Devils Postpile

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Bird Checklist

Steller's Jay

Abundance

The probability a competent observer has of viewing species in suitable habitat.

Su=June, July, August
F=September, October, November
c=common
u=uncommon
f=fairly common
r=rare
x=unknown

Breeding Status

0=no evidence or migrant/transient/disperser
1=confirmed breeding
2=possible breeding
3=probable breeding

* denotes species of special concern

Names listed in paranthesis indicates subspecies widely recognized but not accepted by the American Ornithologist's Union.

The names and order of species follow the American Ornithologist's Union Checklist seventh edition (1998) and supplements through 2011.

	Su	F	BS
Waterfowl			
☐ Gadwall *Anas strepera*	x	x	0
☐ Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*	c	c	1
☐ Bufflehead *Bucephala albeola*	r	r	2
☐ Common Merganser *Mergus merganser*	c	f	1
☐ Ruddy Duck *Oxyura jamaicensis*	x	x	0
Quail			
☐ Mountain Quail * *Oreortyx pictus*	c	c	2
☐ California Quail *Callipepla californica*	x	x	0
Grouse			
☐ Sooty Grouse *Dendragapus fuliginosus*	x	x	0
Grebes			
☐ Eared Grebe * *Podiceps nigricollis*	x	x	0
Herons			
☐ Great Blue Heron *Ardea herodias*	x	x	0
Vultures			
☐ Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*	r	r	0
Eagles and Hawks			
☐ Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*	x	x	0
☐ Bald Eagle * *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*	r	u	0
☐ Sharp-shinned Hawk *Accipiter striatus*	x	x	0
☐ Cooper's Hawk *Accipiter cooperii*	u	u	2
☐ Northern Goshawk * *Accipiter gentilis*	u	u	2
☐ Red-shouldered Hawk *Buteo lineatus*	x	x	0
☐ Red-tailed Hawk *Buteo jamaicensis*	f	f	2
☐ Golden Eagle * *Aquila chrysaetos*	u	u	0

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Rails			
☐ Virginia Rail *Rallus limicola*	r	r	2
Shorebirds			
☐ Killdeer *Charadrius vociferus*	u	u	2
☐ Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius*	c	c	1
☐ Wilson's Snipe *Gallinago delicata*	u	u	2
Gulls			
☐ California Gull *Larus californicus*	c	f	0
Doves			
☐ Mourning Dove *Zenaida macroura*	u	u	2
Owls			
☐ Great Horned Owl *Bubo virginianus*	f	f	0
☐ Northern Pygmy-Owl *Glaucidium gnoma californicum*	x	x	0
Nighthawks			
☐ Common Nighthawk *Chordeiles minor*	u	u	0
Swifts			
☐ Black Swift * *Cypseloides niger*	f	f	1
☐ Vaux's Swift *Chaetura vauxi*	r	r	0
☐ White-throated Swift *Aeronautes saxatalis*	r	r	2
Hummingbirds			
☐ Anna's Hummingbird *Calypte anna*	r	r	2
☐ Broad-tailed Hummingbird *Selasphorus platycercus*	r	r	0
☐ Rufous Hummingbird *Selasphorus rufus*	c	r	0
☐ Calliope Hummingbird * *Selasphorus calliope*	c	c	1
Kingfishers			
☐ Belted Kingfisher *Megaceryle alcyon*	f	f	2

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Woodpeckers			
☐ Lewis's Woodpecker * *Melanerpes lewis*	r	r	0
☐ Williamson's Sapsucker * *Sphyrapicus thyroideus*	f	f	1
☐ Red-breasted Sapsucker *Sphyrapicus ruber*	c	f	1
☐ Downy Woodpecker *Picoides pubescens*	u	u	2
☐ Hairy Woodpecker *Picoides villosus*	f	f	1
☐ White-headed Woodpecker * *Picoides albolarvatus*	f	f	2
☐ Black-backed Woodpecker *Picoides arcticus*	f	f	3
☐ Northern Flicker (Red-shafted) *Colaptes auratus cafer*	c	c	1
Falcons			
☐ American Kestrel *Falco sparverius*	u	u	2
Flycatchers			
☐ Olive-sided Flycatcher * *Contopus cooperi*	f	r	3
☐ Western Wood-Pewee *Contopus sordidulus*	c	r	1
☐ Willow Flycatcher * *Empidonax trailli*	r	r	0
☐ Hammond's Flycatcher *Empidonax hammondii*	r	r	2
☐ Gray Flycatcher *Empidonax wrightii*	r	r	0
☐ Dusky Flycatcher *Empidonax oberholseri*	c	r	3
☐ Black Phoebe *Sayornis nigricans*	x	x	0
Vireos			
☐ Cassin's Vireo *Vireo cassinii*	r	r	2
☐ Warbling Vireo *Vireo gilvus*	c	r	1

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Jays			
☐ Steller's Jay *Cyanocitta stelleri*	c	c	1
☐ Clark's Nutcracker *Nucifraga columbiana*	c	c	2
Ravens			
☐ Common Raven *Corvus corax*	c	c	1
Swallows			
☐ Tree Swallow *Tachycineta bicolor*	f	r	2
☐ Violet-green Swallow *Tachycineta thalassina*	f	r	2
☐ Cliff Swallow *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*	f	r	2
Chickadees			
☐ Mountain Chickadee *Poecile gambeli*	c	c	1
Nuthatches			
☐ Red-breasted Nuthatch *Sitta canadensis*	f	f	1
☐ White-breasted Nuthatch *Sitta carolinensis*	c	c	1
☐ Pygmy Nuthatch *Sitta pygmaea*	x	x	1
Creepers			
☐ Brown Creeper *Certhia americana*	c	c	1
Wrens			
☐ Rock Wren *Salpinctes obsoletus*	c	f	2
☐ House Wren *Troglodytes aedon*	f	r	1
☐ Pacific Wren *Troglodytes pacificus*	x	x	0
☐ Marsh Wren *Cistothorus palustris*	r	r	0
☐ Bewick's Wren *Thryomanes bewickii*	u	u	2
Gnatcatchers			
☐ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher *Polioptila caerulea*	u	u	2

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Dippers			
☐ American Dipper *Cinclus mexicanus*	c	f	1
Kinglets			
☐ Golden-crowned Kinglet *Regulus satrapa*	c	c	3
☐ Ruby-crowned Kinglet *Regulus calendula*	f	c	2
Thrush			
☐ Mountain Bluebird *Sialia currucoides*	c	r	2
☐ Townsend's Solitaire *Myadestes townsendi*	c	f	1
☐ Swainson's Thrush *Catharus ustulatus*	r	r	0
☐ Hermit Thrush *Catharus guttatus*	u	r	1
☐ American Robin *Turdus migratorius*	c	c	1
Waxwings			
☐ Cedar Waxwing *Bombycilla cedrorum*	x	x	0
Warblers			
☐ Orange-crowned Warbler *Oreothlypis celata*	c	r	0
☐ Nashville Warbler *Oreothlypis ruficapilla*	u	r	3
☐ MacGillivray's Warbler *Geothlypis tolmei*	c	r	1
☐ Common Yellowthroat *Geothlypis trichas*	r	r	2
☐ Yellow Warbler * *Setophaga petechia*	f	r	1
☐ Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's) *Setophaga coronata auduboni*	c	f	1
☐ Hermit Warbler * *Setophaga occidentalis*	u	r	2
☐ Wilson's Warbler *Cardellina pusilla*	c	r	1
Towhees			
☐ Green-tailed Towhee * *Pipilo chlorurus*	f	r	3
☐ Spotted Towhee *Pipilo maculatus*	u	u	3

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Sparrows			
☐ Chipping Sparrow *Spizella passerina*	u	r	2
☐ Brewer's Sparrow * *Spizella breweri*	r	r	2
☐ Vesper Sparrow *Pooecetes gramineus*	x	x	0
☐ Black-throated Sparrow *Amphispiza bilineata*	r	r	0
☐ Savannah Sparrow *Passerculus sandwichensis*	r	r	0
☐ Fox Sparrow *Passerella iliaca*	c	r	3
☐ Song Sparrow *Melospiza melodia*	c	f	1
☐ Lincoln's Sparrow *Melospiza lincolnii*	u	r	1
☐ White-crowned Sparrow *Zonotrichia leucophrys*	c	f	1
Junco			
☐ Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon) *Junco hyemalis thurberi*	c	c	1
Tanagers			
☐ Western Tanager *Piranga ludoviciana*	c	r	1
Grosbeak			
☐ Black-headed Grosbeak *Pheucticus melanocephalus*	u	r	1
Buntings			
☐ Lazuli Bunting *Passerina amoena*	u	u	1
☐ Indigo Bunting *Passerina cyanea*	x	x	0

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Blackbirds			
☐ Red-winged Blackbird *Agelaius phoeniceus*	r	r	0
☐ Western Meadowlark *Sturnella neglecta*	r	r	2
☐ Brewer's Blackbird *Euphagus cyanocephalus*	c	c	1
☐ Brown-headed Cowbird *Molothrus ater*	c	r	3
Finches			
☐ Pine Grosbeak *Pinicola enucleator*	u	u	1
☐ Purple Finch *Haemorhous purpureus*	r	r	0
☐ Cassin's Finch * *Haemorhous cassinii*	c	f	1
☐ Red Crossbill *Loxia curvirostra*	u	u	2
☐ Pine Siskin *Spinus pinus*	c	f	3
☐ Lesser Goldfinch *Spinus psaltria*	u	u	2
☐ Evening Grosbeak *Coccothraustes vespertinus*	u	u	2

The variety of ecosystems of Devils Postpile National Monument provide habitat for a diverse bird population. The 115 listed species utilize the montane meadow, riparian, coniferous forest, wetlands, and post-fire shrub brush for migration, breeding, and year-round habitat.

This list was compiled by the combined efforts of the National Park Service, Eastern Sierra Audubon, Sierra Nevada Inventory and Monitoring Network (I&M), Institute for Bird Populations (IBP), and Point Reyes Bird Observatory (PRBO). I&M and IBP conducted point counts within the monument. PRBO also conducted point counts, in addition to mist netting, surveys, and public demonstrations. In conjunction with those above volunteers and visitors have helped build this list.

This list may not be complete. If you detect species not on the list, please inform Devils Postpile staff.

For more information on species of special concern please reference Devils Postpile National Monument Bird Booklet online or in the Ranger Station.

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