



Wallowa Lake State Park

Bird Guide



Birds of Wallowa Lake State Park

The opportunity to observe bird life throughout the Wallowa Lake region is limited only by your patience, time and experience. The wide variation in habitat and terrain draw a large number of species. Of course, different seasons of the year draw different numbers and species of birds.

Some good birding areas that you may want to visit locally include the Chief Joseph Mountain Trail, Old Chief Joseph's gravesite and of course, Wallowa Lake State Park. The following is a composite list of birds that can be seen within the area. We hope you enjoy your birding.

Key to symbols:

ABUNDANCE

- A — Abundant; nearly always observed
- C — Common; often observed
- U — Uncommon; occasionally observed
- R — Rare; very seldom observed

RESIDENCE STATUS

- R — Year-round resident
- S — Summer resident
- W — Winter resident
- M — Seen during migration

* — Denotes nesting species.

ABUNDANCE
RESIDENCE

SWIFTS

- C S, M Vaux's Swift *

HUMMINGBIRDS

- U S, M Rufous Hummingbird *
- U S, M Calliope Hummingbird *
- U S, M Broad-Tailed Hummingbird
- U S, M Black-Chinned Hummingbird *

KINGFISHERS

- C R Belted Kingfisher *

GREBES

- R M Red-Necked Grebe
- R M Horned Grebe
- R M Eared Grebe
- U M Western Grebe
- U M Pied-Billed Grebe

ABUNDANCE
RESIDENCE

THRUSHES

- C R American Robin*
- U R Varied Thrush *
- U R Townsend's Solitaire *
- U S, M Hermit Thrush *
- U S, M Swainson's Thrush *
- U S, M Western Bluebird *
- U R Mountain Bluebird *
- U M Veery

KINGLETS

- C R Golden-Crowned Kinglet *
- C S, M Ruby-Crowned Kinglet *

PIPITS

- U S, M Water Pipit *

WAXWINGS

- C M, R Cedar Waxwing *
- U W Bohemian Waxwing

GALLINULES

- C M, S American Coot

PHEASANTS AND QUAIL

- C R California Quail *
- U R Mountain Quail
- C R Ring-Necked Pheasant *
- C R Gray Partridge *

PLOVERS

- A S Killdeer *

SANDPIPERS

- C S, M Spotted Sandpiper *
- U M Greater Yellowlegs
- U M Common Snipe *
- R M Willet

SHRIKES

- U W Northern Shrike
- U R, M Loggerhead Shrike *

STARLINGS

- C R European Starling *

GROSBEAKS AND FINCHES

- C S, M Black-Headed Grosbeak *
- C R Evening Grosbeak *
- U R Pine Grosbeak *
- U S, M Lazuli Bunting *
- R M Purple Finch
- C R Cassin's Finch *
- U R House Finch *
- R R Rosy Finch *
- U W Common Redpoll
- C R Pine Siskin *
- C S, M American Goldfinch *
- U R Red Crossbill *
- R M, W White-Winged Crossbill
- U S Rufous-Sided Towhee
- U S Savannah Sparrow
- U S Vesper Sparrow
- C R Dark-Eyed Junco *
- C S, M Chipping Sparrow *
- R M Brewer's Sparrow
- R M Harris' Sparrow
- C S, M White-Crowned Sparrow *
- U S, M Fox Sparrow *
- C R Song Sparrow *
- U W Snow Bunting

NUTHATCHES

- U R White-Breasted Nuthatch *
- C R Red-Breasted Nuthatch *
- U R Pygmy Nuthatch *

CREEPERS

- C R Brown Creeper *

DIPPERS

- C R American Dipper *

OWLS

- C R Great Horned Owl *
- U S Long-Eared Owl *
- U S Short-Eared Owl
- C R Northern Saw-Whet Owl *
- U R Northern Pygmy Owl *
- U R Western Screech Owl *
- U S Flammulated Owl

ABUNDANCE
RESIDENCE

WOODPECKERS

- C R Common Flicker *
- U R Pileated Woodpecker *
- U R White-Headed Woodpecker *
- U R, M Lewis' Woodpecker
- U S Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker *
- U S Williamson's Sapsucker *
- C R Hairy Woodpecker *
- C R Downy Woodpecker *
- U R Three-Toed Woodpecker
- U R Black-Backed Woodpecker *

FLYCATCHERS

- U M, S Eastern Kingbird
- C M, S Western Kingbird *
- U M, S Say's Phoebe
- U M, S Hammond's Flycatcher *
- U M, S Dusky Flycatcher *
- U M, S Western Flycatcher
- C M, S Western Wood Pewee *
- U M, S Olive-Sided Flycatcher *
- U M, S Willow Flycatcher *

SWALLOWS

- C S, M Barn Swallow *
- C S, M Violet-Green Swallow *
- C S Tree Swallow *
- U S Bank Swallow
- U S Cliff Swallow *
- U S Rough-Winged Swallow *

LOONS

- U M, W Common Loon

PELICANS

- R M White Pelican

VULTURES

- U M, S Turkey Vulture

HERONS

- R M American Bittern
- C R Great Blue Heron
- R M Black-Crowned Night Heron
- R M Snowy Egret

ABUNDANCE
RESIDENCE

WATERFOWL

- C M Tundra Swan
- R M Trumpeter Swan
- C M Canada Goose
- U M White-Fronted Goose
- U M Snow Goose
- R M Ross' Goose
- A R, M Mallard *
- C M Gadwall
- C M Northern Pintail
- C M American Widgeon
- C M Blue-Winged Teal
- C M Cinnamon Teal
- U M Green-Winged Teal
- C M Northern Shoveler
- U M Wood Duck
- C M Redhead
- U M Canvasback
- U M Ring-Neck Duck
- U M Lesser Scaup
- C M, W Common Goldeneye
- U M Barrow's Goldeneye
- U M Bufflehead
- U M Ruddy Duck
- C M, R Common Merganser *
- U M Hooded Merganser

ACCIPITERS

- U R Northern Goshawk *
- U S Cooper's Hawk *
- U S Sharp-Shinned Hawk *

HARRIERS

- C R Northern Harrier

BUTEOS

- C W Rough-Legged Hawk
- C R Red-Tailed Hawk *
- U M, S Swainson's Hawk
- U M, S Ferruginous Hawk

EAGLES & OSPREY

- U R Golden Eagle *
- R W Bald Eagle
- U M Osprey

ABUNDANCE
RESIDENCE

FALCONS

- U R Prairie Falcon
- R R Peregrine Falcon
- U M, W Merlin
- C S, M American Kestrel *

GROUSE

- C R Blue Grouse *
- U R Spruce Grouse *
- C R Ruffed Grouse *

WEAVER FINCHES

- C R House Sparrow *

CORMORANTS

- R M Double-Crested Cormorant

LARKS

- C M Horned Lark

BLACKBIRDS

- R M Bobolink
- C S Western Meadowlark *
- C S Red-Winged Blackbird
- C S, M Brewer's Blackbird *
- C S, M Brown-Headed Cowbird *
- U S, M Northern Oriole *

TANAGERS

- C S, M Western Tanager *

GOATSUCKERS

- C S, M Common Nighthawk *
- U M Poorwill

CHICKADEES

- C R Black-Capped Chickadee *
- C R Mountain Chickadee *
- U R Chestnut-Backed Chickadee *

WRENS

- U R Winter Wren *
- C S, M House Wren*
- U S, M Long-Billed Marsh Wren
- U S Rock Wren *

ABUNDANCE
RESIDENCE

WARBLERS

- U M Orange-Crowned Warbler *
- U M Nashville Warbler *
- C S, M Yellow-Rumped Warbler *
- C S, M Townsend's Warbler *
- U S, M MacGillivray's Warbler *
- U S, M Wilson's Warbler *
- C S, M Yellow Warbler *
- R M Common Yellowthroat

VIREOS

- C S, M Solitary Vireo *
- U S, M Warbling Vireo *

PHALAROPES

- U M Wilson's Phalarope
- U M Northern Phalarope

JAEGERS

- R M Parasitic Jaeger

GULLS & TERNS

- U M California Gull
- U M Ring-Billed Gull
- R M Franklin's Gull
- U M Bonaparte's Gull
- R M Forster's Tern
- R M Caspian Tern

DOVES

- C S, M Mourning Dove *
- C R Rock Dove *

CORVIDS

- C R Steller's Jay *
- U R Gray Jay *
- C R Black-Billed Magpie *
- U R Clark's Nutcracker *
- C R Common Raven *
- C R, M Common Crow *

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