

Birds at Idell's Garden 2019

(Key to columns 3 and 6)

Birds I See Regularly - All the Time (A)

Birds I see Occasionally (O)

Birds I see Rarely -Unusual(U)

In the winter, a large old almond tree and an oak thicket is one of the favorite hang outs, and in the spring and summer, the thickets, shrubs and oak trees provide popular nesting and shelter spots. These plus open areas and garden plants provide food. A hill across the street provides extensive grasslands food and hunting grounds.

Bird, nesting	Season, eggs	
Allen's Hummingbird Nests at iw's (April-May) in tree branch or shrub	Feb-July or August in habitat, see daily in season; 2 broods, incubated 15-22 days	A
American Crow Saw regularly after 2001, rarely saw before	All year in habitat, daily	A
American Robin	All year in habitat. See more in winter.	A
Anna's Hummingbird Nests at iw's, tree, shrub, vine high and low	All year, see daily 2-3 broods, incubate 16 days	A
Bewick's Wren Nests at iw's (April into late May) in cavity-natural or people made	All year, hear regularly, see in brush piles & shrubs 2 brood, incubate 14 days	A
Bushtit Nests at iw's (March-May) in long nests (can take 50 days to build) hanging from trees, bushes & vines	All year, see daily, & in winter, in large flocks 2 broods, incubate 12 days	A
California Towhee Nests at iw's (late April into mid August) in dense bushes & low trees	All year, see daily, hear constant 'chips'; 2-3 broods, female incubates	A
Cedar Waxwing	In habitat Nov through late winter but only see during big raids on berry bushes	O
Chestnut-backed Chickadee may nest at iw's or nearby, in forest, excavates or uses old cavity	In habitat all year, see more in fall and winter; 1-2 broods, 6-7 white dotted eggs for 15 days	A
Common Yellowthroat	In habitat all year in BA	U

Bird, nesting	Season, eggs	
Cooper's Hawk	Year around, raids bird feeders	O
Dark Eyed Junco, Slate Colored variant	In winter at iw's	O
Dark-eyed Junco Oregon sub species might nest near iw's (April into June) low in conifers & brushy undergrowth	Daily much of year but few in summer. 2 broods incubate 12-13 days	A
Downy Woodpecker probably nests near iw's May-June) excavates holes	In habitat all year, see most in winter 1 brood, incubated 11-13 days	A
European Starling	All year in habitat, mostly perching on wires in drive	O
Fox Sparrow Sooty version (Pacific)	One source says Oct thru Ap See scratching under shrubs, very few	A
Gold-crowned Sparrow	In habitat Oct-May See by thick shrubs, brushy areas, scratching for seeds Eating vegetable leaves	A
Great Horned Owl Nests on hill top across from iw's garden	All year, hear nightly mostly in winter/early spring; 1 brood, incubate 28-35 days	A
Hermit Thrush	In habitat mostly Oct-Apr	U
House Finch Nests at iw's (May into august) in a variety of places, near buildings--boxes, old nests, shrubs, vines	In habitat all year, see daily but less frequently in summer; 2 broods, incubate for 12-14 days	A
Hooded Oriole	April through August	U
Hutton's Vireo probably nests at iw's (March into June) in fork of oak or conifer	In habitat all year 2 broods incubated 14-16 days	A

Bird, nesting	Season, eggs	
Lesser Goldfinch	In habitat all year, see more in winter	
Nests at iw's in spring & summer outer part of limbs of trees or shrubs	Maybe 2 broods, incubates for 12 days	
Morning Dove	All year, see daily	A
Nests in multiple places	2-3 nests, incubate 14 days	
Northern Flicker	In habitat all year; Oct-Apr most common	O
nests in high snags		
Northern Mockingbird	All year, see daily	A
Nests at iw's (late April into late June) low dense shrubs or trees	2+ broods, incubates for 12-13 days	
Nuttall's Woodpecker	In habitat all year; see on large apple tree and in suet	A
nests at iw's (April-May) in cavities	(?) broods, incubate-14 days	
Oak Titmouse	In habitat all year, see regularly; 1-2 broods, incubates 6-8 creamy speckled eggs for 14-16 days	A
Nests at iw's (April-May) in cavities, & people-made structures		
Pacific Slope Flycatcher	In habitat Feb-Sept into Nov	U
Pine Siskin	In habitat Sept-May unpredictable--some times lots, other times few.	U
Purple Finch	In habitat all year	O
nests on branch far from trunk in oak and mixed woodland	2 broods, incubated 13 days	
Red Breasted Nuthatch	Winter visitor	A
Red Breasted Sapsucker (first saw here in 2008)	In habitat October to early April	U
Red -shouldered Hawk	in habitat all year- calls loudly much of time	A
Nests in tall trees by iw garden	1 brood, 32-40 days	
Red-tailed Hawk	All year in habitat	A
Nests in trees nearby iw's garden	1 brood, incubated 28-35 days	

Bird, nesting	Season, eggs	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	In habitat October through April	A
Sharp Shin Hawk	See during Sept-April	U
Spotted Towhee	Year round, see on ground & in tall, thick shrubs	A
Nests at iw's (late April into early July) in low bushes, brushpile & on ground	2 broods, incubates eggs for 12-13 days	
Steller's Jay	In habitat all year, at iw's at suet in winter, more common in conifer areas	O
Turkey Vulture	All year, flies through daily around mid-day and again late afternoon	A
Varied Thrush	Oct-March. Here in winter 06-07 in unusual numbers because of colder winter further north	U
Not seen here before		
Western Scrub Jay	All year, see daily.	A
Nests at iw's, (March into May) in low trees & bushes; gets other bird's eggs & babies	1 brood, incubates 3-6 eggs for 15-17 days.	
Western Tanager	In habitat in Ap-June CC (see only a few days in migration late April to mid May)	U
White-crowned Sparrow	In my habitat Sept- April See in trees, shrubs, on ground (all year and nests closer to coast)	A
Wild Turkey	Common now in Bay Area first at iw's in fall 2004; 1 brood, incubate 28 days	A
Nests in gully by iw		
Wrentit	All year in habitat, (Secretive so hard to see.)	A
nests at iw's (April-July) in dense shrubbery	2 broods, incubate 16 days Small territory	
Yellow Rumped Warbler	Oct-Mar, see in almond & eucalyptus trees, few in some years	A
Yellow Warbler	Summer	U

(note: see the 2007BBN tour page for my garden to see extensive details on bird behavior, habitat and identification as well as references.)