

These birds are commonly found near the San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve Nature Center trail during winter (from December to February.) Less common species may be seen from time to time. Some birds may not be seen, but may be identified by their call. Tide level will also affect viewing.

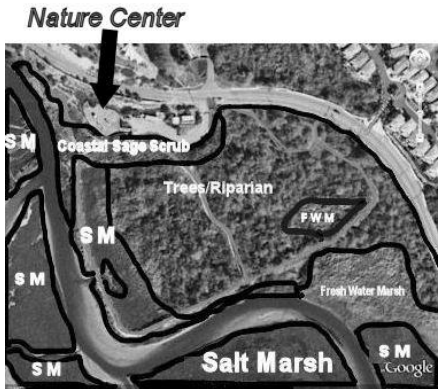
Chances of viewing are: **G = Good, F = Fair, and L = You got Lucky**

NAME	View	RESIDENCY	WHERE TO LOOK
Pied-billed Grebe	G	All Year	In Channel
Western Grebe	F	Winter - Sp	In Channel
Double-crested Cormorant	G	All Year	In Channel or Perched
Great Blue Heron	G	All Year	Salt Marsh or Mud Flats
Great Egret	G	All Year	Salt Marsh or Mud Flats
Snowy Egret	G	All Year	Salt Marsh or Mud Flats
Little Blue Heron	L	All Year	Salt Marsh or Mud Flats
Black-crowned Night-Heron	F	All Year	Perched or Mud Flats
Gadwall	F	All Year	In Channel or Flying
American Wigeon	G	Winter	In Channel or Flying
Mallard	G	All Year	In Channel or Flying
Blue-winged Teal	L	Winter	In Channel or Flying
Cinnamon Teal	L	Winter	In Channel or Flying
Northern Shoveler	F	Winter	In Channel or Flying
Northern Pintail	F	Winter	In Channel or Flying
Green-winged Teal	F	Winter	In Channel or Flying
Canvasback	F	Winter	In Channel or Flying
Lesser Scaup	L	Winter	In Channel or Flying
Bufflehead	G	Winter	In Channel or Flying
Red-breasted Merganser	L	Winter	In Channel or Flying
Ruddy Duck	F	Winter - Sp	In Channel or Flying
Osprey	L	All Year	Perched or Flying
Northern Harrier	F	Winter	Perched or Flying
Cooper's Hawk	L	All Year	Perched or Flying
Red-shouldered Hawk	L	All Year	Perched or Flying
Red-tailed Hawk	L	All Year	Perched or Flying
American Kestrel	L	Fall - Winter	Perched or Flying
Clapper Rail	L	All Year	Salt Marsh or Mud Flats
Sora	L	Winter	Salt Marsh or Mud Flats
American Coot	G	Winter	Salt Marsh or Mud Flats
Black-bellied Plover	L	All Year	Salt Marsh or Mud Flats
Killdeer	L	All Year	Salt Marsh or Mud Flats
Black-necked Stilt	F	All Year	Salt Marsh or Mud Flats
American Avocet	G	All Year	Salt Marsh or Mud Flats
Greater Yellowlegs	L	All Year	Salt Marsh or Mud Flats
Willet	G	All Year	Salt Marsh or Mud Flats
Spotted Sandpiper	L	All Year	Salt Marsh or Mud Flats
Whimbrel	F	Winter	Salt Marsh or Mud Flats

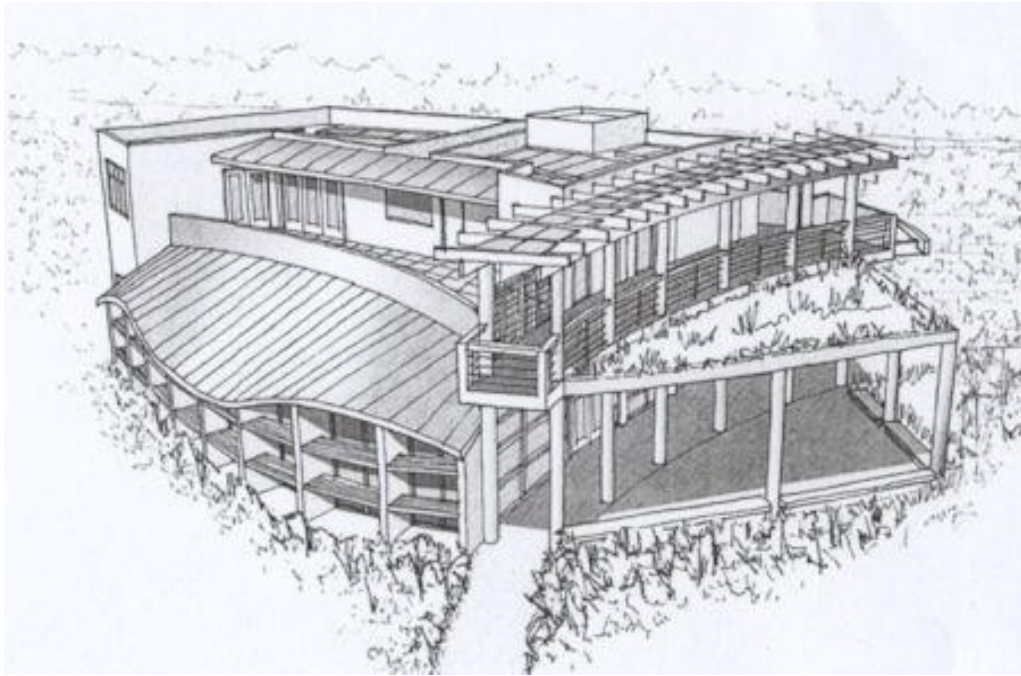
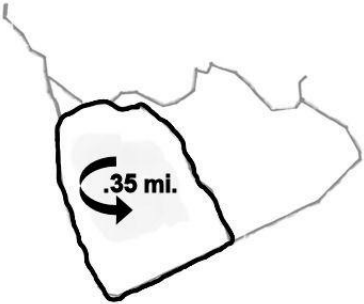
Long-billed Curlew	L	All Year	Salt Marsh or Mud Flats
Marbled Godwit	G	All Year	Salt Marsh or Mud Flats
Western Sandpiper	L	All Year	Salt Marsh or Mud Flats
Dunlin	L	Winter	Salt Marsh or Mud Flats
Long-billed Dowitcher	L	All Year	Salt Marsh or Mud Flats
Ring-billed Gull	F	All Year	Salt Marsh or Mud Flats
Western Gull	F	All Year	Flying
Royal Tern	L	All Year	Flying
Forster's Tern	F	All Year	Flying
Rock Dove	L	All Year	Coastal Sage Scrub or Riparian
Mourning Dove	F	All Year	Coastal Sage Scrub or Riparian
Anna's Hummingbird	G	All Year	Coastal Sage Scrub or Riparian
Belted Kingfisher	F	All Year	Coastal Sage Scrub or Riparian
Nuttall's Woodpecker	F	All Year	Coastal Sage Scrub or Riparian
Downy Woodpecker	L	All Year	Coastal Sage Scrub or Riparian
Black Phoebe	G	All Year	Coastal Sage Scrub or Riparian
Say's Phoebe	F	Winter	Coastal Sage Scrub or Riparian
Cassin's Kingbird	L	All Year	Coastal Sage Scrub or Riparian
Plumbeous Vireo	F	Winter	Coastal Sage Scrub or Riparian
Scrub Jay	L	All Year	Coastal Sage Scrub or Riparian
American Crow	G	All Year	Coastal Sage Scrub or Riparian
Bushtit	G	All Year	Coastal Sage Scrub or Riparian
Bewick's Wren	F	All Year	Coastal Sage Scrub or Riparian
House Wren	L	All Year	Coastal Sage Scrub or Riparian
Marsh Wren	G	All Year	Coastal Sage Scrub or Riparian
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	F	Winter	Coastal Sage Scrub or Riparian
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	L	Winter	Coastal Sage Scrub or Riparian
California Gnatcatcher	L	All Year	Coastal Sage Scrub or Riparian
Hermit Thrush	L	Winter	Coastal Sage Scrub or Riparian
Wrentit	L	All Year	Coastal Sage Scrub or Riparian
Northern Mockingbird	G	All Year	Coastal Sage Scrub or Riparian
European Starling	L	All Year	Coastal Sage Scrub or Riparian
Orange-crowned Warbler	G	All Year	Coastal Sage Scrub or Riparian
Yellow-rumped Warbler (Aud)		Winters	Coastal Sage Scrub or Riparian
Common Yellowthroat	G	All Year	Coastal Sage Scrub or Riparian
Spotted Towhee	L	All Year	Coastal Sage Scrub or Riparian
California Towhee	G	All Year	Coastal Sage Scrub or Riparian
Belding's Savannah Sparrow	G	All Year	Coastal Sage Scrub or Riparian
Song Sparrow	G	All Year	Coastal Sage Scrub or Riparian
White-crowned Sparrow	G	Winter	Coastal Sage Scrub or Riparian
Golden-crowned Sparrow	L	Winter	Coastal Sage Scrub or Riparian
Red-winged Blackbird	L	All Year	Coastal Sage Scrub or Riparian
House Finch	G	All Year	Coastal Sage Scrub or Riparian
Lesser Goldfinch	F	All Year	Coastal Sage Scrub or Riparian
American Goldfinch	F	All Year	Coastal Sage Scrub or Riparian
House Sparrow	F	All Year	Coastal Sage Scrub or Riparian

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