

Insect-Eating Birds

have a short thin beak to pick insects out of the air or from plants.



Tree swallow



Cliff Swallow



Black Phoebe



Vermillion Flycatcher



Common Yellowthroat



Yellow-rumped Warbler



Marsh Wren



Anna's Hummingbird

Seed-Eating Birds and Generalists

have a thick beak to crush plant seeds and fruit.



Song Sparrow



White-crowned Sparrow



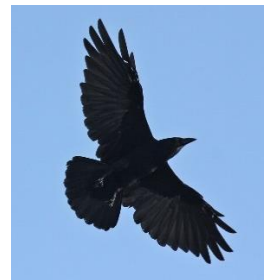
Greater Roadrunner



Spotted Towhee



Red-winged Blackbird



American Crow



House Finch



Cedar Waxwing



Common Birds of the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary

(a photographic guide)



Over 325 bird species use the 300 acre freshwater marsh in Irvine, CA. Use this photo guide to recognize 40 of the most common birds!

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Fish-eating Birds

have a long strong beak to catch and hold fish.



Great Blue Heron



Black-crowned Night-Heron



Great Egret



Snowy Egret



White Pelican



Double-crested Cormorant



Forster's Tern



Black Skimmer

Shorebirds and Raptors

have a beak of varying lengths for shorebirds and curved in raptors.



Black-necked Stilt



American Avocet



Killdeer



Least Sandpiper



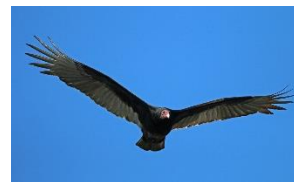
Long-billed Dowitcher



White-faced Ibis



Osprey



Turkey Vulture

Waterfowl, Grebes, and Rails

have flat beak for ducks to scoop plants and invertebrates and long beak for grebes to catch fish.



Mallard



Northern Shoveler



Cinnamon Teal



Green-winged Teal



Ruddy Duck



American Coot



Canada Goose



Western Grebe

To learn more about birds, visit Audubon House (open 8 AM to 4 PM) at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary (open sunrise to sunset) for bird-watching advice, recommended birding places to go, helpful brochures, books to purchase, and answers to questions.

Audubon House currently closed due to COVID-19 pandemic.
Trails remain open from sunrise to sunset.