



Birding at Theodore Payne

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Whether birds are living and nesting here year-round or using the nursery as a migratory stopover on the way to breeding or wintering grounds, native plants growing on site provide cover, nesting sites and material, seeds, nectar, insect prey, and other vital resources for over 60 species of birds recorded at TPF so far.

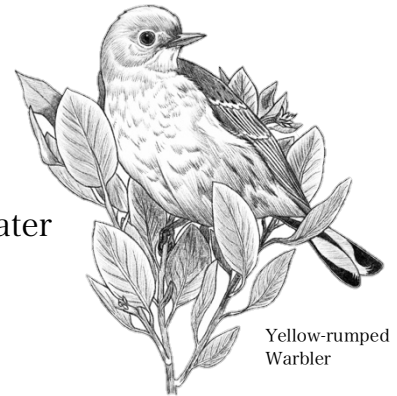


Hermit Thrush

Key to the Birds of Theodore Payne:

- Common
- Uncommon
- Rare

-  Insect-eater
-  Seed and fruit-eater
-  Meat-eater
-  Nectar-feeder



Yellow-rumped Warbler

As you walk through the demonstration garden, the sales yard, or up Wildflower Hill, notice the different groups of birds you see using different sections of the habitat. Many species tend to be found most frequently in one of these sections, whether on the ground, in dense shrubs, or in the canopy or the crowns of tall trees. Look for hummingbirds visiting wildflowers, sparrows and thrashers scratching in the leaf litter, soaring hawks and vultures, and warblers and other songbirds in our sycamores and oaks.

Recording Your Observations:

While there is certainly nothing lacking from the experience of soaking in a particular observation for your memory alone, you might want to keep track of the birds you see, photos you take, or make note of an unusual or interesting behavior to revisit later. The two free websites below are both available as mobile apps and allow you to easily make records for personal use while also contributing to valuable and extensive citizen science databases.

From the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, eBird is specialized for reporting bird sightings and finding location-specific information on bird population distribution.



iNaturalist is a project of the California Academy of Sciences and is equipped to document observations of any species you encounter and photograph, not only birds.




Checklist of Birds

Year-Round



- California Quail 
- Mourning Dove 
- White-throated Swift 
- Anna's Hummingbird 
- Costa's Hummingbird 
- Allen's Hummingbird 
- Turkey Vulture 
- Cooper's Hawk 
- Red-tailed Hawk 
- Red-shouldered Hawk 
- Great Horned Owl 
- Acorn Woodpecker 
- Nuttall's Woodpecker 
- Northern Flicker 
- Black Phoebe 
- Cassin's Kingbird 
- California Scrub-Jay
- American Crow
- Common Raven
- Mountain Chickadee 
- Oak Titmouse 
- Bushtit 
- Wrentit 
- House Wren 
- Bewick's Wren 
- California Thrasher 
- Northern Mockingbird 
- American Robin 
- Cedar Waxwing 
- House Sparrow*
- House Finch 
- Lesser Goldfinch 
- Chipping Sparrow 
- Lark Sparrow 
- Song Sparrow 
- California Towhee 
- Spotted Towhee
- Bullock's Oriole 

- Orange-crowned Warbler 

Winter

- Sharp-shinned Hawk 
- Red-breasted Sapsucker
- Merlin 
- Say's Phoebe 
- Tree Swallow 
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet 
- Western Bluebird 
- Hermit Thrush 
- American Goldfinch 
- Fox Sparrow 
- Dark-eyed Junco 
- White-crowned Sparrow 
- Golden-crowned Sparrow 
- Yellow-rumped Warbler 
- Townsend's Warbler 
- Western Tanager 

Migratory

- Black-throated Gray Warbler 
- Wilson's Warbler 

Summer

- Black-chinned Hummingbird 
- Northern Rough-winged Swallow 
- Cliff Swallow 
- Warbling Vireo 
- Phainopepla 
- Black-chinned Sparrow 
- Hooded Oriole 
- Yellow Warbler 
- Black-headed Grosbeak 
- Lazuli Bunting 