

My name is Jonah Benningfield, and I have lived in the Presidio since I was two years old. When I was eight, I became interested in the world of birding, and when I was ten I became interested in photography. The two go together well, and, frankly, I had an awesome time aiding in the making of this guide, now at thirteen. If you walk through Mountain Lake Park, or really anywhere in the Presidio, at any given time of day or year, there is a very good chance that you will see more than one of the species pictured here in this guide. I hope that you enjoy it. My desire is that those who use it will walk away with somewhat of an interest, no matter how small, in birding.



BIRDSOF **MOUNTAIN LAKE** PHOTOS BY JONAH BENNINGFIELD



Presidio Trust Sources cited: whatbird.com & allaboutbirds.org

Folk names of dabchick, devilhell-diver, and



PIED-BILLED GREBE 13" ~ lakes and ponds



SONG SPARROW 6 1/4" ~ all terrestrial habitats



DARK-EYED JUNCO Q 6 1/4" ~ all terrestrial habitats



ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD 4" ~ all terrestrial habitats



PYGMY NUTHATCH 4 1/4" ~ cypress and coniferous woodland



AMERICAN COOT 15" ~ ponds and lakes

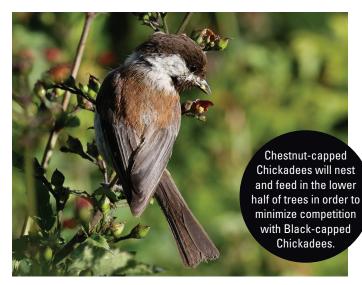
This species is known to feed on parasites on the body of mule deer, hopping over the body and



CALIFORNIA SCRUB-JAY 11" ~ native scrubland and oak woodland



WILSON'S WARBLER 4 3/4" ~ riparian woodland



CHESTNUT-BACKED CHICKADEE 4 3/4" ~ riparian woodland

Although primarily insectivorous, Phoebes will occasionally catch fish, and eat berries.

BLACK PHOEBE

7" ~ shady streams and woodland with open perches



RED-TAILED HAWK 19" ~ coniferous forest and open scrubland and fields



BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON 25" ~ lakes and ponds with wooded edges