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California

Yosemite Bird Checklist



This checklist includes the 256 species of birds presently known to have occurred within the boundaries of Yosemite National Park and in El Portal. The bar graphs indicate seasonal occurrence and abundance of birds. For more detailed information, consult *Birds of Yosemite and the East Slope* (Gaines 1992). Help improve this checklist by reporting all unusual observations. Happy Birdwatching!

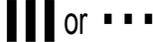
Observers _____

Date _____

Number of Species _____

KEY

Bar graphs indicate relative abundance of a species in suitable habitat at a given time of year:

	Common or Abundant; present in large numbers.
	Fairly common; present in moderate numbers.
	Uncommon; present in small numbers.
	Rare; present in very small numbers; often highly localized.
	Very rare; three or fewer occurrences per season; may not be present every year.
	Casual; record outside of usual season of occurrence.
	Variable; may be present in a given area one year, rare or absent the next.

Winter	January through March
Spring	April through June
Summer	July through September
Fall	October through December

Letter symbols denote the habitat(s) in which the species is most likely to be observed:

A	Aerial
C	Cliffs, rocks, and talus slopes
L	Lakes, reservoirs, and marshes
M	Meadows, clearings, and other open terrain
O	Oaks, maples, and other hardwoods
P	Pines, firs, and other conifers
R	Rivers and streams
S	Shrubs
W	Willows, alders, cottonwoods, and other riparian hardwoods

d (down)	Winters primarily below heavy snow level (4,000' - 5,000') or wintering and migrant (nonbreeding) birds occur below elevation range indicated.
u (up)	Up-mountain drift or southward migration carries some individuals to treeline during summer.
?	Available data are inconclusive.
*	Breeds or has bred in park.
I	Introduced

You can contribute to future revisions of this list by reporting detailed observations of less common species to yose_birds@nps.gov or to:

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		Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	Habitat	Elev.
	Canada Goose	•		• •	AL	2-7
DUCKS	Mallard*	—————	—————	—————		LR	2-10
	Green-winged Teal*	• •	—————	—————		RL	2-9
	Harlequin Duck*	.....	.....	.....		R	4-9
	Bufflehead	.....	.....	.....		LR	4-10
	Common Merganser*	—————	—————	—————		LR	2-7
QUAIL	White-tailed Ptarmigan (I)*					M	10-12
	Sooty Grouse*	—————	—————	—————		PSM	4-8u
	Wild Turkey (I)*					OP	2-4
	Mountain Quail*	—————	—————	—————		SM	3-8d
	California Quail*	—————	—————	—————		OS	2-4
	Pied-billed Grebe	•	•	• •	•	L	2-9
	Eared Grebe	•	.....	.....		L	4-10
	Great Blue Heron	—————	—————	—————		RLM	2-9d
	Turkey Vulture		—————	—————		AM	2-6
HAWKS, EAGLES, FALCONS	Osprey	• • •	.....	.....		LR	2-9
	Bald Eagle*	—————	—————	—————		RLA	2-12
	Northern Harrier		.....	.....	•	M	2-11
	Sharp-shinned Hawk*	—————	—————	—————		PA	2-9d
	Cooper's Hawk*	—————	—————	—————		WPA	2-9d
	Northern Goshawk*	—————	—————	—————		PA	4-10
	Red-shouldered Hawk	——		—————		AOW	2-9d
	Red-tailed Hawk*	—————	—————	—————		MA	2-11d
	Golden Eagle*	—————	—————	—————		MAC	2-11
	American Kestrel*	—————	—————	—————		MO	2-11d
	Peregrine Falcon*	—————	—————	—————		AC	2-7
	Prairie Falcon*	•	• • •	.....		MAC	8-11
		Virginia Rail*		•		L	2-7
	Killdeer*	•	.....	.....		LMR	2-9
	Spotted Sandpiper*		—————	—————	•	RL	2-11
	Wilson's Snipe		.....	.....	•	LMR	2-9
	California Gull		—————	—————	•	ALR	4-11
	Band-tailed Pigeon*	|||||	|||||	|||||	|||||	OP	2-7
	Mourning Dove*	—————	—————	—————		MO	2-6
OWLS	Flammulated Owl*		—————	.....		PO	4-6
	Western Screech-Owl*	—————	—————	—————		OP	2-5
	Great Horned Owl*	—————	—————	—————		MOPW	2-9
	Northern Pygmy-Owl*	—————	—————	—————		POW	2-6
	Spotted Owl (California)*	—————	—————	—————		PO	2-7
	Great Gray Owl*		MP	4-8u/d
	Long-eared Owl*	? ? ?	? ?	MW	2-7
	Northern Saw-whet Owl*	—————	—————	—————		POW	2-6

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	Common Nighthawk*?				A	2-7
	Common Poorwill*		•—————••			MS	2-6
SWIFTS	Black Swift*	••	—————•		•	AC	4-8
	Vaux's Swift*		•—————			PA	2-7
	White-throated Swift*	—————	—————	—————		AC	2-8
	Anna's Hummingbird*	.....	—————	.....		SM	2-8
	Calliope Hummingbird*		—————	.....		MSP	4-7u
	Rufous Hummingbird		.....	—————		MS	2-12
	Belted Kingfisher*	—————	—————	—————		RL	2-9
WOODPECKERS	Lewis's Woodpecker	•	•.....	—————		OP	2-10
	Acorn Woodpecker*	—————	—————	—————		OP	2-5
	Williamson's Sapsucker*	—————	—————	—————		P	6-9d
	Red-naped Sapsucker		.....	.....		WP	2-7
	Red-breasted Sapsucker*	—————	—————	—————		WP	2-8u
	Nuttall's Woodpecker*	—————	—————	—————		O	2-4
	Downy Woodpecker*	—————	—————	—————		WO	2-4u
	Hairy Woodpecker*	—————	—————	—————		PWO	2-10
	White-headed Woodpecker*	—————	—————	—————		PW	4-7
	Black-backed Woodpecker*	—————	—————	—————		P	7-9
	Northern Flicker (Red-shafted)*	|||||	—————	—————	|||||	POWM	2-10d
	Pileated Woodpecker*	—————	—————	—————		PO	4-7
	FLYCATCHERS	Olive-sided Flycatcher*		—————	•		P	4-9
Western Wood-Pewee*			—————			POW	2-9
Willow Flycatcher			•.....		•	W	2-6
Hammond's Flycatcher*			—————	•		P	4-8
Dusky Flycatcher*			—————	—————		PS	4-10
Pacific-slope Flycatcher*			—————	—————	•	WO	2-5
Black Phoebe*			—————	—————	—————	RWM	2-9
Say's Phoebe		••	—————	.....		M	2-5
Ash-throated Flycatcher*			—————	—————		SWO	2-5u
Western Kingbird			—————	—————		M	2-4
	Loggerhead Shrike	.....	••	•	.....	MO	2-9
VIREOS	Cassin's Vireo*	•	—————	—————	—————	PO	2-6
	Hutton's Vireo*	—————	—————	—————		O	2-5
	Warbling Vireo*		—————	—————	•	WPO	2-9
JAYS, CROWS	Steller's Jay*	—————	—————	—————		PO	2-9d
	Western Scrub-Jay*	—————	—————	—————		SO	2-4
	Pinyon Jay			.....		PO	3-9
	Clark's Nutcracker*	—————	—————	—————		PM	6-12
	American Crow	•.....	•	M	2-6
	Common Raven*	—————	—————	—————		AMP	2-10d
	Horned Lark*	•	—————		M	10-12d

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SWALLOWS	Tree Swallow*	•	████████████████████			WAM	2-9
	Violet-green Swallow*	—	████████████████████	—		APWO CLRM	2-9
	Northern Rough-winged Swallow*		•	████████████████████		RA	2-4
	Cliff Swallow*		████████████████████	—		RCA	2
	Barn Swallow*	—	████████████████████	—		MRA	2-4u
	Mountain Chickadee*	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	P	2-10
	Chestnut-backed Chickadee*	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	PO	2-5
	Oak Titmouse*	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	OW	2-5
	Bushtit*	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	SOW	2-6u/d
	Red-breasted Nuthatch*	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	P	2-8u/d
	White-breasted Nuthatch*	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	OP	2-10
	Pygmy Nuthatch*	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	P	2-7
	Brown Creeper*	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	P	4-10u/d
WRENS	Rock Wren*	.....	████████████████████	.....		C	2-3, 8-12d
	Canyon Wren*	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	C	2-5
	Bewick's Wren*	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	OS	2-6
	House Wren*	•	████████████████████	—	•	WS	4-7
	Winter Wren*	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	WOP	2-6
	Marsh Wren		.....			ML	2-5
	American Dipper*	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	RL	2-10d
	Golden-crowned Kinglet*	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	P	4-8d
	Ruby-crowned Kinglet*	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	PSOW	7-9d
	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*		•	████████████████████		S	2-7
THRUSHES	Western Bluebird*	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	OPM	2-10d
	Mountain Bluebird*	.....	████████████████████			M	8-11d
	Townsend's Solitaire*	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	P	5-10d
	Swainson's Thrush	•	.....		•	W	2-5
	Hermit Thrush*	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	PS	2-10d
	American Robin*	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	MWPO	2-10d
	Varied Thrush	████████████████████	—	•	•	OPW	2-5
	Wrentit*	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	S	2-7d
	California Thrasher	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	SW	2-4
	European Starling (I)*	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	MO	2-4
	American Pipit*		████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	CM	10-12
	Cedar Waxwing	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	POW	2-9d
WARBLERS	Orange-crowned Warbler*		████████████████████	████████████████████	—	WOSP	2-10
	Nashville Warbler*		████████████████████	████████████████████	—	OPW	3-8u
	Yellow Warbler*		████████████████████	████████████████████	—	WSO	2-9
	Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's)*	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	POMW	2-10d
	Black-throated Gray Warbler*		████████████████████	████████████████████	—	OP	2-7u

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WARBLERS	Townsend's Warbler			██████████		PW	2-10
	Hermit Warbler*		██████████	██████████		P	4-7
	MacGillivray's Warbler*		██████████	██████████		SW	2-8u
	Common Yellowthroat		• •	.....		MWL	2-6
	Wilson's Warbler*		██████████	██████████		WM	4-10
	Western Tanager*		██████████	██████████		PW	2-8
TOWHEES, SPARROWS, JUNCOS	Green-tailed Towhee*				•	S	5-8u
	Spotted Towhee*	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	SW	2-7
	California Towhee*	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	OS	2-4
	Rufous-crowned Sparrow	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	MS	2-3
	Chipping Sparrow*		██████████	██████████		PM	2-10
	Brewer's Sparrow		• • •	.....		M	2-10d
	Black-chinned Sparrow		.....	.....		S	2-5
	Vesper Sparrow		• •	.....		M	2-10d
	Lark Sparrow		.....	.....		M	2-4
	Savannah Sparrow*				•	M	2-10
	Fox Sparrow*		██████████	██████████	██████████	S	5-8d
	Song Sparrow*	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	WM	2-9
	Lincoln's Sparrow*		██████████	██████████	██████████	MW	4-10
	White-crowned Sparrow (Mountain)*		██████████	██████████	██████████	MW	8-11
	White-crowned Sparrow (Gambel's)	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	MW	2-4
	Golden-crowned Sparrow	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	SW	2-5
	Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon)*	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	MOPW	2-10d
	Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored)	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	MOW	2-4
		Black-headed Grosbeak*	• • •	██████████	██████████		OWP	2-6
Lazuli Bunting*			██████████	██████████		WMS	2-7
BLACKBIRDS	Red-winged Blackbird*	•	██████████	██████████		MLW	2-9
	Western Meadowlark*	•	.....	.....		M	2-6u
	Brewer's Blackbird*	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	MWP	2-10u
	Brown-headed Cowbird*		•	██████████		MWPO	2-10
	Bullock's Oriole*		██████████	██████████		WO	2-4
FINCHES	Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch*	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	CM	9-13
	Pine Grosbeak*	.....	.....	.....	.....	PM	7-10
	Purple Finch*	.....	██████████	██████████	.....	OP	2-6
	Cassin's Finch*	.....	██████████	██████████	.....	PM	4-11
	House Finch		██████████	██████████	██████████	MOPW	2-5
	Red Crossbill*	.....	.....	.....	.....	P	4-11
	Pine Siskin*	.....	██████████	██████████	.....	MP	7-10d
	Lesser Goldfinch*	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	MS	2-6u
	Lawrence's Goldfinch*		██████████	██████████	.....	MW	2-4
	American Goldfinch		•	.....	.....	WM	2-4
	Evening Grosbeak*	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	PO	2-9
	House Sparrow (I)*		.....	.....	•	OM	2-4

Additional species recorded at least four times:

Snow Goose	American Coot*
Wood Duck*	Wilson's Phalarope
American Wigeon	Red-necked Phalarope
Blue-winged Teal*	Red Phalarope
Cinnamon Teal	Ring-billed Gull
Northern Shoveler	Caspian Tern
Northern Pintail	Barn Owl
Canvasback	Burrowing Owl
Ring-necked Duck	Black-chinned Hummingbird
Lesser Scaup	Allen's Hummingbird
Common Goldeneye	Gray Flycatcher
Hooded Merganser	Black-billed Magpie
Ruddy Duck	Northern Mockingbird
Common Loon	Sage Thrasher
Western Grebe	Bohemian Waxwing
American White Pelican	Phainopepla
Double-crested Cormorant	Black-and-white Warbler
Great Egret	American Redstart
Snowy Egret	Yellow-breasted Chat
Swainson's Hawk	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Rough-legged Hawk	Indigo Bunting
Merlin	Yellow-headed Blackbird
Sora	

Additional species recorded fewer than four times:

Tundra Swan	Eastern Kingbird
Gadwall	Red-eyed Vireo
Barrow's Goldeneye	Yellow-billed Magpie
Greater Sage-Grouse	Bank Swallow
Pacific Loon	Tennessee Warbler
Horned Grebe	Virginia's Warbler
Clark's Grebe	Northern Parula
American Bittern	Magnolia Warbler
Green Heron	Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle)*
Black-crowned Night-Heron	Blackpoll Warbler
White-tailed Kite	Cerulean Warbler
Yellow Rail	Ovenbird
Sandhill Crane	Hooded Warbler
Black-necked Stilt	Clay-colored Sparrow
American Avocet	Black-throated Sparrow
Solitary Sandpiper	Sage Sparrow
Greater Yellowlegs	Grasshopper Sparrow
Willet	White-throated Sparrow
Least Sandpiper	Harris' Sparrow
Greater Roadrunner	Dark-eyed Junco (Gray-headed)
Short-eared Owl	Chestnut-collared Longspur
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	Blue Grosbeak
Northern Shrike	Bobolink
Vermillion Flycatcher	Great-tailed Grackle

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