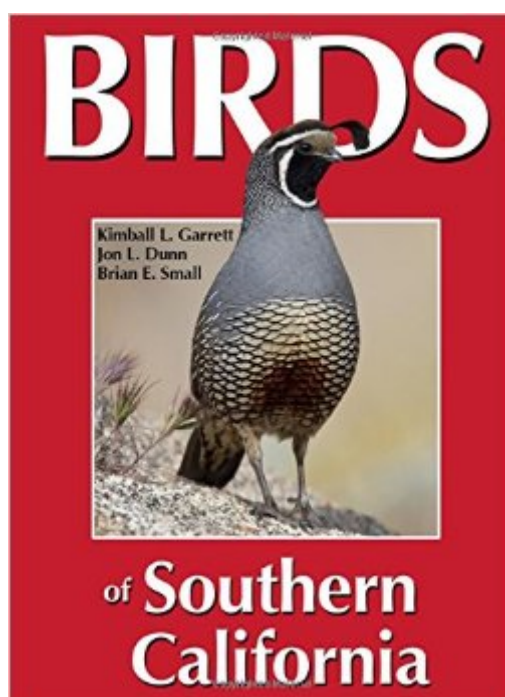


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# Birds Of Southern California



## Synopsis

This pocket-sized photographic guide features over 550 stunning color photographs of the birds of Southern California along with their descriptions, voice, behavior and where and when to find each species. The bird habitats of Southern California are described as well as the basics of observing and identifying birds.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

This is an excellent regional bird guidebook. Although directed toward newer birders, it yet has good value for the more experienced, and especially for those who lead local birding field trips. It is 4.5x6 inches in size, and easy to carry in a pack or in the leg pocket of a pair of cargo pants. The sections for each bird on behavior, voice, and similar species are concise and very specific. Of greatest interest to me are the paragraphs on seasonal occurrence, questions about which often make me pause while trying to recall. The photo images are remarkably clear. I might only wish for more images, especially of immature forms. The occasional picture of similar species on the same page is very welcome. It is an easy volume to use with a short index on the inside back cover, and is especially helpful in showing a species to newer birders, who may have only gotten a glimpse of a rapidly disappearing warbler. As a frequent birding field trip leader in San Diego County, this will be the guide that I will now most often carry and recommend for this area. Thanks to the authors. Peter Thomas  
San Diego

A solid listing with accurate descriptions and beautiful pictures of Southern California birds. I would recommend it as long as you don't own any previous volumes of this book, for the "new" version hasn't really changed much from the old one except for a new cover.

Finally a comprehensive affordable book of So-Cal birds with crisp detailed color photographs on almost 500 pages of clay semi glossy paper. What's absolutely great about this book is that it provides pictures for BOTH male and female birds! Most books we have only provide artist sketches and only for the more colorful bird. Textual info provides other clues to ID the birds such as the sounds they make, times of year to expect to find them and other behaviors such as the way they may flick their tails. All great clues to confidently identify the bird. Each page allows an entry by you to keep track of your sightings. The book is about 4" x 6" which is a great size to make it pocket-able and the small size in no way detracts from the quality of the photos and comprehensiveness of the bird species.

Excellent book (the 2012 one) for beginning birders. Excellent photos of adults and very good descriptions. However, it is NOT THE SAME BOOK as the hardback "Birds of California: Status and Distribution." The words "Status and Distribution" make all the difference in the world and that is what that book addresses without the descriptions of the birds. Should not be listing them as if they were the same book in a different format. Recently I was on a field trip with Jon Dunn. He emphasized the importance of knowing status and distribution in identifying birds. I went home & dug out my old Birds of CA: Status & Distribution. I went to see about getting another. I saw the paperback (quail on front) and saw a review that said books were not the same. I read the copyright of the 2012 book and nowhere did it refer to the older status book. I was sure they weren't the same but got the newer one for an honest comparison. Both are useful in their own way. The older one is a treasure for the serious birder.

Though now three decades old, this book still offers a huge amount of useful information on the status and distribution of southern California birds. The status of some species has changed since the time this book was written, and records of vagrants have increased dramatically, but the detailed information on ranges and migration timing is still very useful. Range maps are included for some species and there is a good discussion of habitats and migration in the region. For a reference book, this one is extremely well written and in fact very readable.

I bought this for the colored illustrations because I do bird art ... the colors are nice enough and you can improvise somewhat as far as what an actual bird would look like. Information is also handy...especially for the bird watching crowd.

I am new to the study of birds. For a while now I have been feeding a variety of birds in my backyard. In my endeavor to be able to identify the various birds I ordered the book, Birds of Southern California, in hard back. You can imagine my disappointment when it arrived today and the only photos are the picture of a bird on the cover and the photo of the two authors on the back of the book. Apparently the hardcover and paperback are totally different books.

I live in Ventura County and have been curious as to what birds fly in and out of my backyard. This book is exactly what I needed! I've already identified a couple species just by quickly flipping through the pages. I like the way this book groups the different types of birds together, and the pictures and descriptions are very helpful. Plus, it makes a great addition to my coffee table. If you're interested in learning more about the birds in your backyard and live in Southern California, this is the book for you.

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