GULF COAST OF BAJA CALIFORNIA SUR · MEXICO

Sea of Cortez: Loreto, La Paz and Cabo Pulmo



Blue and fin whales off Loreto, sea lions at Los Islotes, whale sharks in the Bay of La Paz and leaping mobula rays, with trevally schools on the Cabo Pulmo reef and boobies, frigatebirds and cardón desert all along the gulf coast.

140 animals 23 mammals, 76 birds, 10 reptiles, 1 amphibian, 6 fish, 21 other sea life and 3 butterflies
Best time: Nov to Apr

Seen _____ of 140

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01 Whales, dolphins and sea lions 11

- ☐ Humpback Whale
- ☐ Bottlenose Dolphin
- ☐ Common Dolphin
- ☐ California Sea Lion
- ☐ Blue Whale
- ☐ Fin Whale
- ☐ Bryde's Whale
- ☐ Grey Whale Rare
- ☐ Sperm Whale Rare
- ☐ Risso's Dolphin Rare
- ☐ Orca Rare

02 Sharks, rays and turtles 11

- ☐ Whale Shark
- ☐ Cortez Round Stingray
- ☐ Munk's Devil Ray
- ☐ Diamond Stingray
- ☐ Pacific White-spotted Eagle Ray
- ☐ Green Sea Turtle
- ☐ Olive Ridley Sea Turtle
- ☐ Oceanic Manta Ray Rare

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02 Sharks, rays and turtles continued

- ☐ Bull Shark Rare
- ☐ Scalloped Hammerhead Rare
- ☐ Hawksbill Sea Turtle Rare

03 Reef fish and reef life 19

- ☐ Bigeye Trevally
- ☐ Panamic Sergeant Major
- ☐ King Angelfish
- ☐ Cortez Rainbow Wrasse
- ☐ Giant Hawkfish
- ☐ Yellowtail Surgeonfish
- ☐ Giant Damselfish
- ☐ Cortez Angelfish
- ☐ Barberfish
- ☐ Mexican Hogfish
- ☐ Leopard Grouper
- ☐ Blue-barred Parrotfish
- ☐ Guineafowl Puffer
- ☐ Finescale Triggerfish
- ☐ Moorish Idol
- ☐ Panamic Green Moray



Tick them off in Wilder

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03 Reef fish and reef life continued

- [ ] Sally Lightfoot Crab
- [ ] Panamic Cushion Star
- [ ] Crown-of-thorns Starfish

04 Seabirds 17

- [ ] Brown Pelican
- [ ] Blue-footed Booby
- [ ] Brown Booby
- [ ] Magnificent Frigatebird
- [ ] Double-crested Cormorant
- [ ] Yellow-footed Gull
- [ ] Heermann's Gull
- [ ] Royal Tern
- [ ] Red-billed Tropicbird
- [ ] Brandt's Cormorant
- [ ] Neotropic Cormorant
- [ ] Laughing Gull
- [ ] Elegant Tern
- [ ] Caspian Tern
- [ ] Black-vented Shearwater
- [ ] Black Storm-petrel
- [ ] Red-necked Phalarope

05 Herons and shorebirds 23

- [ ] Great Blue Heron
- [ ] Great Egret
- [ ] Snowy Egret
- [ ] Yellow-crowned Night Heron
- [ ] American Oystercatcher
- [ ] Willet
- [ ] Whimbrel
- [ ] Marbled Godwit
- [ ] Spotted Sandpiper
- [ ] Ruddy Turnstone
- [ ] Western Sandpiper
- [ ] Sanderling

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05 Herons and shorebirds continued

- [ ] Black-bellied Plover
- [ ] Reddish Egret
- [ ] Tricolored Heron
- [ ] Little Blue Heron
- [ ] Green Heron
- [ ] White Ibis
- [ ] Roseate Spoonbill
- [ ] Long-billed Curlew
- [ ] Wilson's Plover
- [ ] Belted Kingfisher
- [ ] Mangrove Warbler

06 Birds of prey 8

- [ ] Osprey
- [ ] Turkey Vulture
- [ ] Northern Crested Caracara
- [ ] Red-tailed Hawk
- [ ] American Kestrel
- [ ] Harris's Hawk
- [ ] Peregrine Falcon
- [ ] Great Horned Owl

07 Desert and garden birds 28

- [ ] Costa's Hummingbird
- [ ] Gila Woodpecker
- [ ] Verdin
- [ ] Cactus Wren
- [ ] Black-tailed Gnatcatcher
- [ ] Northern Mockingbird
- [ ] Hooded Oriole
- [ ] Northern Cardinal
- [ ] House Finch
- [ ] Black-throated Sparrow
- [ ] Common Ground Dove
- [ ] White-winged Dove
- [ ] Mourning Dove

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07 Desert and garden birds continued

- [ ] Eurasian Collared Dove
- [ ] Common Raven
- [ ] Great-tailed Grackle
- [ ] Yellow-rumped Warbler
- [ ] Xantus's Hummingbird
- [ ] Grey Thrasher
- [ ] Phainopepla
- [ ] Varied Bunting
- [ ] Vermilion Flycatcher
- [ ] Loggerhead Shrike
- [ ] California Quail
- [ ] Greater Roadrunner
- [ ] Ladder-backed Woodpecker
- [ ] Gilded Flicker
- [ ] Baird's Junco Rare

08 Land mammals 12

- [ ] Coyote
- [ ] Black-tailed Jackrabbit
- [ ] Desert Cottontail
- [ ] White-tailed Antelope Squirrel

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08 Land mammals continued

- [ ] Grey Fox
- [ ] Raccoon
- [ ] Black Jackrabbit Rare
- [ ] Ringtail Rare
- [ ] Mule Deer Rare
- [ ] Bighorn Sheep Rare
- [ ] Bobcat Rare
- [ ] Cougar (Mountain Lion) Rare

09 Reptiles, frogs and butterflies 11

- [ ] Baja California Spiny-tailed Iguana
- [ ] Common Side-blotched Lizard
- [ ] Zebra-tailed Lizard
- [ ] Orange-throated Whiptail
- [ ] Baja California Spiny Lizard
- [ ] Baja Blue Rock Lizard
- [ ] Baja California Rattlesnake Rare
- [ ] Baja California Treefrog
- [ ] Queen
- [ ] Gulf Fritillary
- [ ] Monarch

My trip

FROM _____ TO _____

TRAVELLING WITH _____

STAYING AT _____ SEEN _____ OF 140

FIRST ANIMAL WE SAW _____

BEST MOMENT _____

FIELD NOTES AND SKETCHES

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Tick them off in the app

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

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.