

Birds of Portola Valley

We have many bird species that call Portola Valley home and many more that pass through on migration. Most begin nesting in February (except owls in December and Hummingbirds in January). Some have more than one family so the nesting season does not end until August. These are some of the birds that nest in Portola Valley:

Ground nesters (or in bushes near the ground):

California Quail
Dark-eyed Junco
Spotted Towhee
California Towhee
Wild Turkey

Tree nesters:

Robin
Lesser Goldfinch
California Scrub Jay
California Thrasher
Red-tailed Hawk
Red-shouldered Hawk
White-tailed Kite
Cooper's Hawk
Great Horned Owl
American Crow
Mourning Dove
Anna's Hummingbird
House Finch
Bushtit
Brown-headed Cowbird

Cavity nesters (some helped by nest boxes):

Barn Owl
Screech Owl
American Kestrel
Chestnut-backed Chickadee
White-breasted Nuthatch
Pygmy Nuthatch
Violet-green Swallow
Oak Titmouse
Nuttall's Woodpecker
Acorn Woodpecker
Bewick's Wren
European Starling
Western Bluebird
Mallard
Wood Duck