

Black Phoebe



Bewick's Wren



Lesser Goldfinch

Sonoma

BOTANICAL GARDEN

COMMON BIRDS

IN THE GARDEN

California Quail



Every season brings new surprises to the Garden. In **SPRING** and **FALL**, California becomes a highway for migratory birds and the Garden is the perfect pit stop on this annual rush for cooler or warmer weather. **SUMMER** and **WINTER** our local fauna shine with an abundance of Quail and Purple Finches.

MOBILE APPS

- iNaturalist
- Merlin Bird ID
- eBird

Pick an app that works for you and stick with it.

We share the Garden with over 100 recorded species of birds. Resident and migratory species are attracted to the year-round food, water, and shelter the Garden provides.

As you walk through the Garden, take a moment to listen and look for our feathered friends. They could be soaring overhead, rustling in the bushes and leaf litter, or scaling the side of trees in short hops and flutters.

Spotted Towhee



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Red-tailed Hawk

Snowy Egret



Red-shouldered Hawk



American Crow



Turkey Vulture

Don't forget to look up.

One of the most common residents of the Sonoma skies is the Turkey Vulture. These carrion birds fill an important role in our ecosystems - they eat dead carcasses.

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Scrub Jay

Steller's Jay



American Robin

Keep your cats inside

Cat predation is the largest human-caused mortality threat to birds. The American Bird Conservancy estimates that domestic cats - an introduced species to our local ecosystems - kill approximately 2.4 billion birds every year in the US.



White-breasted Nuthatch



Prune in winter

With the onset of spring (usually March), breeding and nesting season begins. This means it's best to prune trees and shrubs in mid-winter to avoid disturbing the birds.

Anna's Hummingbird

Acorn Woodpecker



Nuttall's Woodpecker