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Birds of Lands End

Created by family in accordance with the 7th A.O.U. checklist.

Anatidae
(Swans, Geese, Ducks)
Great White-fronted Goose O. U. G.
Snow Goose O. U. G.
Ross’s Goose O. U. G.
Tundra Swan O. U. G.
Brant O. U. G.
Cackling Goose O. U. G.
Canada Goose O. U. G.
Gadwall O. U. G.
American Wigeon O. U. G.
Mallard* O. U. G.
Blue-winged Teal O. U. G.
Cinnamon Teal O. U. G.
Northern Shoveler O. U. G.
Northern Pintail O. U. G.
Green-winged Teal O. U. G.
Redhead O. U. G.
Ring-necked Duck O. U. G.
Lesser Scaup O. U. G.
Harlequin Duck O. U. G.
Long-tailed Duck O. U. G.
Red-throated Loon O. U. G.
Pacific Loon O. U. G.
Gaviidae (Loons)
Northern Merganser O. U. M.
Common Goldeneye O. U. M.
Black-throated Diver O. U. M.
Bufflehead O. U. M.
Ring-necked Pigeon O. U. M.

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Charadriidae
(Tyrant Flycatchers)
Brown Creeper* O. U. M.
Trogon* O. U. M.
Great Crested Flycatcher O. U. M.
Pallid Streaked Flycatcher O. U. M.
Least Flycatcher O. U. M.
Least Sandpiper O. U. M.
Dunlin O. U. M.
Short-billed Dowitcher O. U. M.
Long-billed Dowitcher O. U. M.

Corvidae (Crows)
Brown Crow* O. U. M.
Troglobytes* O. U. M.
Rock Wren* O. U. M.
Bewick’s Wren* O. U. M.
House Wren* O. U. M.
Ovenbird* O. U. M.
White-breasted Nuthatch O. U. M.
Cassin’s Vireo* O. U. M.
Hutton’s Vireo* O. U. M.
Red-eyed Vireo O. U. M.
Waring Vireo O. U. M.

Corvidae (Gallinules, Coots)
Great Egret O. C. Su.
Snowy Egret O. U. M.
Cattle Egret O. C. Su.
Black-crowned Night Heron U. C. Su.

Dendrocolaptes (Toucans)
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Cathartidae
(American Vultures)
Turkey Vulture U. R.
Accipitridae
(Hawks, Eagles, Harriers)
Osprey O. R. M.
Red-shouldered Hawk C. R.
Broad-winged Hawk R. M.
Red-tailed Hawk C. R.
Rough-legged Hawk O. C. Su.
Golden Eagle U. C. Su.
Falconidae (Falcons)
American Kestrel U. C. Su.
Merlin U. C. Su.
Peregrine Falcon O. Su.
Prairie Falcon O. R.
Rallidae
(Rails, Gallinules, Coots)
Virginia Rail O. U. M.
American Coot C. Su.
Charadriidae
(Seabirds, Sandpipers)
Sanderling O. R. M.
Western Sandpiper O. R. M.
Least Sandpiper O. R. M.
Dunlin O. R. M.
Short-billed Dowitcher O. R. M.
Long-billed Dowitcher R. M.

Cinclidae
(Bunting)
Purple Finch* C. R.*
House Finch* A. R.
Red Crossbill* E. E. M.
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