

A Guide to the Birds of Ardenwood **Historic Farm** East Bay

Regional Park District

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Welcome to Ardenwood Historic Farm, a 205-acre regional preserve operated by the East Bay Regional Park District.

While Ardenwood is most commonly known for its farm animals and Victorian heritage, the park is also an island for bird life. Surrounded by suburban development, Ardenwood's open fields, manicured gardens and shaded eucalyptus groves provide ideal habitat for both resident and migrant birds.

This brochure is designed to guide your birding adventure at Ardenwood. The list shows relative abundance - the likelihood of seeing an individual bird species during a given month.

Birding is one of the most popular pastimes in North America, and data collected from amateur and professional birders contributes to improving habitat on public and private lands. If you would like to share your observations with the park staff, return your completed list to the Ardenwood Train Station. Your data will help to keep this brochure up-to-date in the future.

Birding in the East Bay regional Parks

The East Bay Regional Park District offers a number of guided birding programs for birders of all skill and experience levels. Check the latest *Regional in Nature* newsletter for upcoming programs, or visit our website to learn more: www.ebparks.org.

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Symbols for bird occurence

- **Abundant** = nearly always occurs in appropriate habitats, usually in large to moderate numbers.
 - **Common** = usually occurs in appropriate habitats in moderate to small numbers.
- ------ Uncommon = expected in appropriate habitats in very small numbers.
- ----- Rare = limited records; may be absent in some years.
- * Individual Record = generally a single sighting of a single bird.
- (b) breeding confirmed or expected