

APPENDIX D  
Bird Species Observed at Santa Cruz Wharf  
During Wharf Surveys

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**BIRD SPECIES OBSERVED AT THE SANTA CRUZ WHARF**

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**ALCIDS**

**ALCIDAE—AUKLETS, PUFFINS, & RELATIVES**

*Cepphus Columba* – pigeon guillemot

*Cerorhinca monocerata*—rhinoceros auklet

*Uria aalga* – common murre

**BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES AND ALLIES**

**ICTERIDAE—BLACKBIRDS**

*Euphagus cyanocephalus*—Brewer's blackbird

**CORMORANTS**

**PHALACROCORACIDAE—CORMORANTS**

*Phalacrocorax auritus*—double-crested cormorant

*Phalacrocorax pelagicus*—pelagic cormorant

*Phalacrocorax penicillatus*—Brandt's cormorant

**FALCONS**

**FALCONIDAE—CARACARAS & FALCONS**

*Falco peregrinus anatum*—American peregrine falcon

**GREBES**

**PODICIPEDIDAE—GREBES**

*Aechmophorus occidentalis*—western grebe

*Podiceps auritus*—horned grebe

*Podiceps nigricollis*—eared grebe

*Podilymbus podiceps*—pied-billed grebe

*Aechmophorus clarkii*—Clark's grebe

**HERONS & BITTERNES**

**ARDEIDAE—HERONS, BITTERNES, & ALLIES**

*Ardea herodias*—great blue heron

*Egretta thula*—snowy egret

*NOTE:* This list includes only species observed during recent field studies only (Wise-West and Rinkert, 2014; Kittleson Environmental, 2017). The online database eBird (Cornell Lab of Ornithology and National Audubon Society, 2017) includes 123 bird species for this location, this source includes many observations recorded from the Wharf of birds flying, perched, or on the water at great distances from the Wharf.

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**JAEGERS AND SKUAS****STERCORARIIDAE—JAEGERS AND SKUAS**

*Stercorarius parasiticus*—Parasitic jaeger

**JAYS, MAGPIES & CROWS****CORVIDAE—CROWS & JAYS**

*Corvus brachyrhynchos*—American crow

**LOONS****GAVIIDAE—LOONS**

*Gavia immer*—common loon

*Gavia pacifica*—Pacific loon

*Gavia stellata*—red-throated loon

**PELICANS****PELECANIDAE—PELICANS**

*Pelecanus occidentalis californicus*—California brown pelican

**PIGEONS & DOVES****COLUMBIDAE—PIGEONS & DOVES**

\* *Columba livia*—rock pigeon (rock dove)

**SHOREBIRDS****CHARADRIIDAE—LAPWINGS & PLOVERS**

*Pluvialis squatarola*—black-bellied plover

**SCOLOPACIDAE—SANDPIPERS, PHALAROPES, & ALLIES**

*Arenaria melanocephala*—black turnstone

*Calidris minutilla*—least sandpiper

*Numenius phaeopus*—whimbrel

*Phalaropus lobatus*—red-necked phalarope

*Tringa melanoleuca*—greater yellowlegs

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**STARLINGS & ALLIES****STURNIDAE—STARLINGS**

- \* *Sturnus vulgaris*—European starling

**SWALLOWS****HIRUNDINIDAE—SWALLOWS**

- Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*—cliff swallow  
*Tachycineta thalassina*—violet-green swallow

**SWIFTS****APODIDAE—SWIFTS**

- Chaetura vauxi*—Vaux's swift

**TERNs & GULLS****LARIDAE—GULLS, TERNS, & SKIMMERS**

- Hydroprogne caspia*—Caspian tern  
*Larus argentatus*—herring gull  
*Larus californicus*—California gull  
*Larus canus*—mew gull  
*Larus delawarensis*—ring-billed gull  
*Larus occidentalis*—western gull  
*Thalasseus elegans*—elegant tern  
*Larus glaucoides*—Iceland gull

**WATERFOWL****ANATIDAE—DUCKS, GEESE, & SWANS**

- Bucephala albeola*—bufflehead  
*Melanitta perspicillata*—surf scoter  
*Mergus serrator*—red-breasted merganser

**WAXWINGS****BOMBYCILLIDAE—WAXWINGS**

- Bombycilla cedrorum*—cedar waxwing

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**WOOD WARBLERS & ALLIES*****PARULIDAE*—WOOD-WARBLERS**

*Setophaga coronata*—yellow-rumped warbler

**NEW WORLD SPARROWS*****PASSERELLIDAE*—NEW WORLD SPARROWS**

*Melospiza lincolni*—Lincoln's sparrow