

# Finding Birds At The Salton Sea And In Imperial County California



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## The Salton Sea

The Salton Sea is a large, shallow lake in southern California. It was created in 1905 when the Colorado River flooded the area. The sea is now a major destination for birders, who come to see the many species of birds that live in and around the lake.

The Salton Sea is home to a variety of habitats, including open water, marshes, mudflats, and desert. This variety of habitats attracts a wide variety of birds, including waterfowl, shorebirds, wading birds, and raptors.

Some of the most common birds that can be seen at the Salton Sea include:

- American white pelicans
- Double-crested cormorants
- Great blue herons
- Snowy egrets
- Black-necked stilts
- Avocets
- Burrowing owls
- Prairie falcons
- Peregrine falcons

## **Imperial County**

Imperial County is a county in southern California. It is bounded by the Salton Sea to the west and the Colorado River to the east. The county is home to a variety of habitats, including desert, mountains, and agricultural land.

Imperial County is a major birding destination, especially for those who are interested in seeing desert birds. Some of the most common birds that can be seen in Imperial County include:

- Gambel's quails
- Mourning doves

- White-winged doves
- Inca doves
- Roadrunners
- Verdin
- Cactus wrens
- Phainopeplas

## **Birding Tips**

Here are a few tips for birding at the Salton Sea and in Imperial County:

- Bring binoculars and a field guide.
- Be prepared for the weather. The Salton Sea area can be very hot and dry, so bring plenty of water and sunscreen.
- Be patient. Birding takes time and patience. Don't expect to see a lot of birds right away.
- Join a guided tour. There are many guided birdwatching tours available in the Salton Sea area. This is a great way to learn more about the birds and the area.

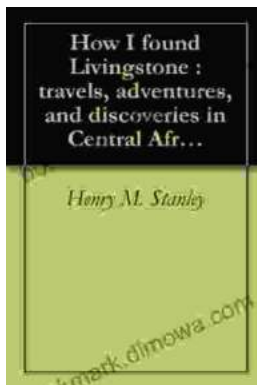
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