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Channel Islands National Park

Five wild islands off Ventura and Santa Barbara where little island foxes trot through the campgrounds, island scrub-jays call from the oaks, and blue whales, humpbacks and huge dolphin pods feed in the channel on the crossing.

127 animals 22 mammals, 70 birds, 6 reptiles, 2 amphibians, 8 fish and 19 other sea life

Best time: Mar to Sept

Seen _____ of 127

ANIMAL DATE AND PLACE

01 Island fox and land mammals 3

- [ ] Island Fox
- [ ] Deer Mouse
- [ ] Western Spotted Skunk Rare

02 Seals and sea lions 6

- [ ] California Sea Lion
- [ ] Harbour Seal
- [ ] Northern Elephant Seal
- [ ] Northern Fur Seal Rare
- [ ] Steller Sea Lion Rare
- [ ] Sea Otter Rare

03 Whales and dolphins 13

- [ ] Humpback Whale
- [ ] Grey Whale
- [ ] Common Dolphin
- [ ] Blue Whale
- [ ] Fin Whale
- [ ] Minke Whale
- [ ] Risso's Dolphin
- [ ] Pacific White-sided Dolphin
- [ ] Bottlenose Dolphin
- [ ] Dall's Porpoise

ANIMAL DATE AND PLACE

03 Whales and dolphins continued

- [ ] Orca Rare
- [ ] Sperm Whale Rare
- [ ] Northern Right Whale Dolphin Rare

04 Island land birds 30

- [ ] Island Scrub Jay
- [ ] Allen's Hummingbird
- [ ] Orange-crowned Warbler
- [ ] Song Sparrow
- [ ] Western Flycatcher
- [ ] Bewick's Wren
- [ ] Spotted Towhee
- [ ] House Finch
- [ ] Common Raven
- [ ] Rock Wren
- [ ] Black Phoebe
- [ ] Western Meadowlark
- [ ] Mourning Dove
- [ ] Anna's Hummingbird
- [ ] Barn Swallow
- [ ] White-throated Swift
- [ ] Hutton's Vireo
- [ ] Bushtit
- [ ] Lesser Goldfinch

Tick them off in Wilder

ANIMAL | DATE AND PLACE

04 Island land birds continued

- [ ] Black-headed Grosbeak
- [ ] Rufous-crowned Sparrow
- [ ] Horned Lark
- [ ] Savannah Sparrow
- [ ] Loggerhead Shrike Rare
- [ ] White-crowned Sparrow
- [ ] Yellow-rumped Warbler
- [ ] European Starling
- [ ] Acorn Woodpecker Rare
- [ ] Northern Flicker
- [ ] Say's Phoebe

05 Birds of prey and owls 8

- [ ] American Kestrel
- [ ] Red-tailed Hawk
- [ ] Bald Eagle
- [ ] Peregrine Falcon
- [ ] Osprey
- [ ] Northern Harrier
- [ ] Barn Owl
- [ ] Burrowing Owl Rare

06 Seabirds 19

- [ ] Brown Pelican
- [ ] Western Gull
- [ ] Brandt's Cormorant
- [ ] Pelagic Cormorant
- [ ] Double-crested Cormorant
- [ ] Pigeon Guillemot
- [ ] Sooty Shearwater
- [ ] Heermann's Gull
- [ ] California Gull
- [ ] Cassin's Auklet Rare
- [ ] Common Murre
- [ ] Rhinoceros Auklet
- [ ] Pink-footed Shearwater

ANIMAL | DATE AND PLACE

06 Seabirds continued

- [ ] Black-vented Shearwater
- [ ] Red-necked Phalarope
- [ ] Elegant Tern
- [ ] Royal Tern
- [ ] Scripps's Murrelet Rare
- [ ] Ashy Storm-petrel Rare

07 Shore and harbour birds 13

- [ ] Black Oystercatcher
- [ ] Great Blue Heron
- [ ] Killdeer
- [ ] Black Turnstone
- [ ] Wandering Tattler
- [ ] Whimbrel
- [ ] Sanderling
- [ ] Willet
- [ ] Snowy Plover Rare
- [ ] Surf Scoter
- [ ] Pacific Loon
- [ ] Common Loon
- [ ] Western Grebe

08 Reptiles and amphibians 8

- [ ] Common Side-blotched Lizard
- [ ] Western Fence Lizard
- [ ] Southern Alligator Lizard
- [ ] Gopher Snake
- [ ] North American Racer Rare
- [ ] Island Night Lizard Rare
- [ ] Channel Islands Slender Salamander
- [ ] Baja California Treefrog

09 Kelp forest life 17

- [ ] Garibaldi
- [ ] Blacksmith
- [ ] Kelp Bass

	ANIMAL	DATE AND PLACE
09	**Kelp forest life** continued	
☐	Señorita Wrasse	
☐	Opaleye	
☐	California Sheephead	
☐	Giant Sea Bass Rare	
☐	Ocean Sunfish	
☐	Bat Ray	
☐	Horn Shark	
☐	California Spiny Lobster	
☐	Spanish Shawl	
☐	Pacific Sea Nettle	
☐	By-the-wind Sailor	
☐	Red Sea Urchin	
☐	California Two-spot Octopus Rare	
☐	Great White Shark Rare	

	ANIMAL	DATE AND PLACE
10	**Tide pools** 10	
☐	Ochre Sea Star	
☐	Giant Green Anemone	
☐	Purple Sea Urchin	
☐	Owl Limpet	
☐	California Mussel	
☐	Gooseneck Barnacle	
☐	Striped Shore Crab	
☐	Bat Star	
☐	Black Abalone Rare	
☐	Sunflower Sea Star Rare	

My trip

FROM _____ TO _____

TRAVELLING WITH _____

STAYING AT _____ SEEN _____ OF 127

FIRST ANIMAL WE SAW _____

BEST MOMENT _____

FIELD NOTES AND SKETCHES

ALSO SEEN, NOT ON THIS LIST

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KEEP IT IN WILDER

Tick them off in the app

Scan to open this checklist in Wilder. Add your photos, see your whole trip, earn badges and the Channel Islands passport stamp, and watch your life list grow.

BEST TIME

Mar to Sept

The park is open all year, but boats run on fewer days in winter and landings are cancelled in big swells.

A guide, not a guarantee: what you see depends on season, luck and patience. Give wildlife space and never feed it. Follow the local rules on distance.