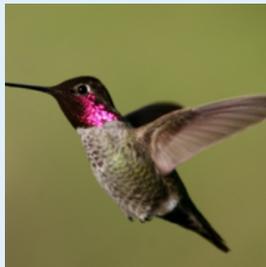


BIRDS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Anna's Hummingbird (*Calypte anna*)

Male



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Female

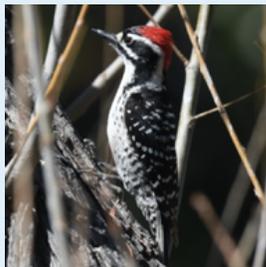


Dawn Beattie

Fun Fact: They can flap wings about 50 beats a second and fly in all directions, even backwards! Hummingbirds are important pollinators and drink nectar from flowers.

Nuttall's Woodpecker (*Dryobates nuttallii*)

Male



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Female



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Fun Fact: These woodpeckers can peck up to 20 times a second! They create a hole in dead wood that they use to nest.

Hooded Oriole (*Icterus cucullatus*)

Male



Anita Ritenour

Female



Kaaren Perry

Fun Fact: The hooded oriole builds a sturdy woven nest of plant material that often hangs from the underside of palm leaves or banana leaves. They migrate north from Mexico, arriving in San Diego in March and departing in September.





DID YOU KNOW?

Some species of birds are **sexually dimorphic**. This means that males and females look different from each other. Other species are **monomorphic**, meaning that the males and females look nearly the same.

- Northern Mockingbird (*Mimus polyglottos*)



Becky Matsubara

Fun Fact: This bird can mimic the songs of different birds and other sounds, such as car alarms! They are known for being very protective and will dive at people who get too close to their nests.

- Mourning Dove (*Zenaida macroura*)

Male on left, Female on right



Joyce Waterman

Fun Fact: The distinctive call of the mourning dove is a soft, cooing sound. These birds build flimsy nests composed of just a few sticks.



House Finch (*Haemorrhous mexicanus*)

Female on left, Male on right



Patricia Pierce

Fun Fact: House finches get their name because they often nest near houses, in a nest shaped like a small cup. You can often find these birds at bird feeders.

Black Phoebe (*Sayornis nigricans*)



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Fun Fact: The black phoebe can often be found near sources of water. They eat bugs on the fly and create mud nests on ledges.

American Crow (*Corvus brachyrhynchos*)



Bill Bunn

Fun Fact: Crows are very intelligent. They can use tools to get food and can store food. Young birds have blue eyes which turn black as they age.



California Scrub Jay (*Aphelocoma californica*)



Robyn Waayers

Fun Fact: Jays are in the same bird family as the crow: Corvidae. Like their crow cousins, scrub jays also store food.

Lesser Gold Finch (*Spinus psaltria*)

Male



Always a birder!

Female



Nature Shutterbug

Fun Fact: Gold finches are attracted to tube-shaped thistle bird feeders. They make small, open cup nests.



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