



Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center

Bird Checklists of the United States

Warm Springs Ponds Bird Inventory

Anaconda, Montana

Warm Springs Ponds provides a diverse wetland environment which provides habitat for many resident (stays at ponds) and migrating (passes through during the spring and fall) birds. This inventory, or list, is of the birds which have been observed at the ponds at some time recently.

Opportunities to view the many birds at the Ponds will vary with season, time of day, location within the Ponds, and other conditions. Use the abbreviated codes to assist you in your viewing.

RELATIVE ABUNDANCE

The letters next to the common name of the birds denotes additional information on where, when or how common a bird may be seen:

- (A) - abundant: a species which is very numerous
- (C) - common: likely to be seen or heard in suitable habitat
- (O) - occasional: seen a few times during a season
- (U) - uncommon: present, but not certain to be seen
- (M) - migratory: seen in spring and fall, passing through
- (R) - rarely seen

BREEDING/WINTERING STATUS

Also, the number by the birds' names denotes the probable breeding/wintering status:

- (1) - Direct evidence of breeding (nest or dependent young)
- (2) - Indirect or circumstantial evidence of breeding
- (3) - Observed, no evidence of breeding (summered only)
- (4) - Overwintering, regular sightings during winter period
- (5) - Overwintering not documented, species observed at least once between Dec. 15 and Feb. 15
- (6) - Use ponds for food source only

COLUMN ABBREVIATIONS

RA - Relative Abundance

BWS - Breeding/Wintering Status

LOONS-GREBES	RA	BWS
___ Common Loon	(U)	
___ Pied-billed Grebe	(U)	(1)
___ Horned Grebe		
___ Red-necked Grebe	(C)	(1)
___ Eared Grebe	(C)	(1)
___ Western Grebe	(C)	(1)

PELICAN	RA	BWS
___ American White Pelican	(O)	

CORMORANT	RA	BWS
___ Double-crested Cormorant	(C)	(6)

BITTERN-HERON	RA	BWS
___ American Bittern		
___ Great Blue Heron	(C)	(1)
___ Great Egret	(M)	
___ Black-crowned Night-Heron	(R)	

SWAN-GEESE	RA	BWS
___ Tundra Swan		
___ Greater White Fronted Goose		
___ Snow Goose		
___ Ross' Goose		
___ Canada Goose	(C)	(1)

DUCKS	RA	BWS
___ Wood Duck	(R)	
___ Green-winged Teal	(C)	
___ Mallard	(C)	(1)
___ Northern Pintail	(U)	(1)
___ Blue-winged Teal	(U)	
___ Cinnamon Teal	(C)	(1)
___ Northern Shoveler	(C)	(1)
___ Gadwall	(C)	(1)
___ American Wigeon	(C)	
___ Canvas Back	(C)	(1)
___ Redhead	(C)	(1)
___ Ring-necked Duck	(C)	
___ Greater Scaup		
___ Lesser Scaup	(C)	(1)
___ Harlequin Duck		
___ Common Goldeneye	(U)	
___ Barrow's Goldeneye	(C)	(1)
___ Bufflehead	(C)	
___ Hooded Merganser	(O)	(5)
___ Common Merganser	(C)	
___ Red-breasted Merganser		
___ Ruddy Duck	(C)	(1)

OSPREY-EAGLES-HAWKS	RA	BWS
___ Osprey	(C)	(1)
___ Bald Eagle		
___ Northern Harrier	(C)	(1)
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk		
___ Cooper's Hawk		
___ Northern Goshawk	(R)	
___ Red-tailed Hawk	(O)	(6)
___ Golden Eagle	(O)	

FALCONS	RA	BWS
___ American Kestrel	(U)	(2)
___ Merlin		
___ Peregrine Falcon	(O)	(6)
___ Prairie Falcon	(R)	

PARTRIDGE	RA	BWS
___ Gray Partridge		

RAILS	RA	BWS
___ Virginia Rail	(R)	
___ Sora	(U)	(1)
___ American Coot	(A)	(1)

CRANES	RA	BWS
___ Sandhill Crane	(C)	(1)

PLOVERS	RA	BWS
___ Semipalmated Plover		
___ Killdeer	(C)	(1)
___ American Avocet	(C)	(1)

SANDPIPERS	RA	BWS
___ Greater Yellowlegs	(M)	
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	(M)	
___ Solitary Sandpiper	(M)	
___ Willet		
___ Spotted Sandpiper	(C)	(2)
___ Long-billed Curlew	(R)	
___ Marbled Godwit	(M)	
___ Sanderling		
___ Western Sandpiper	(M)	
___ Least Sandpiper	(M)	
___ Baird's Sandpiper	(M)	
___ Long-billed Dowitcher	(M)	

	RA	BWS
SNIPE-PHALAROPE		
___ Common Snipe	(R)	
___ Wilson's Phalarope	(U)	

	RA	BWS
GULLS-TERNs		
___ Franklin's Gull	(O)	
___ Bonaparte's Gull	(C)	(3)
___ Ring-billed Gull	(C)	(6)
___ California Gull	(M)	
___ Caspian Tern	(M)	
___ Common Tern	(R)	
___ Black Tern	(R)	

	RA	BWS
DOVES		
___ Rock Dove	(R)	(6)
___ Mourning Dove	(C)	

	RA	BWS
OWLS-NIGHTJAR		
___ Great Horned Owl	(U)	
___ Long-eared Owl	(R)	(1)
___ Common Nighthawk	(O)	

	RA	BWS
KINGFISHERS		
___ Belted Kingfisher	(U)	(6)

	RA	BWS
WOODPECKERS		
___ Downy Woodpecker		
___ Northern Flicker	(C)	(1)

	RA	BWS
FLYCATCHERS		
___ Western Wood-pewee	(U)	
___ Willow Flycatcher	(U)	(1)
___ Western Kingbird	(R)	
___ Eastern Kingbird	(U)	

	RA	BWS
LARKS		
___ Horned Lark	(U)	
___ Western Meadowlark	(O)	

	RA	BWS
SWALLOWS		
___ Tree Swallow	(C)	(1)
___ Violet-green Swallow		(6)
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	(C)	(1)
___ Bank Swallow	(U)	(6)
___ Cliff Swallow	(C)	(6)
___ Barn Swallow	(U)	(6)

JAY-CROW-RAVEN	RA	BWS
___ Black-billed Magpie	(C)	(1)
___ American Crow	(C)	(6)
___ Common Raven		

CHICKADEE	RA	BWS
___ Black-capped Chickadee	(U)	(1)

WRENS	RA	BWS
___ House Wren	(M)	
___ Marsh Wren	(A)	(1)

BLUEBIRDS-THRUSHES	RA	BWS
___ Mountain Bluebird	(U)	(1)
___ Veery	(U)	
___ Swainson's Thrush	(R)	
___ American Robin	(U)	

THRASHER	RA	BWS
___ Gray Catbird	(R)	

PIPIT-WAXWINGS	RA	BWS
___ American Pipit		
___ Cedar Waxwing	(U)	

STARLING	RA	BWS
___ European Starling	(C)	(1)

VIREOS	RA	BWS
___ Warbling Vireo	(U)	

WARBLERS	RA	BWS
___ Yellow Warbler	(A)	(1)
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler		
___ American Redstart		
___ Northern Waterthrush		
___ Common Yellowthroat	(U)	(2)
___ Wilson's Warbler		

GROSBEAKS-TANAGER-TOWHEE	RA	BWS
___ Western Tanager	(R)	
___ Black-headed Grosbeak	(R)	
___ Spotted Towhee		

SPARROWS	RA	BWS
___ Chipping Sparrow	(R)	

___	Vesper Sparrow	(C)	(2)
___	Lark Bunting	(R)	
___	Savannah Sparrow	(C)	(1)
___	Grasshopper Sparrow	(R)	
___	Song Sparrow	(U)	(2)
___	Lincoln's Sparrow	(R)	
___	White-crowned Sparrow	(U)	(2)
___	Dark-eyed Junco	(O)	

BLACKBIRDS-ORIOLES	RA	BWS
___ Red-winged Blackbird	(A)	(1)
___ Yellow-headed Blackbird	(A)	(1)
___ Brewer's Blackbird	(C)	(2)
___ Common Grackle	(R)	
___ Brown-headed Cowbird	(U)	(6)
___ Bullock's Oriole	(R)	

FINCHES	RA	BWS
___ Pine Siskin	(M)	
___ American Goldfinch	(R)	

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