

Since May 2017, students and researchers have operated a bird banding station at Fort Ord Natural Reserve. Birds are captured using a combination of mist nets and baited traps, and affixed with individually numbered aluminum [USFWS bands](#). Observational and tagging data gathered at our station can assess diversity and population trends of both resident and migratory species. Undergraduate students work under the guidance of federally permitted researchers and UCSC faculty to complete senior capstone, [UROC](#), and other projects integrating bird banding with disciplines including experiential outdoor education, statistics, environmental science, and biology. Local K-12 school groups visit our banding station to participate in interpretive programming, building their knowledge of wildlife and field biology, and introducing them to a career in the natural sciences.

We are always looking for new ways to monitor birds at the reserve. [Contact us](#) for more information on how to get involved.

Below is a list of the avian species that have captured UCSC Fort Ord Natural Reserve. A PDF version can be accessed [here](#).

Family	Genus	Species	Common Name	Alpha Code
Trochilidae	<i>Selasphorus</i>	<i>sasin</i>	Allen's Hummingbird	ALHU
Trochilidae	<i>Calypte</i>	<i>anna</i>	Anna's Hummingbird	ANHU
Hirundinidae	<i>Hirundo</i>	<i>rustica</i>	Barn Swallow	BARS
Troglodytidae	<i>Thryomanes</i>	<i>bewickii</i>	Bewick's Wren	BEWR
Poliophtilidae	<i>Poliophtila</i>	<i>caerulea</i>	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	BGGN
Tyrannidae	<i>Sayornis</i>	<i>nigricans</i>	Black Phoebe	BLPH
Aegithalidae	<i>Psaltriparus</i>	<i>minimus</i>	Bushtit	BUSH
Passerellidae	<i>Melospiza</i>	<i>crissalis</i>	California Towhee	CALT
Mimidae	<i>Toxostoma</i>	<i>redivivum</i>	California Thrasher	CATH
Odontophoridae	<i>Callipepla</i>	<i>californica</i>	California Quail	CAQU
Accipitridae	<i>Accipiter</i>	<i>cooperii</i>	Cooper's Hawk	COHA
Paridae	<i>Poecile</i>	<i>rufescens</i>	Chestnut-backed Chickadee	CBCH
Picidae	<i>Dryobates</i>	<i>pubescens</i>	Downy Woodpecker	DOWO
Columbidae	<i>Streptopelia</i>	<i>decaocto</i>	Eurasian Collared-Dove	ECDO
Passerellidae	<i>Passerella</i>	<i>iliaca</i>	Fox Sparrow	FOSP

Passerellidae	<i>Zonotrichia</i>	<i>atricapilla</i>	Golden-crowned Sparrow	GCSP
Passerellidae	<i>Ammodramus</i>	<i>savannarum</i>	Grasshopper Sparrow	GRSP
Picidae	<i>Dryobates</i>	<i>villosus</i>	Hairy Woodpecker	HAWO
Turdidae	<i>Catharus</i>	<i>guttatus</i>	Hermit Thrush	HETH
Parulidae	<i>Setophaga</i>	<i>occidentalis</i>	Hermit Warbler	HEWA
Fringillidae	<i>Haemorhous</i>	<i>mexicanus</i>	House Finch	HOFI
Vireonidae	<i>Vireo</i>	<i>huttoni</i>	Hutton's Vireo	HUVI
Fringillidae	<i>Spinus</i>	<i>lawrencei</i>	Lawrence's Goldfinch	LAGO
Parulidae	<i>Geothlypis</i>	<i>tolmiei</i>	MacGillivray's Warbler	MGWA
Columbidae	<i>Zenaida</i>	<i>macroura</i>	Mourning Dove	MODO
Picidae	<i>Dryobates</i>	<i>nuttallii</i>	Nuttall's Woodpecker	NUWO
Paridae	<i>Baeolophus</i>	<i>inornatus</i>	Oak Titmouse	OATI
Passerellidae	<i>Junco</i>	<i>hyemalis, oregonus</i>	Oregon Junco	ORJU
Tyrannidae	<i>Empidonax</i>	<i>difficilis</i>	Pacific-slope Flycatcher	PSFL
Fringillidae	<i>Haemorhous</i>	<i>purpureus</i>	Purple Finch	PUFI
Regulidae	<i>Regulus</i>	<i>calendula</i>	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	RCKI
Picidae	<i>Colaptes</i>	<i>auratus</i>	Red-shafted Flicker	RSFL
Passerellidae	<i>Melospiza</i>	<i>melodia</i>	Song Sparrow	SOSP
Passerellidae	<i>Pipilo</i>	<i>maculatus</i>	Spotted Towhee	SPTO
Accipitridae	<i>Accipiter</i>	<i>striatus</i>	Sharp-shinned Hawk	SSHA
Turdidae	<i>Catharus</i>	<i>ustulatus</i>	Swainson's Thrush	SWTH
Parulidae	<i>Setophaga</i>	<i>townsendi</i>	Townsend's Warbler	TOWA
Vireonidae	<i>Vireo</i>	<i>gilvus</i>	Warbling Vireo	WAVI
Passerellidae	<i>Zonotrichia</i>	<i>leucophrys</i>	White-crowned Sparrow	WCSP
Corvidae	<i>Aphelocoma</i>	<i>californica</i>	Western Scrub Jay	WESJ
Parulidae	<i>Cardellina</i>	<i>pusilla</i>	Wilson's Warbler	WIWA
Paradoxornithidae	<i>Chamaea</i>	<i>fasciata</i>	Wrentit	WREN
Parulidae	<i>Setophaga</i>	<i>petechia</i>	Yellow Warbler	YEWA