

 Ducks, Geese, and Swans	W	Sp	Su	F
Snow Goose	R			V
Ross's Goose	R			
Canada Goose	C	C	C	C
Tundra Swan	V			V
Muscovy Duck		V		
Wood Duck		C	C	U
Gadwall	U	C	F	C
American Wigeon	R	U		U
Mallard	F	C	C	C
Blue-winged Teal		F	U	
Cinnamon Teal		U		
Northern Shoveler	V	C	R	F
Northern Pintail	R	V	V	V
Green-winged Teal	R	C		U
Canvasback		R		
Redhead	R	C		
Ring-necked Duck	V	F		V
Lesser Scaup		R		V
Bufflehead		U		U
Common Goldeneye	V			V
Hooded Merganser	U	U	U	U
Common Merganser	F	U		
Red-breasted Merganser	F	F		F
Ruddy Duck		V		V
 Loons	W	Sp	Su	F
Pacific Loon				V
Common Loon		V		V
 Grebes	W	Sp	Su	F
Pied-billed Grebe	R	F	U	F
Horned Grebe		U		R
Eared Grebe		R		V
Western Grebe		C	F	R
Clark's Grebe		U	R	
 Cormorants	W	Sp	Su	F
Double-crested Cormorant		F	C	U
 Pelicans	W	Sp	Su	F
American White Pelican		F	F	










 Wading Birds	W	Sp	Su	F
American Bittern		V		
Great Blue Heron		F	C	R
Snowy Egret		U	U	
Black-crowned Night-Heron		U	U	
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron			V	
White-faced Ibis		U		
 New World Vultures	W	Sp	Su	F
Turkey Vulture		U		
 Hawks, Eagles	W	Sp	Su	F
Osprey		V		
Bald Eagle	R	V		
Northern Harrier	U			R
Sharp-shinned Hawk	V	V		
Cooper's Hawk	R	U	U	R
Swainson's Hawk		U		U
Red-tailed Hawk	U	F	F	U
Rough-legged Hawk	V			
 Rails, Coots	W	Sp	Su	F
Virginia Rail		F	F	U
Sora		F	F	U
American Coot	U	F	F	C
 Shorebirds	W	Sp	Su	F
Black-necked Stilt		V		
American Avocet		U		V
Killdeer		C	F	F
Spotted Sandpiper		F	F	
Solitary Sandpiper		V		
Greater Yellowlegs		R	V	
Willet		R		
Lesser Yellowlegs		R		
Marbled Godwit		V		
Least Sandpiper		V		
Semipalmated Sandpiper		V		
Western Sandpiper		V		
Long-billed Dowitcher		V		R
Wilson's Snipe		U		U
Wilson's Phalarope		U		

 Gulls	W	Sp	Su	F
Bonaparte's Gull		V		
Franklin's Gull		R		
Mew Gull	V	V		
Ring-billed Gull	C	C	U	F
California Gull		R		
Herring Gull	V			
 Pigeons, Doves	W	Sp	Su	F
Rock Pigeon	U	U	U	F
Mourning Dove	U	F	C	F
 Cuckoos	W	Sp	Su	F
Yellow-billed Cuckoo		R		
 Owls	W	Sp	Su	F
Eastern Screech-Owl		R		
Great Horned Owl	U			U
 Goatsuckers	W	Sp	Su	F
Common Nighthawk			R	
 Hummingbirds	W	Sp	Su	F
Broad-tailed Hummingbird		F	U	
 Kingfishers	W	Sp	Su	F
Belted Kingfisher	U	U	U	F
 Woodpeckers	W	Sp	Su	F
Downy Woodpecker	U	U	U	U
Hairy Woodpecker	R			
Northern Flicker	F	C	C	F

 Falcons	W	Sp	Su	F
American Kestrel	F	F	F	F
Merlin				V
Prairie Falcon	V	V		V
 Tyrant Flycatchers	W	Sp	Su	F
Western Wood-pewee		U	U	U
Least Flycatcher		V		
Dusky Flycatcher		V		V
Cordilleran Flycatcher		V	V	V
Say's Phoebe		U	R	U
Western Kingbird		F	F	U
Eastern Kingbird		U	U	
 Shrikes	W	Sp	Su	F
Loggerhead Shrike		R	U	U
Northern Shrike	R			V
 Vireos	W	Sp	Su	F
Plumbeous Vireo		U		R
 Crows, Jays	W	Sp	Su	F
Blue Jay		U		U
Black-billed Magpie	C	C	C	C
American Crow	F	F	U	F
Common Raven	R			
 Larks	W	Sp	Su	F
Horned Lark	V			V
 Swallows	W	Sp	Su	F
Tree Swallow		U		
Violet-green Swallow		U	U	
Northern Rough-winged Swallow			R	
Cliff Swallow		U	F	R
Barn Swallow		F	C	F
 Chickadees	W	Sp	Su	F
Black-capped Chickadee	U	U	R	U
Mountain Chickadee	V	U		
 Nuthatches, Creepers	W	Sp	Su	F
Red-breasted Nuthatch	R			R
White-breasted Nuthatch		R		R

Conserve birds at home and in the field:

- Practice quiet observation.
- Never handle birds, nests, or nestlings.
- Stay on designated trails.
- Do not bait or feed birds in the wild.
- Feed only natural foods and clean feeders regularly if you have home feeding stations.
- Keep house cats indoors.
- Offer birds clean, fresh water.
- Plant native vegetation.
- Put up nesting and roost boxes.
- Purchase shade grown coffee.
- Join local birding organizations.

 Wrens	W	Sp	Su	F
Rock Wren				V
House Wren			U	
Winter Wren		U	V	
 Gnatcatchers	W	Sp	Su	F
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		R		R
 Kinglets	W	Sp	Su	F
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		R		R
 Thrushes	W	Sp	Su	F
Western Bluebird		V		
Mountain Bluebird		U		R
Townsend's Solitaire	V			
Swainson's Thrush		V		
Hermit Thrush		R		R
American Robin	U	C	F	U
 Mockingbirds, Thrashers	W	Sp	Su	F
Brown Thrasher		V		
Sage Thrasher		R	R	U
Northern Mockingbird		V		
 Starlings	W	Sp	Su	F
European Starling	C	C	C	C
 Pipits	W	Sp	Su	F
American Pipit		V		V
 Waxwings	W	Sp	Su	F
Bohemian Waxwing	V			
Cedar Waxwing		V		V
 Wood Warblers	W	Sp	Su	F
Prothonotary Warbler			V	
Orange-crowned Warbler		R		R
MacGillivray's Warbler		V		R
Common Yellowthroat		U	R	
Blackburnian Warbler		V		V
Yellow Warbler		U	R	
Yellow-rumped Warbler		F		R
Townsend's Warbler		V		
Wilson's Warbler				F

 Sparrows	W	Sp	Su	F
Green-tailed Towhee	V			V
Spotted Towhee		U		U
American Tree Sparrow	U	R		U
Chipping Sparrow			U	R
Clay-colored Sparrow		R		R
Brewer's Sparrow		R		R
Vesper Sparrow		U		U
Lark Sparrow		U	U	R
Lark Bunting		R	R	
Savannah Sparrow		U	R	U
Song Sparrow	U	C	C	F
Lincoln's Sparrow		R		R
Harris's Sparrow		V		V
White-crowned Sparrow		U		U
Dark-eyed Junco	U			F
 Tanagers, Cardinals, Allies	W	Sp	Su	F
Western Tanager		U		
Black-headed Grosbeak		V		V
 Blackbirds	W	Sp	Su	F
Bobolink		R		
Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	C	C
Western Meadowlark		C	C	R
Yellow-headed Blackbird		F	U	
Brewer's Blackbird		U	R	R
Common Grackle	R	C	C	R
Brown-headed Cowbird		C	U	
Bullock's Oriole		C	C	
 Finches, Allies	W	Sp	Su	F
House Finch	U	F	F	F
Pine Siskin	R			R
Lesser Goldfinch			V	
American Goldfinch	R	U	U	R
House Sparrow	U	F	F	U

Occurrence

- C Common**
Always in proper habitat and season.
- F Fairly common**
Often in proper habitat and season.
- U Uncommon**
Sightings expected every year.
- R Rare**
Generally absent, recorded every few years.
- V Very rare**
Very few historical records.

Season

- W** Winter
Sp Spring
Su Summer
F Fall

Observations

Date: _____

Time: _____

Number of Species: _____

Number of Individuals: _____

Weather: _____

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