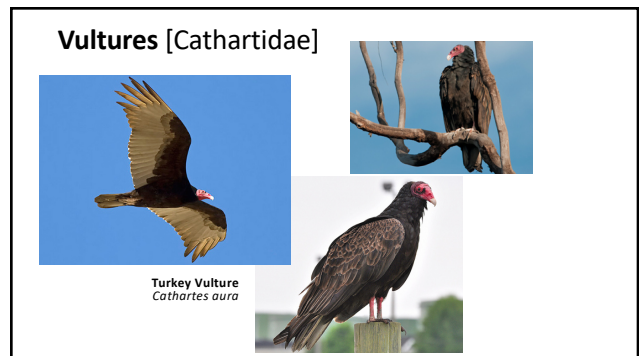
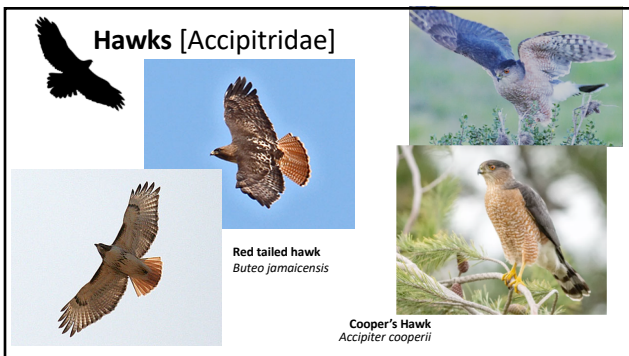
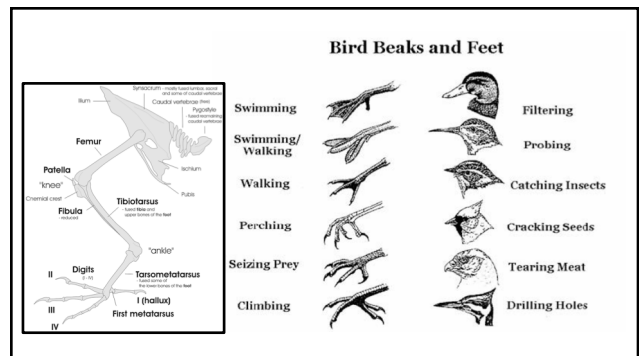
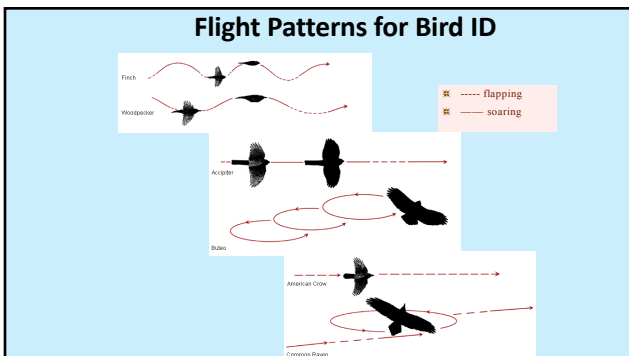
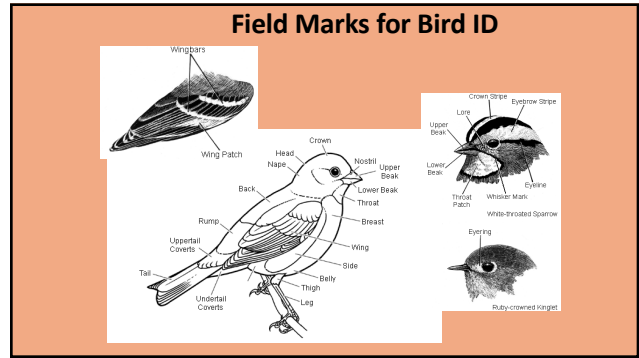




LOCAL BIRDS OF THE SOUTH BAY AREA




Game birds (partridges) [Phasianidae]




California Quail
Callipepla californica




Ring-necked Pheasant
Phasianus colchicus




Wild Turkey
Meleagris gallopavo




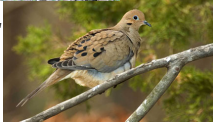

Doves & pigeons [Columbidae]



Rock Dove (Pigeon)
Columba livia

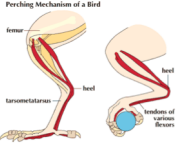


Mourning Dove
Zenaida macroura







ORDER: **Passeriformes** ("sparrow form")


- >140 families; >6500 species (>60% of all birds species)
- "perching birds" – anisodactyl feet
 - 3 toes forward + 1 toe back
 - long, nonwebbed toes
 - grasp when legs bend
- "song birds" – syrinx ("song box")
- colored eggs & altricial young




Perching Mechanism of a Bird




Crows & jays [Corvidae]



American Crow
Corvus brachyrhynchos

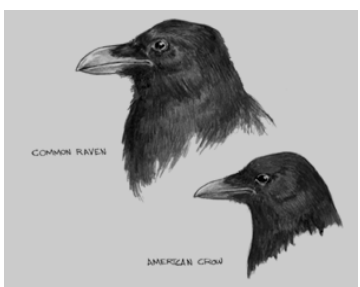


Common Raven
Corvus corax






RAVEN vs CROW

- Note raven's massive beak and shaggy throat feathers vs crow's more streamlined head




COMMON RAVEN




AMERICAN CROW




Crows & jays [Corvidae]



California Scrub Jay
Aphelocoma californica



Steller's Jay
Cyanocitta stelleri

Blackbirds [Icteridae]




Brewer's Blackbird
Euphagus cyanocephalus



Brown-headed Cowbird
Molothrus ater



Red-Winged Blackbird
Agelaius phoeniceus



Bullock's Oriole
Icterus bullockii



Western Meadowlark
Sturnella neglecta

Starlings [Sturnidae]





European Starling
Sturnus vulgaris




summer winter




Finches (Fringillidae)

Lesser Goldfinch
Spinus psaltria





House Finch
Haemorhous mexicanus




Red Crossbill
Loxia curvirostra


Sparrows (Passerellidae)


Song Sparrow
Melospiza melodia



Dark-Eyed Junco
Junco hyemalis




White-Crowned Sparrow
Zonotrichia leucophrys




California (Brown) Towhee
Melospiza crissalis



Eurasian Sparrows (Passeridae)




House (English) Sparrow
Passer domesticus




Chickadees & tits (Paridae)


Chestnut-Backed Chickadee
Parus rufescens





Bushtit
Psaltriparus minimus






Oak (Plain) Titmouse
Parus inornatus



Thrushes (Turdidae)






American Robin
Turdus migratorius






Western Bluebird
Sialia mexicana



Tyrant flycatchers (Tyrannidae)


Black Phoebe
Sayornis nigricans




Swallows (Hirundinidae)


Cliff Swallow
Petrochelidon pyrrhonota





Barn Swallow
Hirundo rustica




Violet-green Swallow
Tachycineta thalassina



Woodpeckers (Picidae)






Acorn Woodpecker
Melanerpes formicivorus

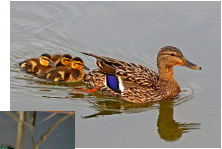



Nuttall's Woodpecker
Dendrocopos nuttalli

Ducks & geese (Anatidae)






Mallard
Anas platyrhynchos

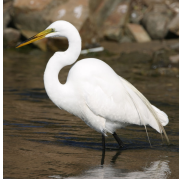



Canada Goose
Branta canadensis


Hérons (Ardeidae)

Great Blue Heron
Ardea herodias



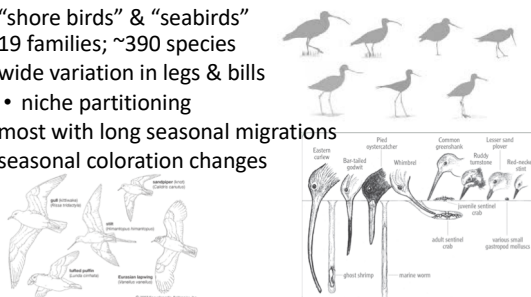
Great Egret
Casmerodius albus



Snowy Egret
Egretta thula


ORDER: **Charadriiformes** ("plover form")

- "shore birds" & "seabirds"
- 19 families; ~390 species
- wide variation in legs & bills
 - niche partitioning
- most with long seasonal migrations
- seasonal coloration changes



The illustrations include several bird species in flight and on the ground. Below them are detailed diagrams of different bill shapes and leg structures, labeled with species names: Eastern vulture, Bar-tailed godwit, Red wattlebird, Common greenshank, Lesser sand plover, Red-necked grebe, Red-tailed tropicbird, and Red-necked phalarope. Other labels include 'adult wading wren', 'ghost shrike', and 'marine wren'.

Plovers (Charadriidae)

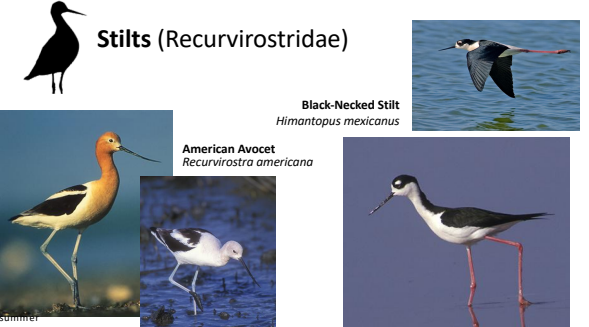


Killdeer
Charadrius vociferus

Snowy plover
Charadrius nivosus

Semipalmated plover
Charadrius semipalmatus

Stilts (Recurvirostridae)



Black-necked Stilt
Himantopus mexicanus

American Avocet
Recurvirostra americana

Labels 'summer' and 'winter' are present near the avocet images.

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