

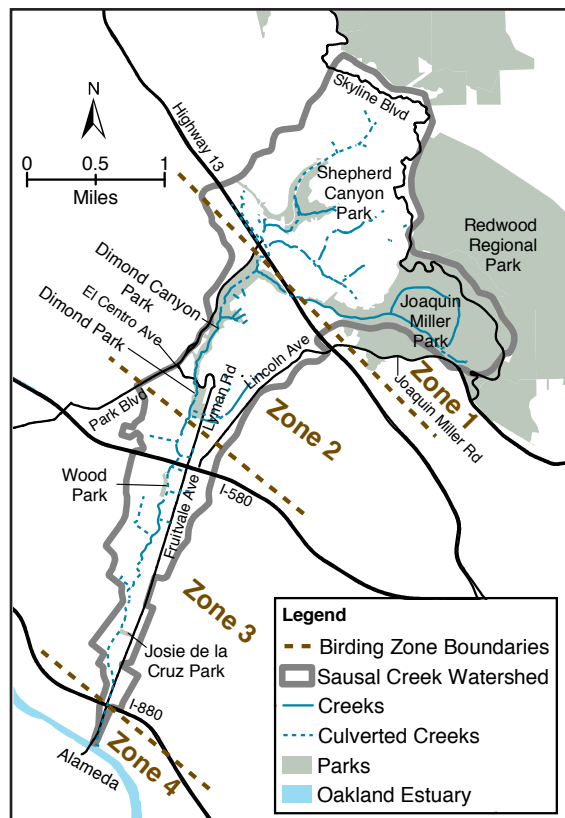
Birding on Sausal Creek

Sausal Creek flows from the East Bay hills to the Oakland Estuary, passing through habitats that support a wide variety of bird species. FOSC has been documenting this diversity over time to monitor the effects of creek restoration efforts, as well as the general effects of urbanization and climate change.

This bird list has been compiled from observations made by members during our many years of monitoring. As more species pass through, we welcome your sightings. This list and more information are available on our website.

Sausal Creek Birding Zones

The birds you find will vary depending on the section of the watershed. This map shows the four zones that are used in the checklist.



About Friends of Sausal Creek

The Friends of Sausal Creek (FOSC) was formed in 1996 to protect and enhance the ecology of the Sausal Creek Watershed. Our vision is a healthy riparian greenway from the hills to the bay where both people and the creek's plant and animal inhabitants can thrive.

In addition to the bird monitoring group, whose efforts produced this checklist, FOSC projects include restoration sites and trail maintenance throughout the watershed, a native plant nursery in Joaquin Miller Park to propagate local natives, a native plant demonstration garden in Dimond Park, and water and insect monitoring along the creek's course. We also lead outdoor environmental education field trips for local students. Tens of thousands of volunteers have participated in creek workdays, including special events for Earth Day and Creek to Bay Day.

The birding group conducts quarterly monitoring at key locations in the watershed. Visit www.sausalcreek.org > *Programs* > *Event Calendar* for monitoring dates and for information on all FOSC events.



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Birds of the Sausal Creek Watershed A Checklist



Peregrine Falcon
Photo by Mark Rauzon

Good Birding Locations

Zone 1

Trails near Sequoia Arena in Joaquin Miller Park, off Skyline Boulevard

Palos Colorados Trail, from Joaquin Miller Court and Mountain Boulevard

Zone 2

Dimond Canyon and Dimond Park, where El Centro Avenue crosses Sausal Creek

Zone 3

Josie de la Cruz Park, at the back;
William D. Wood Park, at the end of School Street

Zone 4

Fishing pier by Fruitvale Bridge



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KEY

Zone 1, 2, 3, or 4: See map on reverse.

#: Abundance

Abundance categories reflect a species' status in appropriate habitat for the zones listed for that species.

A=abundant: almost always encountered, often occur in all zones

C=common: usually encountered in one or more zones

U=uncommon: occasionally encountered, often restricted to one or two zones

R=rare: rarely encountered, usually restricted to one zone

V=vagrant: bird that has strayed off its usual migration route

Presence: Gives a season, a time range in months, or resident status

Resident: year-round resident, most nest in the watershed

Casual: one or more records but not recorded annually

×	Zone	Name	#	Presence
	4	western grebe	U	Winter
	4	eared grebe	U	Winter
	4	pieb-billed grebe	U	winter
	4	brown pelican	U	Winter
	4	American white pelican	R	Casual
	2, 4	double-crested cormorant	U	Resident
	4	pelagic cormorant	R	Casual
	2	green heron	R	Casual
	2, 4	black-crowned night heron	R	Resident
	4	great blue heron	U	Casual
	4	great egret	U	Casual
	4	snowy egret	U	Casual
	1,2,3,4	turkey vulture	C	Resident
	4	Canada goose	C	Resident
	1,2	snow goose	U	Winter
	2, 3, 4	mallard	C	Resident
	4	canvasback	R	Winter
	4	lesser scaup	C	Winter
	4	greater scaup	U	Winter
	4	bufflehead	C	Winter
	4	common goldeneye	U	Winter
	4	surf scoter	C	Winter
	1	white-tailed kite	R	Casual/breeds?
	2,4	osprey	U	Resident
	2	northern harrier	R	Casual
	1,2	sharp-shinned hawk	U	Casual
	1,2	Cooper's hawk	C	Resident
	1,2	red-shouldered hawk	C	Resident
	1,2	red-tailed hawk	C	Resident
	1	golden eagle	R	Casual
	4	peregrine falcon	U	Resident
	1	kestrel	R	Casual
	1	merlin	R	Casual
	1	California quail	R	Resident
	1, 2, 3	wild turkey	C	Resident

×	Zone	Name	#	Presence
	4	American coot	C	Resident
	4	willet	U	Winter
	4	least sandpiper	R	Winter
	4	spotted sandpiper	C	Winter
	4	ring-billed gull	C	Resident
	3,4	California gull	C	Resident
	4	western gull	C	Resident
	4	glaucous-winged gull	R	Casual
	4	mew gull	U	Winter
	4	Forster's tern	C	Resident
	3	rock dove	A	Resident
	1,2,3,4	Eurasian collared-dove	R	Resident
	1	band-tailed pigeon	C	Resident
	1,2	mourning dove	C	Resident
	1	great horned owl	U	Resident
	1	white-throated swift	U	Casual
	1,2,3,4	Anna's hummingbird	A	Resident
	1	rufous hummingbird	U	Casual
	1,2	Allen's hummingbird	C	Jan-Sep
	4	belted kingfisher	R	Casual
	1	red-breasted sapsucker	R	Winter
	1,2	Nuttall's woodpecker	C	Resident
	1,2	downy woodpecker	C	Resident
	1,2	hairy woodpecker	C	Resident
	1,2	northern flicker	C	Resident
	1	pileated woodpecker	R	Casual
	1,2	olive-sided flycatcher	U	Apr-Oct
	1,2	Pacific-slope flycatcher	C	Mar-Oct
	1,2,3,4	black phoebe	C	Resident
	1,2	western wood pewee	U	Migrant
	1,2	Cassin's vireo	U	Apr-Aug
	1,2	Hutton's vireo	C	Resident
	1,2	warbling vireo	U	Mar-Oct
	1,2	Steller's jay	A	Resident
	1,2	western scrub-jay	A	Resident
	2	American crow	C	Resident
	1,2	common raven	C	Resident
	1,2	violet-green swallow	U	Resident
	1,2	rough-wing swallow	U	Spr-Sum
	1,2	chestnut-backed chickadee	C	Resident
	1,2	oak titmouse	C	Resident
	1,2,3,4	common bushtit	A	Resident
	1,2	red-breasted nuthatch	C	Resident
	1	pygmy nuthatch	C	Resident
	1	brown creeper	C	Resident
	1,2	Bewick's wren	A	Resident
	1	winter wren	U	Resident
	1,2	house wren	U	few may winter

×	Zone	Name	#	Presence
	1	canyon wren	V	1 seen by G. Tepke
	2	American dipper	V	1 seen by M. Thilgin
	1,2	ruby-crown kinglet	C	Oct-Apr
	1	western bluebird	R	Casual
	1	Swainson's thrush	U	Apr-Sep
	1	hermit thrush	C	Winter
	1,2,3,4	American robin	A	Resident
	1	varied thrush	U	Winter
	1	wrenit	U	Resident
	3	mockingbird	C	Resident
	2	gray catbird	V	Fall
	1	California thrasher	R	Resident
	3	European starling	C	Resident
	2,3	cedar waxwing	C	Sep-May
	2	common yellowthroat	V	Spring
	1	orange-crowned warbler	C	Mar-Oct
	1,2	yellow warbler	U	Casual
	1,2,3	yellow-rumped warbler	C	Winter
	1,2	Townsend's warbler	U	Aug-May
	1,2	black-throated grey warbler	U	Migrant
	1,2	Wilson's warbler	C	Apr-Sep
	1,2	MacGillivray's warbler	U	Spring
	1,2	Nashville warbler	R	Casual
	2	western tanager	U	Casual
	1,2	spotted towhee	C	Resident
	1,2,3,4	California towhee	A	Resident
	1	fox sparrow	C	Oct-Apr
	1,2,3,4	song sparrow	A	Resident
	2	Lincoln's sparrow	U	Winter
	1,2	white-crowned sparrow	C	Winter
	1,2	golden-crowned sparrow	C	Sep-May
	2	white-throated sparrow	R	Winter
	1,2,3	dark-eyed junco	A	Resident
	1,2	black-headed grosbeak	U	May-Sep
	1	lazuli bunting	U	Spr-Sum
	4	red-wing blackbird	U	Casual
	2,3	Brewer's blackbird	C	Resident
	2,3	brown-headed cowbird	U	Resident
	1,2	Bullock's oriole	U	Summer
	3	hooded oriole	U	Summer
	1	evening grosbeak	R	Winter
	1,2	purple finch	U	Resident
	1,2,3,4	house finch	A	Resident
	1	red crossbill	R	Irruptive
	1	pine siskin	C	Irruptive
	1,2,3,4	lesser goldfinch	C	Resident
	1,2	American goldfinch	C	Resident
	3	house sparrow	A	Resident