



Two hummingbird species are common in the cultivated gardens: **Anna’s Hummingbird** is resident all year and **Allen’s Hummingbird**, which nests here from spring through early fall. Anna’s shows iridescent red/ violet on the crown and throat. Allen’s flashes a red-orange throat. Length: Anna’s 4 in; Allen’s 3 ¾ in.

A summer resident and breeder, **Wilson’s Warbler** is bright yellow below, greenish above, and it has a glossy black cap. It primarily eats insects and does a great deal of “fly catching” in addition to gleaning leaves and branches. Length: 4 ¾ in.



The **Chestnut-backed Chickadee** frequents coastal pine forest from Alaska to Southern California gleaning insects from trunks and limbs with a short, pointed bill. Found here all year, it is the only chickadee with chestnut coloration on the back and flanks. Length: 4 ¾ in.



The **Osprey**, a large fish-eating hawk, is found in spring through summer flying from nest to ocean and back, often with a fish in its talons. It has dark plumage above and white below; the head is primarily white with a heavy dark line through the eye and cheek. Length: 22-25 in.



Of the three species of cormorant found locally, the **Pelagic Cormorant** is the only one that nests on rocks off the shore of the Garden; **Brandt’s** and **Double-crested Cormorant** may also be seen roosting on the rocks, in the water, or flying by. Cormorants are long-necked, long dark-bodied

diving birds. Pelagic Cormorant is the smallest of the three and is most easily identified in spring and summer when it wears white flank patches. Length: 26 in.

There are no crows on the Mendocino Coast, making identification of large all-black birds easy. The **Common Raven** is the largest member of the order of perching birds in North America. Like gulls, it is an omnivorous scavenger which adapts well to human civilization. Length: 24 in.



Seasons -		W: (Dec, Jan, Feb)	Sp: (Mar, Apr, May)
		S: (June, July)	F: (Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov)*
		*For shorebirds	S: (Mid-May, June)
			F: (July, Aug, Sept)
Abundance Codes -		c (common), fc (fairly common), u (uncommon), r (rare), x (extremely rare).	
Species common in the Gardens at various times during the year are in bold.			

Season		W	Sp	S	F
Swans, Geese, Ducks					
	Snow Goose	u	x		u
	Gr. White-fronted Goose	u	x		u
	Brant’s Goose	u	fc		u
	Cackling Goose	u	u		u
	Canada Goose	c	c	c	c
	Mute Swan	x	x	x	x
	Tundra Swan	r	r		r
	Wood Duck	u	u	u	u
	Northern Shoveler	fc	u		fc
	American Wigeon	fc	u		fc
	Mallard	c	c	c	c
	Northern Pintail	u	u		u
	Ring-necked Duck	fc	fc		fc
	Greater Scaup	fc	fc		fc
	Lesser Scaup	u	u		u
	Surf Scoter	c	c	r	c
	White-winged Scoter	u	u		u
	Black Scoter	u	r		u
	Bufflehead	c	c		c
	Hooded Merganser	u	r		u
	Common Merganser	fc	fc	fc	fc
	Red-breasted Merganser	fc	fc	x	fc
Turkeys and Quail					
	California Quail	c	c	c	c
	Wild Turkey	c	c	c	c

Season		W	Sp	S	F
Grebes					
	Pied-billed Grebe	c	fc		fc
	Horned Grebe	fc	fc		fc
	Red-necked Grebe	u	u		u
	Eared Grebe	fc	fc		fc
	Western Grebe	c	c	r	c
	Clark’s Grebe	r	r		r
Pigeons and Doves					
	Rock Pigeon	u	u	u	u
	Band-tailed Pigeon	u	u	u	u
	Eurasian Collared-Dove	fc	fc	fc	fc
	Mourning Dove	fc	fc	fc	fc
Swifts and Hummingbirds					
	Vaux’s Swift		c	c	c
	White-throated Swift				x
	Anna’s Hummingbird	c	c	c	c
	Calliope Hummingbird				x
	Rufous Hummingbird		r		x
	Allen’s Hummingbird		c	c	c
Rails, Oystercatchers, and Plovers					
	Virgina Rail	u	u	r	u
	Sora	u	u	u	u
	American Coot	c	c	r	c
	Black Oystercatcher	c	c	c	c
	Black-bellied Plover	fc	r	fc	fc
	Pacific Golden-Plover	r			u
	Killdeer	c	c	fc	c
	Semipalmated Plover	r	fc	x	fc
Alcids					
	Rhinoceros Auklet	u	u	u	u
	Tufted Puffin				x
	Cassin’s Auklet	u	fc		c
	Marbled Murrelet	r	r	r	r
	Pigeon Guillemot	x	fc	fc	fc
	Common Murre	c	c	c	c
	Ancient Murrelet	u			
Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies					
	Whimbrel	fc	fc	r	fc
	Long-billed Curlew		u		u
	Marbled Godwit	r	u		u
	Wilson’s Snipe	u	u		u
	Red Phalarope	r	u	x	u
	Spotted Sandpiper	u	u	r	u
	Wandering Tattler	r	u		u
	Willet				u
	Greater Yellowlegs	fc	fc		fc
	Ruddy Turnstone	r	u		u
	Black Turnstone	c	c	x	c

Season		W	Sp	S	F
	Surfbird	fc	fc		fc
	Sanderling	c	c	r	c
	Least Sandpiper	u		c	c
	Pectoral Sandpiper				u
	Western Sandpiper		fc		c
Gulls and Terns					
	Black-legged Kittiwake	r	r		r
	Bonaparte’s Gull	r	u	x	u
	Heerman’s Gull	x	x	fc	fc
	Short-billed Gull	fc	fc	x	fc
	Ring-billed Gull	fc	u		fc
	Western Gull	c	c	c	c
	Herring Gull	fc	fc	r	fc
	California Gull	c	c	r	c
	Glaucous-winged Gull	fc	fc	u	fc
	Iceland Gull	r	r		r
	Caspian Tern		u	r	u
	Forster’s Tern			x	r
	Elegant Tern		r		u
Loons, Albatrosses, and Shearwaters					
	Red-throated Loon	c	c	r	c
	Pacific Loon	c	c	u	c
	Common Loon	c	c	u	c
	Black-footed Albatross	r	r	r	r
	Northern Fulmar	r	r		r
	Pink-footed Shearwater	r	r	r	u
	Sooty Shearwater	r	r	r	u
	Black-vented Shearwater	r			r
Cormorants					
	Brandt’s Cormorant	c	c	c	c
	Pelagic Cormorant	c	c	c	c
	Double-crested Cormorant	c	c	r	c
Ibis, Herons, and Pelicans					
	White-faced Ibis		x	x	x
	Black-crowned Night Heron	u	u	u	u
	Snowy Egret	u	u	x	u
	Green Heron	x	u	u	u
	Great Egret	fc	fc	r	fc
	Great Blue Heron	c	c	c	c
	Brown Pelican	r	fc	c	fc
Vultures					
	Turkey Vulture	fc	c	c	c
Osprey, Hawks, Kites, and Eagles					
	Osprey	u	fc	fc	fc
	White-tailed Kite	u	u	u	u
	Northern Harrier	u	u	u	u
	Sharp-shinned Hawk	fc	fc	u	fc
	Cooper’s Hawk	u	u	r	u