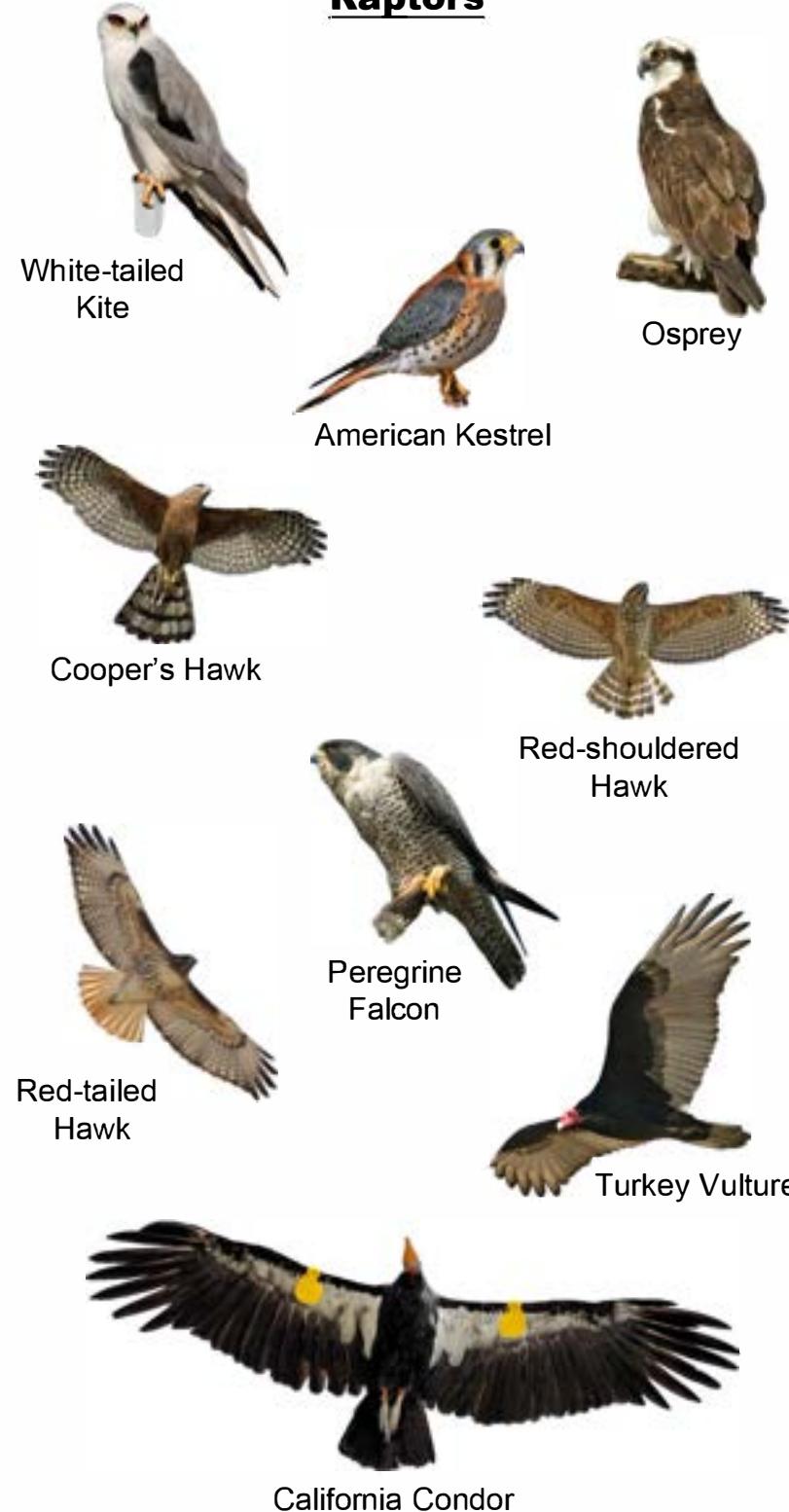


Raptors



About This Guide:

This guide is provided to assist our visitors in identifying the birds most commonly seen at Point Lobos State Natural Reserve. Most can be seen throughout the year, but a few only seasonally. The **habitat** sections show where they are most commonly, but not exclusively, seen. Many more species than those shown reside in or visit Point Lobos.

The birds at Point Lobos range from one of the smallest (Anna's Hummingbird, 4 in. long) to one of the largest (California Condor, 9 ft. wingspan) in North America. The **sizes** are roughly representative of the differences between them, but are not to scale.

Bird **plumage patterns** can differ, depending on age, sex, season and many other variables. This guide uses images of birds which are generally representative of those seen in the Reserve.

Point Lobos is a good place to observe the **nesting** of some of our shovier birds, including the Great Blue Herons at Coal Chute Point, Black-crowned Night-Herons in the Bird Island area, Brandt's Cormorants on the near-shore rocks, and Pelagic Cormorants on the cliff faces near Sea Lion Point. The nests of other birds are not easily seen.

If you have any **questions**, please feel free to ask a docent, who may know the answer or direct you to other resources. Your digital photograph will help with identification.

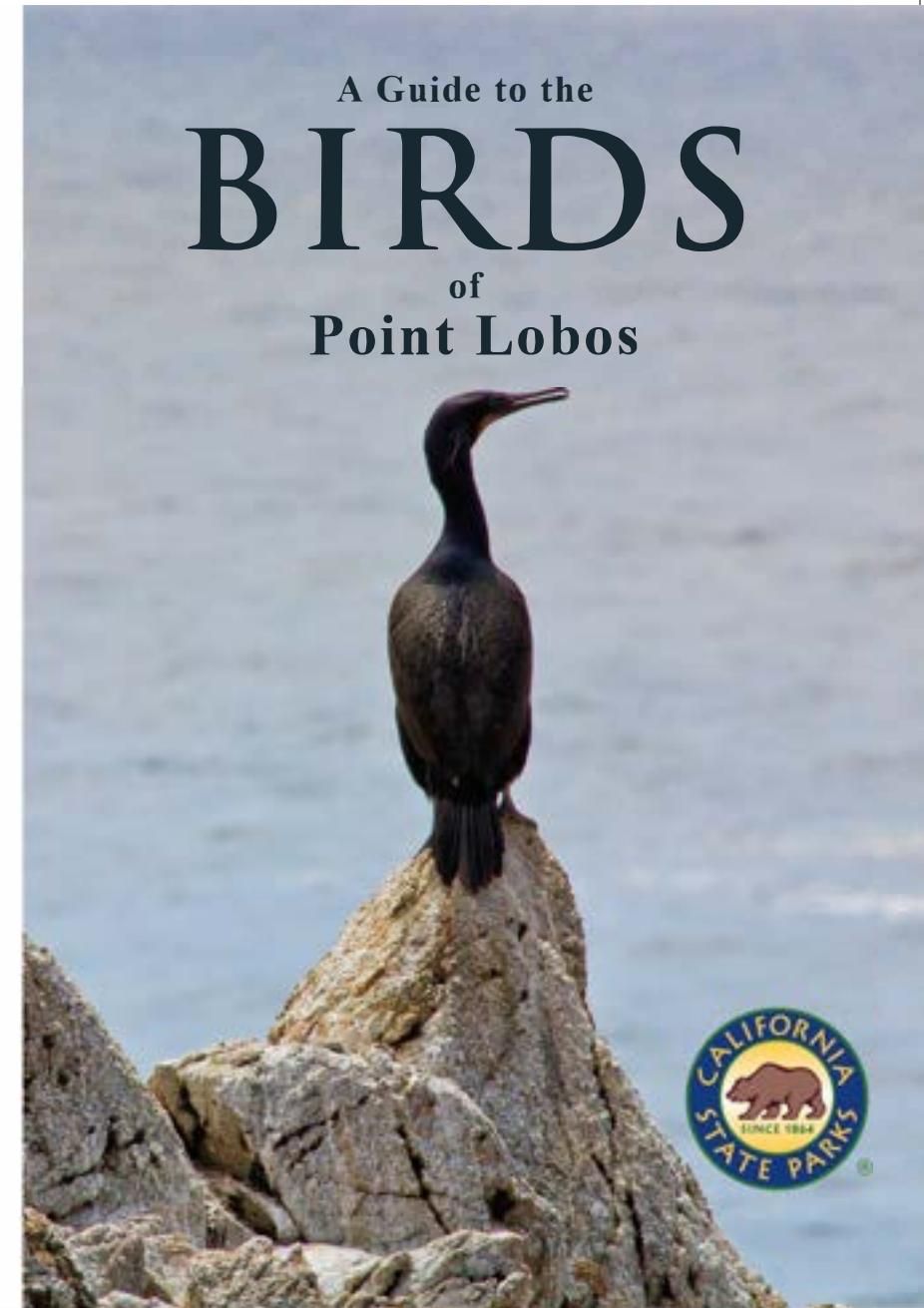
You can **learn more** about these birds by referring to a bird field guide (available at the Information Station and Whalers Cabin), or by exploring web-based resources.

Stay on the trails and happy birding!

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