brown Pelican



Snowy Egret

Shore



American Goldfinch



Bushtit



Townsend's Warbler



White-crowned Sparrow



Song Sparrow



Black Phoebe



Wrentit



California Thrasher



Bewick's Wren



Anna's Hummingbird



Violet-green Swallow



Golden-crowned Sparrow



Yellow-rumped Warbler



California Quail



Spotted Towhee



American Crow

Coastal Scrub



Red-breasted Nuthatch



Pygmy Nuthatch



Brown Creeper



Acorn Woodpecker



Hairy Woodpecker



Northern Flicker



California Scrub-Jay



Steller's Jay

Forest



Chestnut-backed Chickadee



Dark-eyed Junco