



# Carpinteria Salt Marsh Reserve

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This list includes species observed within the area bounded on the east by Ash Avenue in Carpinteria, on the west by Sandyland Road, on the north by highway US 101, and on the south by the beach. Direct evidence of species' presence is required for inclusion on this list, except for several of the species thought to occur within the residential areas. Resident species, migrant species, or seasonal occupant are included. Species may have been observed occupying aquatic, terrestrial, or aerial habitats. Species historically present, but not currently present, are noted with a symbol (+). The status of several species suspected to have used Carpinteria Salt Marsh (CSM) is in question. Thus, a separate list is maintained "Species of Uncertain Status," which follows the body of this document.

## Order *Gaviiformes*

### Family *Gaviidae* Loons

- *Gavia stellata* Red-throated Loon
- *Gavia pacifica* Pacific Loon
- *Gavia immer* Common Loon

## Order *Podicipediformes*

### Family *Podicipedidae* Grebes

- *Podilymbus podiceps* Pied-billed Grebe
- *Podiceps auritus* Horned Grebe
- *Podiceps grisegena* Red-necked Grebe
- *Podiceps nigricollis* Eared Grebe
- *Aechmophorus occidentalis* Western Grebe
- *Aechmophorus clarkii* Clark's Grebe

## Order *Pelecaniformes*

### Family *Pelecanidae* Pelicans

- *Pelecanus occidentalis* Brown Pelican

### Family *Phalacrocoracidae* Cormorants

- *Phalacrocorax auritus* Double-crested Cormorant

## Family *Fregatidae* Frigatebirds

- *Fregata magnificens* Magnificent Frigatebird

## Order *Ciconiiformes*

### Family *Ardeidae* Bitterns and Herons

- *Botaurus lentiginosus* American Bittern
- *Ardea herodias* Great Blue Heron
- *Casmerodias albus* Great Egret
- *Egretta thula* Snowy Egret
- *Egretta caerulea* Little Blue Heron
- *Egretta tricolor* Tricolored Heron
- *Bubulcus ibis* Cattle Egret
- *Butorides virescens* Green Heron
- *Nycticorax nycticorax* Black-crowned Night Heron

### Family *Threskiornithidae* Ibises and Spoonbills

- *Plegadis chihi* White-faced Ibis

### Family *Ciconiidae* Storks

- *Mycteria americana* Wood Stork

## Order *Anseriformes*

### Family *Anatidae* Swans, Geese, and Ducks

- *Dendrocygna bicolor* Fulvous Whistling-Duck
- *Cygnus columbianus* Tundra Swan
- *Anser albifrons* Greater White-fronted Goose
- *Chen caerulescens* Snow Goose
- *Chen rossii* Ross' Goose
- *Branta bernicla* Brant
- *Branta canadensis* Canada Goose
- *Aix sponsa* Wood Duck
- *Anas crecca* Green-winged Teal
- *Anas platyrhynchos* Mallard
- *Anas acuta* Pintail
- *Anas discors* Blue-winged Teal
- *Anas cyanoptera* Cinnamon Teal
- *Anas clypeata* Northern Shoveler
- *Anas strepera* Gadwall

- *Anas penelope* Eurasian Wigeon
- *Anas americana* American Wigeon
- *Anas marila* Greater Scaup
- *Aythya affinis* Lesser Scaup
- *Histrionicus histrionicus* Harlequin Duck
- *Melanitta perspicillata* Surf Scoter
- *Melanitta fusca* White-winged Scoter
- *Bucephala clangula* Common Goldeneye
- *Bucephala albeola* Bufflehead
- *Mergus merganser* Common Merganser
- *Mergus serrator* Red-breasted Merganser
- *Oxyura jamaicensis* Ruddy Duck

## Order *Falconiformes*

### Family *Cathartidae* American Vultures

- *Cathartes aura* Turkey Vulture

### Family *Accipitridae* Kites, Hawks, Eagles, and Allies

- *Pandion haliaetus* Osprey
- *Elanus leucurus* White-tailed Kite
- *Haliaeetus leucocephalus* Bald Eagle
- *Circus cyaneus* Northern Harrier
- *Accipiter striatus* Sharp-shinned Hawk
- *Accipiter cooperii* Cooper's Hawk
- *Buteo lineatus* Red-shouldered Hawk
- *Buteo jamaicensis* Red-tailed Hawk

### Family *Falconidae* Falcons

- *Falco peregrinus* Peregrine Falcon
- *Falco columbarius* Merlin
- *Falco sparverius* American Kestrel

## Order *Galliformes*

### Family *Phasianidae* Partridges, Grouse, Turkeys, and Quail

- *Callipepla californica* California Quail

## Order Gruiformes

### Family Rallidae Rails, Gallinules, and Coots

- *Rallus longirostris levipes* Light-footed Clapper Rail
- *Rallus limicola* Virginia Rail
- *Porzana carolina* Sora
- *Gallinula chloropus* Common Moorhen
- *Fulica americana* American Coot

## Order Charadriiformes

### Family Charadriidae Plovers

- *Pluvialis squatarola* Black-bellied Plover
- *Pluvialis dominica* American Golden-Plover
- *Pluvialis fulva* Pacific Golden-Plover
- *Charadrius alexandrinus* Snowy Plover +
- *Charadrius semipalmatus* Semipalmated Plover
- *Charadrius vociferus* Killdeer

### Family Recurvirostridae Stilts and Avocets

- *Himantopus mexicanus* Black-necked Stilt
- *Recurvirostra americana* American Avocet

### Family Scolopacidae Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies

- *Tringa flavipes* Lesser Yellowlegs
- *Tringa melanoleuca* Greater Yellowlegs
- *Catoptrophorus semipalmatus* Willet
- *Heteroscelus incanus* Wandering Tattler
- *Actitis macularia* Spotted Sandpiper
- *Numenius phaeopus* Whimbrel
- *Numenius americanus* Long-billed Curlew
- *Limosa fedoa* Marbled Godwit
- *Arenaria interpres* Ruddy Turnstone
- *Arenaria melanocephala* Black Turnstone
- *Calidris canutus* Red Knot
- *Calidris alba* Sanderling
- *Calidris pusillus* Semipalmated Sandpiper
- *Calidris mauri* Western Sandpiper
- *Calidris minutilla* Least Sandpiper
- *Calidris melanotus* Pectoral Sandpiper
- *Calidris alpina* Dunlin

- *Calidris himantopus* Stilt Sandpiper
- *Limnodromus griseus* Short-billed Dowitcher
- *Limnodromus scolopaceus* Long-billed Dowitcher
- *Gallinago gallinago* Common Snipe

Family *Phalaropodidae* Phalaropes

- *Phalaropus lobatus* Northern Phalarope
- *Phalaropus tricolor* Wilson's Phalarope
- *Phalaropus fulicaria* Red Phalarope

Family *Laridae* Skuas, Gulls, Terns, and Skimmer

- *Larus philadelphia* Bonaparte's Gull
- *Larus heermanni* Heermann's Gull
- *Larus canus* Mew Gull
- *Larus delawarensis* Ring-billed Gull
- *Larus californicus* California Gull
- *Larus argentatus* Herring Gull
- *Larus occidentalis* Western Gull
- *Larus glaucescens* Glaucous-winged Gull
- *Sterna caspia* Caspian Tern
- *Sterna maximus* Royal Tern
- *Sterna elegans* Elegant Tern
- *Sterna hirundo* Common Tern
- *Sterna forsteri* Forster's Tern
- *Sterna albifrons* Least Tern +
- *Chlidonias niger* Black Tern +
- *Rhynchops niger* Black Skimmer

Order *Columbiformes*

Family *Columbidae* Pigeons and Doves

- *Columba livia* Rock Dove
- *Zenaida macroura* Mourning Dove

Order *Strigiformes* Owls

Family *Tytonidae* Barn-Owls

- *Tyto alba* Common Barn-Owl

## Family *Strigidae* Typical Owls

- *Bubo virginianus* Great Horned Owl
- *Speotyto cunicularia* Burrowing Owl +
- *Asio flammeus* Short-eared Owl +

## Order *Caprimulgiformes*

### Family *Caprimulgidae* Goatsuckers

- *Chordeiles acutipennis* Lesser Nighthawk
- *Phalaenoptilus nuttallii* Common Poorwill

## Order *Apodiformes*

### Family *Apodidae* Swifts

- *Chaetura vauxi* Vaux's Swift
- *Aeronautes saxatalis* White-throated Swift

### Family *Trochilidae* Hummingbirds

- *Calypte anna* Anna's Hummingbird
- *Selasphorus rufus* Rufous Hummingbird
- *Selasphorus sasin* Allen's Hummingbird

## Order *Coraciiformes*

### Family *Alcedinidae* Kingfishers

- *Megasceryle alcyon* Belted Kingfisher

## Order *Piciformes*

### Family *Picidae* Woodpeckers

- *Sphyrapicus ruber* Red-breasted Sapsucker
- *Colaptes auratus* Northern Flicker
- *Picoides pubescens* Downy Woodpecker

## Order *Passeriformes*

### Family *Tyrannidae* Tyrant Flycatchers

- *Contopus sordidulus* Western Wood Pewee
- *Empidonax traillii* Willow Flycatcher
- *Empidonax difficilis* Pacific-slope Flycatcher
- *Sayornis nigricans* Black Phoebe
- *Sayornis saya* Say's Phoebe
- *Myiarchus tuberculifer* Dusky-capped Flycatcher
- *Myiarchus cinerascens* Ash-throated Flycatcher
- *Tyrannus melancholicus* Tropical Kingbird
- *Tyrannus vociferans* Cassin's Kingbird
- *Tyrannus verticalis* Western Kingbird
- *Tyrannus tyrannus* Eastern Kingbird

### Family *Alaudidae* Larks

- *Eremophila alpestris* Horned Lark

### Family *Hirundinidae* Swallows

- *Iridoprocne bicolor* Tree Swallow
- *Tachycineta thalassina* Violet-green Swallow
- *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis* Rough-winged Swallow
- *Riparia riparia* Bank Swallow +
- *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota* Cliff Swallow
- *Hirundo rustica* Barn Swallow

### Family *Corvidae* Jays, Magpies, and Crows

- *Aphelocoma coerulescens* Western Scrub-Jay
- *Corvus brachyrhynchos* American Crow
- *Corvus corax* Common Raven

### Family *Aegithalidae* Bushtits

- *Psaltriparus minimus* Common Bushtit

### Family *Sittidae* Nuthatches

- *Sitta canadensis* Red-breasted Nuthatch
- *Sitta carolinensis* White-breasted Nuthatch

Family *Troglodytidae* Wrens

- *Thryomanes bewickii* Bewick's Wren
- *Troglodytes aedon* House Wren
- *Telmatodytes palustris* Marsh Wren

Family *Muscicapidae* Old World Warblers, Thrushes, and Wren Tit

- *Regulus calendula* Ruby-crowned Kinglet
- *Poliioptila caerulea* Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
- *Sialia mexicana* Western Bluebird
- *Catharus guttatus* Hermit Thrush
- *Turdus migratorius* American Robin

Family *Mimidae* Thrashers

- *Mimus polyglottos* Northern Mockingbird
- *Oreoscoptes montanus* Sage Thrasher

Family *Motacillidae* Pipits and Wagtails

- *Anthus americana* American Pipit

Family *Bombycillidae* Waxwings

- *Bombycilla cedrorum* Cedar Waxwing

Family *Laniidae* Shrikes

- *Lanius ludovicianus* Loggerhead Shrike

Family *Sturnidae* Starlings

- *Sturnus vulgaris* European Starling

Family *Vireonidae* Vireos

- *Vireo gilvus* Warbling Vireo

Family *Emberizidae* Wood-Warblers, Tanagers, Grosbeaks, Sparrows, and Blackbirds



### Sub-family *Parulinae*

- *Vermivora celata* Orange-crowned Warbler
- *Vermivora ruficapilla* Nashville Warbler
- *Dendroica petechia* Yellow Warbler
- *Dendroica coronata* Yellow rumped Warbler
- *Dendroica townsendi* Townsend's Warbler
- *Dendroica palmarum* Palm Warbler
- *Geothlypis trichas* Common Yellowthroat
- *Wilsonia pusilla* Wilson's Warbler

### Sub-family *Thraupinae*

- *Piranga ludoviciana* Western Tanager

### Sub-family *Cardinalinae*

- *Pheucticus melanocephalus* Black-headed Grosbeak
- *Guiraca caerulea* Blue Grosbeak
- *Passerina amoena* Lazuli Bunting

### Sub-family *Emberizinae*

- *Pipilo maculatus* Spotted Towhee
- *Pipilo crissalis* California Towhee
- *Spizella passerina* Chipping Sparrow
- *Calamospiza melanocorys* Lark Bunting
- *Passerculus sandwichensis* Belding's Savannah Sparrow *beldingi*
- *Passerculus sandwichensis* Large-billed Savannah Sparrow *rostratus*
- *Passerculus sandwichensis* Savannah Sparrow
- *Passerella iliaca* Fox Sparrow
- *Melospiza melodia* Song Sparrow
- *Melospiza lincolni* Lincoln's Sparrow
- *Zonotrichia atricapilla* Golden-crowned Sparrow
- *Zonotrichia leucophrys* White-crowned Sparrow
- *Junco hyemalis* Dark-eyed Junco

### Sub-family *Icterinae*

- *Agelaius phoeniceus* Red-winged Blackbird
- *Sturnella neglecta* Western Meadowlark
- *Molothrus ater* Brown-headed Cowbird
- *Euphagus cyanocephalus* Brewer's Blackbird
- *Icterus cucullatus* Hooded Oriole
- *Icterus bullockii* Bullock's Oriole

## Family *Fringillidae* *Cardueline* Finches

- *Carpodacus purpureus* Purple Finch
- *Carpodacus mexicanus* House Finch
- *Carduelis pinus* Pine Siskin
- *Carduelis psaltria* Lesser Goldfinch
- *Carduelis tristis* American Goldfinch

## Family *Passeridae* Old World Sparrows

- *Passer domesticus* House Sparrow

### Species of Uncertain Status

- White Pelican
- Ring-necked Duck
- Brandt's Cormorant
- Pelagic Cormorant
- Sandhill Crane
- Canvasback
- Redhead
- Oldsquaw
- Black Oystercatcher
- Chimney Swift
- Acorn Woodpecker
- Golden-crowned Kinglet
- Dusky-capped Flycatcher
- Nuttall's Woodpecker
- Swamp Sparrow
- California Thrasher
- Yellow-headed Blackbird
- White-throated Sparrow
- Tricolored Blackbird
- Lawrence's Goldfinch

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