



### Map Features

- Road
- North Sea
- South Sea
- Southeast of Sea

### Bird Viewing

- View from Car
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# Salton Sea Bird Viewing Sites

## CALIFORNIA



1 – North Shore Beach and Yacht Club  
Location: 33.51944N, 115.937W  
99-155 Sea View Drive, North Shore  
Habitat: open water/shoreline, desert scrub  
Birds: Eared Grebe, pelicans, waders, shorebirds



2 – Salton Sea State Recreation Area – Visitor's Center  
Location: 33.50364N, 115.915W  
100-225 State Park Rd., Mecca  
Habitat: open water/shoreline, desert scrub  
Birds: White-winged Dove, Gambel's Quail, desert songbirds, migrants, waterbirds



3 – Salton Sea Recreation Area – Salt Creek  
Location: 33.44478N, 115.847W  
West of Hwy. 111 between North Shore and Bombay Beach  
Habitat: open water/shoreline, lagoon  
Birds: Brant (Spring), Red Knot, Yellow-footed Gull, "rocky" shorebirds, gulls, shorebirds



4 – Niland Marina County Park  
Location: 33.33774N, 115.667W  
End of Niland Marina Rd., west of Hwy. 111  
Habitat: open water/shoreline  
Birds: waterbirds



5 – Wister Rd.  
Location: 33.24873N, 115.58W  
Wister Rd. (aka Davis Rd.) between Hwy. 111 and Schrimpf Rd.  
(note: dirt roads - do not attempt to drive during or after rain)  
Habitat: flooded field/impoundment, freshwater marsh  
Birds: Black Skimmer, Gull-billed Tern, Ridgway's Rail, Least Bittern, ducks, migrants



6 – Imperial Irrigation District Wetlands, Niland  
Location: 33.21239N, 115.52W  
West side of Hwy. 111 between Hazard Rd. and McDonald Rd.  
(note: dirt roads - do not attempt to drive during or after rains)  
Habitat: freshwater marsh  
Birds: Least Bittern, ducks, rails, riparian songbirds, migrants



7 – Red Hill Area  
Location: 33.18422N, 115.597W  
Garst Rd. west of Calipatria  
Habitat: flooded field/impoundment, freshwater marsh  
Birds: Rarities (Wood Stork, Roseate Spoonbill), waterbirds, shorebirds



8 – Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge – Headquarters  
Location: 33.17735N, 115.616W  
End of Sinclair Rd. west of Calipatria  
Habitat: fields, desert scrub, impoundments  
Birds: Gambel's Quail, Common Ground-Dove, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher, Abert's Towhee, Greater Roadrunner, geese, shorebirds, migrants



9 – Seawall  
Location: 33.16162W, 115.649N  
Edge of Salton Sea between Young Rd. and Grubel Rd.  
Habitat: open water/shoreline, lagoon, freshwater marsh  
Birds: Wood Stork (occ.), Eared Grebe, Ruddy Duck, Neotropical Cormorant, waterfowl, shorebirds



10 – Ramer Lake  
Location: 33.08179N, 115.51W  
Enter either from the east at Quay Rd. just west of Kershaw Rd., or from the west off Hwy. 111 along an unmarked dirt road c. 500' north of the Alamo River bridge.  
Habitat: open water/shoreline, freshwater marsh, desert scrub  
Birds: Neotropic Cormorant, Gull-billed Tern, Laughing Gull, herons, egrets, desert scrub birds



11 – Finney Lake  
Location: 33.06481N, 115.501W  
Enter from the north, at the southern end of Smith Rd. off Tittsworth Rd. (note: dirt roads - do not attempt to drive during or after rains)  
Habitat: lake, desert scrub  
Birds: migrants, waterbirds



12 – Wiest Lake  
Location: 33.04117N, 115.487W  
5351 Dietrich Rd, Brawley  
Habitat: open water/shoreline, freshwater marsh  
Birds: Clark's Grebe, pelicans, Inca Dove, Common Gallinule



13 – Unit 1  
Location: 33.08264N, 115.71W  
End of Vendel Rd. north of Hwy. 78.  
Habitat: open water/shoreline, flooded fields/impoundments, freshwater marsh  
Birds: Sandhill Crane, Cattle Egret, Long-billed Curlew, Burrowing Owl, White-faced Ibis, geese, shorebirds, migrants



14 – Poe Rd.  
Location: 33.10791N, 115.753W  
End of Poe Rd. north of Hwy. 78.  
(note: dirt road - do not attempt to drive during or after rains)  
Habitat: open water/shoreline, freshwater marsh  
Birds: Stilt Sandpiper, Snowy Plover, White-faced Ibis, Gull-billed Tern, Burrowing Owl, desert scrub birds, shorebirds



15 – Cattle Call Park  
Location: 32.96911N, 115.555W  
Cattle Call Dr., Brawley  
Habitat: desert scrub  
Birds: Gila Woodpecker, Verdin, migrants, desert species



16 – Johnson's Landing  
Location: 33.32798N, 115.945W  
559 Sea Garden Ave., Thermal  
(reached via N. Marina Dr. in Salton City)  
Habitat: open water/shoreline  
Birds: Black Tern, Snowy Plover, shorebirds



17 – Capri Rd.  
Location: 33.40224N, 116.033W  
End of Capri Rd. (Lane) in Desert Shores; enter off Monterey Ave. east of Hwy. 86  
Habitat: open water/shoreline  
Birds: gulls, waterbirds



18 – 84th Ave.  
Location: 33.44077N, 116.045W  
Eastern end of 84th Ave. east of Hwy. 86  
Habitat: shallow mudflats, shoreline/desert scrub  
Birds: migrants, waterbirds, shorebirds

## Warning

Do not proceed into areas marked "no trespassing" by Imperial Irrigation District or other landowners, or down dirt roads with gates as they may get locked. Much of the edge of the Salton Sea has receded, leaving large areas of mud along the shoreline. We advise not traversing the muddy areas as the mud is not as solid as it looks and can be unsafe – please view birds in these areas with a spotting scope on solid ground, such as a road or other hard surface.



View from Car



View from nearby



Requires short walk

