



Birds of Guajome Regional Park



Greater Roadrunner
Geococcyx californianus
"co-coo-coo-coo-cooooo"

Over 186 different bird species have been sighted at Guajome Regional Park. Use this brochure to discover how you can identify birds with clues such as location, behavior, size, shape and field marks.

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Field Marks

In addition to size, shape, location and behavior, field marks can be used to help identify birds. If you can't identify a bird on your hike, remembering what certain parts of the bird looked like can help you identify it when you get home. On your birding adventure, try to find a bird you don't know and see if it has any of the following field marks:

tail markings
Does the bird have white edges on its tail or a different color on the tip?

nape
Is the bird's nape a different color?

eyestripe
Does the bird have a stripe through the eye?

crown
Does the bird have a colored "cap" or a crest on its head?

eyebrow
Does the bird have an eyebrow? What color?

tail bars
Are there any stripes across the bird's tail?

Marsh Wren
Cistothorus palustris
trills "tek t jet-t-t-t-trr"



beak
What shape and color are the beak?

wing bars
Does the bird have wing bars or patches?

belly
What color is the bird's belly?

side
Does the bird have coloring on the sides?

breast
Does the breast have speckles or bands of color?

throat
Is the bird's throat a different color?

What kind of bird is that...

When trying to identify a bird, the first things to look for are location and behavior. Is the bird up high making noise or wading in the water? Next, think about size and shape. Is it big like an osprey or small like a goldfinch? Does it have pointy wings or a long tail? Finally, you can use field marks to identify birds – flip to the side panel to discover how.

Check off each bird you find on your hike today!

in the shrubs and trees?

The shrubs and trees at Guajome provide food, perches and nest sites for many birds. Hummingbirds make their tiny nests in the swaying branches of the trees while phoebes scan for insects from low perches. Kingbirds zip through the trees catching insects, while bluebirds search for ground insects and berries in trees. **Look into the trees and shrubs. How many different birds can you find? _____** **What parts of the tree or shrub are the birds using? _____**

Allen's Hummingbird
Selasphorus sasin
"sturee sturee"



Black Phoebe
Sayornis nigricans
"tee-hee tee-hoo"



Cassin's Kingbird
Tyrannus vociferans
"berg-berg-berg-BERG"



Western Bluebird
Sialia mexicana
"cheer" or "chur-chur"
or "chup"



on the shore?

Birds that feed along the shore usually specialize in catching fish or invertebrates such as worms and snails. The grackle pecks at plants and animals at the marshes edge while herons and egrets walk along the shore stirring up the mud in search of food. **Look around the wetlands and lake shallows for shorebirds. _____** **Can you tell what they are eating? _____**

Great-Tailed Grackle
Quiscalus mexicanus
"ki ki ki"



Great Blue Heron
Ardea herodias
squawks "fraahnk"



Snowy Egret
Egretta thula
hoarse "hrraa"



Chinese Goose (Brown & White)
Anser cygnoides
"haahnk"



American Coot
Fulica americana
"krrp or prik"



Mallard
Anas platyrhynchos
"quack quack"



in the air?

Birds that spend a lot of time in the air use their strong eyesight to find food. These birds of prey often can be found perched, hovering or flying above the land and water as they search for their next meal. **Scan the sky over the wetlands and the branches of tall trees. _____** **Are there any large birds flying overhead? Are they flapping, hovering or gliding? _____**

Red-shouldered Hawk
Buteo lineatus
"kee-eeee-arr"



Turkey Vulture
Cathartes aura
low guttural "hissss"



Barn Owl
Tyto alba
"screeeeech"



in the water?

Both the lake and marsh areas of Guajome are attractive to a variety of birds, making it an important part of the Pacific Flyway migration route. Look for the Chinese Goose which can be found in both white and brown varieties. Search near the edges of the lake for birds like American coots and dabbling mallards swimming along, sifting out vegetation and insects near the surface of the water. **How many different types of water birds can you find? _____**