

Bird Checklist

Muir Woods National Monument

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SEASONS

Summer (June–August)

Fall (September–November)

Winter (December–February)

Spring (March–May)

ABUNDANCE

C (Common) Seen most days in the correct season and habitat.

U (Uncommon) Seen in low numbers in the correct season and habitat.

R (Rare) No more than a few sightings per year.

V (Vagrant) At least one record within the past 10–15 years.

I (Irruptive) Absent to common; varying from year to year.

-- No record

* Breeding confirmed

+ Breeding possible

HABITAT

m Mixed spruce, Douglas Fir, Coastal Redwood and pine forest; generally higher altitude

s Streamside riparian habitat, primarily along Redwood Creek, near Big Lagoon, and in Green Gulch Farms

f Farm or agricultural, namely Green Gulch Farm, Banducci Ranch or Slide Ranch

l Lakes: the Big Lagoon area or Green Gulch ponds

b Beach shoreline primarily at Muir Beach

r Rocky shoreline near Muir Beach

w Waters of the adjacent Pacific; birds visible from shore with suitable optics.

c Coastal scrub, Coyote Bush, brambles

Groups	Species	S	F	W	Sp	Hab	√
Geese & Ducks	Greater White-fronted Goose	-	-	-	V	f	
	Snow Goose	-	-	V	-	b	
	Ross's Goose	-	V	-	-	b	
	Brant	-	-	-	R	w	
	Canada Goose	R	-	-	R	fl	
	Wood Duck	-	R	R	-	ls	
	American Wigeon	V	-	-	-	l	
	Eurasian Wigeon	-	-	R	-	l	
	*Mallard	C	C	C	C	l	
	Cinnamon Teal	-	U	U	-	l	
	Northern Shoveler	-	R	R	-	l	
	Northern Pintail	-	U	U	U	l	
	Green-winged Teal	-	-	R	-	l	
	Ring-necked Duck	-	U	U	-	l	
	Greater Scaup	-	R	R	-	l	
	Lesser Scaup	-	R	-	-	l	
	Surf Scoter	C	C	C	C	w	
	White-winged Scoter	-	R	R	R	w	
	Black Scoter	-	-	R	-	w	
	Long-tailed Duck	-	-	R	-	w	
	Bufflehead	-	U	U	U	l	
	Common Goldeneye	-	-	R	-	l	
	Barrow's Goldeneye	-	-	R	-	l	
	Hooded Merganser	-	l	l	-	l	
	+Common Merganser	-	-	R	U	l	
	Red-breasted Merganser	-	-	U	U	ls	
Ruddy Duck	-	U	U	U	l		
Turkey & Quail	*California Quail	C	C	C	C	cf	
	+Wild Turkey	-	-	-	l	sf	
Loons	Red-throated Loon	-	C	C	U	w	
	Pacific Loon	U	C	C	C	w	
	Common Loon	-	C	C	U	w	

Groups	Species	S	F	W	Sp	Hab	√
Grebes	Pied-billed Grebe	-	U	-	-	l	
	Horned Grebe	-	R	U	-	lw	
	Red-necked Grebe	-	R	R	-	w	
	Eared Grebe	-	U	U	-	lw	
	Western Grebe	-	C	C	C	w	
	Clark's Grebe	-	R	U	U	w	
Shearwaters & Fulmars	Northern Fulmar	-	-	l	-	w	
	Sooty Shearwater	-	R	-	R	w	
Cormorants & Pelicans	*Brandt's Cormorant	C	C	C	C	w	
	Double-crested Cormorant	C	C	C	C	w	
	*Pelagic Cormorant	C	C	C	C	w	
	American White Pelican	-	-	V	-	w	
	Brown Pelican	C	C	U	C	w	
Hérons & Egrets	American Bittern	-	-	R	-	l	
	Great Blue Heron	C	C	C	C	fl	
	Great Egret	C	C	C	C	fl	
	+Snowy Egret	C	C	C	C	fl	
	*Green Heron	U	U	R	R	s	
	+Black-crowned Night Heron	R	R	R	R	s	
Eagles & Hawks	*Turkey Vulture	C	C	C	C	msrc	
	Osprey	U	-	-	U	lb	
	*White-tailed Kite	U	U	U	U	cm	
	Golden Eagle	-	l	-	-	c	
	+Northern Harrier	U	C	C	U	cfls	
	Sharp-shinned Hawk	U	U	U	U	ms	
	*Cooper's Hawk	U	U	U	U	msl	
	Bald Eagle	-	V	V	-	lb?	
	*Red-shouldered Hawk	U	U	U	U	ls	
	*Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	C	cfms	
	Ferruginous Hawk	-	R	R	-		
	Rough-legged Hawk	-	-	l	-	c	
Rails, Gallinules & Coots	*Virginia Rail	U	U	U	U	cfms	
	Sora	-	-	R	-	l	
	Common Gallinule	R	R	R	R	l	

Groups	Species	S	F	W	Sp	Hab	√
	+American Coot	C	C	C	C	l	
Shorebirds	Black-bellied Plover	-	-	R	-	lb	
	Semipalmated Plover	-	-	R	-	lb	
	*Killdeer	U	C	U	C	flb	
	*Black Oystercatcher	U	U	U	U	r	
	Black-necked Stilt	R	-	-	-	l	
	American Avocet	R	R	-	-	l	
	Spotted Sandpiper	R	-	R	R	lbr	
	Wandering Tattler	-	R	R	-	r	
	Greater Yellowlegs	U	U	-	U	l	
	Lesser Yellowlegs	-	l	-	-	l	
	Willet	U	U	U	U	lb	
	Long-billed Curlew	-	-	-	l	b	
	Marbled Godwit	U	U	U	U	lb	
	Ruddy Turnstone	-	-	-	V	r	
	Black Turnstone	U	U	U	U	r	
	Surfbird	-	R	R	R	r	
	Sanderling	U	U	U	U	b	
	Long-billed Dowitcher	-	-	R	-	l	
	Wilson's Snipe	-	U	U	-	l	
	Red-necked Phalarope	-	U	-	U	lw	
Red Phalarope	-	l	l	l	lw		
Gulls, Terns & Jaegers	Bonaparte's Gull	-	-	R	U	bw	
	Heerman's Gull	R	C	U	R	brw	
	Sabine's Gull	-	V	-	-	w	
	Mew Gull	-	U	U	U	bw	
	Ring-billed Gull	U	U	U	U	blrw	
	*Western Gull	C	C	C	C	brw	
	California Gull	R	U	U	R	bw	
	Herring Gull	-	R	R	R	brw	
	Glaucous Gull	-	-	-	V	w	
	Thayer's Gull	-	R	R	-	brw	
	Glaucous-winged Gull	-	C	C	U	brw	
	Black-legged Kittiwake	-	-	-	U	w	

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	Caspian Tern	C	-	-	C	w	
	Elegant Tern	C	C	-	U	w	
	Forster's Tern	-	R	-	R	w	
	Pomarine Jaeger	R	R	-	R	w	
	Parasitic Jaeger	R	R	-	-	w	
Alcids	Common Murre	U	U	U	C	w	
	*Pigeon Guillemot	U	U	-	U	rw	
	Marbled Murrelet	-	-	R	R	w	
	Long-billed Murrelet	-	-	V	-	w	
	Ancient Murrelet	-	-	V	-	w	
	Rhinoceros Auklet	-	-	V	-	w	
	Tufted Puffin	-	-	V	-	w	
	Horned Puffin	-	-	V	-	w	
Pigeons & Doves	*Rock Pigeon	C	C	C	C	fr	
	*Band-tailed Pigeon	I	I	I	I	mt	
	Eurasian Collared-Dove	V	V	-	V	c	
	White-winged Dove	-	V	-	-	s	
	*Mourning Dove	C	C	C	C	fs	
Owls	*Barn Owl	U	U	U	U	cs	
	*Western Screech Owl	U	U	U	U	m	
	*Great Horned Owl	C	C	C	C	cmst	
	Northern Pygmy-Owl	-	V	V	-	m	
	Burrowing Owl	-	V	-	-	c	
	*Spotted Owl	U	U	U	U	t	
	*Barred Owl	U	U	U	U	t	
	Long-eared Owl	-	V	V	-	s	
	Short-eared Owl	-	I	I	-	c	
	+Northern Saw-whet Owl	-	U	U	U	ms	
Goatsuckers, Swifts & Hummingbirds	Common Poorwill	I	I	I	I	c	
	Black Swift	V	V	-	V	r	
	Vaux's Swift	-	R	-	R	cs	
	+White-throated Swift	U	U	U	U	clms	
	*Anna's Hummingbird	C	C	C	C	cfms	
	Costa's Hummingbird	V	-	-	-	s	

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	Calliope Hummingbird	-	-	-	V	s	
	Rufous Hummingbird	U	R	-	U	cs	
	*Allen's Hummingbird	C	-	U	C	cs	
Kingfishers	*Belted Kingfisher	C	C	C	U	lrs	
Woodpeckers	+Acorn Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	ms	
	Red-breasted Sapsucker	-	-	R	-	ms	
	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	-	-	V	-	ms	
	+Nuttall's Woodpecker	U	U	R	U	ms	
	*Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	cms	
	*Hairy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	ms	
	*Northern Flicker	C	C	C	C	cfms	
	*Pileated Woodpecker	U	U	U	U	m	
Falcons	*American Kestrel	U	U	U	U	cfms	
	Merlin	-	U	R	U	cm	
	Prairie Falcon	-	V	-	-	cf	
	*Peregrine Falcon	I	I	I	I	r	
Flycatchers	*Olive-sided Flycatcher	U	-	-	U	ms	
	+Western Wood-Pewee	U	U	-	U	ms	
	Willow Flycatcher	R	U	-	U	s	
	Least Flycatcher	-	V	-	V	s	
	Gray Flycatcher	-	-	V	-	s	
	*Pacific-slope Flycatcher	C	C	I	C	ms	
	*Black Phoebe	C	C	C	C	flsr	
	Say's Phoebe	-	U	U	-	cf	
	Tropical Kingbird	I	-	-	fs		
	Western Kingbird	-	V	-	V	fs	
Shrikes	Loggerhead Shrike	-	-	V	-	cf	
	Northern Shrike	-	-	V	-	c	
Vireos	White-eyed Vireo	V	-	V	-	s	
	Cassin's Vireo	I	I	-	I	s	
	Blue-headed Vireo	V	-	-	-	s	
	*Hutton's Vireo	U	U	U	U	ms	
	*Warbling Vireo	C	C	-	C	ms	

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Mimics	+Northern Mockingbird	-	R	R	R	cfr	
	Brown Thrasher	V	-	-	-	c	
	California Thrasher	R	R	R	R	c	
Starlings	*European Starling	C	C	C	C	fs	
Waxwings	Cedar Waxwing	-	U	C	U	mst	
Warblers	Northern Waterthrush	V	V	-	-	s	
	*Orange-crowned Warbler	U	U	R	C	cms	
	Common Yellowthroat	U	U	U	U	ls	
	Hooded Warbler	-	V	-	V	s	
	American Redstart	-	V	-	-	s	
	Northern Parula	V	V	-	-	s	
	Magnolia Warbler	-	V	-	-	s	
	Blackburnian Warbler	-	V	-	-	s	
	Yellow Warbler	U	C	-	U	s	
	Chestnut-sided Warbler	V	V	-	V	s	
	Black-throated Blue Warbler	-	V	-	-	s	
	Palm Warbler	-	V	-	-	s	
	+Yellow-rumped Warbler	R	U	C	U	cms	
	+Black-throated Gray Warbler	R	R	-	R	cms	
	Townsend's Warbler	U	C	C	-	mst	
+Hermit Warbler	R	R	R	R	mt		
*Wilson's Warbler	C	C	-	C	cms		
Sparrows & Allies	*Spotted Towhee	C	C	C	C	cms	
	+Rufous-crowned Sparrow	-	R	R	R	c	
	*California Towhee	C	C	C	C	cm	
	*Chipping Sparrow	U	U	U	U	cm	
	+Lark Sparrow	-	R	R	R	c	
	+Savannah Sparrow	U	U	U	U	bc	
	+Grasshopper Sparrow	U	-	-	U	c	
	Fox Sparrow	-	C	C	U	cmst	
	*Song Sparrow	C	C	C	C	bcfs	
	Lincoln's Sparrow	-	U	U	R	s	
	Swamp Sparrow	-	R	R	-	ls	
White-throated Sparrow	-	R	R	R	s		

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	*White-crowned Sparrow	C	C	C	C	cfs	
	Golden-crowned Sparrow	-	C	C	C	cfs	
	*Dark-eyed Junco	C	C	C	C	mst	
Tanagers	Scarlet Tanager	V	-	-	-	s	
	Summer Tanager	V	-	-	-	s	
	+Western Tanager	C	U	-	U	mst	
Grosbeaks & Buntings	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	V	V	-	-	s	
	*Black-headed Grosbeak	U	U	-	U	cms	
	Indigo Bunting	I	I	-	-	cf	
	+Lazuli Bunting	-	R	R	R	cms	
Blackbirds & Orioles	*Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	C	C	cfls	
	+Western Meadowlark	U	U	U	U	cf	
	Tricolored Blackbird	-	R	-	R	cfls	
	*Brewer's Blackbird	C	C	C	C	bcfl	
	*Brown-headed Cowbird	R	R	-	U	sfl	
	Hooded Oriole	-	V	-	V	s	
	+Bullock's Oriole	R	R	R	R	cs	
Finches	*Purple Finch	C	C	C	C	cmst	
	*House Finch	C	C	C	C	bcfs	
	Red Crossbill	-	I	I	-	cms	
	+Pine Siskin	R	R	R	R	ms	
	+Lesser Goldfinch	C	C	C	C	cfs	
	*American Goldfinch	C	C	-	C	cfs	
	*House Sparrow	V	V	V	V	f	

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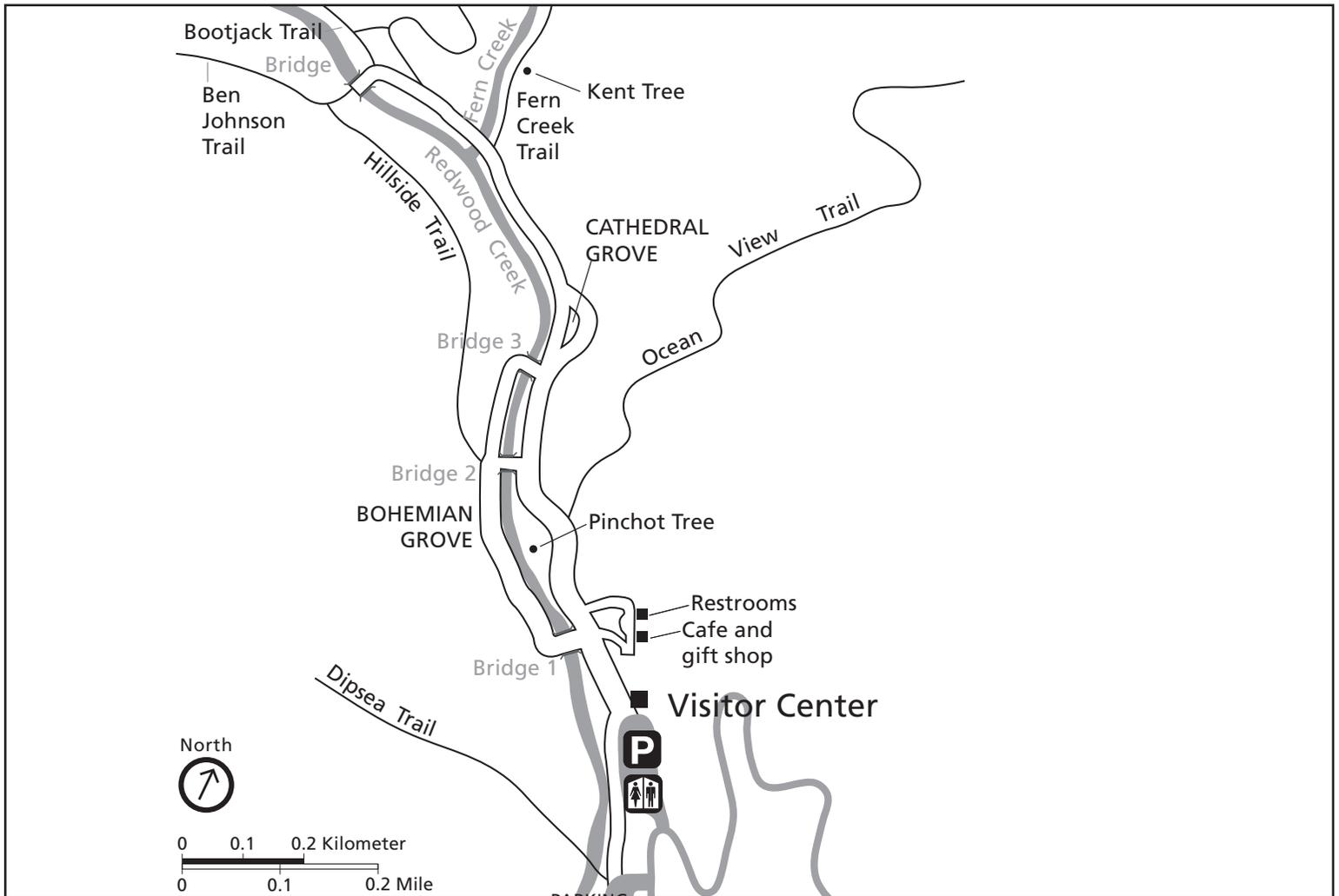
Welcome to Muir Woods, the Redwood Creek Watershed and Muir Beach! The incredible diversity of flora and fauna throughout the Redwood Creek Watershed can be challenging to observe. The redwoods themselves dominate the scene, but the Steller's jay often steals the show.

Over 50 species of birds have been identified in Muir Woods alone. Their abundance and periods of song vary with time of day, season, and weather conditions. The greatest variety of avian activity occurs during the spring mornings. A deep, wooded, redwood canyon is a specialized habitat. Although this old growth forest supports spotted owls and Pileated woodpeckers, the overall lack of food is the primary reason for the apparent scarcity of birds. The ecosystems along Redwood Creek are specialized and dynamic; one only needs to change location slightly to be in another world of bird diversity. We invite you to explore the forest, riparian zone and beach to search for these seemingly elusive creatures that constantly surprise and delight us with their song and flight.

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