



The Hooded Merganser is a migratory bird that spends the winter in Grayson Creek.



The Belted Kingfisher hunts in Grayson Creek.



The Red-shouldered Hawk nests in the Grayson Creek riparian habitat. It is one of six species of raptors (birds of prey) found in the habitat. The others are Red-tailed Hawk, Coopers Hawk, Merlin, American Kestrel, and Turkey Vulture.

Grayson Creek Bird Survey

The Grayson Creek Bird Survey is a joint community science project of Friends of Pleasant Hill Creeks and Mt. Diablo Audubon Society. The survey has documented 66 species of native and migratory birds in the Grayson Creek riparian habitat.



The Red-breasted Sapsucker is one of four species of woodpeckers found in the Grayson Creek riparian habitat.



Birds of Grayson Creek

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Checklist of Birds in the
Grayson Creek Riparian Habitat
Pleasant Hill, CA

GRAYSON CREEK BIRDS

WATERFOWL

- Greater White-fronted Goose
- Cackling Goose
- Canada Goose
- Wood Duck
- Mallard
- Bufflehead
- Hooded Merganser

TURKEYS

- Wild Turkey – I

PIGEONS and DOVES

- Rock Pigeon - I
- Mourning Dove

HUMMINGBIRDS

- Anna's Hummingbird

RAILS and COOTS

- American Coot

LAPWINGS and PLOVERS

- Killdeer

GULLS

- Ring-billed Gull
- California Gull

CORMORANTS

- Double-crested Cormorant

HERONS AND EGRETS

- Great Blue Heron
- Great Egret
- Snowy Egret
- Green Heron
- Black-crowned Night-Heron

NEW WORLD VULTURES

- Turkey Vulture

HAWKS

- Cooper's Hawk
- Red-shouldered Hawk
- Red-tailed Hawk

KINGFISHERS

- Belted Kingfisher

WOODPECKERS

- Red-breasted Sapsucker
- Nuttall's Woodpecker
- Downy Woodpecker
- Northern Flicker

FALCONS

- American Kestrel
- Merlin

FLYCATCHERS

- Black Phoebe
- Say's Phoebe

VIREOS

- Hutton's Vireo

CROWS and JAYS

- Steller's Jay
- California Scrub-Jay
- American Crow
- Common Raven

SWALLOWS

- Violet-green Swallow
- Northern Rough-winged Swallow
- Cliff Swallow

CHICKADEES and TITMICE

- Chestnut-backed Chickadee
- Oak Titmouse

BUSHTITS

- Bushtit

NUTHATCHES

- White-breasted Nuthatch

WRENS

- Bewick's Wren

KINGLETS

- Ruby-crowned Kinglet

THRUSHES

- Western Bluebird
- Hermit Thrush
- American Robin

MOCKINGBIRDS

- Northern Mockingbird

STARLINGS

- European Starling – I

WAXWINGS

- Cedar Waxwing

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

- House Sparrow – I

FINCHES

- House Finch
- Purple Finch
- Lesser Goldfinch
- American Goldfinch

NEW WORLD SPARROWS

- Spotted Towhee
- California Towhee
- Fox Sparrow
- Song Sparrow
- White-crowned Sparrow
- Golden-crowned Sparrow
- Dark-eyed Junco

BLACKBIRDS

- Hooded Oriole
- Red-winged Blackbird
- Brewer's Blackbird

WOOD-WARBLERS

- Yellow-rumped Warbler

I = Non-Native.

This checklist includes a total of 70 bird species (66 native and migratory) documented as of March 2019 by the Grayson Creek Bird Survey. Species are listed in taxonomic order as published by the California Bird Records Committee (as of July 2017).

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