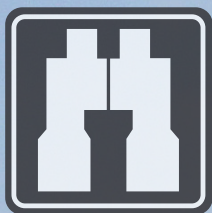


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Klamath Basin

*National Wildlife
Refuge Complex*

Bird Checklist



Viewing Birds in the Klamath Basin

The Klamath Basin Refuge Complex is internationally renowned for its great diversity of birdlife.

The complex includes six national wildlife refuges all managed from a headquarters at Tule Lake Refuge. Lower Klamath, Tule Lake, and Clear Lake Refuges are in northern California. Bear Valley, Upper Klamath, and Klamath Marsh Refuges are nearby in southern Oregon.

The Klamath Basin Refuges offer excellent, year-round wildlife observation opportunities. Automobile tour routes are available at both Tule Lake and Lower Klamath Refuges while Silver Lake Road at Klamath Marsh Refuge also affords good viewing. More information on these refuges and facilities is available from refuge headquarters.

Binoculars, a spotting scope, and wildlife field guides will enhance your viewing experience. Staying in your vehicle, when practical, will increase your observation opportunities and reduce disturbance to wildlife. Remember to stop by the refuge visitor center for current wildlife viewing information.

These refuges are managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the conservation and enhancement of wildlife and their habitats. This checklist covers bird species found on the refuges and throughout the Upper Klamath Basin watershed.

General Key:

Observing a bird by sight or the sound it makes may vary within a season. The value assigned to each bird in the note codes list represents the highest value that generally occurs within that season.

Abundance

a - Abundant species; very numerous
c - Common; certain to be seen in suitable habitat
u - Uncommon; present, but not certain to be seen
r - Rare; known to be present but not every year

Note Codes

1 - Observed mostly in early spring
2 - Observed mostly in late spring
3 - Observed mostly in early summer
4 - Observed mostly in late summer
5 - Observed mostly in early fall
6 - Observed mostly in late fall

Seasons

Sp - Spring F - Fall
S - Summer W - Winter

Rough-legged hawk.
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Birds of the Klamath Basin

Common Name	Notes	Sp	S	F	W
Grebes					
Pied-billed Grebe		c	c	c	u
Horned Grebe		u	u	u	r
Eared Grebe		c	c	c	u
Western Grebe		c	c	u	r
Clark's Grebe		c	c	u	r
Pelicans					
American White Pelican	5	c	c	c	u
Cormorants					
Double-crested Cormorant	5	c	c	c	u
Bitterns, Herons and Egrets					
American Bittern	2, 5	u	u	u	r
Great Blue Heron		c	c	c	u
Great Egret	2, 5	c	c	c	u
Snowy Egret	2, 5	u	u	u	
Green Heron	2, 5	r	u	r	
Black-crowned Night-Heron		u	c	u	u
Ibises and Spoonbills					
White-faced Ibis	2, 5	u	c	u	r
New World Vultures					
Turkey Vulture	5	c	u	c	
Swans, Geese and Ducks					
Greater White-fronted Goose		c		c	c
Snow Goose	1, 6	c		c	c
Ross's Goose	1, 6	c		c	c
Cackling Goose	1	u		u	u
Canada Goose		a	a	a	a
Tundra Swan	1, 6	c		c	c
Trumpeter Swan					r
Whooper Swan					r
Wood Duck	5	r	u	r	r
Gadwall		c	c	c	c
Eurasian Wigeon	1, 6	u		u	u
American Wigeon		c	a	c	c
Mallard		a	a	a	a
Blue-winged Teal	2	r	u		
Cinnamon Teal	1, 5	c	c	u	r

Common Name	Notes	Sp	S	F	W
Northern Shoveler		c	a	c	a
Northern Pintail		a	a	a	c
Green-winged Teal		c	c	c	c
Canvasback		c	c	c	c
Redhead		c	c	c	u
Ring-necked Duck		c	u	u	u
Lesser Scaup		c	c	c	c
Greater Scaup					r
Long-tailed Duck					r
Bufflehead	1	c	c	u	c
Common Goldeneye	1, 6	c		u	c
Barrow's Goldeneye	1, 6	r		r	u
Hooded Merganser	1, 6	u		u	u
Common Merganser		c	c	u	u
Red-breasted Merganser					r
Ruddy Duck		c	a	c	a
Osprey, Kites, Hawks and Eagles					
Osprey	2, 5	u	u	r	
Bald Eagle	1	a	c	a	a
Northern Harrier		c	c	c	a
Sharp-shinned Hawk		u	u	u	u
Cooper's Hawk		u	u	u	u
Red-shouldered Hawk	1, 6	u	u	u	u
Swainson's Hawk	2, 5	u	u	u	
Red-tailed Hawk		a	a	a	a
Ferruginous Hawk	6	u		u	u
Rough-legged Hawk	1, 6	u		u	u
Golden Eagle		u	u	u	u
Falcons					
American Kestrel		c	c	c	c



Hooded Merganser drake.
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Common Name	Notes	Sp	S	F	W
Merlin	1, 6	r		u	r
✓Peregrine Falcon		r	u	u	r
Prairie Falcon		u	u	u	u
Gallinaceous Birds					
Ring-necked Pheasant		c	c	c	c
California Quail		c	a	c	c
Rails					
Virginia Rail	2, 5	u	u	u	r
Sora	2, 5	u	u	u	r
American Coot		a	a	a	a
Cranes					
Sandhill Crane		c	u	c	u
Plovers					
Black-bellied Plover	2, 5	u		r	
Semipalmated Plover	2	r		r	
Killdeer		c	c	c	u
Stilts and Avocets					
Black-necked Stilt	2, 5	c	c	u	
American Avocet	1, 5	c	c	u	r
Sandpipers and Phalaropes					
Greater Yellowlegs		c	c	u	u
Lesser Yellowlegs	2, 5	r	u	r	
Willet	2, 5	c	c	r	
Spotted Sandpiper	2, 5	c	u	u	
Long-billed Curlew	2, 5	u	u	u	
Marbled Godwit	2, 5	r		u	
Western Sandpiper	2, 5	c	a	u	
Least Sandpiper	2, 5	c	a	c	
Baird's Sandpiper	2, 5	r		r	

Common Name	Notes	Sp	S	F	W
Pectoral Sandpiper			r		
Dunlin	2	c	c	c	r
Long-billed Dowitcher	5	c	c	c	r
Wilson's Snipe		c	u	u	u
Wilson's Phalarope	2, 5	u	c	u	
Red-necked Phalarope	2	r	u	r	
Gulls and Terns					
Franklin's Gull	2	u	u	u	
Bonaparte's Gull	2	c	c	r	r
Ring-billed Gull		a	c	a	c
California Gull		c	c	c	c
Herring Gull	1, 6	u		u	u
Glaucous-winged Gull					r
Caspian Tern	5	u	c	u	
Forster's Tern	2, 5	c	c	u	
Black Tern	2, 5	u	c	u	
Pigeons and Doves					
Rock Pigeon		u	c	u	u
Eurasian Collared-Dove		u		u	u
Mourning Dove	2	c	c	c	u
Barn Owls					
Barn Owl		u	c	u	u
Typical Owls					
Western Screech Owl					r
Great Horned Owl		c	c	c	c
Northern Pygmy-Owl		r		r	r
Long-eared Owl					r
Short-eared Owl		r	u	u	u
Nightjars					
Common Nighthawk	2, 5	u	u	u	
Swifts					
Vaux's Swift	2, 5	u	u	u	
White-throated Swift	2, 5	r	r	r	
Hummingbirds					
Anna's Hummingbird	2, 5	u	u	u	
Calliope Hummingbird	2	u	u		
Rufous Hummingbird	5		u	c	



Sora Rail
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Kingfishers					
Belted Kingfisher		u	u	u	u
Woodpeckers					
Lewis's Woodpecker	2, 5	r		r	r
Red-breasted Sapsucker		u	r	r	r
Downy Woodpecker		u	u	u	u
Hairy Woodpecker		u	u	u	u
Northern Flicker		c	u	c	c
Tyrant Flycatchers					
Olive-sided Flycatcher	2, 5	u	u	u	
Western Wood-Pewee	2, 5	c	c	u	
Willow Flycatcher	2, 5	r	u	r	
Hammond's Flycatcher			u		
Gray Flycatcher	2, 5	r	u	r	
Dusky Flycatcher	2, 5	u	u	u	
Cordilleran Flycatcher	2, 5	r		r	
Black Phoebe		r		r	r
Say's Phoebe		u	c	u	r
Ash-throated Flycatcher	2, 5	u	u	u	
Western Kingbird	2, 5	u	c	u	
Shrikes					
Loggerhead Shrike		u	c	u	u
Northern Shrike	1, 6	r		u	u
Vireos					
Cassin's Vireo	2	r			
Warbling Vireo	2, 5	u	u	u	
Crows, Jays and Magpies					
Steller's Jay		u	c	u	u

Common Name	Notes	Sp	S	F	W
Western Scrub-Jay		c	c	u	u
Pinyon Jay		r		r	r
Black-billed Magpie		c	c	c	c
American Crow		r		r	
Common Raven		c	u	c	c
Larks					
Horned Lark		u	c	u	u
Swallows					
Tree Swallow	5	c	c	c	
Violet-green Swallow	2, 5	u	u	u	
Northern Rough-winged	2, 5	u	u	u	
Bank Swallow	2, 5	r	u	r	
Cliff Swallow	2, 5	c	a	c	
Barn Swallow	2, 5	c	c	c	r
Titmice and Chickadees					
Black-capped Chickadee		r		r	r
Mountain Chickadee		c	c	u	u
Oak/Juniper Titmouse		u	u	u	u
Bushtits					
Bushtit		c	u	u	u
Nuthatches					
Red-breasted Nuthatch		u		r	r
White-breasted Nuthatch		u	u	u	u
Pygmy Nuthatch		u	u	r	r
Creepers					
Brown Creeper		u	u	u	u
Wrens					
Rock Wren		u	u	u	r
Canyon Wren		u	u	u	u
Bewick's Wren		c	c	c	c
House Wren	2, 5	u	u	u	
Winter Wren					r
Marsh Wren		c	c	c	u
Kinglets					
Golden-crowned Kinglet		u	c	u	u
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		u	c	u	u



Bewick's Wren.
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Common Name	Notes	Sp	S	F	W
Old-World Warblers					
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher			u		
Thrushes					
Western Bluebird	5	r	u	r	r
Mountain Bluebird		u	u	u	u
Townsend's Solitaire	1	c	u	u	c
Swainson's Thrush	2, 5	r		r	r
Hermit Thrush	2	u	u	u	r
American Robin		c	a	c	c
Varied Thrush		u		r	r
Mimic Thrushes					
Sage Thrasher	2, 5	u	u	u	r
Starlings					
European Starling		c	a	c	c
Pipits					
American Pipit		u		r	r
Waxwings					
Cedar Waxwing		u	u	u	u
Wood Warblers					
Orange-crowned Warbler	2, 5	u	c	u	r
Nashville Warbler	2	u	c		
Yellow Warbler	2, 5	c	c	c	
Yellow-rumped Warbler		c	c	u	r
MacGillivray's Warbler	2	u	c		
Common Yellowthroat	2, 5	u	u	u	
Wilson's Warbler	2	u	c		
Tanagers					
Western Tanager	2, 5	u	c	u	
Sparrows and Towhees					
Green-tailed Towhee	2	r	u		
Spotted Towhee		c	c	c	c
California Towhee		c	u	c	c
Chipping Sparrow	2, 5	u	u	u	
Brewer's Sparrow	2, 5	u	u	u	
Vesper Sparrow	2, 5	r	u	r	

Common Name	Notes	Sp	S	F	W
Lark Sparrow	2, 5	u	u	u	
Savannah Sparrow		c	c	u	r
Fox Sparrow		u	u	u	u
Song Sparrow		a	c	a	a
Lincoln's Sparrow	2	u	u	u	r
White-throated Sparrow	1	r		r	r
White-crowned Sparrow	1, 6	c		c	u
Golden-crowned Sparrow	1, 6	c		c	c
Dark-eyed Junco		c		c	a
McCowan's Longspur					r
Lapland Longspur					r
Snow Bunting					r



Lazuli Bunting.
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Common Name	Notes	Sp	S	F	W
Cardinals, Grosbeaks and Allies					
Black-headed Grosbeak	2, 5	u	c	u	
Lazuli Bunting	2	u	u		
Blackbirds and Orioles					
Red-winged Blackbird			a	u	a a
Tricolored Blackbird	5	u	c	u	r
Western Meadowlark			c	c	c c
Yellow-headed Blackbird			c	c	c u
Brewer's Blackbird			a	u	c c
Brown-headed Cowbird	2, 5	c	c	c	
Bullock's Oriole			c		
Finches					
Purple Finch			u	u	r r
Cassin's Finch			u	u	r r
House Finch			a	a	c c
Red Crossbill			r		r r
Pine Siskin			u	u	u u
Lesser Goldfinch			u	u	u u
American Goldfinch			u	u	u u
Evening Grosbeak			r		r r
Old World Sparrows					
House Sparrow			a	a	c c

Clark's Grebe.
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Wildlife Photography

General Information

Wildlife photography opportunities at the Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuges are excellent. Photography blinds are available on both the Tule Lake and the Lower Klamath Refuge. Use of these blinds is by reservation only. An annual pass is required for anyone using refuge photo blinds. Only one blind may be reserved per day, and a given blind may be reserved for up to two days per week. Blind reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis.

*Visitor Center
Weekday Hours:
8am-4:30pm*

*Weekend and
Holiday Hours:
9am-4pm*



*Photo Blind at
Lower Klamath
NWR
USFWS*

Making a Reservation

Blind reservations may be made in person, by telephone, or mail at the Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuges Visitor Center, located five miles west of Tulelake, California. Reservations made by mail or telephone should be made at least ten days prior to intended use so that reservation materials will arrive by mail prior to use.

*Telephone
reservations:
530/667 2231*

Reservation confirmations are mailed when payment has been received. A season pass is available for \$25 (\$12.50 for those with the Golden Age, Senior Interagency or Interagency

Access Pass). Full-time students 21 years and under also qualify for half-price passes. For those requesting a reservation by phone, credit cards are accepted. Checks must be made payable to the **U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service**. The reservation includes a slip to display on the vehicle dashboard. There is no need to return reservation materials after use.

Reducing Wildlife Disturbance

Please conduct activities so as to keep wildlife disturbance to a minimum. For example, make an effort to exit the blind/area when no wildlife is in the vicinity. Such actions not only benefit wildlife but will help ensure continued, high-quality photographic opportunities. **Photographers are encouraged to enter blinds at or prior to sunrise** which reduces disturbance and helps achieve the best results.

Diverse Habitats Support Diverse Bird Populations

The Upper Klamath Basin is comprised of a variety of habitats including freshwater marshes, open water, lakes, rivers, riparian zones, grassy meadows, coniferous forests, sagebrush and juniper uplands, grasslands, rural agricultural lands, and rocky cliffs and slopes. These habitats support diverse and abundant populations of resident and migratory wildlife with over 350 bird species (and nearly 490 wildlife species overall when mammals, reptiles, amphibians and fishes are included) found in the Klamath Basin.

Be sure to stop by the refuge headquarters located at Tule Lake National Wildlife Refuge to learn more.



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