	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter Habitat
☐ white-crowned sparrow	r	-	r	r A
□ dark-eyed junco*	С	С	С	c A
□ chestnut-collard longspur	_	_	X	- D
□ snow bunting	_	_	_	x P
6				
Grosbeaks & Buntings				
☐ rose-breasted grosbeak	r	r	-	- R
□ black-headed grosbeak*	c	c	r	- E/P/R
□ blue brosbeak*	u	u	u	- P/R
☐ Lazuli bunting*	С	c	С	- P/R
☐ indigo bunting*	r	r	-	- R
Blackbirds, Meadowlarks & Orioles				
□ red-winged blackbird*	u	u	u	r R/W
☐ western meadowlark*	u	u	u	r D
☐ yellow-headed blackbird	r	-	r	- R/W
☐ rusty blackbird	-	X	-	- W
☐ Brewer's blackbird*	u	u	u	r E/R
☐ great-tailed grackle	r	r	-	- D/R
☐ brown-headed cowbird*	С	c	r	- A
□ hooded oriole	r	r	-	- R
☐ Bullock's oriole*	C	C	r	- R
☐ Scott's oriole	r	r	-	- D/P
Finches				- D/D
gray-crowned rosy-finch	-	-	-	s D/P
□ pine grosbeak □ Cassin's finch*	X	-	-	x E s D/E
	u	u	u	
house finch*	С	С	С	c D/P/R
□ red crossbill*	S	S	S	s E
□ pine siskin*	u	r	u	u E/P/R
□ lesser goldfinch*	С	С	С	u A
☐ American goldfinch	u	-	u	u D/R
□ evening grosbeak	S	S	S	s E/R
Weaver Finches				
□ house sparrow*	С	С	С	c D/R
induse sparrow	C	C	C	C D/K

Do you have an interesting bird sighting? Records are lacking for numerous species. Your observations of uncommon or rare species, or of any birds exhibiting unusual behavior, can provide the National Park Service and the birding community with valuable data. Natural History Observation Cards are available at visitor centers or entrance stations. Below is a checklist of the information needed as a reminder while you're in the field. Please be specific and accurate on your sighting—do not guess—and thank you!

Observation Checklist

Species:

Date:
Time:
Weather:
Location:
Description, habitat, behavior, number . . .

Observer (name, address, phone number):

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Zion National Park





Some 8,000 feet above sea level a peregrine falcon cruises from its perch atop Zion's high plateau. A flock of band-tailed pigeons note its approach and bolt on noisy wings into a stand of ponderosa pines. The falcon careens over the edge of its looming sandstone world and drops roughly 2,000 feet along a sheer rock wall; white-throated swifts scatter to give it space. At the base of the cliffs the raptor's flight becomes more horizontal. From the pygmy forest of pinyon and juniper, pinyon jays squawk their disapproval, and further down, along the Virgin River, a black-headed grosbeak eyes the peregrine from the cover of a big cottonwood. Soon, the falcon's shadow is streaking across searing desert terrain, where a roadrunner abandons its pursuit of lizards to avoid becoming prev itself.

Amazingly, a peregrine falcon can be within a talon's grasp of each of Zion's major habitats during a flight lasting only a few minutes.

In Zion National Park, a diversity of environments is compressed into a relatively small space. While birdwatchers lack the peregrine falcon's luxury of 100 mile per hour, you can still visit Zion's different habitats within a day.

Try to experience the varied landscapes of Zion. You will likely be impressed with their stunning beauty and with the many bird species that occupy them.

Habitats

D Desert sagebrush and blackbrush areas, including grassy canyon bottomlands; e.g. Huber Wash, Coalpits Wash, parts of Chinle Trail, and fields around Springdale.

R Riparian woodlands along the Virgin River and its tributaries.

P Pinyon-juniper woodlands, including the sloping sides of Zion Canyon, possibly with interspersed scrub oak thickets.

E Evergreen woodlands—including fir, ponderosa pine, aspen, and associated vegetation—plus mountain meadows, side canyons, and canyon walls; such as the upper parts of the West Rim Trail, Potato Hollow, Hidden Canyon, and much of the Kolob Canyons area.

W On or near water areas, including the Virgin River and tributaries, Kolob and Blue Springs Reservoirs, and Springdale Ponds.

A Birds may be seen in almost any habitat type.

Abundance

c Common, seen most days in correct season and habitat.

u Uncommon, seen in low numbers in correct season and habitat

r Rare, no more than a few sightings per year.

s Sporadic, may be numerous in some years and entirely absent in other years.

x Accidental, seen no more than a few times or reported but not well documented.

- Species not known to occur in this season or data not available.

* breeds in Zion

**recently introduced to nothern Arizona

This checklist contains 290 bird species.

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	Habitat
Loons & Grebes					
□ common loon	r	-	r	-	W
□ pied-billed grebe	u	r	u	u	W
□ horned grebe	X	-	r	r	W
□ eared grebe	С	-	С	u	W
□ western grebe	r	-	r	-	W
□ Clark's grebe	X	-	-	-	W
Pelicans & Cormorants					
☐ American white pelican	X	-	r	-	W
☐ double-crested cormorant	r	X	-	-	W
Herons, Ibises & Storks					
☐ American bittern	X	-	X	-	W
☐ great blue heron	u	r	u	u	W
□ great egret	r	-	X	-	W
□ snowy egret	u	-	r	-	W
□ cattle egret	r	-	r	-	W
□ green heron	r	-	r	-	W
☐ black-crowned night heron	r	r	r	r	W
☐ white-faced ibis	u	-	r	-	W
□ wood stork	-	X	-	-	W
Vultures					
□ turkey vulture*	u	C	u	X	A
☐ California condor**	r	u	u	r	E/P
Swans, Geese & Ducks					
□ tundra swan	-	-	-	X	W
□ snow goose	r	-	r	-	W
□ Canada goose	r	-	r	u	W
□ wood duck	u	-	u	u	W
☐ green-winged teal*	u	r	С	u	W
□ mallard*	С	С	С	С	W
□ northern pintail*	u	-	u	u	W
☐ blue-winged teal	u	r	r	r	W
☐ cinnamon teal	С	u	С	u	W
□ northern shoveler	u	-	u	u	W
□ gadwall	u	-	u	u	W
☐ American wigeon	u	-	u	u	W
□ canvasback	u	-	u	u	W
□ redhead	u	-	u	r	W
☐ ring-necked duck	С	-	С	u	W
□ lesser scaup	u	-	u	u	W
□ oldsquaw	-	-	-	X	W
□ surf scoter	-	-	-	X	W
☐ white-winged scoter	-	-	X	-	W

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	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter Habitat		Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	Habitat		Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	Habitat
□ common goldeneye	u	- -	u	u W	☐ greater yellowlegs	u	-	X	-	W	□ long-eared owl	X	-	_	-	D/P
□ bufflehead	u	_	u	u W	□ lesser yellowlegs	r	_	X	_	W	□ short-eared owl	-	x	_	_	P
□ common merganser*		r	u	r W	□ solitary sandpiper	r	_	r	_	W	□ northern saw-whet owl	S	s	S	s	E/R
□ red-breasted merganser	u	r	u	r W	□ willet	u	_	_	_	W						
□ ruddy duck	u	_	u	u W	☐ wandering tattler	_	_	X	_	W	Goatsuckers					
J					☐ spotted sandpiper*	u	u	u	r	W	□ lesser nighthawk	_	r	_	_	D
Osprey, Eagles, Hawks & Falcons					□ long-billed curlew	X	_	-	-	W	□ common nighthawk	u	u	u	_	A
□ osprey	r	-	r	x W	☐ marbled godwit	r	-	-	-	W	□ common poorwill*	u	u	u	- 3	D/E//P
□ bald eagle	r	r	r	u W	□ sanderling	X	-	-	-	W	□ whip-poor-will	r	_	-	-	R
□ northern harrier	u	r	u	u D	□ western sandpiper	u	-	u	-	W						
☐ sharp-shinned hawk*	u	u	u	u E/P/R	☐ least sandpiper	u	-	u	-	W	Swifts					
□ cooper's hawk*	С	c	С	c E/P/R	☐ Baird's sandpiper	X	-	X	-	W	□ black swift	r	-	r	-	R
□ northern goshawk*	r	r	r	r E	☐ pectoral sandpiper	X	-	X	-	W	☐ Vaux's swift	X	-	X	-	R
□ common black-hawk	r	r	-	- R	□ long-billed dowitcher	u	-	X	-	W	☐ white throated swift*	С	С	С	r	A
☐ red-shouldered hawk	-	X	-	x R	□ common snipe	u	X	u	u	R/W						
☐ broad-winged hawk	X	-	-	- R	☐ Wilson's phalarope	r	-	r	-	W	Hummingbirds					
☐ Swainson's hawk	r	r	r	- D/E	☐ red-necked phalarope	r	-	r	-	W	☐ broad-billed hummingbird	-	-	X	-	R
□ zone-tailed hawk	-	X	X	- R	☐ red phalarope	X	-	-	-	W	☐ blue-throated hummingbird	-	\mathbf{x}	-	-	R
☐ red-tailed hawk*	С	С	С	c A							☐ magnificent hummingbird	X	X	-	-	R
☐ ferruginous hawk	r	r	r	r D/P	Gulls & Terns						☐ black-chinned hummingbird*	С	С	С	-	A
□ rough-legged hawk	u	-	u	u D	☐ Franklin's gull	r	-	-	-	W	☐ Costa's hummingbird*	u	r	-	-	D
□ golden eagle*	u	u	u	u D/E/P	☐ Bonaparte's gull	X	-	X	-	W	☐ Anna's hummingbird	X	X	-	-	D/R
☐ American kestrel*	С	C	С	c D/E/R	☐ ring-billed gull	u	-	r	r	W	☐ calliope hummingbird	r	-	r	-	E/R
□ merlin	-	-	r	r P/R	☐ California gull	u	-	r	-	W	☐ broad-tailed hummingbird*	u	u	u	-	E
☐ peregrine falcon*	u	u	u	u A	☐ herring gull	X	-	X	X	W	☐ rufous hummingbird	-	r	u	-	E/R
☐ prairie falcon	r	r	r	r D/E	☐ Caspian tern	X	-	X	-	W						
					☐ Forster's tern	r	X	X	-	W	Kingfishers					
Pheasants, Grouse, Turkey & Quail					□ black tern	-	X	-	-	W	☐ belted kingfisher*	u	u	u	u	R/W
☐ ring-necked pheasant*	r	r	r	r D												
□ blue grouse*	u	u	u	u E	Pigeons & Doves						Woodpeckers					
□ wild turkey*	С	C	С	c E/R	□ rock dove	r	r	r	r	D/R	☐ Lewis' woodpecker	X	-	r	r	E
□ gambel's quail*	u	u	u	u D/R	☐ band-tailed pigeon*	X	u	X	-	E	☐ acorn woodpecker	X	r	-	-	E
					☐ white-winged dove	X	-	-	-	R	☐ red-naped sapsucker*	С	u	С	S	E/P/R
Rails & Cranes					☐ mourning dove*			r		A	□ Williamson's sapsucker	-	-	r	r	E/P
□ Virginia rail*	r	r	r	r W	☐ inca dove	X	X	X	X	R	☐ ladder-backed woodpecker	r	r	r	r	D/R
□ sora*	r	r	r	r W							□ downy woodpecker	u	u	u	u	E/P/R
☐ American coot*	u	r	u	c W	Cuckoos & Roadrunners						☐ hairy woodpecker*	С	С	С	С	E/P/R
☐ sandhill crane	-	-	-	x W	☐ yellow-billed cuckoo	-	r	r	-		☐ three-toed woodpecker	-	-	-	X	P
					☐ greater roadrunner	u	u	u	u	D	□ northern flicker*	u	u	u	c	E/P/R
Shorebirds																
□ black-bellied plover	-	-	-	x W	Owls						Flycatchers					
□ snowy plover	-	X	-	x W	□ barn owl	r	r	r		P/R	□ olive-sided flycatcher*	u	u	u	-	E
□ semipalmated plover	r	-	r	- W	☐ flammulated owl*	r	r	r		E/P	□ western wood-pewee*	u	С	u	-	E/R
□ killdeer*	u	u	u	u D/W	□ western screech-owl*	u	u	u		E/R	☐ southwest willow flycatcher*	r	r	-		
□ mountain plover	X	-	-	- D	☐ great horned owl*	u	u	u		A	☐ Hammond's flycatcher	r	-	r		E/R
□ black-necked stilt	u	-	X	- W	□ northern pygmy-owl*	u	u	u		E/P/R	☐ dusky flycatcher*	u	u	u		E/P/R
☐ American avocet	u	-	r	- W	☐ Mexican spotted owl*	u	u	u	u	E	☐ gray flycatcher*	u	u	-	-	P

	Spring Summer Fall Winter Habitat		Spring Summer Fall Winter Habitat		Spring Summer Fall Winter Habitat
	Spri Surr Fall Win Hab		Spri Sum Fall Win Hab		Spri Sum Fall Win Hab
□ cordilleran flycatcher*	u u E/R	Nuthatches & Creepers		Warblers	
□ black phoebe*	uuuu R	☐ red-breasted nuthatch*	rurr E	☐ orange-crowned warbler*	u u u x E/R
□ eastern phoebe	x - x - R	☐ white-breasted nuthatch*	u u u u E/P	☐ Nashville warbler	r - r - R
☐ Say's phoebe*	c c c u D/R	□ pygmy nuthatch*	u u u u E	☐ Virginia's warbler*	c c u - E/P/R
□ vermilion flycatcher	x x R	□ brown creeper*	u r u u D/E/P	☐ Lucy's warbler*	c c R
☐ ash-throated flycatcher*	u c E/P/R	1		□ yellow warbler*	c c c - R
☐ Cassin's kingbird*	u u r - P/R	Wrens & Dippers		☐ yellow-rumped warbler*	c u c u E/R
☐ western kingbird*	c c u - D/R	□ rock wren*	c c c u D/P	☐ black-throated gray warbler*	c c u - P
□ eastern kingbird	x - x - P/R	□ canyon wren*	c c c c R/P	☐ Townsend's warbler	x - E
□ northern shrike	r D	☐ Bewick's wren*	c c c c D/P	☐ hermit warbler	- x R
□ loggerhead shrike	r - r r D/E	□ house wren*	c c r r R	☐ Grace's warbler*	c c r - E
		□ winter wren*	rrru R	☐ black-and-white warbler	x x R
Vireos		☐ marsh wren*	u - u u R/W	☐ American redstart	x x x - R
☐ Bell's vireo*	- r R	☐ American dipper*	c c c c W	□ ovenbird	x R
□ gray vireo*	u u P	11		□ northern waterthrush	r - x - R
□ plumbeous vireo*	c c c - E/R	Kinglets & Gnatcatchers		☐ MacGillivray's warbler	u u r - D/R/E
☐ warbling vireo*	c c c - E/R	☐ golden-crowned kinglet	r u E/P	□ common yellowthroat*	u r R
		☐ ruby-crowned kinglet	c r c c E/P	□ hooded warbler	x - E
Jays & Crows		☐ blue-gray gnatcatcher*	c c r r D/P	☐ Wilson's warbler	u - r x R
□ gray jay	x P			☐ painted redstart	r P/R
☐ Steller's jay*	c c c c E/P/R	Thrushes		□ yellow-breasted chat*	urx-R
□ western scrub-jay*	c c c c P/R	□ western bluebird*	c u c u D/E/R	<i>y</i>	
□ pinyon jay*	u u u u P	□ mountain bluebird*	u u u u D/E	Tanagers	
☐ Clark's nutcracker	r - r r E	☐ Townsend's solitaire*	c u c u E/P	☐ summer tanager*	uur - R
☐ black-billed magpie	x x D/P	☐ Swainson's thrush	r - x - E	□ western tanager*	c c c - E/R
☐ American crow	r r r P/R	□ hermit thrush*	u c u u E/R		
□ common raven*	c c c c A	☐ American robin*	c c c c A	Towhees, Sparrows & Juncos	
— 00		□ varied thrush	x R	☐ green-tailed towhee*	u u u x D/E/R
Larks				□ spotted towhee*	c c c c c $E/P/R$
□ horned lark	r - r u D	Mockingbirds & Thrashers		☐ Abert's towhee*	r r R
	1 1 4 2	□ gray catbird	x x R	☐ rufous-crowned sparrow*	r r r r D/P
Swallows		□ northern mockingbird*	r u - r D/P	☐ American tree sparrow	x - x - D/P
☐ tree swallow*	c c r - E/W	□ sage thrasher	x - x - D	☐ chipping sparrow*	c c c r D/E/P
□ violet-green swallow*	c c c - A	□ brown thrasher	x x R	☐ Brewer's sparrow	r r r r D/E
☐ n. rough-winged swallow*	c u r - R/W	□ crissal thrasher	x - x - D/R	☐ black-chinned sparrow*	r r r $ D/P$
□ bank swallow	r R/W	Crissar tiffasiter	X X D/K	□ vesper sparrow*	c u c x D/E
□ cliff swallow*	u u u - D/W	Starlings		□ lark sparrow*	u u u x D/R
☐ barn swallow	r - r - D/W	☐ European starling*	c c c c D/R	☐ black-throated sparrow*	c c r x D
L barn swanow	1 - 1 - D/W	Laropean starting	c c c c b/R	☐ sage sparrow	$r \times r \cdot r \cdot D/P$
Chickadees, Titmice & Bushtits		Pipits, Waxwings & Phainopepla		☐ sage sparrow ☐ savannah sparrow	u x r r D
□ black-capped chickadee*	c c c c E/P/R	☐ American pipit	,, ,, ,, D	☐ fox sparrow	- In
☐ mountain chickadee*	T/D/D	☐ Bohemian waxwing	u - u u D	☐ song sparrow*	~ /****
☐ juniper titmouse*	_	☐ cedar waxwing	s R	☐ Lincoln's sparrow*	- I- I-
□ yerdin	сссс Р хх D	□ cedar waxwing □ phainopepla*	u-uuR rur-D/P/R	☐ swamp sparrow	_
□ verdin □ bushtit*	T /T /T	ш рнашореріа	r u r - D/P/R	± ±	x R r - r r D/R
□ ousnut	c c c c D/E/P			□ white-throated sparrow	r r D/R x D/R
				☐ Harris' sparrow	T /T
				☐ golden-crowned sparrow	r - r r D/R