

Field Checklist of the Birds of Utah

2011¹



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

Quail, Pheasants & Grouse

__ Scaled Quail #..... A
 __ California Quail..... CP
 __ Gambel's Quail..... *CP
 __ 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

Loons

__ Red-throated Loon #..... A
 __ Pacific Loon..... RT
 __ Common Loon..... FT,UW
 __ Yellow-billed Loon #..... A

Grebes

__ 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

Storks

__ Wood Stork #..... A

Frigatebirds, & Cormorants

__ Magnificent Frigatebird #..... A
 __ Neotropic Cormorant #..... A
 __ Double-crested Cormorant..... CS,RW

Pelicans, Bitterns, Egrets & Ibises

__ American White Pelican..... CS,OW
 __ Brown Pelican #..... A
 __ American Bittern..... US,RW
 __ Least Bittern #..... A

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Date _____

Time _____ to _____

Locality _____

Observer _____

Species _____ Individuals _____

Notes _____

__ Great Blue Heron. CP
 __ Great Egret. US, RW
 __ Snowy Egret. CS
 __ Little Blue Heron #. A
 __ Tricolored Heron #. A
 __ Reddish Egret #. A
 __ Cattle Egret. CS
 __ Green Heron. *RS,OW
 __ Black-crowned Night-Heron. CS,UW
 __ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron #. A
 __ White Ibis #. A
 __ Glossy Ibis #. O
 __ White-faced Ibis. CS
 __ Roseate Spoonbill #. A

Vultures, Hawks & Eagles

__ Turkey Vulture. FS
 __ 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

Falcons

__ 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
 __ Purple 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
 __ Little Gull #. A
 __ Franklin's Gull. CS
 __ 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
 __ Iceland Gull #. A
 __ 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
 __ Flammulated 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
 __ Mexican 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

__ Thick-billed Kingbird #..... A
__ 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
__ Pinyon Jay CP
__ Steller's Jay CP
__ Blue Jay..... OW
__ Western Scrub-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

__ Black-capped Chickadee..... CP
__ Mountain Chickadee..... CP
__ Juniper Titmouse CP

Penduline Tits

__ Verdin *CP

Bushtits (Long-tailed Tits)

__ Bushtit CP

Nuthatches

__ Red-breasted Nuthatch..... CP
__ White-breasted Nuthatch FP
__ Pygmy Nuthatch FP

Treecreepers

__ Brown Creeper UP

Wrens

__ Cactus Wren *UP
__ Rock Wren CS, UW
__ Canyon Wren CP
__ Bewick's Wren CP
__ House Wren..... CS,*RW
__ Pacific Wren..... RP
__ Marsh Wren..... CS, UW

Gnatcatchers

__ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher CS
__ Black-tailed Gnatcatcher *UP

Dippers

__ American Dipper FP

Kinglets

__ Golden-crowned Kinglet UP
__ Ruby-crowned Kinglet..... CP

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

Silky Flycatchers

__ Phainopepla *UP

Longspurs & Snow Bunting

__ Lapland Longspur RW
__ Chestnut-collared Longspur #. A
__ McCown's Longspur #..... A
__ Snow Bunting ^RW

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

Sparrows

__Green-tailed Towhee..... FS,OW
 __Spotted Towhee..... CP

__Rufous-crowned Sparrow..... *RP
 __Canyon Towhee #..... A
 __Abert's Towhee..... *UP
 __Cassin's Sparrow #..... A
 __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

Tanagers, Grosbeaks & Buntings

__Summer Tanager..... *US
 __Scarlet Tanager #..... A
 __Western Tanager..... FS
 __Northern Cardinal # +..... A
 __Pyrrhuloxia #..... 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
 __Brown-capped Rosy-Finch #..... A
 __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

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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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