

APPENDIX D: MARINA DEL REY AVIAN COMMUNITIES

This appendix lists the birds found in Marina del Rey as year-round residents, winter residents, and summer residents, compiled by Daniel S. Cooper. Additional species, which occur only in migration or rarely during winter or summer, are not included. The areas covered include Marina del Rey Harbor, jetties at the harbor mouth, Oxford Basin, Burton Chace Park, and Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve ("BWER") Area A.

* indicates recent breeding

[?] indicates uncertain breeding or seasonal status

Year-round residents

- * Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*)
- Brown Pelican (*Pelicanus occidentalis*)
- * Double-crested Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax auritus*)
- * Great Blue Heron (*Ardea herodias*)
- * Great Egret (*Ardea alba*)
- * Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula*)
- * Green Heron (*Butorides virescens*)
- * Black-crowned Night-Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*)
- * [?] Cooper's Hawk (*Accipiter cooperii*)
- Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*)
- * [?] American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*)
- American Coot (*Fulica americana*)
- * Killdeer (*Charadrius vociferus*) [?]
- Black Oystercatcher (*Haematopus bachmani*)
- Western Gull (*Larus occidentalis*)
- Heermann's Gull (*Larus heermanni*)
- Caspian Tern (*Sterna caspia*)
- * Rock Pigeon (*Columba livia*)
- * [?] Mourning Dove (*Zenaida macroura*)
- * [?] Eurasian Collared-Dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*)
- * [?] White-throated Swift (*Aeronautes saxatalis*)
- * [?] Anna's Hummingbird (*Calypte anna*)
- * Allen's Hummingbird (*Selasphorus sasin*)
- * [?] Black Phoebe (*Sayornis nigricans*)
- * [?] Western Scrub-Jay (*Aphelocoma californica*)
- * American Crow (*Corvus brachyrhynchos*)
- * [?] Common Raven (*Corvus corax*)
- * [?] Bushtit (*Psaltriparus minimus*)
- * [?] Northern Mockingbird (*Mimus polyglottos*)
- * American Robin (*Turdus migratorius*)

- * [?] European Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*)
- California Towhee (*Pipilo crissalis*) [BWER - Area A]
- Western Meadowlark (*Sturnella neglecta*) [BWER - Area A]
- * [?] House Finch (*Carpodacus mexicanus*)
- Lesser Goldfinch (*Carduelis psaltria*) [BWER - Area A]
- * House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*)

Winter residents

- Gadwall (*Anas strepera*) [Oxford Basin?]
- American Wigeon (*Anas americana*)
- Green-winged Teal (*Anas crecca*)
- Lesser Scaup (*Aythya affinis*)
- Surf Scoter (*Melanitta perspicillata*)
- Bufflehead (*Bucephala albeola*)
- Ruddy Duck (*Oxyura jamaicensis*)
- Red-breasted Merganser (*Mergus serrator*)
- Common Loon (*Gavia immer*)
- Horned Grebe (*Podiceps auritus*)
- Eared Grebe (*Podiceps nigricollis*)
- Western Grebe (*Aechmophorus occidentalis*)
- Pied-billed Grebe (*Podilymbus podiceps*)
- Brandt's Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax penicillatus*)
- Pelagic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax pelagicus*)
- White-tailed Kite (*Elanus leucurus*) [BWER - Area A]; June - Jan. only; one nesting record from 2002
- Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*)
- Black-bellied Plover (*Pluvialis squatarola*)
- Willet (*Catoptrophus semipalmatus*)
- Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularius*)
- Whimbrel (*Numenius phaeopus*)
- Marbled Godwit (*Limosa fedoa*)
- Ruddy Turnstone (*Arenaria interpres*)
- Black Turnstone (*Arenaria melanocephala*)
- Surfbird (*Aphriza virgata*)
- Sanderling (*Calidris alba*)
- Western Sandpiper (*Calidris mauri*)
- Least Sandpiper (*Calidris minutilla*)
- Long-billed Dowitcher (*Limnodromus scolopaceus*)
- Ring-billed Gull (*Larus delawarensis*)
- California Gull (*Larus californicus*)
- Herring Gull (*Larus argentatus*)
- Glaucous-winged Gull (*Larus glauescens*)

Royal Tern (*Sterna maxima*)
Forster's Tern (*Sterna forsterii*)
Belted Kingfisher (*Ceryle alcyon*)
Say's Phoebe (*Sayornis saya*) [BWER - Area A]
Loggerhead Shrike (*Lanius ludovicianus*) [BWER - Area A]
House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*)
Marsh Wren (*Cistothorus palustris*) [BWER - Area A]
Ruby-crowned Kinglet (*Regulus calendula*)
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (*Poliophtila caerulea*) [BWER - Area A]
Hermit Thrush (*Catharus guttatus*)
American Pipit (*Anthus rubescens*)
Orange-crowned Warbler (*Vermivora celata*)
Yellow-rumped Warbler (*Dendroica coronata*)
Common Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis trichas*)
Savannah Sparrow (*Passerculus sandwichensis*) [incl. *P. s. beldingi* in BWER - Area A]
Lincoln's Sparrow (*Melospiza lincolni*) [BWER - Area A]
White-crowned Sparrow (*Zonotrichia leucophrys*)
Brewer's Blackbird (*Euphagus cyanocephalus*)

Summer residents

Elegant Tern (*Sterna elegans*)
Least Tern (*Sterna antillarum*) [breeds Venice Beach, forages widely]
Northern Rough-winged Swallow (*Stelgidopteryx serripennis*)
Cliff Swallow (*Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*)
* [?] Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*)
* [?] Hooded Oriole (*Icterus cucullatus*)