

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS			
Ash-throated Flycatcher	R	F,S	S
Cassin’s Kingbird	U	F,S	S
Western Kingbird	C	S,P,F	S
Eastern Kingbird	C	S,P,F,R	S
Olive-sided Flycatcher	U	F,R	S
Western Wood-Pewee	C	F,R	S
Willow Flycatcher	U	R	S
Least Flycatcher	U	F	S
Hammond’s Flycatcher	U	F,R	S
Gray Flycatcher	U	F,S	S
Dusky Flycatcher	C	F,S,R	S
Cordilleran Flycatcher	U	F,R	S
Eastern Phoebe	R	R,P	M
Say’s Phoebe	C	P,S	S
VIREOS			
Cassin’s Vireo	R	F	M
Plumbeous Vireo	U	F,R	S
Warbling Vireo	C	F,R	S
Red-eyed Vireo	U	F	S
SHRIKES			
Loggerhead Shrike	U	S,P,R	S
Northern Shrike	U	S,P	W
JAYS, CROWS			
Canada Jay	U	F	Y
Pinyon Jay	U	F,S	Y
Blue Jay	U	F,R	Y
Clark’s Nutcracker	U	F,C	Y
Black-billed Magpie	C	F,R,S,P	Y
American Crow	C	F,R,S,P	Y
Common Raven	U	F,R,S,P	Y
CHICKADEES, TITMICE			
Black-capped Chickadee	C	F,R,S	Y
Mountain Chickadee	C	F,R	Y
LARKS			
Horned Lark	C	P,S	Y
SWALLOWS			
Bank Swallow	U	R,M,W	S
Tree Swallow	C	F,R	S
Violet-green Swallow	C	C,F	S
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	U	R,W	S
Barn Swallow	A	C,R,M,W	S
Cliff Swallow	A	C,R,M,W	S
KINGLETS			
Golden-crowned Kinglet	U	F	S
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	A	F	S
WAXWINGS			
Bohemian Waxwing	C	F,R,S	W
Cedar Waxwing	C	F,R,S	Y
NUTHATCHES			
Red-breasted Nuthatch	C	F	Y
White-breasted Nuthatch	C	F,R	Y
Pygmy Nuthatch	U	F	Y
CREEPERS			
Brown Creeper	U	F	Y
GNATCATCHERS			
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	U	S	S

WRENS			
Rock Wren	C	C,S,P	S
Canyon Wren	U	C,F,S,P	Y
House Wren	C	F,R	S
Marsh Wren	U	W	S
MOCKINGBIRDS, THRASHERS			
Gray Catbird	U	R,S	S
Brown Thrasher	U	S,R	S
Sage Thrasher	U	S	S
Northern Mockingbird	R	R,F,S	M
STARLINGS			
European Starling	A	R,S,P	Y
DIPPERS			
American Dipper	C	R	Y
THRUSHES			
Eastern Bluebird	R	R,P	M
Mountain Bluebird	C	M,S,P,R	S
Townsend’s Solitaire	C	F	Y
Veery	U	R,F	S
Swainson’s Thrush	U	R,F,S	S
Hermit Thrush	U	F,S	S
American Robin	A	R,S,R,W	Y
OLD WORLD SPARROWS			
House Sparrow	A	R,S,W,P	Y
WAGTAILS, PIPITS			
American Pipit	U	A,M	S
FINCHES			
Evening Grosbeak	U	F	Y
Pine Grosbeak	R	F	Y
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	C	C,M,P	W
Black Rosy-Finch	U	A,C,M,P	Y
House Finch	A	F,R,S	Y
Cassin’s Finch	C	F	Y
Common Redpoll	U	S,P	W
Hoary Redpoll	R	S,P	W
Red Crossbill	U	F	Y
White-winged Crossbill	R	F	Y
Pine Siskin	C	F,R	Y
Lesser Goldfinch	R	R	S
American Goldfinch	C	R,S	Y
LONGSPURS, SNOW BUNTINGS			
Thick-billed Longspur	R	P	S
Lapland Longspur	R	P	W
Chestnut-collared Longspur	R	P	S
Snow Bunting	R	P,W,S	W
TOWHEES, SPARROWS			
Grasshopper Sparrow	U	P,S,M	S
Lark Sparrow	C	F,S,P	S
Lark Bunting	C	S,P	S
Chipping Sparrow	C	F,R,S	S
Clay-colored Sparrow	U	F,R,S	M
Brewer's Sparrow	C	S	S
Fox Sparrow	R	R,S,F	M
American Tree Sparrow	C	P,S,R	W
Dark-eyed Junco	C	F,S,R	Y

White-crowned Sparrow	C	F,A,R,S	S
Sagebrush Sparrow	R	S	S
Harris’s Sparrow	R	F,R	W
White-throated Sparrow	R	R	M
Vesper Sparrow	C	S,P	S
Savannah Sparrow	C	R,M,W,P	S
Song Sparrow	C	R,W	Y
Lincoln's Sparrow	U	R,W,F	S
Green-tailed Towhee	C	F,S,R	S
Spotted Towhee	C	F,S,R	S
YELLOW-BREASTED CHATS			
Yellow-breasted Chat	U	R,W	S
BLACKBIRDS			
Yellow-headed Blackbird	U	W	S
Bobolink	U	P,M,S	S
Western Meadowlark	A	P,S	S
Orchard Oriole	R	R,W,S	M
Bullock’s Oriole	C	R,F	S
Red-winged Blackbird	A	W,R	S
Brown-headed Cowbird	C	R,S,P	S
Rusty Blackbird	R	R,W	M
Brewer’s Blackbird	C	F,S,R,P	S
Common Grackle	A	R,S,P,W	S
WOOD WARBLERS			
Ovenbird	U	F,R	S
Northern Waterthrush	R	W,R	M
Tennessee Warbler	R	F	M
Orange-crowned Warbler	U	F,R,S	S
Nashville Warbler	R	F,S	M
Virginia’s Warbler	R	S,F	S
MacGillivray’s Warbler	U	R,F	S
Common Yellowthroat	U	W	S
American Redstart	U	F,R	S
Yellow Warbler	C	R	S
Yellow-rumped Warbler	C	F,R	S
Black-throated Gray Warbler	U	F,S	S
Townsend’s Warbler	R	F	M
Wilson’s Warbler	C	R,W,A	S
CARDINALS, TANAGERS			
Summer Tanager	R	F,R	V
Western Tanager	C	F,R	S
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	R	F	M
Black-headed Grosbeak	U	F,R	S
Lazuli Bunting	C	S,R,F	S
Dickcissel	U	P,M	S

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## Bird Checklist of the Bighorn National Forest

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This checklist was prepared by J. Canterbury and C.J. Grimes from Orabona and Rudd’s 2016 *Wyoming Bird Checklist*, J. Canterbury and P. Johnsgard’s 2013 *Birds and Birding in Wyoming’s Bighorn Mountains Region*, D. Faulkner’s 2010 *Birds of Wyoming*, H. Downing’s 1990 Regional Checklist, and eBird. The list is arranged by family, with common names following the sixty-second supplement to the American Ornithological Society’s Checklist of North American Birds. <http://checklist.aou.org/taxa>.



*Photos clockwise from top left:*

*Broad-tailed Hummingbird, Ferruginous Hawk, Mountain Bluebird, Western Meadowlark, Northern Flicker, Yellow-rumped Warbler All photos © Canterbury & Johnsgard*

The list of the 266 birds of the Bighorn National Forest is based on historical documentation of abundance (A) and is separated into five categories. Abundant (A) birds are those that occur in high density and are likely to be seen daily, while Common (C) birds are expected in high numbers. Uncommon (U) birds are expected in low numbers, while Rare (R) birds are not always expected or detected. Vagrant (V) birds are species whose occurrence is accidental because their range does not include Wyoming.

**The Bighorn National Forest** covers 1,107,671 acres, of which about 66% is forest, 33% is non-forest, and less than 1% is water. Habitats (H) are varied and are separated into eight categories. Riparian (R) zones are transitional areas from streams, lakes, and rivers to the adjacent lands and provide some of the most productive environments for birds. Wetland (W) habitats are areas where water is present most of the time including marshes, wetlands, reservoirs, and lakes. Meadows (M) are defined as non-forested areas dominated by grasses, sedges, and forbs. Coniferous and Deciduous Forests (F) include areas of subalpine fir/Engelmann spruce (8,500 ft.), lodgepole pine (7,545 to 9,000 ft.), ponderosa pine (below 7,500 ft.), and aspen. Shrublands (S) are dominated by bitterbrush, chokecherry, juniper, and sagebrush. Prairie (P) includes lowland grasslands dominated by the shortgrass prairie. Alpine (A) habitats contain perennial forbs, sedges, shrubs, and grasses above tree line. Cliffs (C) consist of cliffs, caves, canyons, and rocky outcrops.

The varied habitats of the region provide important refuge for breeding and migration for many birds across the seasons. Seasons (S) provide information about the time of year in which the birds are expected to occur in the region. Year-round (Y) birds are considered to be residents and do not migrate. Summer residents (S) are in the region during summer, June-July, and are likely breeding. Summer residents may also be present during spring, March-May, and fall, August-November, as they move in and out of their breeding areas, while Winter (W) birds occur in the region during winter, December-February. Migratory (M) birds regularly pass through the area between known breeding and wintering ranges.

KEY	
Abundance (A)	A - Abundant C - Common U - Uncommon R - Rare V – Vagrant
Habitat (H)	R - Riparian W - Wetland M - Meadow F - Forest S - Shrubland P - Prairie A - Alpine C – Cliff
Season (S)	Y - Year-round S – Summer W - Winter M - Migratory

	Common Name	A	H	S
	DUCKS, GEESE, SWANS			
	Snow Goose	U	W	M
	Ross’s Goose	R	W	M
	Greater White-fronted Goose	R	W	M
	Cackling Goose	R	W	M
	Canada Goose	A	W,M	Y
	Tundra Swan	R	W	W
	Wood Duck	U	R,W	S
	Blue-winged Teal	C	W	S
	Cinnamon Teal	U	W	S
	Northern Shoveler	C	W	S
	Gadwall	C	W	S
	American Wigeon	C	W	S
	Mallard	A	W	Y
	Northern Pintail	C	W	S
	Green-winged Teal	C	W	Y
	Canvasback	U	W	S
	Redhead	C	W	S
	Ring-necked Duck	C	W	S
	Greater Scaup	R	W	M
	Lesser Scaup	U	W	S
	Harlequin Duck	R	R	S
	Bufflehead	U	R,W	Y
	Common Goldeneye	C	R,W	W
	Barrow’s Goldeneye	R	R,W	S
	Hooded Merganser	U	W	Y
	Common Merganser	C	R,W	Y
	Red-breasted Marganser	R	W	M
	Ruddy Duck	U	W	S
	PARTRIDGES, GROUSE, TURKEY, PHEASANT			
	Wild Turkey	A	F,R,S	Y
	Ruffed Grouse	U	F,S,R	Y
	Greater Sage-Grouse	U	S,M	Y
	Dusky Grouse	C	F,R	Y
	Sharp-tailed Grouse	C	P,S	Y
	Gray Partridge	C	R,P,S	Y
	Ring-necked Pheasant	C	R,W,S	Y
	Chukar	U	S	Y
	GREBES			
	Pied-billed Grebe	C	W	S
	Horned Grebe	U	W	S
	Eared Grebe	C	W	S
	Western Grebe	C	W	S
	Clark’s Grebe	U	W	S
	PIGEONS, DOVES			
	Rock Pigeon	C	C	Y
	Eurasian Collared-Dove	A	R	Y
	Mourning Dove	C	R,S,P	Y
	GOATSUCKERS			
	Common Nighthawk	C	P,R,W,F	S
	Common Poorwill	U	F,S,P	S

	SWIFTS			
	Black Swift	R	C,F	S
	Chimney Swift	U	C,F	S
	White-throated Swift	C	C	S
	HUMMINGBIRDS			
	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	R	F	V
	Black-chinned Hummingbird	R	R	M
	Anna's Hummingbird	R	S	V
	Calliope Hummingbird	C	F,S,M,P,R	S
	Rufous Hummingbird	U	R,P,M,P,R	M
	Broad-tailed Hummingbird	C	R,P,F,M	S
	RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS			
	Virginia Rail	R	W	S
	Sora	U	W,R	S
	American Coot	A	W	S
	CRANES			
	Sandhill Crane	C	W,M	S
	STILTS, AVOCETS			
	Black-necked Stilt	U	W	S
	American Avocet	C	W	S
	LAPWINGS, PLOVERS			
	Black-bellied Plover	U	W	M
	Killdeer	C	W	S
	Semipalmated Plover	U	W	M
	Mountain Plover	R	S,P	S
	SANDPIPERS, PHALAROPES			
	Upland Sandpiper	U	P	S
	Whimbrel	R	W	M
	Long-billed Curlew	U	P,M	S
	Stilt Sandpiper	R	W	M
	Baird's Sandpiper	R	W	M
	Least Sandpiper	R	W	M
	Semipalmated Sandpiper	R	W	M
	Western Sandpiper	R	W	M
	Long-billed Dowitcher	R	W	M
	Wilson's Snipe	U	W,R,M	S
	Spotted Sandpiper	C	R,W	S
	Solitary Sandpiper	U	W	M
	Lesser Yellowlegs	C	W	M
	Willet	U	W	S
	Greater Yellowlegs	C	W	M
	Wilson's Phalarope	C	W	S
	Red-necked Phalarope	U	W	M
	GULLS, TERNS			
	Bonaparte's Gull	U	W	M
	Franklin's Gull	U	W	S
	Ring-billed Gull	C	W	S
	California Gull	C	W	S
	Herring Gull	U	W	M
	Caspian Tern	R	W	S
	Black Tern	U	W	S
	Forster's Tern	U	W	S
	LOONS			
	Pacific Loon	R	W	M
	Common Loon	C	W	M

	CORMORANTS			
	Double-crested Cormorant	C	W,R	S
	PELICANS			
	American White Pelican	U	W	S
	BITTERNS, HERONS			
	American Bittern	U	W	S
	Great Blue Heron	C	W,R	Y
	Black-crowned Night-Heron	U	W,R	S
	IBISES			
	White-faced Ibis	U	W,M	S
	VULTURES			
	Turkey Vulture	C	R,W,M,F,S,P	S
	OSPREYS			
	Osprey	C	R,W	S
	HAWKS, KITES, EAGLES			
	Golden Eagle	U	F,S,P	Y
	Northern Harrier	U	S,P,R,M	Y
	Sharp-shinned Hawk	U	F,S,R	Y
	Cooper’s Hawk	U	F,R,S	Y
	Northern Goshawk	U	F	Y
	Bald Eagle	C	F,R,S	Y
	Broad-winged Hawk	R	P	M
	Swainson’s Hawk	U	S,P,M	S
	Red-tailed Hawk	C	F,S,R,P,M	Y
	Rough-legged Hawk	C	P,S	W
	Ferruginous Hawk	U	S,P,R	Y
	BARN OWLS			
	Barn Owl	R	S,P	S
	OWLS			
	Eastern Screech-Owl	U	F,R	Y
	Great Horned Owl	C	F,R,P,M	Y
	Snowy Owl	R	S,P	M
	Northern Pygmy-Owl	R	F	M
	Burrowing Owl	U	P,S	S
	Great Gray Owl	R	F,P	M
	Long-eared Owl	U	R,F	Y
	Short-eared Owl	U	M	Y
	Boreal Owl	R	F	Y
	Northern Saw-whet Owl	U	F,R	Y
	KINGFISHERS			
	Belted Kingfisher	C	R,W	Y
	WOODPECKERS			
	Lewis’s Woodpecker	U	F,R	S
	Red-headed Woodpecker	U	R,F	S
	Williamson’s Sapsucker	U	F	S
	Red-naped Sapsucker	C	R,F	S
	American Three-toed Woodpecker	U	F	Y
	Downy Woodpecker	C	F,S	Y
	Hairy Woodpecker	C	F,R	Y
	Northern Flicker	C	F,S,R	Y
	FALCONS			
	American Kestrel	C	F,S,R,P,W	Y
	Merlin	U	P,R,F	Y
	Gyr Falcon	R	S,P,W	W
	Peregrine Falcon	U	F,R,P,M	S
	Prairie Falcon	U	S,P,M	Y