



Checklist of the Birds of the Ojai Meadows Preserve



The Hooded Oriole is a common summer resident on the OMP. They begin to arrive from their winter home in Mexico in early to mid-March, and remain here until late August. They nest in the palm and eucalyptus trees scattered about the Preserve, and frequent the willow thickets.

The Ojai Valley Land Conservancy's Ojai Meadows Preserve is a 58 acre wetland and upland restoration project. It is designed to provide wildlife habitat, recreation, and to alleviate flood control issues on Hwy 33. Since 2005, 183 different bird species have been recorded. Thirty-six species are known to breed here. Restoration of suitable wildlife habitat on the preserve will continue to be an important focus for the conservancy.

In the Ojai Valley the OVLC manages about 2,000 acres of open space—this is an area roughly equivalent in size to 2/3 of the City of Ojai, and five times as much land for free public access as managed by both the City of Ojai and Ventura County. This includes about 4.5 of the 16 miles of the Ventura River. On these lands, the OVLC maintains dozens of miles of trails, guides hundreds of visitors, and hosts tens of thousands of school children, hikers, equestrians, and birdwatchers each year.

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	Key	Field Date			
Wrens					
Bewick's Wren	Csp Cs Cf UNw				
*House Wren	CspCsUNFUNw				
Marsh Wren!	Rsp Rf Rw				
Kinglets					
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	UNspUNf UNw				
Gnatcatchers					
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	UNsp Rf				
Thrushes					
*Western Bluebird	C all seasons				
Mountain Bluebird!	Rw				
Townsend's Solitaire!	VRw				
Swainson's Thrush	Rsp				
Hermit Thrush	UNspUNFUNw				
*American Robin	Csp UNs Cf Cw				
Wrentits					
Wrentit	UN all seasons				
Mockingbirds and Thrashers					
*Northern Mockingbird	C all seasons				
California Thrasher	C all seasons				
Sage Thrasher	VRw				
Starlings					
*European Starling	Csp Cs Cf Cw				
Pipits					
American Pipit	Rsp Rf Rw				
Waxwings					
Cedar Waxwing	UNspUNFUNw				
Silky-Flycatchers					
*Phainopepla	UNsp Rs Rf Rw				
Warblers					
Orange-crowned Warbler	UNsp Unf Unw				
Nashville Warbler	Rsp				
Yellow warbler	UNsp UNf				
Yellow-rumped Warbler	Csp Cf Cw				
Black-throated Gray Warbler	Rsp Rf				
Townsend's Warbler	UNsp UNf				
*Common Yellowthroat	Csp Cs Cf Cw				
Wilson's Warbler	UNsp Rf				
Yellow-breasted Chat	Rsp				
Tanagers					
Summer Tanager	VRf				
Western Tanager	UNsp Rf				
Sparrows					
Spotted Towhee	UNspUNFUNw				
*California Towhee	C all seasons				
Chipping Sparrow	UNspUNFUNw				
Vesper Sparrow	Rsp Rf				
Lark Sparrow	UN all seasons				
Black-throated Sparrow	VRsp				
Savannah Sparrow	UNspUNFUNw				

	Key	Field Date			
Fox Sparrow	Rsp Rf Rw				
Swamp Sparrow	VRw				
Clay-colored Sparrow	VRsp VRf				
Grasshopper Sparrow	Rsp				
*Song Sparrow	C all seasons				
Lincoln's Sparrow	UNspUNFUNw				
White-crowned Sparrow	Csp Cf Cw				
Golden-crowned Sparrow	UNspUNFUNw				
Dark-eyed Junco	Csp Rs Cf Cw				
Cardinals					
*Black-headed Grosbeak	Csp UNf				
Blue Grosbeak	UNsp Rs UNf				
Lazuli Bunting	UNsp Rf				
Blackbirds and Orioles					
Bobolink	VRf				
*Red-winged Blackbird	C all seasons				
Tricolored Blackbird!	Rsp Rf Rw				
Western Meadowlark	Csp UNs Cf Cw				
Yellow-headed Blackbird!	Rsp				
Brewer's Blackbird	UC all seasons				
*Great-tailed Grackle!	Csp Cs				
*Brown-headed Cowbird	UC all seasons				
*Hooded Oriole	Csp Cs				
*Bullock's Oriole	Csp Cs				
Finches					
Purple Finch	Rsp Rf Rw				
*House Finch	C all seasons				
Pine Siskin	Rsp Rf Rw				
*Lesser Goldfinch	C all seasons				
Lawrence Goldfinch	Rsp Rf Rw				
American Goldfinch	Csp UNs Cf Cw				
Old World Sparrows					
House Sparrow	C all seasons				

LEGEND:

- *= breeding onsite Date: _____
- ! = seen after restoration' 06
- C = Common (most visits) Date: _____
- UN = Uncommon (not all visits)
- R = Rare (1 or 2 times/season) Date: _____
- VR = Very rare Date: _____
- O = Always overhead
- sp = Mar, Apr, May
- s = Jun, Jul, Aug
- f = Sept, Oct, Nov **Visit ovlc.org to learn more!**
- w = Dec, Jan, Feb

The Ojai Valley Land Conservancy is a community-based non-profit organization working with partners to permanently protect the open space, natural scenic beauty, wildlife, habitat, and watershed of the Ojai Valley for current and future generations.

	Key	Field Date			
Ducks, Geese, and Swans					
Canada Goose!	Rsp Rf Rw				
Gadwall!	UNsp Rf UNw				
Wood Duck	VRw				
American Wigeon!	UNsp Rf UNw				
*Mallard	C all seasons				
Blue-winged Teal!	Rsp Rf Rw				
Cinnamon Teal!	UNsp Rf Rw				
Northern Shoveler!	Rsp Rf Rw				
Northern Pintail!	Rsp Rf Rw				
Green-winged Teal!	UNsp Rf UNw				
Ring-necked Duck!	Rsp Rf Rw				
Lesser Scaup!	VRw				
Bufflehead!	Rsp Rf Rw				
Hooded Merganser	Rsp				
Common Merganser	RspO RfO				
Red-breasted Merganser	RspO RfO				
Ruddy Duck!	UNsp Rs				
Quail					
California Quail	C all seasons				
Grebes					
Pied-billed Grebe!	UNspUNfUNw				
Cormorants					
Double-crested Cormorant!	Osp Of Ow				
Bitterns and Herons					
American Bittern!	Rsp Rw				
Least Bittern!	Rsp				
Great Blue Heron	UN all seasons				
Great Egret	UN all seasons				
Snowy Egret!	UN all seasons				
Cattle Egret	Rsp Rf Rw				
Green Heron!	Rsp Rw				
Black-crowned Night-heron!	Rsp				
Ibis					
White-faced Ibis!	VRsp				
Vultures					
Black Vulture	VRsp VRw				
Turkey Vulture	C all seasons				
Kites, Hawks, and Eagles					
White-tailed Kite	Rsp Rs Rf Rw				
Bald Eagle	VRw				
Northern Harrier	VRsp VRF				
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Rsp Rf Rw				
Cooper's Hawk	UN all seasons				
Red-shouldered Hawk	UN all seasons				
Swainson's Hawk	Rsp				
Zone-tailed Hawk	VRsp VRF VRw				
*Red-tailed Hawk	C all seasons				
Ferruginous Hawk	Rsp Rw				
Osprey	Osp Of				

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Falcons					
*American Kestrel	UN all seasons				
Merlin	Rsp Rf Rw				
Peregrine Falcon	Rsp VRs Rf Rw				
Prairie falcon	Rsp Rf Rw				
Rails, Gallinules, and Coots					
Virginia Rail!	UNsp Rf UNw				
Sora!	Rsp VRs Rw				
Common Moorhen!	Rsp				
*American Coot!	CspUNsUNfCw				
Plovers					
*Killdeer	C all seasons				
Stilts					
Black-necked Stilt!	VRsp				
Sandpipers					
Spotted Sandpiper!	Rsp				
Solitary Sandpiper!	Rsp				
Greater Yellowlegs!	Rsp Rw				
Whimbrel!	Rsp				
Least Sandpiper!	UNsp Rs				
Short-billed Dowitcher!	UNsp				
Wilson's Snipe!	Rsp Rf Rw				
Gulls					
Mew Gull	Rsp Rf Rw				
Ring-billed Gull!	UNspUNfUNw				
California Gull!	UNspUNfUNw				
Herring Gull!	Rsp Rf Rw				
Western Gull!	UN all seasons				
Pigeons and Doves					
Rock Pigeon	C all seasons				
Band-tailed Pigeon	CspUNsUNfCw				
*Eurasian Collared Dove	C all seasons				
*Mourning Dove	C all seasons				
Roadrunners					
Greater Roadrunner	Rsp Rs Rf Rw				
Owls					
*Barn Owl	UN all seasons				
Western Screech-Owl	Rsp Rs Rf Rw				
*Great Horned Owl	C all seasons				
Swifts					
Vaux's Swift	RspO RfO				
White-throated Swift	UN all seasons O				
Hummingbirds					
Black-chinned Hummingbird	UNsp UNs Rf				
*Anna's Hummingbird	C all seasons				
Rufous Hummingbird	Rsp Rf				
*Allen's Hummingbird	R all seasons				
Kingfishers					
Belted Kingfisher!	Rsp Rf				

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Woodpeckers					
Lewis's Woodpecker	VRf VRw				
*Acorn Woodpecker	C all seasons				
Red-breasted Sapsucker	Rf				
*Nuttall's Woodpecker	C all seasons				
Downy Woodpecker	UN all seasons				
Hairy Woodpecker	Rsp Rf Rw				
Northern Flicker	UNspUNf UNw				
Flycatchers					
Willow Flycatcher	VRsp				
Olive-sided Flycatcher	Rsp				
Western Wood-Pewee	Rsp Rs				
*Pacific-slope Flycatcher	Rsp				
Gray Flycatcher	Rsp				
Eastern Phoebe	VRf				
Black Phoebe	C all seasons				
Say's Phoebe	C all seasons				
Ash-throated Flycatcher*	UNsp UNs Rf				
*Cassin's Kingbird	C all seasons				
*Western Kingbird	Csp Cs Rf				
Vermillion Flycatcher	VRsp				
Shrikes					
Loggerhead Shrike	Rsp Rf Rw				
Vireos					
Cassin's Vireo	Rsp				
Hutton's Vireo	Rsp Rf Rw				
Warbling Vireo	Rsp UNf				
Jays and Crows					
*Western Scrub jay	C all seasons				
American Crow	C all seasons				
Common Raven	C all seasons				
Larks					
Horned Lark	Rsp Rf Rw				
Swallows					
*Tree Swallow	UNsp UNf				
Violet-green Swallow	UNsp Rs UNf				
*Rough-winged Swallow!	Csp Cs				
Bank Swallow!	Rsp				
Cliff Swallow	Csp Cs Ucf				
Barn Swallow	UNsp UNs				
Chickadees and Titmouse					
Mountain Chickadee	Rsp Rw				
*Oak Titmouse	C all seasons				
Bushtits					
Bushtit	C all seasons				
Nuthatches					
Red-breasted Nuthatch	Rw				
White-breasted Nuthatch	UN all seasons				

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