

Bird Species of the San Marcos Foothills  
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Order	Family	Genus	Species	Common Name	Diet	Introduced
Accipitriformes	Accipitridae	Accipiter	Accipiter cooperii	Cooper's hawk	Carnivore	
Accipitriformes	Accipitridae	Accipiter	Accipiter striatus	Sharp-shinned hawk	Avivore	
Accipitriformes	Accipitridae	Aquila	Aquila chrysaetos	Golden eagle	Carnivore	
Accipitriformes	Accipitridae	Buteo	Buteo jamaicensis	Red-tailed hawk	Carnivore	
Accipitriformes	Accipitridae	Buteo	Buteo lineatus	Red-shouldered hawk	Carnivore	
Accipitriformes	Accipitridae	Buteo	Buteo swainsoni	Swainson's hawk	Carnivore	
Accipitriformes	Accipitridae	Circus	Circus cyaneus	Northern harrier	Carnivore	
Accipitriformes	Accipitridae	Elanus	Elanus leucurus	White-tailed kite	Carnivore	
Accipitriformes	Cathartidae	Cathartes	Cathartes aura	Turkey vulture	Carnivore	
Anseriformes	Anatidae	Anas	Anas platyrhynchos	Mallard	Herbivore	
Anseriformes	Anatidae	Anser	Anser albifrons	Greater white-fronted goose	Herbivore	
Anseriformes	Anatidae	Oxyura	Oxyura jamaicensis	Ruddy duck	Omnivore	
Apodiformes	Apodidae	Aeronautes	Aeronautes saxatalis	White-throated swift	Insectivore	
Apodiformes	Apodidae	Chaetura	Chaetura vauxi	Vaux's swift	Insectivore	
Apodiformes	Trochilidae	Archilochus	Archilochus alexandri	Black-chinned hummingbird	Herbivore	
Apodiformes	Trochilidae	Calypte	Calypte anna	Anna's hummingbird	Herbivore	
Apodiformes	Trochilidae	Calypte	Calypte costae	Costa's hummingbird	Herbivore	
Apodiformes	Trochilidae	Selasphorus	Selasphorus rufus	Rufous hummingbird	Herbivore	
Apodiformes	Trochilidae	Selasphorus	Selasphorus sasin	Allen's hummingbird	Herbivore	
Charadriiformes	Charadriidae	Charadrius	Charadrius vociferus	Killdeer	Carnivore	
Charadriiformes	Laridae	Larus	Larus occidentalis	Western gull	Omnivore	
Charadriiformes	Scolopacidae	Actitis	Actitis macularius	Spotted sandpiper	Carnivore	
Charadriiformes	Scolopacidae	Numenius	Numenius americanus	Long-billed curlew	Carnivore	
Charadriiformes	Scolopacidae	Numenius	Numenius phaeopus	Eurasian whimbrel	Carnivore	
Charadriiformes	Scolopacidae	Tringa	Tringa semipalmata	Willet	Carnivore	
Columbiformes	Columbidae	Columba	Columba livia	Rock dove	Herbivore	*
Columbiformes	Columbidae	Columbina	Columbina passerina	Common ground dove	Herbivore	
Columbiformes	Columbidae	Patagioenas	Patagioenas fasciata	Band-tailed pigeon	Herbivore	
Columbiformes	Columbidae	Streptopelia	Streptopelia decaocto	Eurasian collared dove	Herbivore	*
Columbiformes	Columbidae	Zenaida	Zenaida macroura	Mourning dove	Herbivore	
Cuculiformes	Cuculidae	Geococcyx	Geococcyx californianus	Roadrunner	Insectivore	
Falconiformes	Falconidae	Falco	Falco columbarius	Merlin	Avivore	
Falconiformes	Falconidae	Falco	Falco peregrinus	Peregrine falcon	Avivore	
Falconiformes	Falconidae	Falco	Falco sparverius	American kestrel	Insectivore	
Galliformes	Odontophoridae	Callipepla	Callipepla californica	California quail	Herbivore	
Galliformes	Phasianidae	Meleagris	Meleagris gallopavo	Wild turkey	Omnivore	
Passeriformes	Aegithalidae	Psaltiriparus	Psaltiriparus minimus	American bushtit	Insectivore	
Passeriformes	Alaudidae	Eremophila	Eremophila alpestris	Horned lark	Omnivore	
Passeriformes	Bombycillidae	Bombycilla	Bombycilla cedrorum	Cedar waxwing	Herbivore	
Passeriformes	Cardinalidae	Passerina	Passerina amoena	Lazuli bunting	Omnivore	
Passeriformes	Cardinalidae	Passerina	Passerina caerulea	Blue grosbeak	Insectivore	
Passeriformes	Cardinalidae	Pheucticus	Pheucticus melanocephalus	Black-headed grosbeak	Omnivore	
Passeriformes	Cardinalidae	Piranga	Piranga ludoviciana	Western tanager	Carnivore	
Passeriformes	Corvidae	Aphelocoma	Aphelocoma californica	California scrub jay	Omnivore	
Passeriformes	Corvidae	Corvus	Corvus brachyrhynchos	American crow	Omnivore	
Passeriformes	Corvidae	Corvus	Corvus corax	Common raven	Omnivore	
Passeriformes	Corvidae	Cyanocitta	Cyanocitta stelleri	Steller's jay	Omnivore	
Passeriformes	Estrildidae	Lonchura	Lonchura punctulata	Scaly-breasted munia	Herbivore	*
Passeriformes	Fringillidae	Haemorhous	Haemorhous mexicanus	House finch	Herbivore	
Passeriformes	Fringillidae	Haemorhous	Haemorhous purpureus	Purple finch	Omnivore	
Passeriformes	Fringillidae	Spinus	Spinus lawrencei	Lawrence's goldfinch	Herbivore	
Passeriformes	Fringillidae	Spinus	Spinus pinus	Pine siskin	Herbivore	
Passeriformes	Fringillidae	Spinus	Spinus psaltria	Lesser goldfinch	Herbivore	
Passeriformes	Fringillidae	Spinus	Spinus tristis	American goldfinch	Herbivore	
Passeriformes	Hirundinidae	Hirundo	Hirundo rustica	Barn swallow	Insectivore	

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Passeriformes	Hirundinidae	Petrochelidon	Petrochelidon pyrrhonota	Cliff swallow	Insectivore
Passeriformes	Hirundinidae	Riparia	Riparia riparia	Bank swallow	Insectivore
Passeriformes	Hirundinidae	Stelgidopteryx	Stelgidopteryx serripennis	Northern rough-winged swallow	Insectivore
Passeriformes	Hirundinidae	Tachycineta	Tachycineta bicolor	Tree swallow	Omnivore
Passeriformes	Hirundinidae	Tachycineta	Tachycineta thalassina	Violet-green swallow	Insectivore
Passeriformes	Icteridae	Agelaius	Agelaius phoeniceus	Red-winged blackbird	Omnivore
Passeriformes	Icteridae	Euphagus	Euphagus cyanocephalus	Brewer's blackbird	Omnivore
Passeriformes	Icteridae	Icterus	Icterus bullockii	Bullock's oriole	Omnivore
Passeriformes	Icteridae	Icterus	Icterus cucullatus	Hooded oriole	Omnivore
Passeriformes	Icteridae	Molothrus	Molothrus ater	Brown-headed cowbird	Herbivore
Passeriformes	Icteridae	Sturnella	Sturnella neglecta	Western meadowlark	Omnivore
Passeriformes	Laniidae	Lanius	Lanius ludovicianus	Loggerhead shrike	Carnivore
Passeriformes	Mimidae	Mimus	Mimus polyglottos	Northern mockingbird	Omnivore
Passeriformes	Mimidae	Toxostoma	Toxostoma redivivum	California thrasher	Omnivore
Passeriformes	Motacillidae	Anthus	Anthus rubescens	American pipit	Omnivore
Passeriformes	Paridae	Baeolophus	Baeolophus inornatus	Oak titmouse	Omnivore
Passeriformes	Paridae	Poecile	Poecile gambeli	Mountain chickadee	Herbivore
Passeriformes	Parulidae	Cardellina	Cardellina pusilla	Wilson's warbler	Insectivore
Passeriformes	Parulidae	Geothlypis	Geothlypis trichas	Common yellowthroat	Insectivore
Passeriformes	Parulidae	Icteria	Icteria virens	Yellow-breasted chat	Omnivore
Passeriformes	Parulidae	Leiothlypis	Leiothlypis celata	Orange-crowned warbler	Herbivore
Passeriformes	Parulidae	Leiothlypis	Leiothlypis ruficapilla	Nashville warbler	Insectivore
Passeriformes	Parulidae	Setophaga	Setophaga coronata	Yellow-rumped warbler	Insectivore
Passeriformes	Parulidae	Setophaga	Setophaga nigrescens	Black-throated gray warbler	Insectivore
Passeriformes	Parulidae	Setophaga	Setophaga occidentalis	Hermit warbler	Insectivore
Passeriformes	Parulidae	Setophaga	Setophaga petechia	Yellow warbler	Insectivore
Passeriformes	Parulidae	Setophaga	Setophaga townsendi	Townsend's warbler	Insectivore
Passeriformes	Passerellidae	Aimophila	Aimophila ruficeps	Rufous-crowned sparrow	Omnivore
Passeriformes	Passerellidae	Ammodramus	Ammodramus savannarum	Grasshopper sparrow	Insectivore
Passeriformes	Passerellidae	Chondestes	Chondestes grammacus	Lark sparrow	Herbivore
Passeriformes	Passerellidae	Junco	Junco hyemalis	Dark-eyed junco	Insectivore
Passeriformes	Passerellidae	Melospiza	Melospiza lincolnii	Lincoln's sparrow	Omnivore
Passeriformes	Passerellidae	Melospiza	Melospiza melodia	Song sparrow	Insectivore
Passeriformes	Passerellidae	Melospiza	Melospiza crissalis	California towhee	Omnivore
Passeriformes	Passerellidae	Passerculus	Passerculus sandwichensis	Savannah sparrow	Insectivore
Passeriformes	Passerellidae	Passerella	Passerella iliaca	Fox sparrow	Herbivore
Passeriformes	Passerellidae	Pipilo	Pipilo maculatus	Spotted towhee	Insectivore
Passeriformes	Passerellidae	Poocetes	Poocetes gramineus	Vesper sparrow	Omnivore
Passeriformes	Passerellidae	Spizella	Spizella passerina	Chipping sparrow	Herbivore
Passeriformes	Passerellidae	Zonotrichia	Zonotrichia albicollis	White-throated sparrow	Omnivore
Passeriformes	Passerellidae	Zonotrichia	Zonotrichia atricapilla	Golden-crowned sparrow	Herbivore
Passeriformes	Passerellidae	Zonotrichia	Zonotrichia leucophrys	White-crowned sparrow	Omnivore
Passeriformes	Passeridae	Passer	Passer domesticus	House sparrow	Omnivore *
Passeriformes	Poliopitidae	Poliopitila	Poliopitila caerulea	Blue-gray gnatcatcher	Insectivore
Passeriformes	Ptilonotidae	Phainopepla	Phainopepla nitens	Phainopepla	Herbivore
Passeriformes	Regulidae	Regulus	Regulus calendula	Ruby-crowned kinglet	Omnivore
Passeriformes	Remizidae	Auriparus	Auriparus flaviceps	Verdin	Insectivore
Passeriformes	Sittidae	Sitta	Sitta canadensis	Red-breasted nuthatch	Omnivore
Passeriformes	Sittidae	Sitta	Sitta carolinensis	White-breasted nuthatch	Omnivore
Passeriformes	Sturnidae	Sturnus	Sturnus vulgaris	Common starling	Omnivore *
Passeriformes	Sylviidae	Chamaea	Chamaea fasciata	Wren	Omnivore
Passeriformes	Troglodytidae	Catherpes	Catherpes mexicanus	Canyon wren	Insectivore
Passeriformes	Troglodytidae	Salpinctes	Salpinctes obsoletus	Rock wren	Insectivore
Passeriformes	Troglodytidae	Thryomanes	Thryomanes bewickii	Bewick's wren	Insectivore
Passeriformes	Troglodytidae	Troglodytes	Troglodytes aedon	House wren	Insectivore
Passeriformes	Turdidae	Catharus	Catharus guttatus	Hermit thrush	Omnivore

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Passeriformes	Turdidae	Catharus	Catharus ustulatus	Swainson's thrush	Omnivore
Passeriformes	Turdidae	Ixoreus	Ixoreus naevius	Varied thrush	Omnivore
Passeriformes	Turdidae	Myadestes	Myadestes townsendi	Townsend's solitaire	Omnivore
Passeriformes	Turdidae	Sialia	Sialia currucoides	Mountain bluebird	Insectivore
Passeriformes	Turdidae	Sialia	Sialia mexicana	Western bluebird	Omnivore
Passeriformes	Turdidae	Turdus	Turdus migratorius	American robin	Omnivore
Passeriformes	Tyrannidae	Contopus	Contopus sordidulus	Western wood-pewee	Insectivore
Passeriformes	Tyrannidae	Empidonax	Empidonax difficilis	Western flycatcher	Carnivore
Passeriformes	Tyrannidae	Empidonax	Empidonax traillii	Willow flycatcher	Insectivore
Passeriformes	Tyrannidae	Myiarchus	Myiarchus cinerascens	Ash-throated flycatcher	Insectivore
Passeriformes	Tyrannidae	Sayornis	Sayornis nigricans	Black phoebe	Insectivore
Passeriformes	Tyrannidae	Sayornis	Sayornis saya	Say's phoebe	Insectivore
Passeriformes	Tyrannidae	Tyrannus	Tyrannus verticalis	Western kingbird	Insectivore
Passeriformes	Tyrannidae	Tyrannus	Tyrannus vociferans	Cassin's kingbird	Insectivore
Passeriformes	Vireonidae	Vireo	Vireo cassinii	Cassin's vireo	Insectivore
Passeriformes	Vireonidae	Vireo	Vireo gilvus	Warbling vireo	Insectivore
Passeriformes	Vireonidae	Vireo	Vireo huttoni	Hutton's vireo	Insectivore
Pelecaniformes	Ardeidae	Ardea	Ardea alba	Great egret	Piscivore
Pelecaniformes	Ardeidae	Ardea	Ardea herodias	Great blue heron	Carnivore
Pelecaniformes	Ardeidae	Butorides	Butorides virescens	Green heron	Carnivore
Pelecaniformes	Ardeidae	Egretta	Egretta thula	Snowy egret	Piscivore
Pelecaniformes	Ardeidae	Nycticorax	Nycticorax nycticorax	Black-crowned night heron	Piscivore
Pelecaniformes	Pelecanidae	Pelecanus	Pelecanus erythrorhynchos	American white pelican	Piscivore
Piciformes	Picidae	Colaptes	Colaptes auratus	Northern flicker	Insectivore
Piciformes	Picidae	Dryobates	Dryobates nuttallii	Nuttall's woodpecker	Insectivore
Piciformes	Picidae	Dryobates	Dryobates pubescens	Downy woodpecker	Omnivore
Piciformes	Picidae	Leuconotopicus	Leuconotopicus villosus	Hairy woodpecker	Insectivore
Piciformes	Picidae	Melanerpes	Melanerpes formicivorus	Acorn woodpecker	Herbivore
Piciformes	Picidae	Melanerpes	Melanerpes lewis	Lewis's woodpecker	Omnivore
Piciformes	Picidae	Sphyrapicus	Sphyrapicus ruber	Red-breasted sapsucker	Herbivore
Strigiformes	Strigidae	Asio	Asio flammeus	Short-eared owl	Carnivore
Strigiformes	Strigidae	Athene	Athene cunicularia	Burrowing owl	Carnivore
Strigiformes	Strigidae	Bubo	Bubo virginianus	Great horned owl	Carnivore
Strigiformes	Strigidae	Glaucidium	Glaucidium gnoma	Northern pygmy-owl	Carnivore
Strigiformes	Strigidae	Megascops	Megascops kennicottii	Western screech owl	Carnivore
Strigiformes	Tytonidae	Tyto	Tyto alba	Barn owl	Carnivore
Suliformes	Phalacrocoracidae	Phalacrocorax	Phalacrocorax auritus	Double-crested cormorant	Piscivore