

# lake merritt bird guide

A PARTIAL LIST OF REGULAR AVIAN VISITORS TO THE LAKE

MALE ●  
FEMALE ●



**American Coot**  
*Fulica americana*



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



**Canvasback** ● ●  
*Aythya valisineria*



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**Greater Scaup** ● ●  
*Aythya marila*



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**Lesser Scaup** ● ●  
*Aythya affinis*



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**Ruddy Duck** ●  
*Oxyura jamaicensis*



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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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**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*



**Eared Grebe  
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, mature**  
*Nycticorax nycticorax*



**Black-crowned Night  
Heron, immature**  
*Nycticorax nycticorax*



**Belted Kingfisher** ●  
*Megaceryle alcyon*



**Brown Pelican**  
*Pelecanus occidentalis*



**American  
White Pelican**  
*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*



**Common Tern**  
*Sterna hirundo*

**NOTES:**

Not all birds in this guide have a sex specified. Many are winter visitors so that's the best time to rack up sightings.

For more information on these species and additional entries to the list (mostly rare winter visitors), check out 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).

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