Find the wild!

From the Green Hairstreak Butterfly in Golden Gate Heights to the Pacific Chorus Frog in Potrero Hill, San Francisco is home to diverse species. Visit natural areas in the city to see birds, butterflies, and beautiful wildflowers!

**Alcatraz Island**

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**Animals:** birds (blackcrowned night heron, cormorants, egrets, gulls, pigeon guillemot)

**Plants:** bulbs, fig, polypody fern, roses, succulents,

**Baker Beach**

**Presidio**

**Animals:** over 200 species of birds (brown pelican, cormorants, gulls, western grebe)

**Plants:** dune tansy, Indian paintbrush, lupines, sea thrift, San Francisco wallflower

**Bayview Park**

**Bayview / Visitacion Valley**

**Animals:** California alligator lizard, great horned owl, red-tailed hawk, western fence lizard, woodpeckers

**Plants:** California sagebrush, Islais cherry, mule’s ear, checkerbloom
Bernal Heights Park

Bernal Heights
Animals: birds (Anna’s hummingbird, American kestrel, darkeyed junco, red-tailed hawk, Townsend’s warbler, western meadowlark), coyote, gophers, lizards, salamanders
Plants: blue-eyed grass, checkerbloom, coyote mint, footsteps of spring, lupines, purple needlegrass, red fescue, shooting star, sun cup

Buena Vista Park

Haight-Ashbury / Corona Heights
Animals: birds (brown creeper, nuthatches, sapsuckers), gophers, squirrels, western harvest mice
Plants: coast live oak, gooseberry, pink-flowering currant

Candlestick Point State Recreation Area

Bayview
Animals: birds (American wigeon, egrets, greater scaup, hawks, pelicans, ruddy duck, surf scoter)
Plants: coast buckwheat, California flannelbush, coyote bush, toyon

Coastal Bluffs / Marshall Beach

Presidio
Animals: birds (Brandt’s cormorant, brown pelican, gulls, sanderling, western grebe, willet), dolphins, seals
Plants: California blue blossom, soap plant, Douglas iris, osoberry, coast angelica

Corona Heights Park

Corona Heights / Castro
Animals: alligator lizards, birds (darkeyed junco, white-crowned sparrow), butterflies (anise swallowtail)
Plants: California poppy, checkerbloom, Douglas iris, footsteps of spring, johnny jump-up, mule’s ear

Crissy Field

Presidio
Animals: birds (cormorants, elegant tern, gulls, least sandpiper, western grebe)
Plants: beach saltbush, California cordgrass, pickleweed, toyon, wax myrtle

Fort Funston National Park

Lakeshore
Animals: birds (bank swallows, cormorants, gulls, hummingbirds, raptors, warblers), dolphins, sea lions, seals
Plants: beach cryptantha, blueblossom, dune tansy, Indian paintbrush, seaside buckwheat, tea tree
Fort Mason
Marina / Fisherman’s Wharf
Animals: approximately 180 species of birds! (cormorants, finches, hawks, herons, hummingbirds, parakeets, pelicans, sparrows, warblers)
Plants: California buckeye, California blackberry, toyon

Glen Canyon Park
Diamond Heights, Glen Park
Animals: birds (cedar waxwing, house finch, yellow-rumped warbler), coyote, San Francisco forktailed damselfly
Plants: bee plant, blue-eyed grass, California blackberry, California poppy, checkerbloom, coastal sage, coyote brush, horsetails, mule’s ears, red columbine, seep monkey flower, willow trees

Green Hairstreak Corridor
Golden Gate Heights
Animals: birds (Anna’s hummingbird, peregrine falcon, pygmy nuthatch, western scrub jay, white-crowned sparrow), eastern gray squirrel
Plants: beach wormwood, lupines, seaside buckwheat, seaside daisy, sea thrift, San Francisco wallflower

Heron’s Head Park
Bayview / Hunter’s Point
Animals: birds (American avocet, black oystercatcher, brown pelican, bufflehead, California clapper rail, cormorants, great egret, gulls, least sandpiper, red-tailed hawk, Say’s phoebe)
Plants: Artemisia, clarkia amoena, coyote brush, sea thrift, salt grass, California sea blite

India Basin Shoreline Park
India Basin / Hunter’s Point
Animals: birds (American avocet, brown pelican, great blue heron, gulls, northern harrier, raptors, snowy egret)
Plants: cordgrass, marsh rosemary, pickleweed, seashore saltgrass, toad rush, toyon

Inspiration Point
Presidio
Animals: over 200 species of birds! (Allen’s hummingbird, cedar waxwing, house finch, red-masked parakeet, red-tailed hawk, white-crowned sparrow)
Plants: California goldfields, coastal red onion, coast live oak, meadow barley, Presidio clarkia, tidy tips

John McLaren Park
Excelsior / Portola / Visitacion Valley
Animals: birds (American robin, house finch, mallard, red-winged blackbird, western meadowlark, white-crowned sparrow, yellow-rumped warbler), butterflies (anise swallowtail), California slender salamander
Plants: sky lupine, soap plant, purple needle grass, Johny jump-ups, lupines
Lake Merced Park

Lakeshore
Animals: birds (Anna’s hummingbird, black-crowned night heron, fox sparrow, pied-billed grebe, western tanager), ensatina
Plants: beach strawberry, ceanothus, coast iris, coastal sagebrush, monkeyflower, trees (cypress, eucalyptus, pine, oak, willow), yarrow

Land's End

Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Animals: birds (black oystercatcher, brown creeper, chestnut-backed chickadee, cormorants, great horned owl, hummingbirds, long-billed curlew, wandering tattler, western scrub-jay), coyote, dolphins, northern river otter
Plants: blueblossom, buckwheat, bush lupine, coast live oak, coyote brush, lizardtail, monkeyflower, yarrow

Lobos Creek

Presidio
Animals: birds (American robin, cedar waxwing, mourning dove, pygmy nuthatch, yellow warbler), butterflies (gray hairstreak)
Plants: dune tansy, San Francisco wallflower, San Francisco lessingia, mock heather

Mission Creek Park

Mission Bay
Animals: bat ray, birds (brown pelican, cedar waxwing, cormorants, grebes, mourning dove, sandpipers, snowy egret, warbler), butterflies (gray hairstreak, western tiger swallowtail), blue dasher dragonfly, leopard shark, sea lions
Plants: cordgrass, pickleweed, saltgrass

Mt. Davidson Park

Miraloma Park / Westwood Highlands / Sherwood Forest
Animals: bees, birds (American robin, band-tailed pigeon, cedar waxwing, house finch, pine siskin, vaux’s swift, western tanager), California alligator lizard, western fence lizard
Plants: blue-eyed grass, California huckleberry, California poppy, checkerbloom, Douglas iris, hog fennel, lupine, mule’s ear, Pacific reed grass

Mount Sutro

Parnassus Heights / Forest Knolls / Cole Valley
Animals: birds (American robin, cedar waxwing, dark-eyed junco, hawks, house finch, hummingbirds, jays, owls, sparrows, warblers, woodpeckers), California slender salamander, coyote, skunks, squirrels, raccoons
Plants: blackberry, ferns, osoberry, red elderberry, Pacific reed grass, hillside pea
Mountain Lake Park

**Presidio / Richmond**

**Animals:** bees, birds (American coot, American robin, ducks, gulls, herons, sparrows), butterflies (west coast lady), fish, turtles  
**Plants:** blueblossom ceanothus, coast live oak, red-flowering currant, red alder

Oak Woodlands

**Golden Gate Park**

**Animals:** birds (American robin, bushtit, brown creeper, Canada goose, dark-eyed junco, nuthatches, sapsuckers, jays, thrush), Botta’s pocket gopher, gray squirrel  
**Plants:** coast live oak, miner’s lettuce, poison oak, sticky monkey flower, pink flowering currant

Ocean Beach

**Sunset / Richmond / Golden Gate Park**

**Animals:** birds (cormorants, elegant tern, gulls, marbled godwit, sanderling, sooty shearwater, western snowy plover, willet)  
**Plants:** beach strawberry, yellow sand verbena, beach grass, seaside daisy

Pier 39 (K-Dock)

**Fisherman’s Warf**

**Animals:** birds (black-crowned night heron, brown pelican, double-crested cormorant, gulls, western grebe), California sea lion, harbor seal, fish

Pine Lake Park

**Parkside, Sunset**

**Animals:** birds (American coot, blackbirds, black phoebe, cormorants, doves, egrets, fox sparrow, hawks, herons, Steller’s jay, swallows), butterflies (monarch, red admiral), gophers, lizards, mice, opossums, salamanders, skunks, turtles  
**Plants:** tule, willow, rushes, sedges

San Francisco Botanical Garden

**Golden Gate Park**

**Animals:** birds (American robin, cedar waxwing, Cooper’s hawk, gulls, hummingbirds, sparrows, wigeon), butterflies (cabbage white, pipevine swallowtail), California slender salamander, honey bees, mosquito fish  
**Plants:** ceanothus, coast silk tassel, currant, dawn redwood, Douglas’ meadowfoam, glory bush, miner’s lettuce

Starr King Open Space

**Potrero Hill**

**Animals:** bees, birds (bushtit, chestnut-backed chickadee, sparrows), butterflies (anise swallowtail)  
**Plants:** goldfields, mariposa lily, purple needle grass
**Strawberry Hill**

**Golden Gate Park**

**Animals:** birds (American coot, Brewer’s blackbird, cedar waxwing, Canada goose, mallard, pygmy nuthatch, red-tailed hawk, white-crowned sparrow), butterflies (American lady, swallowtails, monarchs), turtles

**Plants:** bracken, willow, coast live oak, wild cucumber

**Twin Peaks**

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**Animals:** birds (cedar waxwing, house finch, peregrine falcon, red-tailed hawk, Say’s phoebe, white-crowned sparrow), butterflies (anise swallowtail, checkered skipper, mission blue, painted lady, red admiral), brush rabbit, California alligator lizard, coyote

**Plants:** blue dicks, California Melic grass, coast rock cress, coyote brush, lizard tail, lupine, Pacific reed grass, pearly everlasting

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**Additional Resources**

[Green Connection Maps] - Learn about long-term plans to restore local habitat and improve 115 miles of San Francisco streets.

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