

The following seasonal bird list is taken from my field notes (1986-1996) covering surveys within the property of Lake Palmdale, Los Angeles County, California. Numbers show the highest daily count, followed by the frequency (number of survey records/total number of surveys in that month).

LAKE PALMDALE (1986-1996)
TOTAL = 192 SPECIES
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Evidence of breeding (e.g. courtship, nesting, fledglings, etc.) is noted by "B." Questionable records are "?"

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	JAN n=1	FEB n=1	MAR n=0	APR n=2	MAY n=2	JUN n=2	JUL n=0	AUG n=6	SEP n=21	OCT n=11	NOV n= 7	DEC n= 2
DUCKS, GEESE												
Domestic Goose								5 (.16)	1 (.05)	2 (.18)		
Wood Duck										1 (.09)		
Gadwall	1 (1.0)									3 (.27)	6 (.43)	
American Wigeon		2 (1.0)							8 (.14)	100 (.63)	10 (.57)	12 (1.0)
Mallard	2 (1.0)	2 (1.0)		10 (1.0)	20 (1.0)	10 (.50)		27 (1.0)	20 (.81)	60 (.72)	12 (.43)	6 (.50)
Blue-winged Teal ?		1 (1.0)										
Cinnamon Teal		10 (1.0)			2 (.50)			10 (.66)	60 (.47)	110 (.27)		
Northern Shoveler	4 (1.0)								20 (.24)	20 (.45)	6 (.57)	1 (.50)
Northern Pintail									16 (.33)	50 (.63)	4 (.28)	3 (1.0)
Green-winged Teal		4 (1.0)		2 (.50)				3 (.16)	6 (.19)	20 (.18)	4 (.28)	
Canvasback	50 (1.0)			3 (.50)					11 (.14)	35 (.45)	80 (1.0)	60 (1.0)
Redhead									4 (.05)	20 (.54)	12 (.57)	
Ring-necked Duck									11 (.05)	24 (.72)	12 (.86)	4 (.50)
Greater Scaup									2 (.05)	1 (.09)		
Lesser Scaup	75 (1.0)	4 (1.0)						2 (.16)	8 (.19)	50 (.36)	200 (1.0)	100 (1.0)
Bufflehead		1 (1.0)		5 (.50)						5 (.09)	4 (.43)	15 (1.0)
Common Merganser						1 (.50)					7 (.71)	20 (.50)
Red-breasted Merganser											9 (.14)	
Ruddy Duck	70 (1.0)	100 (1.0)		50 (1.0)		10 (.50)		50 (.83)	100 (.76)	500 (.90)	500 (1.0)	200(1.0)
NEW WORLD QUAIL												
California Quail					10 (.50)	4 (.50)		20 (.66)	20 (.62)	10 (.36)	10 (.57)	
LOONS												
Red-Throated Loon ?												1 (.14)
Common Loon	2 (1.0)	2 (1.0)		2 (.50)		1 (.50)			5 (.14)	3 (.27)	3 (.71)	4 (1.0)
GREBES												
Pied-billed Grebe	50 (1.0)	4 (1.0)		12 (1.0)	8 (1.0)	20 (1.0)		50 (1.0)	30 (1.0)	60 (.90)	50 (1.0)	30 (1.0)
Horned Grebe ?									2 (.05)			
Eared Grebe		4 (1.0)		10 (1.0)				2 (.33)	50 (.81)	50 (1.0)	30 (.86)	15 (.50)
Western Grebe				4 (.50)	6 (.50)			4 (.33)	18 (.71)	50 (.90)	45 (.86)	20 (1.0)
Clark's Grebe	1 (1.0)			9 (1.0)	4 (.50)	2 (1.0)		5 (.66)	30 (.66)	25 (.82)	35 (.86)	5 (.50)
PELICANS												
American White Pelican									3 (.05)	2 (.36)	1 (.28)	
CORMORANTS												
Double-crested Cormorant	1 (1.0)	10 (1.0)			1 (.50)	2 (.50)			2 (.14)	30 (.90)	10 (.86)	5 (1.0)
HERONS												
American Bittern									1 (.05)		2 (.28)	
Great Blue Heron	3 (1.0)	2 (1.0)		1 (.50)	1 (.50)			5 (1.0)	9 (.76)	10 (1.0)	7 (1.0)	5 (1.0)
Great Egret									2 (.38)	6 (.36)	10 (.57)	5 (1.0)
Snowy Egret					1 (.50)				3 (.28)	8 (.36)	1 (.14)	
Green Heron				1 (.50)				4 (.33)	5 (.66)	3 (.63)	3 (.14)	
Black-crowned Night Heron		2 (1.0)		1 (.50)	1 (.50)	1 (.50)		10 (.50)	10 (.71)	10 (.63)	10 (.71)	20 (1.0)
IBISES, SPOONBILLS												
White-faced Ibis								1 (.16)	1 (.04)			
HAWKS												
Osprey									1 (.14)	1 (.27)		1 (.50)
Sharp-shinned Hawk										2 (.18)	1 (.14)	1 (.50)
Cooper's Hawk									3 (.43)	2 (.36)	2 (.28)	1 (.50)
Red-shouldered Hawk		1 (1.0)						2 (.50)	3 (.71)	2 (.82)	2 (.71)	1 (.50)
Swainson's Hawk								1 (.16)				
Red-tailed Hawk	1 (1.0)	2 (1.0)		1 (.50)	1 (.50)			1 (.16)	2 (.38)	2 (.82)	5 (1.0)	2 (1.0)
Golden Eagle										1 (.09)		

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FALCONS												
American Kestrel									1 (.05)	1 (.09)		
Merlin									1 (.05)			
Prairie Falcon											1 (.14)	
RAILS, COOTS												
Virginia Rail									2 (.05)	1 (.18)		
Sora									3 (.19)	1 (.36)	1 (.14)	
Common Moorhen	4 (1.0)					1 (.50) B		3 (.33)	2 (.14)	4 (.72)	2 (.43)	
American Coot	100 (1.0)	150 (1.0)		150 (1.0)	100 (1.0)	100(1.0)B		150 (.83)	1K (.95)	1.5K (1.0)	1.5K (1.0)	200 (1.0)
PLOVERS												
Black-bellied Plover										1 (.09)		
Semi-palmated Plover									2 (.05)			
Killdeer	1 (1.0)	1 (1.0)			4 (1.0) B	4 (1.0)		6 (.50)	30 (.90)	30 (.72)	20 (.86)	20 (.50)
STILTS, AVOCETS												
American Avocet									8 (.05)	2 (.18)		
SANDPIPERS												
Spotted Sandpiper	1 (1.0)				2 (.50) B	1 (.50)		4 (.66)	7 (.71)	4 (.63)	1 (.28)	
Solitary Sandpiper									4 (.19)			
Greater Yellowlegs				1 (.50)					8 (.38)	1 (.18)	5 (.14)	
Lesser Yellowlegs										1 (.09)		
Baird's Sandpiper									2 (.05)	8 (.09)		
Western Sandpiper									10 (.28)	8 (.09)		
Least Sandpiper				8 (.50)	3 (.50)			9 (.33)	30 (.76)	10 (.54)	20 (.86)	100 (1.0)
Pectoral Sandpiper									1 (.05)			
Dunlin										8 (.09)		
Short-billed Dowitcher												10 (.50)
Long-billed Dowitcher										10 (.18)		40 (.50)
Wilson's Snipe									8 (.05)	12 (.27)	1 (.28)	8 (.50)
Wilson's Phalarope								5 (.16)	1 (.05)			
Red-necked Phalarope									7 (.05)	10 (.09)		
Willet									1 (.05)			
GULLS, TERNS												
Franklin's Gull										1 ((.09)		
Bonaparte's Gull											7 (.43)	
Ring-billed Gull				85 (.50)	1 (.50)				10 (.33)	30 (.45)	20 (.86)	15 (1.0)
California Gull				27 (1.0)	2 (.50)	3 (.50)		5 (.33)	6 (.43)	27 (.72)	400 (.86)	5 (.50)
Herring Gull										1 (.09)	2 (.28)	
Sabine's Gull					1 (.50)				2 (.14)	1 (.09)		
Caspian Tern				1 (.50)		1 (.50)		15 (.66)	12 (.71)			
Black Tern									1 (.05)			
Common Tern									5 (.33)	4 (.27)		1 (.50)
Forster's Tern								3 (.16)	4 (.33)	1 (.09)		
SKUAS												
Parasitic Jaeger									1 (.05)			
PIGEONS, DOVES												
Rock Pigeon								1 (.16)	15 (.52)	10 (.36)	3 (.09)	
Mourning Dove		2 (1.0)		6 (1.0)	6 (1.0)	6 (.50)		25 (1.0)	12 (.85)	4 (.72)	3 (.28)	
BARN OWLS												
Barn Owl									2 (.19)			
TYPICAL OWLS												
Great Horned Owl									3 (.14)			
SWIFTS												
Vaux's Swift								4 (.16)	50 (.47)	2 (.09)		

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HUMMINGBIRDS												
Black-chinned Hummingbird					2 (.50) B				3 (.19)			
Anna's Hummingbird		1 (1.0)		3 (1.0)	4 (1.0)	1 (.50)		13 (.83)	17 (.90)	9 (.72)	4 (.57)	1 (.50)
Costa's Hummingbird				1 (.50)								
Rufous Hummingbird									1 (.05)			
Selasphorus sp.								2 (.33)	4 (.05)	1 (.09)		
KINGFISHERS												
Belted Kingfisher				1 (.50)				2 (.66)	3 (.90)	3 (.82)	2 (.86)	1 (1.0)
WOODPECKERS												
Acorn Woodpecker									1 (.05)			
Red-breasted Sapsucker									2 (.14)			
Nuttall's Woodpecker				2 (.50)	3 (.50) B	1 (1.0)		2 (.66)	5 (.85)	6 (.72)	2 (.43)	1 (.50)
Downy Woodpecker									1 (.19)	1 (.09)		
Hairy Woodpecker								1 (.16)	1 (.05)	1 (.09)		
Northern Flicker	4 (1.0)	2 (1.0)						2 (.33)	5 (.76)	10 (.82)	15 (1.0)	4 (1.0)
FLYCATCHERS												
Western Wood Pewee					1 (.50)	1 (.50)			20 (.38)	1 (.09)		
Willow Flycatcher								1 (.16)	15 (.33)	3 (.18)		
Hammond's Flycatcher									1 (.05)	4 (.09)		
Gray Flycatcher									1 (.05)			
Dusky Flycatcher									2 (.05)			
Pacific-slope Flycatcher				1 (.50)				6 (.33)	5 (.19)			
Black Phoebe	1 (1.0)			8 (1.0)	10 (.50) B	5 (.50)		10 (1.0)	30 (1.0)	20 (.82)	20 (1.0)	5 (1.0)
Say's Phoebe									1 (.24)	1 (.27)		
Ash-throated Flycatcher					1 (.50)	3 (1.0)		2 (.66)	2 (.14)			
Western Kingbird					4 (.50)	4 (.50)			2 (.05)			
SHRIKES												
Loggerhead Shrike	2 (1.0)							1 (.50)	2 (.43)	1 (.27)	1 (.28)	1 (.50)
VIREOS												
Plumbeous Vireo									2 (.05)			
Cassin's Vireo												
Warbling Vireo								3 (.33)	10 (.62)			
Red-eyed Vireo									1 (.05)			
JAYS, CROWS												
Western Scrub-Jay				1 (.50)	2 (1.0)	4 (.50)		2 (.33)	6 (.52)	2 (.45)	2 (.28)	
Common Raven	4 (1.0)	4 (1.0)		20 (1.0)	12 (1.0)	20 (1.0)		7 (1.0)	20 (1.0)	14 (1.0)	33 (1.0)	20 (1.0)
LARKS												
Horned Lark									8 (.24)	15 (.45)	10 (.43)	
SWALLOWS												
Purple Martin									1 (.05)			
Tree Swallow				300 (1.0)				4 (.16)	20 (.33)	10 (.36)	50 (.71)	1 (.50)
Violet-green Swallow				300 (.50)					200 (.28)	50 (.45)		
No. Rough-winged Swallow		1 (1.0)		50 (1.0)	5 (.50)	8 (1.0)			5 (.05)			
Bank Swallow									1 (.05)	1 (.09)		
Cliff Swallow				300 (1.0)	70 (1.0)	10 (1.0)		5 (.33)	7 (.24)			
Barn Swallow				10 (1.0)	2 (.50)	1 (.50)		2 (.33)	200 (.90)	20 (.54)	6 (.09)	
CHICKADEES, TITMICE												
Mountain Chickadee		1 (1.0)							17 (.24)	11 (.27)	25 (.28)	
Oak Titmouse		2 (1.0)		6 (.50)	1 (1.0) B	2 (.50)		6 (.50)	10 (.57)	6 (.82)	6 (.57)	
VERDIN												
Verdin	2 (1.0)				1 (.50)			1 (.33)	4 (.33)	10 (.09)	2 (.43)	
BUSHTIT												
Bushtit				5 (.50)	4 (.50)			25 (.16)	38 (.38)	30 (.54)	55 (.14)	
NUTHATCHES												
White-breasted Nuthatch		1 (1.0)						1 (.16)	1 (.14)			
WRENS												
Cactus Wren		4 (1.0)		1 (1.0)		4 (1.0)		2 (.50)	6 (.38)	5 (.54)	3 (.71)	
Rock Wren						2 (.50)			1 (.14)	2 (.36)	1 (.43)	
Bewick's Wren	1 (1.0)	12 (1.0)		8 (1.0)	8 (1.0)	10 (1.0)		20 (1.0)	30 (1.0)	30 (.90)	30 (.71)	5 (1.0)
House Wren								3 (.16)	10 (.28)	2 (.09)		
Marsh Wren		12 (1.0)		8 (1.0)	20 (1.0)	2 (.50)		2 (.16)	10 (.76)	10 (.45)	12 (.71)	

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KINGLETS												
Golden-crowned Kinglet										1 (.09)		
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		3 (1.0)		2 (.50)					22 (.33)	20 (.63)	37 (.86)	20 (1.0)
GNATCATCHERS												
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher					1 (.50)							
THRUSHES												
Hermit Thrush		2 (1.0)		1 (.50)		2 (.50)				6 (.18)	2 (.43)	1 (.50)
American Robin		25 (2.0)		1 (.50)				1 (.16)			13 (.71)	
THRASHERS												
Northern Mockingbird	2 (1.0)	3 (1.0)		3 (1.0)	3 (1.0)	5 (1.0)		2 (.33)	4 (.66)	6 (.82)	4 (.86)	1 (1.0)
California Thrasher		2 (1.0)			3 (.50) B	4 (1.0)		2 (.33)	5 (.76)	5 (.54)	2 (.71)	
STARLINGS												
European Starling		10 (1.0)		5 (.50)	4 (1.0)	30 (1.0)		25 (.83)	20 (.76)	30 (.63)	10 (.43)	5 (.50)
WAGTAILS, PIPITS												
American Pipit	2 (1.0)			1 (.50)						50 (.63)	16 (.86)	5 (1.0)
WAXWINGS												
Cedar Waxwing									2 (.19)	2 (.27)	45 (.28)	
SILKY FLYCATCHERS												
Phainopepla									2 (.05)	3 (.18)	1 (.14)	
WOOD-WARBLERS												
Blue-winged Warbler								1 (.16)				
Orange-crowned Warbler				1 (1.0)				7 (.66)	40 (1.0)	20 (.72)	3 (.28)	
Nashville Warbler								2 (.33)	4 (.43)	1 (.09)		
Northern Parula									1 (.14)			
Yellow Warbler				1 (.50)	1 (1.0)	3 (.50)		10 (.50)	30 (.95)	25 (.54)	1 (.14)	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1 (1.0)	30 (1.0)		100 (1.0)				1 (.16)	45 (.62)	150 (1.0)	172 (1.0)	20 (1.0)
Black-throated Gray Warbler								1 (.16)	6 (.57)	5 (.36)		
Townsend's Warbler									1 (.05)			
Prairie Warbler									1 (.05)			
Black-and-white Warbler									1 (.04)	1 (.09)		
American Redstart									2 (.05)			
Northern Waterthrush									1 (.05)			
MacGillivray's Warbler									10 (.24)	1 (.09)		
Common Yellowthroat				10 (1.0)	6 (.50)	5 (1.0)		8 (.66)	30 (.90)	12 (.72)	6 (.71)	6 (.50)
Wilson's Warbler				1 (.50)	2 (1.0)			6 (.50)	37 (.85)	3 (.18)		
Yellow-breasted Chat									1 (.05)			
TANAGERS												
Summer Tanager									1 (.05)			
Western Tanager						2 (.50)			3 (.33)			
NEW WORLD SPARROWS												
Spotted Towhee		1 (1.0)						1 (.16)	4 (.19)	5 (.27)	1 (.14)	
California Towhee									1 (.05)			
Rufous-crowned Sparrow								1 (.16)				
Chipping Sparrow	1 (1.0)								3 (.24)	1 (.09)		
Lark Sparrow								5 (.16)	10 (.33)	10 (.18)	3 (.14)	
Sage Sparrow								1 (.16)	6 (.05)			
Savannah Sparrow									2 (.24)	2 (.45)		
Fox Sparrow									1 (.05)			
Song Sparrow		5 (1.0)		6 (1.0)	10 (1.0) B	5 (1.0)		12 (.83)	35 (.90)	10 (.72)	10 (.86)	4 (1.0)
Lincoln's Sparrow								1 (.16)	3 (.05)	1 (.18)	2 (.14)	
White-crowned Sparrow	50 (1.0)	35 (1.0)		20 (1.0)		1 (.50)			35 (.33)	50 (1.0)	81 (1.0)	10 (1.0)
Golden-crowned Sparrow												
Dark-eyed Junco		5 (1.0)		3 (.50)					1 (.05)	25 (.45)	15 (.71)	
Brewer's Sparrow								1 (.16)				
GROSBEAKS, BUNTINGS												
Lazuli Bunting									1 (.05)			
Black-headed Grosbeak						1 (.50)		2 (.16)	1 (.05)			
BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES												
Red-winged Blackbird		4 (1.0)		4 (.50)	10 (1.0)	20 (1.0)		10 (.66)	40 (.85)	25 (.54)		
Tricolored Blackbird					25 (.50)	10 (.50)			8 (.19)			
Western Meadowlark		3 (1.0)				1 (1.0)			2 (.05)	1 (.18)	2 (.43)	3 (.50)
Yellow-headed Blackbird				4 (.50)	100 (1.0)	70 (1.0)		50 (.50)	3 (.05)			
Brewer's Blackbird		30 (1.0)		8 (.50)	15 (1.0)	6 (.50)		27 (.66)	40 (.95)	50 (.82)	5 (.43)	
Great-tailed Grackle				3 (.50)				1 (.16)	15 (.24)	2 (.18)		
Brown-headed Cowbird				4 (.50)	3 (.50)	4 (1.0)			2 (.19)	8 (.18)		
Bullock's Oriole					1 (.50)	1 (.50)		1 (.16)				

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FINCHES												
Purple Finch								2 (.16)			1 (.14)	
House Finch	5 (1.0)	20 (1.0)		20 (1.0)	25 (1.0)	30 (1.0)		25 (.83)	50 (.81)	60 (.90)	75 (1.0)	4 (.50)
Pine Siskin									5 (.05)	4 (.09)	4 (.14)	
Lesser Goldfinch				2 (.50)	3 (.50)				4 (.19)	5 (.27)	2 (.14)	
Lawrence's Goldfinch				4 (1.0)				5 (.16)	5 (.19)	2 (.09)	6 (.14)	
American Goldfinch		10 (1.0)		2 (.50)	1 (.50)				6 (.28)	6 (.09)	5 (.28)	
OLD WORLD SPARROWS												
House Sparrow	10 (1.0)	17 (1.0)		6 (1.0)	3 (.50)	10 (1.0)		6 (.33)	60 (.66)	20 (.63)	13 (1.0)	