

Casa Dos Rios Wildlife List

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Birds - Taxonomic Order		
Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>	flyover on 2/11/08
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	foraging in house garden on two consecutive days - 9/08.
Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	flying over only
Wood Duck	<i>Aix sponsa</i>	breed here regularly - 3 pairs bred here winter 07/08
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	regular, year-round
Common Merganser	<i>Mergus merganser</i>	bred here in past, pairs seen in creeks 2007 & 4/2/08
Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	have perched on house garden fence
White-tailed Kite	<i>Elanus leucurus</i>	1st pair seen 03/08
Sharp-shinned Hawk	<i>Accipiter striatus</i>	watched one kill Western Bluebird 5 feet away
Cooper's Hawk	<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	in riparian corridor
Red-shouldered Hawk	<i>Buteo lineatus</i>	bred in riparian corridor in 2007 and next door in other years
Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	regular fly-overs
Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	one perched 2 miles away and another is regular 4 miles away, but haven't seen here yet
American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	was a regular in field across the street until land graded
Wild Turkey	<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	yard high is 56 at once

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California Quail	<i>Callipepla californica</i>	large flock breed in riparian corridor regularly
Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	successfully bred here, saw chicks 5/2/07, have tried in other years
Band-tailed Pidgeon	<i>Columba fasciata</i>	over 100 come to eat olives annually
Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>	breed here regularly
Great Horned Owl	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>	bred here in 2008
Anna's Hummingbird	<i>Calypte anna</i>	regular - no breeding proof
Selasphorus Hummingbird	<i>Selasphorus ssp</i>	unusual visitor
Belted Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle alcyon</i>	pair here from 2004-2006
Acorn Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes formicivorus</i>	breed here regularly
Nuttall's Woodpecker	<i>Picoides nuttallii</i>	breed here regularly
Downy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides pubescens</i>	probably breed here regularly
Hairy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides villosus</i>	breed here regularly
Northern Flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	breed here regularly and feed in vineyard
Olive-sided Woodpecker	<i>Contopus cooperi</i>	unusual visitor
Western Wood-Pewee	<i>Contopus sordidulus</i>	breed here regularly - several pairs
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax difficilis</i>	bred here in 2008 under RRR bridge
Black Phoebe	<i>Sayornis nigricans</i>	breed here regularly - 2 pairs in 2008
Loggerhead Shrike	<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>	regular across street before lot graded - one seen 11/6/05

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Hutton's Vireo	<i>Vireo huttoni</i>	seasonal - possibly breed here
Warbling Vireo	<i>Vireo gilvus</i>	seen 5/25/08
Cassin's Vireo	<i>Vireo cassinii</i>	seasonal, bred here 2008
Stellar's Jay	<i>Cyanocitta stelleri</i>	regular visitor
Western Scrub-Jay	<i>Aphelocoma californica</i>	breed here regularly
Yellow-billed Magpie	<i>Pica nuttalli</i>	regular within 2 miles, but never here...
American Crow	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	seasonal visitor, flock will stay about 2 weeks
Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	occasional flyover
Tree Swallow	<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>	breed here in 2 nest boxes, arrived 4/19/08
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	several pairs breed here - nests on house
Cliff Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon fulva</i>	several pairs breed here - nests on house
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	<i>Peoecile rufescens</i>	breed here - three pairs in nestbox
Oak Titmouse	<i>Baeolophus inornatus</i>	regular - probably breed here
Bushtit	<i>Psaltriparus minimus</i>	seasonal visitor
White-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>	regular - probably breed here
Brown Creeper	<i>Certhia americana</i>	regular
Bewick's Wren	<i>Thryomanes bewickii</i>	regular, one seen 11/26/05
House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	bred here in 2008 in nestbox

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Wrentit	<i>Chamaea fasciata</i>	unusual - heard twice only - target species for newly revegetated areas
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<i>Regulus calendula</i>	seasonal, seen 12/30/07
Western Bluebird	<i>Sialia mexicana</i>	breed here since nestboxes installed in 2007 - now year-round resident flock around 8 birds
Varied Thrush	<i>Ixoreus naevius</i>	seasonal during outbreak years
Swainson's Thrush	<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>	spend summer here
Hermit Thrush	<i>Catharus guttatus</i>	seasonal - winter, 2007 about 30 overwintered here
American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	regular - probably breed here, feed all over, but love vineyard
European Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	breed here
American Pipit	<i>Anthus rubescens</i>	5 were feeding in garden on 4/14/08
Cedar Waxwing	<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>	flock of juveniles bathing in fountain on 10/19/07
Yellow-rumped Warbler	<i>Dendroica coronata</i>	seasonal regular in great numbers, primarily Audubon's, feed in vineyard
Townsend's Warbler	<i>Dendroica townsendi</i>	seasonal regular
Yellow Warbler	<i>Dendroica petechia</i>	seen 9/21/04
Wilson's Warbler	<i>Wilsonia pusilla</i>	seen here 7/10/04
Yellow-breasted Chat	<i>Icteria virens</i>	bred here in past, none seen since 1990

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Western Tanager	<i>Piranga ludoviciana</i>	several noted in fall, 2008 in riparian corridor, stayed for over one month.
Black-headed Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus melanocephalus</i>	breed here - one pair about 12 feed off ground in riparian corridor in 2006
Fox Sparrow	<i>Passerella iliaca</i>	seasonal, saw one Sooty 12/31/07
Song Sparrow	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>	breed here
White-crowned Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>	overwinter here
Golden-crowned Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia atricapilla</i>	overwinter here
Dark-eyed Junco	<i>Junco hyemalis</i>	Slate-colored breed here - in 2008 one pair nested under iris near house
Lark Sparrow	<i>Chondestes grammacus</i>	one seen on fence in 2004, another feeding in garden on 4/19/08
Spotted Towhee	<i>Pipila maculatus</i>	breed here
California Towhee	<i>Pipilo crissalis</i>	regular pair in vege garden
Red-winged Blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	flock nested across street in 2008 after land graded and wheat planted
Brewer's Blackbird	<i>Euphagus cyanocephalus</i>	one spent summer '08 feeding near swimming pool
American Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis tristis</i>	seasonal - fewer since thistle controlled
Lesser Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis psaltria</i>	breed here - in 2008 one pair nested in Toyon, feed in vineyard
Purple Finch	<i>Carpodacus purpureus</i>	several stayed summer, 2006

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House Finch	<i>Carpodacus mexicanus</i>	several pairs breed here, feed in vineyard
Butterflies		
Monarch	<i>Danaus plexippus</i>	seen a few, once on milkweed
Western Tiger Swallowtail	<i>Papilio rutulus</i>	seen 4/2/07
Pale Swallowtail	<i>Pterourus eurymedon</i>	seen feeding on CA Buckeye in riparian corridor
Mourning Cloak	<i>Nymphalis antiopa</i>	seen 4/2/07
Chalcedon Checkerspot	<i>Euphydryas chalcedona</i>	seen 5/12/07
Mylitta Crescent	<i>Phyciodes mylitta</i>	pair seen 6/14/07
California Tortoiseshell	<i>Nymphalis californica</i>	seen 10/23/07
Common Buckeye	<i>Junonia coenia</i>	frequent
Orange Sulfur	<i>Colias eurytheme</i>	seen 10/14/08
Painted Lady		seen 11/6/05
Common Checkered Skipper	<i>Pyrgus communis</i>	hundreds feed on <i>Aster chilensis</i> each season
Woodland Skipper	<i>Ochlodes sylvanoides</i>	common on <i>Aster chilensis</i> in the dozens
Fish		
Stickleback	<i>Gasterosteus ssp</i>	these small native fish are regulars
Steelhead Trout	<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss irideus</i>	native endangered species breed here regularly
Insects & Spiders (Butterflies separate)		
Praying Mantid	<i>Stagmomantis californica</i>	regular seasonal, 2 seen 12/5/07, 1 on 10/11/08

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Jerusalem Cricket	stenopelmatus fuscus	seen 10/08 and previously burrowing into ground (to nest?)
European Earwig	Forficula auricularia	regulars
Giant Water Bug	Belostoma flumineum	caught in Little Arthur in 2006
Water Strider	Gerris remigis	regulars
Green Lacewing	Chrysopa carneia	occasional
Green June Beetle	Cotinis mutabilis	occasional
Stink Beetle	Tenebrionidae eleodes	regular
Cucumber Beetle	Diabrotica undecimpunctata	loads of these here
Caddisfly	Psychoglypha subborealis	breed in Little Arthur
Aerial Yellowjacket	Dolichovespula arenaria	all over the darn place!
Paper Wasp	Polistes fuscatus	Built nests on house in 2007
Tarantula Wasp	Pepsis formosa	seen several times in upper riparian corridor under olives
Honey Bee	Apis mellifera	regular
Bumble Bee	Bombus terricola occidentalis	regular
House Mosquito	Culex pipiens	regular in riparian corridor
Fruit Fly	Drosophila melanogaster	occasional
House Fly	Musca domestica	occasional
Greenhouse Whitefly	Trialeurodes vaporariorum	occasional infestation in vege garden

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Velvet Ants	<i>Dasymutilla</i> ssp.	these red gems are regular, really a female wasp with a powerful bite aka Cow Killers
Giant Crane Flies	<i>Holorusia</i> ssp	occasional
Black Widow Spider	<i>Latrodectus mactans</i>	regular
Brown Daddy-long-legs	<i>Phalangium opilio</i>	regular, especially in garages
Carolina Wolf Spider	<i>Lycosa carolinensis</i>	regular
Mammals		
Bat	possibly a <i>Myotis</i>	regular seasonal
Gray Fox	<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>	breed here, 3 pups in 2007, 2 in 2008, nest in upper riparian corridor
Bobcat	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	one seen in summer, 2008 near Little Arthur
Mountain Lion	<i>Puma concolor</i>	prints found in 2004 and 2005 in Little Arthur - seen occasionally by neighbors
Striped Skunk	<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>	regular, nest under a fallen olive tree in riparian corridor
Virginia Opossum	<i>Didelphis virginiana</i>	regular
Northern Raccoon	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	regular
Mule Deer	<i>Odocoileus hemionus</i>	two females used thicket in riparian corridor in 2008 to produce a single and twins, also watched rutting on property in 2005
Black-tailed Jackrabbit	<i>Lepus californicus</i>	breeding population here feeds in vineyard and on new native plantings

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Eastern Fox Squirrel	Sciurus niger	regular, breed here
Feral Pig	Pecari tajacu	tore up native grass meadow in front of gate in 2007
House Mouse	Mus musculus	love the rabbits hay and also the attic
Botta's Pocket Gopher	Thomomys bottae	loves to wreak havoc in house garden
Reptiles & Amphibians		
Bullfrog	Rana calesbeiana	breed in Little Arthur
Pacific Treefrog	Hyla regilla	breed in fountain
Western Toad	Bufo boreas	breed in fountain
Slender Salamander	Batrachoseps ssp	found in Little Arthur in 2006
Turtle	??	seen in Uvas Creek - yet to identify
Coast Horned Lizard	Phrynosoma coronatum	watched two males fight near Uvas Creek in 2005, saw juvenile in 2006 in same location
Western Fence Lizard	Sceloporus occidentalis	loads of these breed here
Western Skink	Eumeces skiltonianus	seen under tile pile in 2006
Gopher Snake	Pituophis melanoleucus	One seen eating mouse in 2005, smaller one seen in vege garden in 2008

Coast Horned Lizard - Phrynosoma coronatum - seen in riparian corridor from 2004-2006.