



◀ **Song Sparrow:** 6-7" common brown native bird with streaked breast and melodic "sweet, sweet, sweet" call (MS)

▶ **White-Crowned Sparrow:** 7" brown body, adults have yellow-orange bill, black and white cap, seasonal bird (MS)



◀ **Golden-crowned Sparrow:** 7.25" brown body, adult has yellowish-gold crown, dusky bill, and long tail, seasonal bird (IA)

▶ **House Sparrow:** 6.25" handsome, common, non-native, gray/brown bird with black "bib" and beak, and streaky chest (IA)



◀ **Dark-eyed "Oregon" Junco:** 6.25" pink bill, black "dipped-in-ink" hood, tan back, white flash of tail feathers in flight (MS)

▶ **California Towhee:** 9" common brownish robin-sized bird with rust under long tail, ground-scratching feeder, "chink" call (MS)



GROUND FEEDERS

OPEN FIELDS



Top to bottom, L side: **Western Bluebird:** 7" bright blue and rust fly-catcher (PS); **Black Phoebe:** 7" stout, grey and white fly-catcher, frequent tail flicks, found perched near water (MS); **Barn Swallow:** 6.75" acrobatic, navy with orange belly, forked tail (JH); R side: **American Crow:** 17.5" big, black, bold, social "caw-ing" bird (MS); **American Robin:** 10" orange breast, white eye-ring, eats berries/earthworms (MS); **Killdeer:** 10.5" double black neck rings, "kill-deer" call, seen on open fields (MS)

► **Mount Diablo Bird Alliance** (formerly Mt. Diablo Audubon Society), a chapter of the National Audubon Society, meets the first Thursday of the month (September-June) at 7 PM. See www.mtdiabolobirds.org for meeting location or Zoom link. Enjoy free monthly programs, field trips, and volunteer opportunities in our conservation, community science and community outreach projects. Please join us!

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40 COMMON BIRDS OF HEATHER FARM PARK



EGRETS & HERONS

Top L: **Great Blue Heron:** 54" tall, blue-gray wading bird, uses dagger-like, yellow-orange beak to spear fish (MS); Top R: **Snowy Egret:** 24" white, black beak/legs, yellow feet (MS); Middle L: **Black-crowned**

Night-Heron: 25" adult, gray/white with a red eye (MS); Middle R: **Green Heron:** 18" streaked with greenish back, crest, yellow feet, "croak" call (LL); Bottom L: **Great Egret:** 39" tall white wader, yellow beak, black feet (MS)



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TREES & BUSHES



Top to bottom, L side: **House Finch**: 6" sparrow-like, streaked chest, M red head/cheast (MS); **Bewick's Wren**: 5.25" brown, white eyebrow (MS); **Mourning Dove**: 12" pigeon-like, tan, mournful "coo, coo, coo" (MS); **California Scrub-Jay**: 12" bold, noisy, blue-gray bird, white belly (MS); R side: **Lesser Goldfinch**: 4.5" yellow-gray, flock bird, male bright yellow, black cap (MS); **Oak Titmouse** L: 5.8" quick gray bird with crest (MS) and **Chestnut-backed Chickadee** R: 4.8" small, busy bird with black cap/throat, white belly, chestnut back (MS); **Bushtit**: 4.5" tiny, gray, "buzzy" flock bird (MS); **White-breasted Nuthatch**: 5.8", gray-black/white with long beak, feeds head-first (MS); **Anna's Hummingbird**: 4" fast, emerald green, red throat (JS)

WOODPECKERS & HAWKS



Far L: **Nuttall's Woodpecker**: 7.5" black/white barred back, male red cap, rattling call (MS); L: **Northern Flicker**: 12.5" large tan woodpecker, black-striped back, black chest patch, dotted breast, M red cheek/malar stripe, eats ants and insects (MS); R: **Red-shouldered Hawk**: 17" chestnut shoulder/chest, black/white banded tail and wings, eats rodents, "keey-er" scream (MS)



ON OR NEAR THE WATER



Pied-billed Grebe: 13" small, brown, diving duck, with chunky beak, seen bobbing about the lake (IA)



Double-crested Cormorant: 33" prehistoric looking gray-black bird with a hooked bill, dives for fish (MS)



Mallard: 23" brown female L; colorful green-headed male R, orange feet, familiar dabbling ducks, (MS)



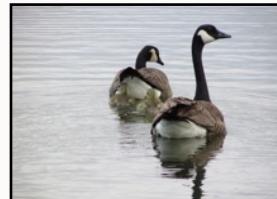
Wood Duck: 18" male multi-colored "helmet", female white eye ring, cavity nester in tree or nesting box (MS)



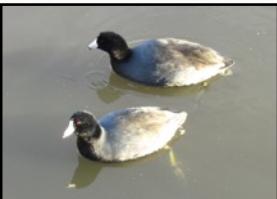
Belted Kingfisher: 13', stocky, blue/white, shaggy crest, F rust, noisy "chatter" call, dives for fish (MS)



Red-winged Blackbird: 9" M black with red "epaulets", nests in reeds, social, "rusty-hinge" call (IA)



Canada Goose: 45" large, brown-black/white adults with yellow baby goslings, loud "honking" call (MS)



American Coot: 15.5", round, gray-black, white bill, green-yellow lobed feet, dives/dabbles (MS)



Heather Farm Park map: Check the **Rotary kiosk** for more bird information, the island for a Belted Kingfisher, the natural pond for ducks, and the flowers for hummingbirds!



Bufflehead: 13.5" compact black/white duck, M white bonnet, F white cheek, seasonal winter visitor (MS)



Ring-necked Duck: 17" M has black back, gray bill with white stripe and black tip, seasonal winter visitor (IA)