

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 occur:

- 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.
- ! Introduced

		Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	Habitat	Elev.
DUCKS	Canada Goose			•	• •	AL	2-7
	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 (!)*					M	10-12
	Sooty Grouse*					PSM	4-8u
	Wild Turkey (!)*					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	

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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
OWLS	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
	Flammulated Owl*					PO	4-6
SWIFTS	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
	Common Nighthawk*?					A	2-7
	Common Poorwill*		•		• •	MS	2-6
	Black Swift*	• •			•	AC	4-8
WOODPECKERS	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
	Lewis's Woodpecker	•	•			OP	2-10
	Acorn Woodpecker*					OP	2-5
	Williamson's Sapsucker*					P	6-9d
	Red-naped Sapsucker					WP	2-7
THRUSHERS	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

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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
VIREOS	Loggerhead Shrike		• •	•		MO	2-9
	Cassin's Vireo*	•				PO	2-6
	Hutton's Vireo*					O	2-5
JAYS & CROWS	Warbling Vireo*				•	WPO	2-9
	Steller's Jay*					PO	2-9d
	Western Scrub-Jay*					SO	2-4
	Pinyon Jay					PO	3-9
	Clark's Nutcracker*					PM	6-12
SWALLOWS	American Crow	•			•	M	2-6
	Common Raven*					AMP	2-10d
	Horned Lark*	•				M	10-12d
	Tree Swallow*	•				WAM	2-9
	Violet-green Swallow*					APWO CLRM	2-9
WRENS	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
THRUSHES	Brown Creeper*					P	4-10u/d
	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
THRUSHES	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	•				S	2-7
	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	

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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
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
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
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
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
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:

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| 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:

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

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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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Yosemite Bird Checklist



This checklist includes the 255 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!

Observer(s) _____ Date _____

Number of Species _____