

No one has diligently censused the Arboretum's birds through many seasons. So for this checklist we have had to surmise some seasonal patterns from nearby habitats. We hope birders will augment this inventory with regular, recorded observations in the years ahead. "Take good notes!"

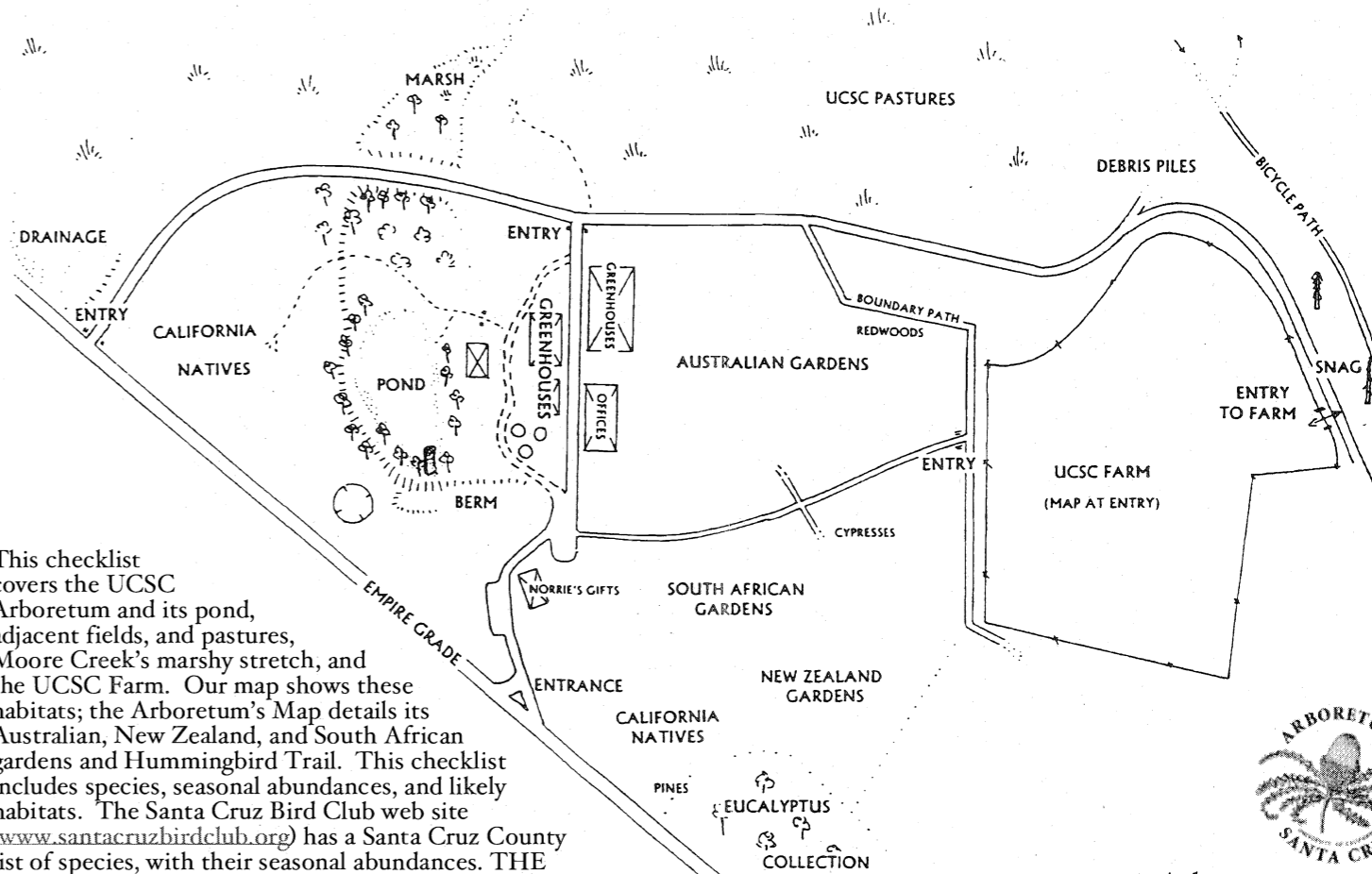
The UCSC Arboretum thanks three Santa Cruz birders for this revised checklist: Steve Gerow, Todd Newberry, and David Suddjian. We thank, too, all birders who report their findings to the Santa Cruz Bird Club (consult its website) and so participate in this continuing project.

AMONG OTHER GOOD PLACES TO BIRD NEARBY:

- UCSC "UPPER CAMPUS" – trails, forests, meadows – use campus maps that show upper campus (north of colleges).
- NATURAL BRIDGES STATE PARK & BEACH (entrances on Delaware Ave. & West Cliff Dr.).
- ANTONELLI POND – west end of Delaware Ave.
- WEST CLIFF DRIVE from SC Lighthouse to Natural Bridges SP – Lighthouse Field, intertidal rock-reefs, beaches, ocean views.
- NEARY LAGOON – best entrance: California St. at Bay St. – occasionally productive marsh.
- MEDER CANYON – best entrance: Meder St. (parallels High St. from Western Dr. to Bay St.) between cemetery and playing field; trail starts at vehicle-gate, extends almost to Mission St. (Hwy 1).
- MOORE CREEK PRESERVE – lower entrance at Hwy 1 just west of town, east entrance (no parking) at end of Meder St.
- POGONIP greenbelt open space below Coolidge Dr. (east peripheral UCSC campus road) – best entrance: end of Spring St. – varied open and woodland habitats.
- WILDER RANCH STATE PARK – entrance: Hwy 1 a mile west of Santa Cruz.
- OTHER COASTAL STATE PARKS & BEACHES throughout Santa Cruz County
- HENRY COWELL REDWOODS STATE PARK – entrances on Hwy 9 near Felton (redwood grove, riparian habitats) and on Graham Hill Rd. (upland forest)

A VISITOR'S GUIDE

BIRDS of the UCSC ARBORETUM & environs



This checklist covers the UCSC Arboretum and its pond, adjacent fields, and pastures, Moore Creek's marshy stretch, and the UCSC Farm. Our map shows these habitats; the Arboretum's Map details its Australian, New Zealand, and South African gardens and Hummingbird Trail. This checklist includes species, seasonal abundances, and likely habitats. The Santa Cruz Bird Club web site (www.santacruzbirdclub.org) has a Santa Cruz County list of species, with their seasonal abundances. THE NATURAL HISTORY OF THE UC SANTA CRUZ CAMPUS (2nd ed. 2008, by Haff, Brown, and Tyler) provides valuable commentary about our fauna and flora and also our geology.



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Our ABUNDANCE CODES reflect likelihood of encounter:
 C: COMMON – at appropriate season, likely to be seen in or near the Arboretum.

FC: FAIRLY COMMON – at appropriate season, usually seen in or near the Arboretum, but may be missed for days at a time.

U: UNCOMMON – despite appropriate season, usually seen only a few times monthly in or near the Arboretum, though present elsewhere in Santa Cruz.

R: RARE – seen only a few times seasonally or even annually in or near the Arboretum, though present elsewhere in Santa Cruz.

X: EXCEPTIONAL – see note at end of species-list. Should be reported with appropriate documentation to the Santa Cruz Bird Club (www.santacruzbirdclub.org).

Irr: IRREGULAR – abundance fluctuates drastically year to year.

<input type="checkbox"/> DBL-CRESTED CORMORANT	R sum, U Sep-Apr	overhead
<input type="checkbox"/> GREAT BLUE HERON	R Oct-Apr	pond, overhead
<input type="checkbox"/> GREEN HERON	R all yr	pond
<input type="checkbox"/> TURKEY VULTURE	FC Apr-Oct, U wtr	overhead
<input type="checkbox"/> MALLARD	FC Oct-Apr	pond
<input type="checkbox"/> OSPREY	R migrant	overhead
<input type="checkbox"/> WHITE-TAILED KITE	U sum, FC Sep-Apr	treetops, overhead
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<input type="checkbox"/> GOLDEN EAGLE	R all yr	pastures, overhead
<input type="checkbox"/> AMERICAN KESTREL	U sum, C Oct-Apr	trees, overhead
<input type="checkbox"/> MERLIN	U Oct-Mar	treetops, overhead
<input type="checkbox"/> PEREGRINE FALCON	U Oct-Apr	overhead
<input type="checkbox"/> CALIFORNIA QUAIL	C all yr	all arboretum
<input type="checkbox"/> KILLDEER	FC Oct-Apr	paths, fields
<input type="checkbox"/> COMMON SNIPE	R fall-wtr	Moore Creek marsh
<input type="checkbox"/> CALIFORNIA GULL	C Oct-May	overhead
<input type="checkbox"/> WESTERN GULL	U Oct-Mar	overhead
<input type="checkbox"/> GAUCOUS-WINGED GULL	U Nov-Feb	overhead
<input type="checkbox"/> CASPIAN TERN	U Apr-Sep	overhead

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<input type="checkbox"/> BURROWING OWL	U Oct-Mar	pastures
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<input type="checkbox"/> ALLEN'S HUMMINGBIRD	C Feb-Jun (Jul?)	shrubs, gardens
<input type="checkbox"/> BELTED KINGFISHER	R wtr	trees near water, overhead
<input type="checkbox"/> ACORN WOODPECKER	C all yr	oaks, scattered redwoods
<input type="checkbox"/> RED-BREASTED SAPSUCKER	U Oct-Mar	trees
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<input type="checkbox"/> WESTERN WOOD-PEWEE	U spr-sum	larger trees
<input type="checkbox"/> WILLOW FLYCATCHER	R Aug-Sep	small trees around pond
<input type="checkbox"/> PACIFIC-SLOPE FLYCATCHER	C Apr-Oct	trees
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<input type="checkbox"/> SAYS PHOEBE	FC wtr	fences, perches in fields
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<input type="checkbox"/> TREE SWALLOW	R spr-sum	overhead
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<input type="checkbox"/> BARN SWALLOW	FC Mar-Oct	overhead
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<input type="checkbox"/> WARBLING VIREO	C Apr-Sep	woodland trees
<input type="checkbox"/> STELLER'S JAY	C all yr	trees, esp. conifers
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<input type="checkbox"/> AMERICAN CROW	FC all yr	overhead
<input type="checkbox"/> COMMON RAVEN	C all yr	overhead

<input type="checkbox"/> CHESTNUT-BACKED CHICKADEE	C all yr	all arboretum
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<input type="checkbox"/> BUSH TIT	C all yr	all arboretum
<input type="checkbox"/> RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH	Irr R-U wtr	trees
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<input type="checkbox"/> BEWICK'S WREN	C all yr	shrubs, undergrowth
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<input type="checkbox"/> WINTER WREN	U Oct-Apr	thickets
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<input type="checkbox"/> HERMIT THRUSH	C Oct-Apr	undergrowth, woods
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<input type="checkbox"/> VARIED THRUSH	Irr R-U Oct-Apr	trees, esp. with berries
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<input type="checkbox"/> AMERICAN PIPIT	FC fall-wtr	pastures
<input type="checkbox"/> CEDAR WAXWING	FC Aug-May	larger trees, treetops
<input type="checkbox"/> EUROPEAN STARLING	C all yr	larger trees, overhead
<input type="checkbox"/> ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER	C spr-sum, FC fall-wtr	shrubs, trees
<input type="checkbox"/> YELLOW WARBLER	R spr, FC fall	trees, shrubs
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<input type="checkbox"/> HERMIT WARBLER	R migrant	larger trees
<input type="checkbox"/> COMMON YELLOWTHROAT	R migrant	moist thickets and shrubs
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<input type="checkbox"/> SONG SPARROW	C all yr	all arboretum
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<input type="checkbox"/> GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW	C Sep-Apr	shrubs, garden paths
<input type="checkbox"/> WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW	C Sep-Apr	all arboretum
<input type="checkbox"/> DARK-EYED JUNCO	C all yr	woodland undergrowth

<input type="checkbox"/> BLACK-HEADED GROSBK	FC Apr-Oct	woodland trees
<input type="checkbox"/> LAZULI BUNTING	U migrant	woodland edges
<input type="checkbox"/> RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD	C all yr	marshy pastures
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<input type="checkbox"/> BREWER'S BLACKBIRD	C all yr	fields, disturbed habitats
<input type="checkbox"/> BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD	U Mar-Sep, R Oct-Feb	larger trees, overhead
<input type="checkbox"/> HOODED ORIOLE	U Apr-Aug	tall trees
<input type="checkbox"/> BULLOCK'S ORIOLE	R Apr-Aug	woodland trees
<input type="checkbox"/> PURPLE FINCH	FC all yr	trees
<input type="checkbox"/> HOUSE FINCH	C all yr	trees, shrubs
<input type="checkbox"/> RED CROSSBILL	Irr X-R Oct-Apr	conifers, overhead
<input type="checkbox"/> PINE SISKIN	U-FC wtr, R-U sum	trees
<input type="checkbox"/> LESSER GOLDFINCH	FC all yr	shrubby fields, trees
<input type="checkbox"/> AMERICAN GOLDFINCH	FC fall-spr, R sum	trees, shrubs
<input type="checkbox"/> HOUSE SPARROW	U all yr	disturbed habitat

Several species rate an X for their rarity in the Arboretum. A few occur widely nearby: GREAT EGRET, BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON, AMERICAN COOT, and even SORA visit the Arboretum pond. A few have declined drastically in Santa Cruz and are now rare (TRICOLORED BLACKBIRD) or perhaps even absent (WESTERN BLUEBIRD) in the Arboretum though still found elsewhere in our county. Others are rare anywhere nearby. These include late summer/fall vagrants like PRAIRIE FALCON (also spr), LESSER NIGHTHAWK, COMMON POORWILL, EASTERN KINGBIRD, rare fall warblers (NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE (also wtr), BLACKBURNIAN, PALM, MAGNOLIA, BLACK-THROATED BLUE, NORTHERN PARULA, MacGILLIVRAY'S, AMERICAN REDSTART), unusual sparrows (BLACK-THROATED, VESPER), SUMMER Tanager, INDIGO BUNTING, and ROSE-BREASTED GROSBK (also spr). Winter rarities include FERRUGINOUS HAWK, SHORT-EARED OWL, EASTERN PHOEBE, HORNED LARK, EVENING GROSBK even CLARK'S NUTCRACKER and SAGE THRASHER. Spring has brought BLACK-CHINNED and COSTA'S HUMMINGBIRDS, RED-EYED VIREO, HARRIS'S SPARROW, and TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE. With the unexpected so various, thorough observers may well pause before any unfamiliar bird. And careful identifications and documented reports to the Santa Cruz Bird Club are bound to enrich this fascinating list. Summer 2009.