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BIRDS OF TUMAMOC HILL



Cactus Wren

Campylorhynchus

brunneicapillus

Builds a large oval stick and grass nest.

Listen for harsh, grating calls.



Gambel's Quail

Callipepla gambelii

Usually seen in flocks running

on the ground in deserts,

often close to dense thickets

for cover. Listen for loud wailing calls and various clucks and chuckles.



Phainopepla

Phainopepla nitens

Unique bird of desert scrub with a sleek body, shaggy crest, long tail, and staring red eyes.

Listen for a whistled hooeet and a low quirk.



Rock Wren

Salpinctes obsoletus

Almost always found in rocky areas,

especially on rocky slopes. Pale grayish wren

with rather long, slightly decurved bill. Listen for ringing song and calls.



Greater Roadrunner

Geococcyx californianus

Streaky brown overall with a very long tail and

short, shaggy crest. Runs swiftly after large insects,

lizards, and other prey. Listen for very low-pitched cooing song.



BIRDS OF PREY



Great Horned Owl

Bubo virginianus

Large and widespread owl

with distinctive ear tufts.

Preys upon a variety of

animals, including mammals, birds and reptiles.

Listen for a deep, stuttering series of four to five hoots.



Cooper's Hawk

Astur cooperii

Small to medium-sized hawk

with relatively short rounded

wings and rounded tail. Feeds

mainly on birds captured in flight.

Outside of the breeding season,

Cooper's Hawks tend to be silent.

The most common call is a loud, grating cak-cak-cak, 2-5 seconds long.



Turkey Vulture

Cathartes aura

Large raptor. Glides relatively low

while sniffing for carrion, or

riding thermals to higher

vantage points. Also huddles

around roadkill or dumpsters. They

may give a low, nasal whine while

in flight.



Red-tailed Hawk

Buteo jamaicensis

Most common roadside raptor across

much of North America. Often perches

atop telephone poles, light posts, and

edges of trees. Listen for a hoarse,

screaming kee-eeee-arr, lasting 2-3 seconds.

