



Birding at Five Brooks

The old mill pond at Five Brooks and the vegetation surrounding it offers excellent avian diversity. The pond is located about 100 yards from the parking lot. A short trail encircles the pond, but hikers can also link up to three longer trails, each of which differ dramatically from the others. From the southwest end of the pond, the Olema Valley Trail leads southeast through mature, mixed forest. The Stewart Trail winds its way west through old growth Douglas fir to Wildcat Beach. And the Rift Zone Trail leads north, paralleling Olema Creek and the San Andreas Fault, through woodlands to open (cleared) pastureland.

Resident Birds (Present all year - numbers vary)

Pied-billed Grebe
Double-crested Cormorant
Wood Duck
Belted Kingfisher
Gadwall
Turkey Vulture
Red-shouldered Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
California Quail
American Robin
Western Screech Owl
Saw-whet Owl
Band-tailed Pigeon
Anna's Hummingbird
Acorn Woodpecker
Pileated Woodpecker
Nuttall's Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Pine Siskin
Scrub Jay
Steller's Jay
Chestnut-backed Chickadee
Bushtit
Wrentit
Pacific Wren
Bewick's Wren
Hutton's Vireo
Brown Creeper
Black Phoebe
Song Sparrow
Spotted Towhee
California Towhee
Purple Finch
Pygmy Nuthatch

Summer Birds

Green Heron
Great-blue Heron
Barn Owl
Allen's Hummingbird
Olive-sided Flycatcher
Pacific slope Flycatcher
Western Wood-peewee
Purple Martin
Tree Swallow
Violet-green Swallow
Barn Swallow
Rough-winged Swallow
Swainson's Thrush
Warbling Vireo
Orange-crowned Warbler
Wilson's Warbler
Black-headed Grosbeak
American Goldfinch

Winter Birds

American Wigeon
Mallard
Ring-necked Duck
Bufflehead
Common Goldeneye
Cooper's Hawk
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Varied Thrush
Hermit Thrush
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Fox Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow
Golden-crowned Sparrow

Migrants

Common Loon
Black-throated Gray Warbler
Cassin's Vireo
Hermit Warbler
Western Grebe