

Common Wildlife of Coastal Habitats

Freshwater Marsh

Flora:

Mosquito fern (*Azolla filiculoides*)
Duckweed (*Lemna minor*)
Horsetail (*Equisetum arvense*)
Rushes (*Juncus* spp. & *Scirpus* spp.)
Sedges (*Carex* spp.)
Pennywort (*Hydrocotyle ranunculoides*)
Cattail (*Typha latifolia*)
Water Parsley (*Oenanthe sarmentosa*)
Blackberry (*Rubus ursinus*)
Wax myrtle (*Myrica californica*)
Willow (*Salix* spp.)
Red Alder (*Alnus rubra*)

Fauna:

Freshwater Shrimp (*Gammarus pseudolimnaeus*)
Mayfly (Order – Ephemeroptera)
Freshwater snail (*Elimia* spp.)
Damselfly, Dragonfly (Order – Odonata)
Blood worm (*Glycera* spp.)
Water Beetles (*Coleoptera* spp.)
Mosquitoes (Order – Culicidae)
Water Boatman (Order – Corixidae)
Water Flea (*Daphnia* spp.)
Brown-backed salamander (*Eurycea aquatica*)
Pacific treefrog (*Pseudacris regilla*)
Songbirds (Order - Passeriformes)

Saltwater Marsh

Flora:

Sea Lettuce (*Ulva* spp.)
Red algae (*Polysiphonia* spp.)
Eel Grass (*Zostera marina* var. *latifolia*)
Dodder (*Cuscuta salina*)
Pickleweed (*Salicornia virginica*)
Gumplant (*Grindelia stricta*)
Thrift (*Armeria maritima*)
Marsh rosemary (*Limonium californicum*)
Seaside arrowgrass (*Triglochin maritime*)
Jaumea (*Jaumea carnosa*)
Salt grass (*Distichlis* spp.)
Chilae cordgrass (*Spartina* spp.)

Fauna:

Beetles
Isopods
Marine Worms
Red Velvet Mite (Family - Trombididae)
Beach Hoppers (Order- Amphipoda)
Pacific oyster (*Crassostrea gigas*)
Gaper Clam (*Tresus capax*)
Cockle (*Clinocardium*)
Shore Crabs (*Hemigrapsus* and *Pachygrapsus* sp.)
Anemones (Order Actiniaria)
Barnacles (Infraclass – Cirripedia)
Beach Hoppers (*Megalorchestia californiana*)
Many Shorebirds and waterfowl

Dunes

Flora:

Yellow sand verbena (*Abronia latifolia*)
Beach burr (*Ambrosia chamissonis*)
Beach pea (*Lathyrus littoralis*)
European beachgrass (*Ammophila arenaria*)
Seashore bluegrass (*Poa douglasii*)
Dune rush (*Juncus brewerii*)
Dune sedge (*Carex spp.*)
Wax myrtle (*Myrica californica*)
Hooker's willow (*Salix hookeriana*)
Beach pine (*Pinus contorta contorta*)
Sitka spruce (*Picea sitchensis*)
Sea fig (*Carpobrotus chilense*)
Native dune grass (*Leymus mollis*)
Yellow bush lupine (*Lupinus arboreus*)
Iceplant (*Carpobrotus edulis*)
Beach buckwheat (*Eriogonum latifolium*)
Sea thrift (*Armeria maritima*)
Coastal sagewort (*Artemisia pycnocephala*)
Humboldt Bay Wallflower (*Erysimum menziesii eurekaense*)
Blue Lupine (*Lupinus littoralis*)
Huckleberry (*Vaccinium parviflorum*)
Silk tassel (*Garrya elliptica*)
Blackberry (*Rubus ursinus*)

Fauna:

Ten-lined ground beetle (*Polyphylla crinita*)
Grasshopper (Order - Othoptera)
Rough skinned newt (*Taricha granulose*)
Northern alligator lizard (*Elgaria coerulea*)
Garter snake (*Thamnophis sirtalis*)
Black-tailed jackrabbit (*Lepus californicus*)
Moles (Order - Notoryctemorphia)
Voles (*Microtus spp.*)
Mice (*Peromyscus spp.*)
Striped Skunk (*Mephitis mephitis*)
Raccoon (*Procyon lotor*)
Porcupine (*Erethizon dorsatum*)
Gray fox (*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*)
Domestic dog and cat
Opossum (*Didelphis virginiana*)
Pacific treefrog (*Pseudacris regilla*)
Red-legged frog (*Rana aurora*)
Brush rabbit (*Sylvilagus bachmani*)
Thatch Ants/Red mound builder ants (Order - Hymenaptra)
Beetles (Order – Coleoptera)
Bumble bee (Family - *apidae*)
Solitary bees (Order - *Hymenaptra*)
Northern alligator lizard (*Gerrhonotus coeruleus*)

Beach

Flora:

Sea rocket (*Cakile maritima*)
Native dune grass (*Leymus mollis*)
Bull kelp (*Nereocystis luetkeana*)
Feather boa kelp (*Egregia menziesii*)
Sea palm (*Postelsi palmaeformis*)
Eelgrass (*Zostera marina*)

Fauna:

Moon jellyfish (*Aurelia aurita*)
By-the-wind-sailor (*Velevella velevella*)
Sand dollars (*Dendraster excentricus*)
Basket Cockle (*Clinocardium nuttalli*)
Pacific mole crab (*Emerita analoga*)
Dungeness crab (*Cancer magister*)
Pacific razor clam (*Siliqua patula*)
Beach hoppers (*Megalorchestia californiana*)

Birds:

Gulls (Family Laridae)
Northern Harrier (*Circus cyaneus*)
White-tailed Kite (*Elanus leucurus*)
Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*)
Ravens and Crows (Family Corvidae)
Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*)
Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*)
Brown Pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*)
Willetts (*Catoptrophorus semipalmatus*)
Marbled godwits (*Limosa dedoa*)
Sanderlings (*Calidris alba*)
Western snowy plover (*Charadrius alexandrinus nivosus*)
Western sandpipers (*Calidris mauri*)
Least sandpipers (*Calidris minutilla*)
Dunlin (*Caladris alpine*)