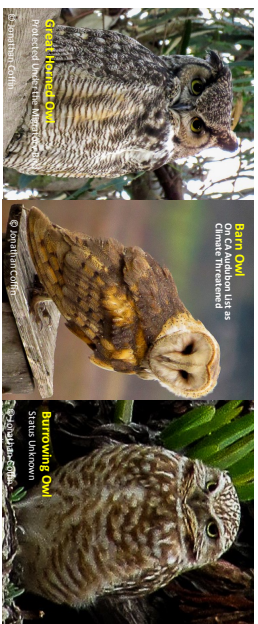


Preying in the Wetlands . . .



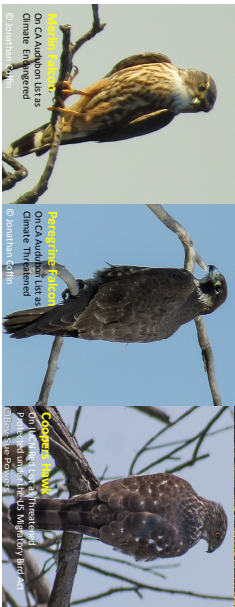
Some Ballona Reptiles, Fish, & Stingrays



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Some Ballona Year-round Neighbors



Some Ballona Winter Neighbors



Ballona Perching Birds

 <p>Long-tailed Shrike CIRM Species of Special Concern</p>	 <p>Blue-gray Gnatcatcher Protected under the Endangered Species Act</p>	 <p>Yellow-shinned Warbler Species of Special Concern</p>	 <p>Say's Phoebe ONUCN Red List: Threatened</p>	 <p>Black Phoebe ONUCN Red List: ONUCN Red List</p>	 <p>Western Wood Pewee On CA Audubon Lists as a species of special concern</p>	 <p>White-crowned Sparrow ONUCN as Least Concern</p>	 <p>California Thrasher North American (at least 1 subspecies)</p>
 <p>Yellow-shinned Warbler Species of Special Concern</p>	 <p>Lesser Goldfinch ONUCN Red List: Least Concern</p>	 <p>Wood Pewee Least Concern</p>	 <p>Western Wood Pewee Least Concern</p>	 <p>Least Bell's Vireo Least Concern</p>	 <p>Western Wood Pewee Least Concern</p>	 <p>Western Wood Pewee Least Concern</p>	 <p>California Thrasher North American (at least 1 subspecies)</p>

More Ballona Winter Neighbors . . .

 <p>Green-winged Teal ONUCN Red List as threatened</p>	 <p>American Widgeon On CA Audubon Lists as a species of special concern</p>	 <p>Hooded Merganser Least Concern</p>	 <p>Red-breasted Merganser On CA Audubon Lists as a species of special concern</p>
 <p>Scaup On CA Audubon Lists as a species of special concern</p>	 <p>Surf Scoter In decline</p>	 <p>Forest Tern On CA Audubon Lists as a species of special concern</p>	 <p>Surf Scoter In decline</p>
 <p>California Least Tern Climate Threatened & Endangered</p>	 <p>Western Grebe On CA Audubon Lists as a species of special concern</p>	 <p>Meadow Duck Species of Special Concern</p>	 <p>Surf Scoter In decline</p>
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Meet Some Ballona Herons, Egrets, and a Bittern & an Ibis

 <p>Northern Pintail</p>	 <p>American Widgeon On CA Audubon Lists as a species of special concern</p>	 <p>Northern Shoveler On CA Audubon Lists as a species of special concern</p>
 <p>Great Blue Heron Legally protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act</p>	 <p>Yellow-crowned Night Heron On CA Audubon Lists as a species of special concern</p>	 <p>Little Blue Heron On CA Audubon Lists as a species of special concern</p>
 <p>Great Blue Heron Legally protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act</p>	 <p>Least Bittern On CA Audubon Lists as a species of special concern</p>	 <p>Yellow-crowned Night Heron On CA Audubon Lists as a species of special concern</p>

The varied Ballona habitats that provide food, shelter, nurseries, and more for Ballona wildlife:
Area-A. Contains upland Coastal Scrub, Riparian Vegetation, Tidal channel wetlands, Non-Tidal Brackish marshes and Salt Pans, and seasonal Freshwater Wetlands and Ponding.

- 1 Area-B. Contains flora and fauna similar to Area-A, plus year-round Riparian & Fresh Water Marsh vegetation and wildlife.
- 2 Marmalade channels from Ballona Creek contain tidal saltwater flow in and out of Area-B.
- 3 Area-C. Contains flora and fauna similar to Area-B, a freshwater marsh with seasonal Freshwater Ponding.
- 4 Bluff Creek Riparian Corridor is all that remains of the Ballona Wetlands east of Lincoln Blvd and south of the Ballona Creek.
- 5 Ballona Creek. Contains rocky salt water jetties, banks, and levees with channel tidal flows up the creek (about 2 miles) and into Area B, with a mix of salt, brackish, and fresh water. The banks and the muddy bottom provide a rich dining buffet for wildlife.
- 6 Del Rey Saltwater Lagoon and Venice Canals. Empties and fills with the tidal flow. The muddy bottoms and banks are a rich food source for migrating ducks and seabirds who winter here.
- 7 The Adjacent Beaches contain insects and crustaceans in the sand the wading birds love. The wintering seabirds and diving ducks dine off the fish and crustaceans. Beaches also contain (endangered) Least Tern colonies (fenced areas).