

Ohlone/Costanoan-Esselen Nation



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The San Carlos Band of
Mission Indians
The Monterey Band
And also known as
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Words on the Interpretive Signs

ENGLISH	ESSELEN	SOUNDS LIKE
Great Egret	PUTUKIWOWEL	PU-TU-KI-WO-WEL
Greater Yellowlegs	ASHISKIKXELEX	AH-SHIS-KI-KHE-LEH
Mallard	TAKAMPASUWAI	TAH-KAM-PA-SU-WAI
Coyote	MACHKAS	MACH-KAS
Yerba Mansa	NAMOES MEMNENPAWIS	NAM-O-ES MEM-NEN-PA-WIS
Common Rush	KAPANA	KA-PA-NA
Santa Cruz Garter Snake	AWASWAISPISIKSXA	AH-WAS-WA-I-SPI-SIK-SHA
Black-tailed Jack rabbit	ALAKISAMAS	AH-LA-KI-SA-MAS
Dry Season	ASPKIXALOLA'SI	AS-PKI-CHA-LO-LA-SI
Wet Season	ASELHELKITAXALOLA'SI	A-SEL-HEL-KI-TA-CHA-LO-LA-SI
California King Snake	MATSAMISPISIKSXA	MAT-SAM-I-SPI-SIK-SHA
Killdeer –Hawk	AMISAX-SXEKESIPSXA	AH-MI-SAH-SHE-KE-SIP-SHA
Great Blue Heron	ASELKITAMPAPISI	AH-SEL-KI-TAM-PA-PI-SI
Muskrat	ASELKITAMAKEL	AH-SEL-KI-TA-MA-KEL
Red-Winged Blackbird	ALAKIXAPHIS	A-LA-KI-CHA-PHIS
Grey Fox	TOXSKIXUNISXA	TOH-SKI-HU-NI-SHA
Wood Duck	I'ISUWAI	EE'EE-SU-WAI (DOUBLE VOWEL)
Hawk	SXEKESIPSXA	SHE-KE-SIP-SHA
Barn Owl	CHAI	CHA-I (DOUBLE VOWEL)
Common Yarrow	NAMOESWAL	NAM-O-ES-WAL
Mugwort	ISXENO	EE-SHE-NO
California Sagebrush	ISXENO	EE-SHE-NO
White Sage	ISXENO	EE-SHE-NO
Coast Strawberry	IMILAMASIANEX	EE-MEE-LA-MA-SI-A-NEH
Coffeeberry	TSEKESMASANAX	TSEK-ES-MA-SA-NAH
Pacific Blackberry	ENSEN	EN-SEN

SPANISH VOWEL SOUNDS

DOUBLE VOWEL SOUNDS LIKE THE LAST LETTER

X HAS THE CH SOUND OR AN H SOUND AT THE END OF WORDS

I SOUNDS LIKE EE

A SOUNDS LIKE AH

E SOUNDS LIKE EH

SECOND TO LAST SYLLABLE IS STRESSED