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Los Cabos, which include Cabo San Lucas and San Jose del Cabo, is located at the tip of the Peninsula of Baja California, a place of fine beaches bathed by the Pacific Ocean and the Sea of Cortéz. Los Cabos is surrounded by desert and thorn brush ecosystems, with some estuaries along the coastline. There are more than 400 species of birds in the state with 6 endemics to Mexico. Most of them can be seen in Los Cabos, especially 4 endemics such as the *Xantus hummingbird*, *Grey thrasher*, *Belding's yellowthroat* and the *Yellow-footed gull*.

This quick guide presents illustrations of 102 species of birds found commonly around the Los Cabos region. Most illustrations show the adult male, while many depict male and female of the species. Migrants are depicted in winter coloration and endemic species are circled. The measurements from tip of bill to end of tail appear in inches and centimeters.

The guide is the result of the partnership of the **Municipality of Los Cabos** with **Defenders of Wildlife** and **Teyeliz, A.C.** to promote birdwatching in the region to enhance the knowledge of the abundant Mexican bird species diversity.

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El Municipio de Los Cabos (que incluye a las ciudades de Cabo San Lucas y San José del Cabo), situado al extremo sur de la Península de Baja California, es un verdadero edén donde el mar y el desierto se funden armoniosamente. Es un lugar de playas arenosas bañadas por las aguas del Océano Pacífico y el Mar de Cortéz que está rodeado de ecosistemas desérticos, arbustos espinosos y estuarios que son el hábitat natural de aves nativas y migratorias. En Baja California Sur se han reportado más de 400 especies de aves de las cuales 6 son endémicas; en Los Cabos podemos encontrar prácticamente a todas estas aves, entre las que destacan cuatro endémicas: el *Colibrí de Xantus*, el *Cuitlacoche Peninsular*, la *Mascarita Peninsular* y la *Gaviota de Patas Amarillas*.

Esta guía rápida presenta ilustraciones de 102 especies de aves comunes a la región de Los Cabos. La mayoría de las ilustraciones son de machos adultos, mientras que algunas muestran a los machos y hembras de la especie. Las migratorias aparecen 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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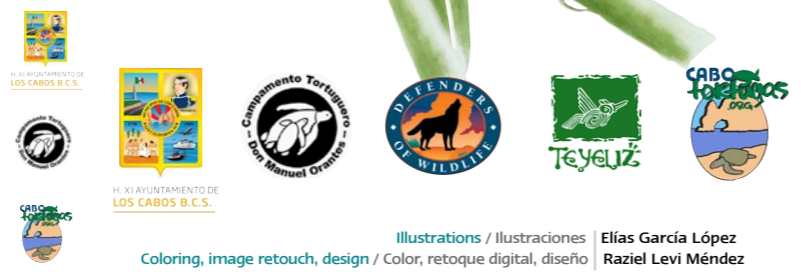
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 <b>Green-winged Teal</b> Cerceta Ala Verde <i>Anas crecca carolinensis</i> 14-15 in (35.5-38 cm)	 <b>Canvasback</b> Pato Coacoxtle <i>Aythya valisineria</i> 20-23 in (51-58.5 cm)	 <b>Ruddy Duck</b> Pato Tepalcate <i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i> 14-16 in (35.5-40.5 cm)
 <b>Northern Pintail</b> Pato Golondrino Norteño <i>Anas acuta acuta</i> 20-23 in (51-58.5 cm)	 <b>American White Pelican</b> Pelicano Blanco <i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i> 57-65 in (145-165 cm)	 <b>Blue-winged Teal</b> Cerceta aliazul <i>Anas discors</i> 15-16 in (38-40.5 cm)
 <b>Brown Pelican</b> Pelicano Café <i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i> 44-54 in (112-137 cm)	 <b>Magnificent Frigatebird</b> Fragata Magnífica <i>Fregata magnificens</i> 35-42 in (89-107 cm)	 <b>Brown Booby</b> Bobo Café <i>Sula leucogaster</i> 27-30 in (68.5-76 cm)
 <b>Common Loon</b> Colimbo Común <i>Gavia immer</i> 26-33 in (66-84 cm)	 <b>Least Storm</b> Petrel Pajño Menor <i>Oceanodroma microsoma</i> 5.5-6 in (13.5-15 cm)	 <b>Least Bittern</b> Avetoro Menor <i>Ixobrychus exilis</i> 11-12 in (28-30.5 cm)
 <b>Green Heron</b> Garza Verde <i>Butorides virescens</i> 15-17 in (38-43 cm)	 <b>Pied-billed Grebe</b> Zambullidor Pico Pinto <i>Podilymbus podiceps</i> 11-13 in (28-33 cm)	 <b>Neotropic Cormorant</b> Cormorán Neotropical <i>Phalacrocorax brasilianus</i> 25-27 in (63.5-68.5 cm)

 <b>Great Blue Heron</b> Garza Azul Ceniza <i>Ardea herodias</i> 40-50 in (101.5-127 cm)	 <b>Snowy Egret</b> Garza Nivea <i>Egretta thula</i> 19-23 in (48.5-58.5 cm)	 <b>White-faced Ibis</b> Ibis Cara Blanca <i>Plegadis chihi</i> 20-24 in (51-61 cm)	 <b>Great Egret</b> Garza Grande <i>Ardea alba</i> 33-39 in (84-99 cm)
 <b>Common Gallinule</b> Gallineta Común <i>Gallinula galeata</i> 13-14 in (33-35.5 cm)	 <b>American Avocet</b> Pico-curvo <i>Recurvirostra americana</i> 15.5-17 in (39.5-43 cm)	 <b>Wilson's Plover</b> Chorlito Pico Grueso <i>Charadrius wilsonia</i> 7-7.5 in (18-19 cm)	 <b>Spotted Sandpiper</b> Playero Alzacolita <i>Actitis macularia</i> 6.5-7 in (16.5-18 cm)
 <b>Killdeer</b> Chorlito Tildio <i>Charadrius vociferus vociferus</i> 9.5-10 in (24-25.5 cm)	 <b>Greater Yellowlegs</b> Pata Amarilla Mayor <i>Tringa melanoleuca</i> 11.5-12.5 in (29-31.5 cm)	 <b>Lesser Yellowlegs</b> Pata Amarilla Menor <i>Tringa flavipes</i> 9.5-10 in (24-25.5 cm)	 <b>Black-necked Stilt</b> Candelerero Americano <i>Himantopus mexicanus</i> 14-16 in (35.5-40.5 cm)
 <b>Willet</b> Playero Pihuhui <i>Tringa semipalmata</i> 12.5-14 in (32-35.5 cm)	 <b>Wandering Tattler</b> Playero Vagabundo <i>Heteroscelus incanus</i> 9.5-10 in (24-25.5 cm)	 <b>Marbled Godwit</b> Picopando Canelo <i>Limosa fedoa</i> 15-18 in (38-45.5 cm)	 <b>Wilson's Plover</b> Chorlito Pico Grueso <i>Charadrius wilsonia</i> 7-7.5 in (18-19 cm)

 <b>Sanderling</b> Playero Blanco <i>Calidris alba</i> 7-7.5 in (18-19 cm)	 <b>Ruddy Turnstone</b> Vuelvepedras Rojizo <i>Arenaria interpres</i> 8.5-9 in (21.5-23 cm)	 <b>Western Sandpiper</b> Playero Occidental <i>Calidris mauri</i> 6-6.5 in (15-16.5 cm)
 <b>Common Snipe</b> Agachona Común <i>Gallinago gallinago</i> 9.7-10.5 in (25-26.5 cm)	 <b>Red Knot</b> Playero Gordo <i>Calidris canutus rufa</i> 10-10.5 in (25.5-26.5 cm)	 <b>Long-billed Dowitcher</b> Costurero Pico Largo <i>Limnodromus scolopaceus</i> 10-11.5 in (25.5-29 cm)
 <b>Short-billed Dowitcher</b> Costurero Pico Corto <i>Limnodromus griseus</i> 9.5-11 in (24-28 cm)	 <b>Yellow-footed Gull</b> Gaviota Pata Amarilla <i>Larus livens</i> 22-27 in (56-67.5 cm)	 <b>Red Phalarope</b> Falárapo Pico Grueso <i>Phalaropus fulicularia</i> 8-8.5 in (20-21.5 cm)
 <b>California Gull</b> Gaviota Californiana <i>Larus californicus</i> 18-21 in (45.5-53 cm)	 <b>Bonaparte's Gull</b> Gaviota de Bonaparte <i>Larus philadelphia</i> 13-13.5 in (33-34.5 cm)	 <b>Wilson's Plover</b> Chorlito Pico Grueso <i>Charadrius wilsonia</i> 7-7.5 in (18-19 cm)
 <b>Least Tern</b> Golondrina Marina Menor <i>Sternula antillarum</i> 8-9 in (20.5-23 cm)	 <b>Heermann's Gull</b> Gaviota de Heermann <i>Larus heermanni</i> 18-20 in (45.5-50.5 cm)	 <b>Elegant Tern</b> Golondrina Marina Elegante <i>Thalasseus elegans</i> 14.5-16 in (37-41 cm)
 <b>Caspian Tern</b> Golondrina Marina Caspica <i>Hydroprogne caspia</i> 20-22 in (51-57 cm)	 <b>Wilson's Plover</b> Chorlito Pico Grueso <i>Charadrius wilsonia</i> 7-7.5 in (18-19 cm)	 <b>Wilson's Plover</b> Chorlito Pico Grueso <i>Charadrius wilsonia</i> 7-7.5 in (18-19 cm)

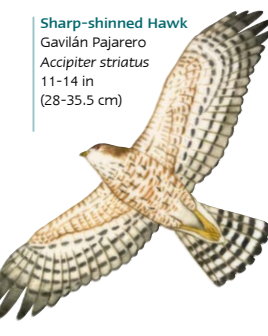
**Turkey Vulture**  
Zopilote Cabeza Roja  
*Cathartes aura*  
26-30 in  
(66-76.5 cm)



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



**Zone-tailed Hawk**  
Halcón Aura  
*Buteo albonotatus*  
18-21 in  
(45.5-53 cm)



**Sharp-shinned Hawk**  
Gavilán Pajarero  
*Accipiter striatus*  
11-14 in  
(28-35.5 cm)



**Crested Caracara**  
Caracara Común  
*Caracara cheriway*  
19-23 in  
(48-58.5 cm)



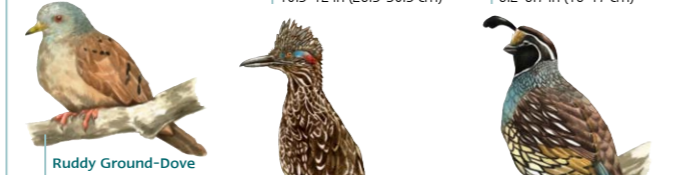
**Cooper's Hawk**  
Gavilán de Cooper  
*Accipiter cooperi*  
15-20 in  
(38-51 cm)



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



**Mourning Dove**  
Paloma Huiłota  
*Zenaida macroura*  
10-12 in (25.5-30.5 cm)



**White-winged Dove**  
Paloma Ala Blanca  
*Zenaida asiatica*  
10.5-12 in (26.5-30.5 cm)



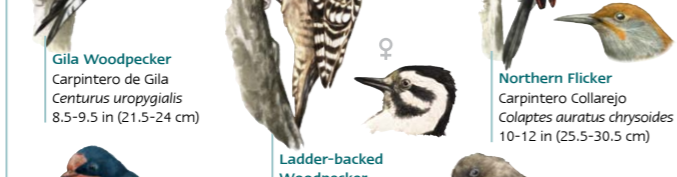
**Common Ground-Dove**  
Tórtola Común  
*Columbina passerina*  
6.2-6.7 in (16-17 cm)



**Ruddy Ground-Dove**  
Tórtola Rojiza  
*Columbina talpacoti*  
6.5-7 in (16.5-18 cm)



**California Quail**  
Codorniz Californiana  
*Callipepla californica*  
9-10 in (23-25.5 cm)



**Greater Roadrunner**  
Correcaminos Mayor  
*Geococcyx californianus*  
20-24 in (50.5-61 cm)



**Lesser Nighthawk**  
Chotacabras Menor  
*Chordeiles acutipennis*  
8-9 in (20.5-23 cm)



**Costa's Hummingbird**  
Colibrí de Costa  
*Archilochus costae*  
3-3.4 in (7.5-8.5 cm)



**Gila Woodpecker**  
Carpintero de Gila  
*Centurus uropygialis*  
8.5-9.5 in (21.5-24 cm)



**Ladder-backed Woodpecker**  
Carpintero Listado  
*Picoides scalaris*  
6-8 in (15-20 cm)



**Northern Flicker**  
Carpintero Collarejo  
*Colaptes auratus chrysoides*  
10-12 in (25.5-30.5 cm)



**Barn Swallow**  
Golondrina Ranchera  
*Hirundo rustica*  
5-5.7 in (12.5-14.5 cm)



**Northern Rough-winged Swallow**  
Golondrina aliserrada  
*Stelgidopteryx serripennis*  
5-5.5 in (12.5-14 cm)



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



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



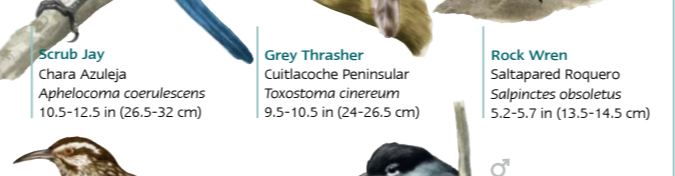
**Vermillion Flycatcher**  
Mosquero Cardenal  
*Pyrocephalus rubinus*  
5-5.7 in (12.5-14.5 cm)



**Cassin's Kingbird**  
Tirano de Cassin  
*Tyrannus vociferans*  
8-9 in (20.5-23 cm)



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



**Scrub Jay**  
Chara Azuleja  
*Aphelocoma coerulescens*  
10.5-12.5 in (26.5-32 cm)



**Grey Thrasher**  
Cuitlacoche Peninsular  
*Toxostoma cinereum*  
9.5-10.5 in (24-26.5 cm)



**California Gnatcatcher**  
Perlita Californiana  
*Polioptila californica*  
4-4.2 in (10-11 cm)



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



**Northern Mockingbird**  
Cenzontle Norteño  
*Mimus polyglottos leucopterus*  
9-10 in (23-25.5 cm)



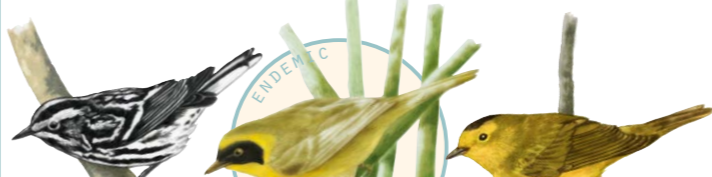
**Phainopepla**  
Capulinerio Negro  
*Phainopepla nitens*  
6.7-7.7 in (17-19.5 cm)



**Bell's Vireo**  
Vireo de Bell  
*Vireo bellii*  
4.3-4.7 in (11-12 cm)



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



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



**Belding's Yellowthroat**  
Mascarita Peninsular  
*Geothlypis beldingi*  
5.3-5.8 in (13.5-14.5 cm)



**Wilson's Warbler**  
Chipe de Wilson  
*Cardellina pusilla*  
4.3-4.8 in (11-12 cm)



**Summer Tanager**  
Piranga Roja  
*Piranga rubra*  
6.5-8 in (16.5-20 cm)



**Northern Cardinal**  
Cardenal  
*Cardinalis cardinalis*  
8-9 in (20.5-23 cm)



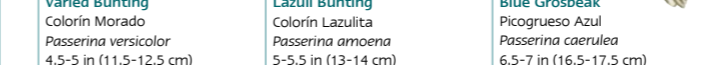
**Pyrrhuloxia**  
Cardenal Desértico  
*Cardinalis sinuatus*  
7.5-8.5 in (19-21.5 cm)



**Western Tanager**  
Piranga Cabeza Roja  
*Piranga ludoviciana*  
6.5-7.2 in (16.5-18.5 cm)



**Varied Bunting**  
Colorín Morado  
*Passerina versicolor*  
4.5-5 in (11.5-12.5 cm)



**Lazuli Bunting**  
Colorín Lazulita  
*Passerina amoena*  
5-5.5 in (13-14 cm)



**Blue Grosbeak**  
Picogrueso Azul  
*Passerina caerulea*  
6.5-7 in (16.5-17.5 cm)



**California Towhee**  
Rascador Californiano  
*Pipilo crissalis*  
7.5-9 in (19-23 cm)



**Red-winged Blackbird**  
Tordo charretero  
*Agelaius phoeniceus*  
8.5-9.5 in (21.5-24 cm)



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



**Hooded Oriole**  
Calandria Zapotera  
*Icterus cucullatus*  
7.3-7.8 in (18.5-20 cm)



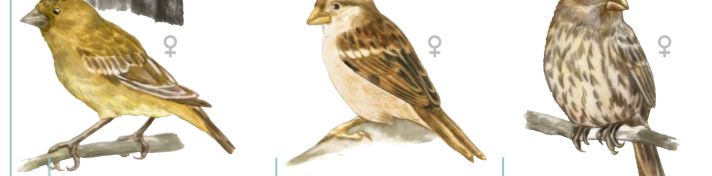
**Bullock's Oriole**  
Calandria Veteadá  
*Icterus bullockii*  
7-8 in (18-20.5 cm)



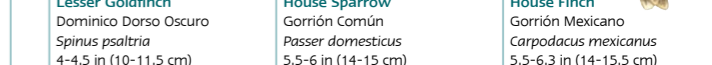
**Scott's Oriole**  
Calandria Tunera  
*Icterus parisorum*  
7.5-8.3 in (19-21 cm)



**Lesser Goldfinch**  
Dominico Dorso Oscuro  
*Spinus psaltria*  
4-4.5 in (10-11.5 cm)



**House Sparrow**  
Gorríon Común  
*Passer domesticus*  
5.5-6 in (14-15 cm)



**House Finch**  
Gorríon Mexicano  
*Carpodacus mexicanus*  
5.5-6.3 in (14-15.5 cm)