

# lake merritt bird guide

A PARTIAL LIST OF REGULAR AVIAN VISITORS TO THE WATERS

OF THE LAKE

● MALE ● FEMALE



**American Coot**  
*Fulica americana*



**Double-Crested Cormorant**  
*Phalacrocorax auritus*



**Canvasback** ● ●  
*Aythya valisineria*



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**Greater Scaup** ● ●  
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**Lesser Scaup** ● ●  
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**Ruddy Duck** ●  
*Oxyura jaimacensis*



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**Hooded Merganser** ● ●  
*Lophodytes cucullatus*



**Red-Breasted Merganser** ●  
*Mergus serrator*



**Bufflehead** ●  
*Bucephala albeola*



**Ring-necked Duck** ●  
*Aythya collaris*



**Barrow's Goldeneye** ●  
*Bucephala islandica*



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**Common Goldeneye** ●  
*Bucephala clangula*



**Mallard** ●  
*Anas platyrhynchos*



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**Tufted Duck** ●  
*Aythya fuligula*



**Great Egret**  
*Ardea alba*



**Snowy Egret**  
*Egretta Thula*



**Canada Goose**  
*Branta canadensis*



**Clark's Grebe**  
*Aechmophorus clarkii*



**Western Grebe**  
*Aechmophorus occidentalis*



**Eared Grebe**  
*Podiceps nigricollis*



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Breeding Plumage**  
*Podiceps nigricollis*



**Horned Grebe**  
*Podiceps auritus*



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**Pied-billed Grebe**  
*Podilymbus podiceps*



**Ring-billed Gull**  
*Larus delawarensis*



**Great Blue Heron**  
*Ardea herodias*



**Green Heron**  
*Butorides virescens*



**Black-crowned  
Night Heron** ●  
*Nycticorax nycticorax*



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**Belted Kingfisher**  
*Megasceryle alcyon*



**Brown Pelican**  
*Pelecanus occidentalis*



**American White  
Pelican**  
*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*



**Caspian Tern**  
*Hydroprogne caspia*



**Forster's Tern**  
*Sterna forsteri*

**NOTES:**

Not all birds in this guide have a sex specified. Many are winter visitors so that's the best time to see if you can spot everyone on the list. For more information on these species and additional Lake birds (mostly rare winter visitors), visit the Oakland Parks & Rec's pages on the birds of Lake Merritt at [www.oaklandnet.com/parks/parks/lakemerritt\\_birds.asp](http://www.oaklandnet.com/parks/parks/lakemerritt_birds.asp). For comprehensive listings, information and additional photos of these and other birds in California go to Wikipedia's great offering on our state's avian life at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_California\\_birds](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_California_birds). This list was compiled by Grow Your Oakland [www.growyouroakland.org](http://www.growyouroakland.org). We make no claim to being experts on Lake Merritt's birds, please contact us at [info@growyouroakland.org](mailto:info@growyouroakland.org) if you find any errors in this guide. All photos from Wikimedia Commons. Please contact us for details on specific photos, we're happy to pass them along. Special thanks to Wikipedia contributor Calibas who took many of these photos—at Lake Merritt no less!