



# quick guide to the BIRDS OF SAN IGNACIO

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The region of San Ignacio, in Baja California Sur, is particularly rich in environments, in it there are: deserts, oases and one of the most important coastal lagoons ecologically and economically speaking. This variety of sites is reflected in more than 250 recorded bird species.

This quick guide features illustrations of 119 species of birds common to the region, and includes birds from all environments. Most of the illustrations are of adult males, while some show males and females. The migratory ones generally appear in winter plumage and the endemic ones appear in a circle. Measurements from tip of bill to end of tail are given in inches and centimeters.

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Esta guía rápida presenta ilustraciones de 119 especies de aves comunes en la región, e incluye aves de todos los ambientes. La mayoría de las ilustraciones son de machos adultos, mientras que algunas muestran a los machos y hembras. Las migratorias aparecen generalmente en plumaje de invierno y las endémicas se presentan en un círculo. Las medidas de la punta del pico al final de la cola se dan en pulgadas y centímetros.

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**Brant**  
Ganso de Collar  
*Branta bernicla*  
22-26 in (56-66 cm)

**Surf Scoter**  
Negreta Nuca Blanca  
*Melanitta perspicillata*  
18-20 in (45.5-51 cm)

**American White Pelican**  
Pelicano Blanco Americano  
*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*  
57-65 in (145-165 cm)

**Brown Pelican**  
Pelicano Café  
*Pelecanus occidentalis*  
44-54 in (112-137 cm)

**Great Egret**  
Garza Blanca  
*Ardea herodias*  
40-50 in (101.5-127 cm)

**Little Blue Heron**  
Garza Azul  
*Egretta caerulea*  
20-24 in (51-61 cm)

**Black-crowned Night-Heron**  
Garza Nocturna  
*Corona Nocturna*  
22-25 in (56-63.5 cm)

**White Ibis**  
Ibis Blanco  
*Eudocimus albus*  
21-25 in (53.5-63.5 cm)

**Red-breasted Merganser**  
Mergo Copetón  
*Mergus serrator*  
20-23 in (51-58.5 cm)

**Lesser Scaup**  
Pato-Boludo Menor  
*Aythya affinis*  
15-17 in (38-43 cm)

**Clark's Grebe**  
Achichilque Pico Naranja  
*Aechmophorus clarki*  
17-22 in (42-55 cm)

**Western Grebe**  
Achichilque Pico Amarillo  
*Aechmophorus occidentalis*  
19-24 in (48-61 cm)

**Double-crested Cormorant**  
Cormorán Orejudo  
*Phalacrocorax auritus*  
28-32 in (71-81 cm)

**Ridgway's Rail**  
Rascón Costero del Pacífico  
*Rallus obsoletus*  
12-15 in (30.5-38 cm)

**Eared Grebe**  
Zambullidor Orejón  
*Podiceps nigricollis*  
11-12.5 in (28-31.5 cm)

**Pied-billed Grebe**  
Zambullidor Pico Grueso  
*Podiceps podiceps*  
11-13 in (28-33 cm)

**Common Goldeneye**  
Pato Chillon  
*Bucephala clangula*  
17-20 in (43-50.5 cm)

**Pacific Loon**  
Colimbo del Pacífico  
*Gavia pacifica*  
22-26 in (56-66 cm)

**Common Loon**  
Colimbo Común  
*Gavia immer*  
26-33 in (66-84 cm)

**Black-bellied Plover**  
Chorlo Gris  
*Pluvialis squatarola*  
10.5-11.5 in (26-29 cm)

**Willet**  
Playero Pihual  
*Tringa semipalmata*  
12-14 in (30-35.5 cm)

**Lesser Yellowlegs**  
Patamarilla Menor  
*Tringa flavipes*  
9.5-10 in (24-25.5 cm)

**Whimbrel**  
Zarapito Tijnador  
*Numenius phaeopus*  
14-17 in (35.5-43 cm)

**Long-billed Curlew**  
Zarapito Pico Largo  
*Numenius americanus*  
18-23 in (45.5-58.5 cm)

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**Reproductive**

**Spotted Sandpiper**  
Playero Alzacolita  
*Actitis macularia*  
7-8 in (18-20 cm)

**Sanderling**  
Playero Blanco  
*Calidris alba*  
7-7.5 in (18-19 cm)

**Snowy Plover**  
Chorlo Nevado  
*Charadrius hiareolaris*  
6-8.5 in (15-16 cm)

**Wilson's Plover**  
Chorlo Picoaguero  
*Charadrius wilsonia*  
7-7.5 in (18-19 cm)

**Semipalmated Plover**  
Chorlo Semipalmado  
*Charadrius semipalmatus*  
6.5-7 in (16.5-17.5 cm)

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**Least Sandpiper**  
Playero Diminuto  
*Calidris minutilla*  
5.2-5.7 in (13.5-14.5 cm)

**Dunlin**  
Playero Dorso Rojo  
*Calidris alpina*  
7.5-8.5 in (18-22 cm)

**Red Knot**  
Playero Rojo  
*Calidris canutus*  
25.5-26.5 cm)

**Western Sandpiper**  
Playero Occidental  
*Calidris mauri*  
6-6.5 in (15-16 cm)

**Marbled Godwit**  
Picoapudo Común  
*Limosa fedoa*  
15-18 in (38-45.5 cm)

**Short-billed Dowitcher**  
Costurero Pico Corto  
*Limnodromus griseus*  
9.5-11 in (24-28 cm)

**Whimbrel**  
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*Numenius phaeopus*  
14-17 in (35.5-43 cm)

**Long-billed Curlew**  
Zarapito Pico Largo  
*Numenius americanus*  
18-23 in (45.5-58.5 cm)

**Reproductive**

**Western Gull**  
Gaviota Occidental  
*Larus occidentalis*  
21-26 in (53.5-66 cm)

**Heermann's Gull**  
Gaviota Plumiza  
*Larus heermanni*  
18-20 in (45.5-50.5 cm)

**Herring Gull**  
Gaviota Plateada  
*Larus argentatus*  
22-27 in (56-68 cm)

**Bonaparte's Gull**  
Gaviota de Bonaparte  
*Chroicocephalus philadelphia*  
13-13.5 in (33-34.5 cm)

**Gull-billed Tern**  
Charrán Pico Grueso  
*Gelochelidon nilotica*  
13-14 in (33-35.5 cm)

**Caspian Tern**  
Charrán del Caspio  
*Gygis alba*  
20-22 in (51-57 cm)

**Elegant Tern**  
Charrán Elegante  
*Thalasseus elegans*  
14.5-16 in (37-41 cm)

**Forster's Tern**  
Charrán de Forster  
*Sterna forsteri*  
12.5-14 in (32-36 cm)

**Royal Tern**  
Charrán Real  
*Thalasseus maximus*  
17-19 in (43-48 cm)

**Black Skimmer**  
Rayador Americano  
*Rynchops nigri*  
17-18 in (43-45.5 cm)

**Least Tern**  
Charrán Minimo  
*Sterna antillarum*  
8-9 in (20.5-23 cm)

**Juvenil**

**American Oystercatcher**  
Ostrero Americano  
*Haematopus palliatus*  
16-18 in (40.5-45.5 cm)

**Black Oystercatcher**  
Ostrero Negro  
*Haematopus bachmani*  
16-17 in (40.5-43 cm)

**Ruddy Turnstone**  
Vuelveplastras Rojo  
*Arenaria interpres*  
8.5-9 in (21.5-23 cm)

**Black Turnstone**  
Vuelveplastras Negro  
*Arenaria melanoccephala*  
8.5-9 in (21.5-23 cm)

**American Avocet**  
Avoceta Americana  
*Recurvirostra americana*  
15.5-17 in (39.5-43 cm)

**White-winged Dove**  
Paloma Alas Blancas  
*Zenaidura macroura*  
10.5-12 in (26.5-30.5 cm)

**Great Horned Owl**  
Bubo Común  
*Bubo virginianus*  
19-23 in (48.5-58.5 cm)

**Barn Owl**  
Lechuga de Campanario  
*Tyto alba*  
14-16 in (35.5-40.5 cm)

**Burrowing Owl**  
Teolote Llanero  
*Athene cucullata*  
9-10 in (23-25.5 cm)

**American Kestrel**  
Cernicalo Americano  
*Falco sparverius*  
10-11.5 in (25.5-29 cm)

**Belted Kingfisher**  
Martín Gorrion Norteño  
*Megascops asio*  
12-13 in (30.5-33 cm)

**Gila Woodpecker**  
Carpinero del Desierto  
*Melanerpes uropygialis*  
8.5-9.5 in (21.5-24 cm)

**Loggerhead Shrike**  
Verdejo Americano  
*Lanius ludovicianus*  
8.2-9 in (21-23 cm)

**Turkey Vulture**  
Zopilote Aura  
*Cathartes aura*  
26-30 in (66-76.5 cm)

**Osprey**  
Águila Pescadora  
*Pandion haliaetus*  
22-26 in (56-66 cm)

**Northern Harrier**  
Gavilán Rastrero  
*Circus hudsonius*  
18-22 in (45.5-56 cm)

**Red-tailed Hawk**  
Águila Cola Roja  
*Buteo jamaicensis*  
19-23 in (48.5-58.5 cm)

**Tree Swallow**  
Golondrina Bicolor  
*Icthyophaga bicolor*  
5.2-5.7 in (13.5-14.5 cm)

**Barn Swallow**  
Golondrina Tijereta  
*Hirundo lunata*  
5-5.7 in (12.5-14.5 cm)

**Vermilion Flycatcher**  
Papamoscas Cardenalito  
*Pyrrocephalus rubinus*  
5-5.7 in (12.5-14.5 cm)

**Ash-throated Flycatcher**  
Copetón Cenizo  
*Myiarchus cinerascens*  
7.5-8 in (19-20.5 cm)

**Say's Phoebe**  
Papamoscas Llanero  
*Sayornis saya*  
7-7.5 in (18-19 cm)

**Common Raven**  
Corvus Común  
*Corvus corax*  
22-25 in (56-63.5 cm)

**Western Scrub-Jay**  
Chica Pecho Rayado  
*Aphelocoma californica*  
10.5-12.5 in (26.5-32 cm)

**Purple Martin**  
Golondrina Azulnegra  
*Progne subis*  
7.3-8 in (18.5-20.5 cm)

**Violet-green Swallow**  
Golondrina Verdemar  
*Tachycineta thalassina*  
4.5-5 in (11.5-12.5 cm)

**Black Phoebe**  
Papamoscas Negro  
*Sayornis nigricans*  
6-7 in (15-17.5 cm)

**Cactus Wren**  
Matraca del Desierto  
*Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus*  
7-7.5 in (18-19 cm)

**Verdin**  
Baloncito  
*Auriparus flaviceps*  
4-4.2 in (10-11 cm)

**Xantus's Hummingbird**  
Zafiro Bajacaliforniano  
*Basilinna xantusii*  
3.3-3.8 in (8-9 cm)

**Costa's Hummingbird**  
Colibrí Cabeza Violeta  
*Calypte costae*  
3-3.4 in (7.5-8.5 cm)

**Mangrove Warbler**  
Chipe Mangrero  
*Setophaga petechia erithacoides*  
4.5-5 in (11.5-12.5 cm)

**Yellow-rumped Warbler**  
Chipe Rabadilla Amarilla  
*Setophaga coronata*  
5-5.5 in (13-14 cm)

**American Redstart**  
Pavito Migratorio  
*Setophaga ruticilla*  
4.7-5.2 in (12-13 cm)

**Horned Lark**  
Alondra Común  
*Eremophila alpestris*  
6.2-7.2 in (16-18.5 cm)

**California Gnatcatcher**  
Perilla Californiana  
*Polypterus californicus*  
4-4.2 in (10-11 cm)

**Blue-grey Gnatcatcher**  
Perilla Azulgris  
*Polypterus caeruleus*  
4-4.5 in (10-11.5 cm)

**LeConte's Thrasher**  
Cukacocha Pálido  
*Toxostoma lecontei arenicola*  
10.5-11.5 in (26.5-29 cm)

**Phainopepla**  
Capulnero Negro  
*Phainopepla nitens*  
6.7-7.7 in (17-19.5 cm)

**Canyon Wren**  
Saltapared Barranqueño  
*Catherpes mexicanus*  
5-5.5 in (12.5-14 cm)

**Belting's Yellowthroat**  
Mascarita Península  
*Geothlypis beltingii*  
5.3-5.8 in (13.5-14.5 cm)

**Common Yellowthroat**  
Mascarita Común  
*Geothlypis trichas*  
4.5-5 in (11.5-13 cm)

**Black and White Warbler**  
Chipe Trepador  
*Mniotilta varia*  
4.5-5 in (11.5-12.5 cm)

**Orange-crowned Warbler**  
Chipe Corona Naranja  
*Geothlypis celata*  
4.6-5 in (11.5-12.5 cm)

**Yellow-breasted Chat**  
Chipe Grande  
*Icteria virens*  
6.3-7 in (16.5-18 cm)

**White-crowned Sparrow**  
Gorrion Corona Blanca  
*Zonotrichia leucophrys*  
6.2-7 in (16-18 cm)

**Savannah Sparrow**  
Gorrion Sabanero  
*Passerculus sandwichensis*  
5-5.8 in (12.5-14.5 cm)

**Song Sparrow**  
Gorrion Cantor  
*Melospiza melodia*  
5.7-6.3 in (14.5-16 cm)

**Belted Sparrow**  
Zacatorio Californiano  
*Artemisiospiza belli*  
5-5.8 in (12.5-14.5 cm)

**House Sparrow**  
Gorrion Doméstico  
*Passer domesticus*  
5.5-6 in (14-15 cm)

**Lesser Goldfinch**  
Jilguero Dominicó  
*Spinus psaltria*  
4-4.5 in (10-11.5 cm)

**House Finch**  
Pinzón Mexicano  
*Haemorhous mexicanus*  
5.5-6 in (14-15.5 cm)

**Scott's Oriole**  
Calandria Turnera  
*Icterus parisorum*  
7.5-8.3 in (19-21 cm)

**Hooded Oriole**  
Calandria Dorso Negro Menor  
*Icterus cucullatus*  
7.3-7.8 in (18.5-20 cm)