

Field Checklist of the Birds of Utah 2009



Abundance Codes

C = COMMON-- Found consistently in large numbers in appropriate habitat and season
 F = FAIRLY COMMON-- Found consistently in moderate numbers in appropriate habitat and season
 U = UNCOMMON-- Inconsistently found in small numbers in appropriate habitat and season
 R = RARE-- Found infrequently but annually in very small numbers in appropriate habitat and season
 O = OCCASIONAL-- Not observed annually, but a few individuals may occur some years in appropriate habitat and season
 A = ACCIDENTAL-- Not expected and out of normal range (few records)
 I = IRREGULAR -- Abundance may vary greatly from year to year. (A range is given.
 Example: IW(R-C) = rare to common winter visitant)

Status Codes

P = Permanent Resident (Found year round in the state)
 S = Summer Resident (Present in the state during the nesting season)
 W = Winter Visitant (Present in the state between December and February)
 T = Transient (Migrates through the state in spring and/or fall)

Species for which documentation is requested

+ Provisional species accepted on sight record(s) only

* Species that are found primarily in Washington County

^ Species that are found primarily in northern Utah

Swans, Geese & Ducks

__ Fulvous Whistling-Duck #..... A
 __ Greater White-fronted Goose..... RT
 __ Snow Goose..... CT,OW
 __ Ross's Goose..... FT,RW
 __ Brant #..... A
 __ Cackling Goose #..... RT
 __ Canada Goose..... CP
 __ Trumpeter Swan..... RT,RW
 __ Tundra Swan..... UT,UW
 __ Wood Duck..... UP
 __ Gadwall..... CS,FW
 __ Eurasian Wigeon..... OT
 __ American Wigeon..... RS,CW
 __ American Black Duck #..... A
 __ Mallard..... CP
 __ Blue-winged Teal..... US
 __ Cinnamon Teal..... CS,RW
 __ Northern Shoveler..... CS,FW
 __ Northern Pintail..... CS,UW
 __ Garganey # +..... A
 __ Green-winged Teal..... FS,CW
 __ Canvasback..... FT,RS,RW
 __ Redhead..... CS,UW
 __ Ring-necked Duck..... RS,CW
 __ Greater Scaup..... RT,RW
 __ Lesser Scaup..... CT,RS,UW
 __ Harlequin Duck #..... A
 __ Surf Scoter..... RT
 __ White-winged Scoter..... RT
 __ Black Scoter #..... OT
 __ Long-tailed Duck..... RW
 __ Bufflehead..... FW
 __ Common Goldeneye..... CW
 __ Barrow's Goldeneye..... ^UW
 __ Hooded Merganser..... UW
 __ Common Merganser..... CT,RS,UW
 __ Red-breasted Merganser..... CT
 __ Ruddy Duck..... CP

Pheasants, Grouse & Quail

__ Chukar..... FP
 __ Gray Partridge..... ^UP
 __ Ring-necked Pheasant..... CP
 __ Ruffed Grouse..... UP
 __ Greater Sage-Grouse..... UP
 __ Gunnison Sage-Grouse..... RP
 __ White-tailed Ptarmigan..... RP
 __ Dusky Grouse..... FP
 __ Sharp-tailed Grouse..... ^UP
 __ Wild Turkey..... FP
 __ Scaled Quail #..... A
 __ California Quail..... CP
 __ Gambel's Quail..... *CP

Loons & Grebes

__ Red-throated Loon #..... A
 __ Pacific Loon..... RT
 __ Common Loon..... FT,UW
 __ Yellow-billed Loon #..... A
 __ Pied-billed Grebe..... FS,UW
 __ Horned Grebe..... UT, RW
 __ Red-necked Grebe #..... A
 __ Eared Grebe..... CS,UW
 __ Western Grebe..... CS,RW
 __ Clark's Grebe..... CS,RW

Pelicans, Cormorants & Frigatebird

__ American White Pelican..... CS,OW
 __ Brown Pelican #..... A
 __ Neotropic Cormorant #..... A
 __ Double-crested Cormorant..... CS,RW
 __ Magnificent Frigatebird #..... A

Bitterns, Egrets & Herons

__ American Bittern..... US,RW
 __ Least Bittern #..... A
 __ Great Blue Heron..... CP
 __ Great Egret..... US, RW
 __ Snowy Egret..... CS
 __ Little Blue Heron #..... A
 __ Tricolored Heron #..... A

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Date _____

Time _____ to _____

Locality _____

Observer _____

Species _____ Individuals _____

Notes _____

__ Reddish Egret #..... A
__ Cattle Egret..... CS
__ Green Heron *RS,OW
__ Black-crowned Night-Heron..... CS,UW
__ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron #..... A

Ibises, Spoonbills & Storks

__ White Ibis #..... A
__ Glossy Ibis #..... O
__ White-faced Ibis..... CS
__ Roseate Spoonbill #..... A
__ Wood Stork #..... A

Vultures

__ Turkey Vulture..... FS

Hawks & Falcons

__ Osprey..... US
__ White-tailed Kite #..... A
__ Bald Eagle..... RS,CW
__ Northern Harrier..... FP
__ Sharp-shinned Hawk..... FP
__ Cooper's Hawk..... FP
__ Northern Goshawk UP
__ Common Black-Hawk..... *RS
__ Red-shouldered Hawk..... O
__ Broad-winged Hawk..... RT
__ Gray Hawk # +..... A
__ Swainson's Hawk..... FS
__ Zone-tailed Hawk #..... *OS
__ Red-tailed Hawk..... CP
__ Ferruginous Hawk..... UP
__ Rough-legged Hawk..... FW
__ Golden Eagle..... FP
__ American Kestrel..... CP
__ Merlin..... UW
__ Gyrfalcon #..... A
__ Peregrine Falcon..... UP
__ Prairie Falcon..... UP

Rails & Cranes

__ Virginia Rail..... FS,UW
__ Sora..... FS,RW
__ Purple Gallinule #..... A
__ Common Moorhen..... *RP
__ American Coot..... CP
__ Sandhill Crane..... FS

Plovers & Sandpipers

__ Black-bellied Plover..... UT
__ American Golden-Plover..... RT
__ Pacific Golden-Plover #..... A
__ Snowy Plover..... FS
__ Semipalmated Plover..... UT
__ Killdeer..... CP
__ Mountain Plover #..... OS
__ Black-necked Stilt..... CS
__ American Avocet..... CS,RW
__ Spotted Sandpiper..... FS
__ Solitary Sandpiper..... UT
__ Wandering Tattler #..... A
__ Greater Yellowlegs..... FT,RW
__ Willet..... CS
__ Lesser Yellowlegs..... FT,RW
__ Upland Sandpiper #..... A
__ Whimbrel..... RT
__ Long-billed Curlew..... FS
__ Hudsonian Godwit #..... OT
__ Marbled Godwit..... CT
__ Ruddy Turnstone..... RT
__ Red Knot..... RT
__ Sanderling..... CT,RW
__ Semipalmated Sandpiper..... RT
__ Western Sandpiper..... CT
__ Least Sandpiper..... CT,RW
__ White-rumped Sandpiper #..... A
__ Baird's Sandpiper..... FT
__ Pectoral Sandpiper..... UT
__ Sharp-tailed Sandpiper #..... A
__ Dunlin..... RT
__ Curlew Sandpiper #..... A
__ Stilt Sandpiper..... RT

__ Buff-breasted Sandpiper #..... A
__ Ruff #..... A
__ Short-billed Dowitcher..... RT
__ Long-billed Dowitcher..... CT,RW
__ Wilson's Snipe..... CS,UW
__ Wilson's Phalarope..... CT,CS
__ Red-necked Phalarope..... CT
__ Red Phalarope #..... OT

Gulls, Terns, & Alcids

__ Black-legged Kittiwake #..... A
__ Sabine's Gull..... RT
__ Bonaparte's Gull..... FT
__ Franklin's Gull..... CS
__ Little Gull #..... A
__ Heermann's Gull #..... A
__ Mew Gull..... OT,OW
__ Ring-billed Gull..... US,CW
__ Western Gull #..... A
__ Yellow-footed Gull #..... A
__ California Gull..... CS,UW
__ Herring Gull..... UW
__ Thayer's Gull..... RW
__ Lesser Black-backed Gull #..... A
__ Glaucous-winged Gull..... RW
__ Glaucous Gull..... RW
__ Least Tern #..... OT
__ Caspian Tern..... US
__ Black Tern..... UT,US
__ Common Tern..... RT
__ Forster's Tern..... CS
__ Pomarine Jaeger #..... A
__ Parasitic Jaeger #..... A
__ Long-tailed Jaeger #..... A
__ Ancient Murrelet #..... A

Doves & Pigeons

__ Rock Pigeon CP
__ Band-tailed Pigeon US
__ Eurasian Collared-Dove CP
__ White-winged Dove *US
__ Mourning Dove..... CS,UW

__ Inca Dove..... *RP
__ Common Ground-Dove #..... A
__ Ruddy Ground-Dove #..... A

Cuckoos & Roadrunners

__ Yellow-billed Cuckoo #..... OS
__ Black-billed Cuckoo #..... A
__ Greater Roadrunner *UP

Owls

__ Barn Owl..... UP
__ Flamulated Owl US
__ Western Screech-Owl UP
__ Great Horned Owl..... CP
__ Snowy Owl #..... A
__ Northern Pygmy-Owl UP
__ Elf Owl # + A
__ Burrowing Owl US,RW
__ Spotted Owl RP
__ Great Gray Owl #..... A
__ Long-eared Owl UP
__ Short-eared Owl..... UP
__ Boreal Owl #..... O
__ Northern Saw-whet Owl RP

Goatsuckers

__ Lesser Nighthawk..... *FS
__ Common Nighthawk..... CS
__ Common Poorwill CS
__ Whip-poor-will #..... A

Swifts

__ Black Swift OS
__ Chimney Swift #..... A
__ Vaux's Swift #..... RT
__ White-throated Swift..... CS

Hummingbirds

__ Broad-billed Hummingbird #..... A
__ Magnificent Hummingbird #..... A
__ Ruby-throated Hummingbird #..... A
__ Black-chinned Hummingbird..... CS

__Anna's Hummingbird *RW
__Costa's Hummingbird..... *US
__Calliope Hummingbird..... UT,RS
__Broad-tailed Hummingbird..... CS
__Rufous Hummingbird..... CT

Kingfishers

__Belted Kingfisher..... UP

Woodpeckers

__Lewis's Woodpecker UP
__Red-headed Woodpecker #..... A
__Acorn Woodpecker..... RP
__Williamson's Sapsucker US,RW
__Yellow-bellied Sapsucker #..... A
__Red-naped Sapsucker..... CS,RW
__Red-breasted Sapsucker # A
__Ladder-backed Woodpecker *FP
__Downy Woodpecker..... CP
__Hairy Woodpecker..... FP
__American Three-toed Woodpecker . RP
__Northern Flicker..... CP

Flycatchers

__Olive-sided Flycatcher FS
__Western Wood-Pewee CS
__Willow Flycatcher FS
__Least Flycatcher # +..... OT
__Hammond's Flycatcher FS
__Gray Flycatcher FS
__Dusky Flycatcher CS
__Cordilleran Flycatcher..... FS
__Black Phoebe *UP
__Eastern Phoebe #..... A
__Say's Phoebe..... CS,UW
__Vermilion Flycatcher *R
__Ash-throated Flycatcher FS
__Great Crested Flycatcher # +..... A
__Brown-crested Flycatcher *RS
__Cassin's Kingbird US
__Western Kingbird..... CS
__Eastern Kingbird..... US

__Scissor-tailed Flycatcher #..... A

Shrikes

__Loggerhead Shrike..... CP
__Northern Shrike..... RW

Vireos

__White-eyed Vireo # +..... A
__Bell's Vireo *US
__Gray Vireo US
__Yellow-throated Vireo # +..... A
__Plumbeous Vireo..... CS
__Cassin's Vireo UT
__Blue-headed Vireo #..... A
__Warbling Vireo..... CS
__Philidelphia Vireo #..... A
__Red-eyed Vireo OT

Jays & Crows

__Gray Jay UP
__Steller's Jay CP
__Blue Jay..... OW
__Western Scrub-Jay..... CP
__Pinyon Jay CP
__Clark's Nutcracker FP
__Black-billed Magpie..... CP
__American Crow FS,CW
__Common Raven..... CP

Larks

__Horned Lark..... CP

Swallows

__Purple Martin..... RS
__Tree Swallow..... CS
__Violet-green Swallow..... CS
__Northern Rough-winged Swallow..... CS
__Bank Swallow..... CS
__Cliff Swallow..... CS
__Barn Swallow..... CS

Titmice, Verdin & Bushtit

__Black-capped Chickadee..... CP
__Mountain Chickadee..... CP
__Juniper Titmouse CP
__Verdin *CP
__Bushtit CP

Nuthatches & Creepers

__Red-breasted Nuthatch..... CP
__White-breasted Nuthatch FP
__Pygmy Nuthatch FP
__Brown Creeper UP

Wrens

__Cactus Wren *UP
__Rock Wren CS, UW
__Canyon Wren CP
__Bewick's Wren CP
__House Wren..... CS,*RW
__Winter Wren..... RP
__Marsh Wren..... CS, UW

Dippers

__American Dipper FP

Kinglets

__Golden-crowned Kinglet UP
__Ruby-crowned Kinglet..... CP

Gnatcatchers

__Blue-gray Gnatcatcher CS
__Black-tailed Gnatcatcher *UP

Thrushes

__Eastern Bluebird #..... A
__Western Bluebird US,RW
__Mountain Bluebird..... CS,UW
__Townsend's Solitaire CP
__Veery #..... A
__Swainson's Thrush FS
__Hermit Thrush..... CS,RW
__Wood Thrush #..... A
__Rufous-backed Robin #..... A

__American Robin..... CP
__Varied Thrush OW

Thrashers

__Gray Catbird..... US
__Northern Mockingbird UP
__Sage Thrasher CS,*RW
__Brown Thrasher #..... OT
__Bendire's Thrasher RS
__Curve-billed Thrasher #..... A
__Crissal Thrasher *UP
__Le Conte's Thrasher #..... *A

Starlings

__European Starling..... CP

Pipits

__American Pipit..... CS,UW

Waxwings & Phainopepla

__Bohemian Waxwing..... IW(R-C)
__Cedar Waxwing..... US,CW
__Phainopepla *UP

Warblers

__Blue-winged Warbler #..... A
__Golden-winged Warbler # +..... A
__Tennessee Warbler #..... OT
__Orange-crowned Warbler..... CS,RW
__Nashville Warbler..... UT
__Virginia's Warbler..... CS
__Lucy's Warbler *CS
__Northern Parula #..... OT
__Yellow Warbler..... CS
__Chestnut-sided Warbler #..... A
__Magnolia Warbler #..... A
__Cape May Warbler #..... A
__Black-throated Blue Warbler #..... A
__Yellow-rumped Warbler..... CS,UW
__Black-throated Gray Warbler CS
__Townsend's Warbler..... UT
__Hermit Warbler #..... OT

__ Yellow-throated Warbler #..... A
 __ Grace's Warbler US
 __ Pine Warbler #..... A
 __ Prairie Warbler # +..... A
 __ Palm Warbler #..... OT
 __ Bay-breasted Warbler # A
 __ Blackpoll Warbler # OT
 __ Black-and-white Warbler..... OT
 __ American Redstart RT
 __ Prothonotary Warbler #..... A
 __ Worm-eating Warbler #..... A
 __ Ovenbird #..... OT
 __ Northern Waterthrush..... RT
 __ Louisiana Waterthrush # +..... A
 __ Kentucky Warbler #..... A
 __ Connecticut Warbler # +..... A
 __ MacGillivray's Warbler FS
 __ Common Yellowthroat..... FS
 __ Hooded Warbler # +..... A
 __ Wilson's Warbler..... US,CT
 __ Canada Warbler #..... A
 __ Painted Redstart #..... O
 __ Yellow-breasted Chat FS

Tanagers

__ Summer Tanager *US
 __ Scarlet Tanager #..... A
 __ Western Tanager..... FS

Sparrows

__ Green-tailed Towhee. FS,OW
 __ Spotted Towhee. CP
 __ Canyon Towhee #..... A
 __ Abert's Towhee..... *UP
 __ Cassin's Sparrow # A
 __ Rufous-crowned Sparrow *RP
 __ American Tree Sparrow UW
 __ Chipping Sparrow..... CS
 __ Clay-colored Sparrow..... OT
 __ Brewer's Sparrow. CS
 __ Field Sparrow # +..... A
 __ Black-chinned Sparrow *US

__ Vesper Sparrow..... CS,*RW
 __ Lark Sparrow. CS
 __ Black-throated Sparrow CS
 __ Sage Sparrow..... UP
 __ Lark Bunting ^RS
 __ Savannah Sparrow..... CS,RW
 __ Grasshopper Sparrow ^RS
 __ Baird's Sparrow # +..... A
 __ Le Conte's Sparrow #..... A
 __ Fox Sparrow US,OW
 __ Song Sparrow..... CP
 __ Lincoln's Sparrow. CS,RW
 __ Swamp Sparrow..... OW
 __ White-throated Sparrow RW
 __ Harris's Sparrow. RW
 __ White-crowned Sparrow..... CP
 __ Golden-crowned Sparrow..... RW
 __ Dark-eyed Junco. CP
 __ McCown's Longspur #..... A
 __ Lapland Longspur RW
 __ Chestnut-collared Longspur #. A
 __ Snow Bunting ^RW

Grosbeaks & Buntings

__ Northern Cardinal # +..... A
 __ Rose-breasted Grosbeak OT
 __ Black-headed Grosbeak. CS
 __ Blue Grosbeak US
 __ Lazuli Bunting CS
 __ Indigo Bunting RS
 __ Painted Bunting #..... A
 __ Dickcissel #..... A

Blackbirds & Orioles

__ Bobolink RS
 __ Red-winged Blackbird..... CP
 __ Western Meadowlark. CP
 __ Yellow-headed Blackbird. CS,RW
 __ Rusty Blackbird #..... A
 __ Brewer's Blackbird..... CP
 __ Common Grackle RS
 __ Great-tailed Grackle UP

__ Bronzed Cowbird #..... A
 __ Brown-headed Cowbird. CS,RW
 __ Orchard Oriole # +..... A
 __ Hooded Oriole *US
 __ Bullock's Oriole CS
 __ Baltimore Oriole #..... A
 __ Scott's Oriole US

Finches

__ Brambling #. A
 __ Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch IW(U-C)
 __ Black Rosy-Finch UP
 __ Pine Grosbeak UP
 __ Purple Finch # +..... A
 __ Cassin's Finch. FP
 __ House Finch. CP
 __ Red Crossbill UP
 __ White-winged Crossbill IP(O-U)
 __ Common Redpoll # RW
 __ Hoary Redpoll # +..... A
 __ Pine Siskin..... CP
 __ Lesser Goldfinch..... FP
 __ Lawrence's Goldfinch #..... A
 __ American Goldfinch..... CP
 __ Evening Grosbeak..... RS,IW(R-C)

Weaver Finches

__ House Sparrow..... CP

This Checklist contains 443 species approved by the Utah Ornithological Society Bird Records Committee through December 2008, arranged in taxonomic order and using nomenclature of the American Ornithologist's Union Check-list of North American Birds, 7th Edition, 49th supplement.

Documentation is requested for sightings of birds notated with a # on this checklist or any bird not on the checklist. You can submit written documentation or print a sight record form at www.utahbirds.org. Documentation and photographs can be submitted to Utahbirds@gmail.com or by mail to the Utah Ornithological Society, Bird Records Committee Secretary, 2795 Indian Hills Dr., Provo, Utah 84604.

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