

Sunshine Birding: California Coast to Cactus | Species List

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Summary: This trip included visits to sites adjacent to the California coast (San Diego River, Mission Bay, Tijuana River National Wildlife Refuge, La Jolla, Lake Murray, Santee Lakes, San Elijo Lagoon and Balboa Park); mountain areas near Julian and Mt Palomar and Colorado Desert habitats in Anza-Borrego State Park (Tamarisk Grove Campground, State Park Visitor Center and Shelter Valley neighborhood) and the south end of the Salton Sea (Sonny Bono National Wildlife Refuge and associated agricultural fields). A series of unusually heavy rainfalls, and associated wind and cold temperatures, garnered the attention of national news outlets during the trip – this was definitely not a typical southern California weather system! Because of these weather challenges, less time was spent birding in the mountain habitats than had originally been planned, and time scheduled in the vicinity of Anza-Borrego was shifted to the Salton Sea. eBird checklists are identified at end of this report.

167 SPECIES TOTAL

BIRDS

Family or Species Common Name	Scientific Name	
DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS	Anatidae	
Snow Goose	<i>Anser caerulescens</i>	Only seen in flight at the Salton Sea.
Brant	<i>Branta bernicla</i>	Small numbers seen at the San Diego River and in Mission Bay.
Cackling Goose	<i>Branta hutchinsii</i>	Previously located rare bird seen at Lake Murray.
Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	Seen at Lake Murray and Lake Cuyamaca.
Wood Duck	<i>Aix sponsa</i>	Several pairs seen at Santee Lakes.
Cinnamon Teal	<i>Spatula cyanoptera</i>	Small numbers seen at Santee Lakes and Salton Sea.
Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>	Repeatedly seen on 5 days of the trip, especially at the San Diego River and Santee Lakes.
Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>	Tijuana River NWR, San Elijo Lagoon, Lake Murray and Santee Lakes.
American Wigeon	<i>Mareca americana</i>	Repeatedly seen on 5 days of the trip, especially at the San Diego River and Santee Lakes.
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Seen on 6 days of the trip.
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	Tijuana River NWR, San Elijo Lagoon, Lake Murray and Santee Lakes.
Redhead	<i>Aythya americana</i>	Several individuals seen at Lake Murray.
Ring-necked Duck	<i>Aythya collaris</i>	Well seen at Lake Murray and Santee Lakes.
Lesser Scaup	<i>Aythya affinis</i>	San Diego River, Tijuana River NWR, San Elijo Lagoon, Lake Murray and Santee Lakes.
Surf Scoter	<i>Melanitta perspicillata</i>	Mission Bay.

Long-tailed Duck	<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>	Single female seen in Mission Bay – a rare bird for this region that had previously been located.
Bufflehead	<i>Bucephala albeola</i>	Tijuana River NWR, San Elijo Lagoon.
Common Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>	Mission Bay.
Common Merganser	<i>Mergus merganser</i>	Several female-plumaged birds seen on Lake Cuyamaca.
Red-breasted Merganser	<i>Mergus serrator</i>	Small numbers at San Diego River and Mission Bay.
Ruddy Duck	<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>	Large numbers (several hundred) at Salton Sea, smaller numbers at almost all other waterfowl sites. Males almost all entirely in non-breeding plumage.
NEW WORLD QUAIL	Odontophoridae	
Gambel's Quail	<i>Callipepla gambelii</i>	Great looks at the feeders and Sonny Bono NWR.
PHEASANTS, PARTRIDGES, AND ALLIES	Phasianidae	
Wild Turkey	<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	Two small groups along the road between Julian and Mt Palomar.
GREBES	Podicipedidae	
Pied-billed Grebe	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	Good looks on 5 days of the trip.
Eared Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	San Diego River & Mission Bay. Small numbers at the Salton Sea, which formerly hosted tens of thousands.
Western Grebe	<i>Aechmophorus occidentalis</i>	Mission Bay, Tijuana River NWR, Lake Murray.
PIGEONS AND DOVES	Columbidae	
Rock Pigeon (I)	<i>Columba livia</i>	Not seen on the Julian / Mt Palomar portion of the trip.
Band-tailed Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas fasciata</i>	Good numbers seen on the Julian / Mt Palomar portion of the trip.
Eurasian Collared-Dove (I)	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	Recorded on 4 of the 7 days of the trip.
Common Ground-Dove	<i>Columbina passerina</i>	Anza-Borrego and Salton Sea.
White-winged Dove	<i>Zenaida asiatica</i>	Anza-Borrego and Salton Sea.
Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>	Seen on all days of the trip.
CUCKOOS	Cuculidae	
Greater Roadrunner	<i>Geococcyx californianus</i>	One seen by some trip participants near the Anza-Borrego State Park visitor center.
HUMMINGBIRDS	Trochilidae	
Anna's Hummingbird	<i>Calypte anna</i>	Seen on all days of the trip except for time spent near the Salton Sea.
Costa's Hummingbird	<i>Calypte costae</i>	Anza-Borrego and Salton Sea.
Allen's Hummingbird	<i>Selasphorus sasin</i>	Tijuana River NWR, Mission Bay, La Jolla, Lake Murray, Santee Lakes, San Elijo Lagoon.
RAILS, CRAKES, AND ALLIES	Rallidae	
Ridgway's Rail	<i>Rallus obsoletus</i>	Single bird, well-seen (albeit briefly) at Tijuana River NWR.
Common Gallinule	<i>Gallinula galeata</i>	Lake Murray – several individuals.
American Coot	<i>Fulica americana</i>	Tijuana River NWR, San Elijo Lagoon, Lake Murray, Santee Lakes. Large numbers at all sites.
STILTS AND AVOCETS	Recurvirostridae	
Black-necked Stilt	<i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>	Distant views of small numbers at Salton Sea.

American Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra americana</i>	Distant views of one at Salton Sea.
PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS	Charadriidae	
Black-bellied Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	San Diego River and Salton Sea.
Snowy Plover	<i>Charadrius nivosus</i>	Several birds visible by scope at Salton Sea.
Semipalmated Plover	<i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>	San Diego River and Salton Sea (small numbers at both sites).
Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	Two seen near Anza-Borrego airport, and several at the Salton Sea.
SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES	Scolopacidae	
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	San Diego River and Tijuana River NWR.
Long-billed Curlew	<i>Numenius americanus</i>	San Diego River and Tijuana River NWR.
Marbled Godwit	<i>Limosa fedoa</i>	San Diego River and Tijuana River NWR.
Black Turnstone	<i>Arenaria melanocephala</i>	La Jolla cliffs, about 6 individuals.
Least Sandpiper	<i>Calidris minutilla</i>	San Diego River, San Elijo Lagoon, and Salton Sea.
Western Sandpiper	<i>Calidris mauri</i>	San Diego River, San Elijo Lagoon, and Salton Sea.
Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularius</i>	San Diego River, San Elijo Lagoon, and Salton Sea.
Greater Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>	Salton Sea – just a few.
Willet	<i>Tringa semipalmata</i>	San Diego River, Tijuana River NWR (flock of about 100), and Salton Sea.
GULLS AND TERNS	Laridae	
Bonaparte's Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus philadelphia</i>	Several at Santee Lakes.
Heermann's Gull	<i>Larus heermanni</i>	Small numbers at La Jolla cliffs, including adults and 1-year-old birds.
Ring-billed Gull	<i>Larus delawarensis</i>	Seen on most days of the trip, except for time spent in the mountains.
Western Gull	<i>Larus occidentalis</i>	Seen in numbers on the first 4 days of the trip, not present after we moved inland to the mountains and desert.
California Gull	<i>Larus californicus</i>	Seen in numbers on the first 4 days of the trip.
Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	Lake Murray and Salton Sea – the most infrequently seen gull species.
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	La Jolla cliffs and Salton Sea.
Black Skimmer	<i>Rynchops niger</i>	Roosting flock of about 20 birds in Mission Bay.
LOONS	Gaviidae	
Red-throated Loon	<i>Gavia stellata</i>	La Jolla cove – offshore.
Common Loon	<i>Gavia immer</i>	La Jolla cove – offshore.
Yellow-billed Loon	<i>Gavia adamsii</i>	Mission Bay – although only in non-breeding plumage, this bird was The Rock Star of the species seen on the trip. Found several weeks earlier, it has attracted lots of attention in southern California. This individual represents the first record in San Diego County.
PETRELS AND SHEARWATERS	Procellariidae	
Black-vented Shearwater	<i>Puffinus opisthomelas</i>	La Jolla cove – offshore scope views only.
CORMORANTS	Phalacrocoracidae	
Brandt's Cormorant	<i>Urile penicillatus</i>	La Jolla cove, nesting colony of about 100 pairs. This site, and the closeup views afforded, were for many people the high point of the trip.

Pelagic Cormorant	<i>Urile pelagicus</i>	La Jolla cove – offshore; one bird.
Double-crested Cormorant	<i>Nannopterum auritum</i>	Seen on all days of the trip except while in the vicinity of Anza-Borrego.
PELICANS	Pelecanidae	
American White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>	Santee Lakes and San Elijo Lagoon.
Brown Pelican	<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>	San Diego River, San Elijo Lagoon and La Jolla cove.
HERONS AND EGRETS	Ardeidae	
Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>	Seen on 5 days of the trip.
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	Seen on 5 days of the trip.
Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>	San Diego River, San Elijo Lagoon and La Jolla cove (where one was walking amidst the Brandt's Cormorants' nests, affording perfect views of its bright yellow feet.
Little Blue Heron	<i>Egretta caerulea</i>	Two at San Diego River.
Reddish Egret	<i>Egretta rufescens</i>	One "dancing" (while feeding) at San Diego River.
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	Large numbers in agricultural fields at Salton Sea.
Black-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	Tijuana River NWR. About 10 birds along a small tidal channel that was also attended by a dozen Yellow-crowned Night-Herons.
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nyctanassa violacea</i>	Tijuana River NWR. About 12 along a small tidal channel that was also attended by around 10 Black-crowned Night-Herons. Great photo ops of one bird that captured and ate many mid-sized crabs.
IBISES AND SPOONBILLS	Threskiornithidae	
White-faced Ibis	<i>Plegadis chihi</i>	Large flock (about 150+) feeding in agricultural field at the Salton Sea.
NEW WORLD VULTURES	Cathartidae	
Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	Seen on most days of the trip.
OSPREY	Pandionidae	
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	Tijuana River NWR, Mission Bay, La Jolla, Lake Murray, San Elijo Lagoon.
HAWKS, KITES, AND EAGLES	Accipitridae	
Northern Harrier	<i>Circus hudsonius</i>	Tijuana River NWR, Santee Lakes, San Elijo Lagoon, Salton Sea.
Sharp-shinned Hawk	<i>Accipiter striatus</i>	San Diego Hilton – while getting into the vans for our first day in the field.
Cooper's Hawk	<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	Seen on 5 days of the trip.
Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Nice adult seen at Lake Cuyamaca from the parking area of our lodge.
Red-shouldered Hawk	<i>Buteo lineatus</i>	Seen often in areas west of the desert. This population seems to frequently perch on light poles along freeways.
Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	Seen on 5 of the 7 days of the trip.
Harris' Hawk	<i>Parabuteo unicinctus</i>	A surprise bird on this trip. This species has expanded its range into southern California over the last 20 years; a family group now is resident in the Shelter Valley area, and we were able to see 2 of these individuals.
OWLS	Strigidae	
Great Horned Owl	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>	One roosting in tamarisk trees at Casa Del Zorro lodging.

Burrowing Owl	<i>Athene cunicularia</i>	Seen at its burrow at the Salton Sea. Many people's favorite bird of the trip.
KINGFISHERS	Alcedinidae	
Belted Kingfisher	<i>Megasceryle alcyon</i>	San Diego River, Santee Lakes, Salton Sea.
WOODPECKERS	Picidae	
Lewis's Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes lewis</i>	A single bird, previously found by local birders, was super-cooperative at Santee Lakes. This is not an easy-to-find bird in southern California.
Acorn Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes formicivorus</i>	Santee Lakes, Mt. Palomar and Julian. Good looks at family groups storing acorns. Wonderful birds!
Nuttall's Woodpecker	<i>Dryobates nuttallii</i>	Santee Lakes, also near Mt. Palomar.
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	<i>Dryobates scalaris</i>	Salton Sea, especially near the Sonny Bono NWR visitor center.
Northern Flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	Trees near downtown Julia, also at Salton Sea.
FALCONS AND CARACARAS	Falconidae	
American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	Seen on 5 of the 7 days of the trip. Especially common at the Salton Sea.
Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>	One at Tijuana River NWR, another at our lunch picnic at Anza-Borrego State Park.
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	One quick fly-by near Julian.
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS	Tyrannidae	
Gray Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax wrightii</i>	One at Anza-Borrego State Park visitor center. This is the most likely <i>Empidonax</i> to be seen in southern California in the winter.
Black Phoebe	<i>Sayornis nigricans</i>	Seen on all days of the trip; common at all locations.
Say's Phoebe	<i>Sayornis saya</i>	Although less common than Black Phoebes, this species was regularly seen on nearly all days of the trip.
Cassin's Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus vociferans</i>	Tijuana River NWR and San Elijo Lagoon.
VIREOS	Vireonidae	
Hutton's Vireo	<i>Vireo huttoni</i>	One singing bird at the Bird and Butterfly Garden in the Tijuana River Valley.
SHRIKES	Lanidae	
Loggerhead Shrike	<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>	Several seen at the Salton Sea.
CROWS AND JAYS	Corvidae	
Steller's Jay	<i>Cyanocitta stelleri</i>	Mountain areas near Mt. Palomar and Julian.
California Scrub-Jay	<i>Aphelocoma californica</i>	Sporadically seen on 5 of the 7 days of the trip.
American Crow	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	Seen on 6 of the 7 days of the trip.
Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	Sporadically seen on 5 of the 7 days of the trip
TITS AND CHICKADEES	Paridae	
Mountain Chickadee	<i>Poecile gambeli</i>	Mountain areas near Mt. Palomar and Julian, small groups of about 10 individuals.
Oak Titmouse	<i>Baeolophus inornatus</i>	Trees near downtown Julian.
PENDULINE TITS	Remizidae	
Verdin	<i>Auriparus flaviceps</i>	Salton Sea, near Sonny Bono NWR visitor center
SWALLOWS AND MARTINS	Hirundinidae	
Tree Swallow	<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>	Small flock of early migrants at Lake Murray.

Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Tijuana River NWR.
LONG-TAILED TITS	Aegithalidae	
Bushtit	<i>Psaltriparus minimus</i>	Lake Murray, Bird and Butterfly Garden in the Tijuana River Valley near Julian.
SYLVIID WARBLERS	Sylviidae	
Wrentit	<i>Chamaea fasciata</i>	Lake Murray, near Julian.
KINGLETS	Regulidae	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<i>Corthylio calendula</i>	Seen almost daily on the trip, but only in small numbers.
NUTHATCHES	Sittidae	
White-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>	Seen in trees in downtown Julian, as well as in Shelter Valley while looking for the Harris' Hawks.
GNATCATCHERS	Poliptilidae	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	<i>Poliptila caerulea</i>	Lake Murray – 2 birds.
Black-tailed Gnatcatcher	<i>Poliptila melanura</i>	Salton Sea, near Sonny Bono NWR visitor center. Still in non-breeding plumage.
California Gnatcatcher	<i>Poliptila californica</i>	Lake Murray – 2 pairs, still in non-breeding plumage. There's only one other area in the U.S. where you can hope to see 3 species of gnatcatcher – where is it? And what are the species (they're not the 3 we saw on this trip)?
WRENS	Troglodytidae	
Rock Wren	<i>Salpinctes obsoletus</i>	Heard in Anza-Borrego State Park.
House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	Tijuana River NWR; near Julian.
Marsh Wren	<i>Cistothorus palustris</i>	Tijuana River NWR and Salton Sea.
Bewick's Wren	<i>Thryomanes bewickii</i>	Tijuana River NWR, Bird and Butterfly Garden in the Tijuana River Valley, Lake Murray.
Cactus Wren	<i>Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus</i>	One distantly-heard bird at our lunch stop in Anza-Borrego State Park.
STARLINGS AND MYNAS	Sturnidae	
European Starling (I)	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Seen on all days of the trip.
MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS	Mimidae	
California Thrasher	<i>Toxostoma redivivum</i>	Well seen outside our lodging at the Quiet Mind Resort and Spa (Julian).
Northern Mockingbird	<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>	Sporadically seen on 5 of the 7 days of the trip.
THRUSHES	Turdidae	
Western Bluebird	<i>Sialia mexicana</i>	Seen on 4 of the trip's 7 days, including medium-sized flocks in the desert scrub at Anza-Borrego visitor center. Unlike Eastern Bluebirds, Western Bluebirds appear to almost always be associated with Yellow-rumped (Audubon's) Warblers.
Mountain Bluebird	<i>Sialia currucoides</i>	About 5 birds seen very briefly near the Borrego Springs airport; as soon as we parked the vans, the birds flushed and were swept away by strong wind gusts.
Hermit Thrush	<i>Catharus guttatus</i>	Individuals seen at Tijuana River NWR, Bird and Butterfly Garden in the Tijuana River Valley, Anza-Borrego State Park lunch stop, and Borrego Springs.
American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	This has been an "invasion year" for this species in southern California. We saw substantial numbers on the grounds of our Borrego

		Springs hotel (Casa del Zorro), as well as in Balboa Park.
WAXWINGS	Bombycillidae	
Cedar Waxwing	<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>	Small flocks at most coastal sites.
SILKY FLYCATCHERS	Ptilionotidae	
Phainopepla	<i>Phainopepla nitens</i>	Santee Lakes, near Borrego Springs and Shelter Valley, and at the Salton Sea. This species has an interesting breeding biology – Birds start nesting early in the warm desert areas, then relocate to the cooler coastal areas for their second breeding effort.
WAXBILLS AND ALLIES	Estrildidae	
Scaly-breasted Munia (l)	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>	Native to tropical Asia, this popular cage bird has established itself as a breeder in the San Diego area. We saw a flock of about 10 at the Tijuana River NWR.
OLD WORLD SPARROWS	Passeridae	
House Sparrow (l)	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Seen daily throughout the trip.
WAGTAILS AND PIPITS	Motacillidae	
American Pipit	<i>Anthus rubescens</i>	One flock of about 75+ seen in agricultural fields at the Salton Sea.
FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS	Fringillidae	
House Finch	<i>Haemorhous mexicanus</i>	Seen daily throughout the trip.
Purple Finch	<i>Haemorhous purpureus</i>	Some saw this species in trees near downtown Julian.
Cassin's Finch	<i>Haemorhous cassinii</i>	Seen during our brief walk on Mt. Palomar, as well as in the Quiet Mind parking area.
Lesser Goldfinch	<i>Spinus psaltria</i>	Seen occasionally during the trip – surprising that we didn't see more.
Lawrence's Goldfinch	<i>Spinus lawrencei</i>	Single sighting.
NEW WORLD SPARROWS	Passerellidae	
Black-throated Sparrow	<i>Amphispiza bilineata</i>	A couple of birds seen at Anza-Borrego State Park visitor center; more probably would have been observed under better weather conditions.
Lark Sparrow	<i>Chondestes grammacus</i>	Two birds seen at the Borrego Springs.
Dark-eyed Junco	<i>Junco hyemalis</i>	Only a few sightings: Bird and Butterfly Garden in the Tijuana River Valley, vicinity of Julian.
White-crowned Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>	Large numbers present at virtually all sites. All were of the <i>gambelli</i> subspecies.
Golden-crowned Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia atricapilla</i>	A single quick look at one during our brief walk on Mt. Palomar.
Savannah Sparrow	<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>	Tijuana River NWR (<i>beldingi</i>) and Borrego Springs airport. Belding's Savannah Sparrow and Ridgway's Rail are endangered wetland species that are restricted to the coastal salt marshes of southern California.
Song Sparrow	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>	Recorded on 5 of the 7 days of the trip.
Lincoln's Sparrow	<i>Melospiza lincolni</i>	Tijuana River NWR and near Julian.
California Towhee	<i>Melospiza crissalis</i>	Seen on 4 of the 7 days of the trip.
Abert's Towhee	<i>Melospiza aberti</i>	Salton Sea – seen well at Sonny Bono NWR visitor center.
Spotted Towhee	<i>Pipilo maculatus</i>	Present at Lake Murray and near Julian.
NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS	Icteridae	

Western Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella neglecta</i>	Flocks seen at Salton Sea.
Red-winged Blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	Not abundant – small flocks present at Lake Murray and Santee Lakes.
Brown-headed Cowbird	<i>Molothrus ater</i>	Alongside road en route to Lake Murray and Santee Lakes.
Brewer's Blackbird	<i>Euphagus cyanocephalus</i>	Strangely scarce – only recorded near the Salton Sea.
Great-tailed Grackle	<i>Quiscalus mexicanus</i>	Large numbers at Lake Murray, as well as at Salton Sea.
NEW WORLD WARBLERS	Parulidae	
Orange-crowned Warbler	<i>Leiothlypis celata</i>	Seen in scrubby vegetation throughout trip.
Common Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>	Seen in scrubby vegetation throughout trip.
Yellow-rumped Warbler	<i>Setophaga coronata</i>	Large numbers present at virtually all sites.
Townsend's Warbler	<i>Setophaga townsendi</i>	Several at the Bird and Butterfly Garden in the Tijuana River Valley.
CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND ALLIES	Cardinalidae	
Western Tanager	<i>Piranga ludoviciana</i>	A couple of wintering birds seen in flowering trees in the San Diego Zoo parking lot.
MAMMALS		
California Ground Squirrel	<i>Otospermophilus beecheyi</i>	Seen on 3 days.
Fox Squirrel (I)	<i>Sciurus niger</i>	Seen on 2 days.
Desert Cottontail	<i>Sylvilagus audubonii</i>	Seen on 4 days.
Coyote	<i>Canis latrans</i>	Seen on 1 day at Casa del Zorro lodging.
Harbor Seal	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>	Seen on 1 day at La Jolla cove.
California Sea Lion	<i>Zalophus californianus</i>	Seen on 2 days at Tijuana River NWR and La Jolla cove.
Mule Deer	<i>Odocoileus hemionus</i>	Seen on 3 days near Julian.
Desert Bighorn Sheep	<i>Ovis canadensis nelsoni</i>	Seen on 1 day. Certainly the rarest animal seen on the trip (about 6 seen near Tamarask Grove campground in Anza-Borrego State Park).
REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS		
Western Fence Lizard	<i>Sceloporus occidentalis</i>	
Common Side-blotched Lizard	<i>Uta stansburiana</i>	
Southern Alligator Lizard	<i>Elgaria multicarinata</i>	
Western Pond Turtle	<i>Actinemys marmorata</i>	
Red-eared Slider (I)	<i>Trachemys scripta</i>	

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