



BIRDS OF LASSEN VOLCANIC NATIONAL PARK

A FIELD CHECKLIST (Including the park proper, the Mineral headquarters complex and Battle Creek Meadows)

	Su	F	W	Sp	Habitat
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS					
Say's Phoebe	x	x	-	-	r o
Ash-throated Flycatcher	x	-	-	-	b r f
Black Phoebe	x	x	-	-	r o
Empidonax Flycatchers					
Willow Flycatcher*	r	r	-	r	r
Hammond's Flycatcher*	u	r	-	u	f
Dusky Flycatcher*	u	r	-	u	b f
Pacific Slope Flycatcher	r	r	-	r	f r
Western Wood Pewee*	c	u	-	u	f r
Olive-sided Flycatcher*	c	r	-	u	f
Grey Flycatcher	-	x	-	-	f r
LARKS					
Horned Lark	x	x	-	-	o
SWALLOWS					
Violet-green Swallow	u	u	-	u	a f r c
Tree Swallow*	c	u	-	c	a r f
Rough-winged Swallow	u	r	-	u	a c r
Barn Swallow	u	-	-	u	a o r
Cliff Swallow	r	-	-	r	a o
Purple Martin	x	-	-	-	a f m
JAYS AND CROWS					
Gray Jay*	r	r	r	r	f
Stellar's Jay	c	c	c	c	f r
Scrub Jay	-	x	-	-	b r f
Common Raven*	c	c	u	u	a c o
Common Crow	u	u	-	u	o a
Clark's Nutcracker*	c	c	c	c	f c o
TITMICE, VERDINS, BUSHTITS					
Mountain Chickadee*	c	c	c	c	f
Bushtit	u	u	-	-	b r f
NUTHATCHES					
White-breasted Nuthatch*	c	c	c	c	f
Red-breasted Nuthatch*	c	c	c	c	f
Bushtit	u	u	-	-	b r f
CREEPERS					
Brown Creeper*	c	c	c	c	f
WRENTIT					
Wrentit	x	-	-	-	b
DIPPER					
Dipper	c	c	c	c	s

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WRENS					
House Wren	u	u	-	-	r
Winter Wren	r	r	r	r	f r
Bewick's Wren	x	x	-	-	b r
Canyon Wren	x	-	-	-	c
Rock Wren*	r	r	-	r	c
THRUSHES, BLUEBIRDS, SOLITAIRES					
American Robin*	c	c	u	c	o r f
Varied Thrush	-	u	x	u	f r
Hermit Thrush*	c	r	x	c	f
Swainson's Thrush	r	r	-	r	r
Western Bluebird*	u	r	r	r	o f
Mountain Bluebird*	u	u	r	u	o f
Townsend's Solitaire*	c	u	u	u	f
KINGLETS					
Golden-crowned Kinglet*	c	c	r	c	f
Ruby-crowned Kinglet**	u	u	-	u	f b r
PIPITS					
American Pipet	r	u		r	c o s
WAXWINGS					
Cedar Waxwing	-	r	r	-	f r b
STARLING					
Starlingi	x	-	-	x	o
VIREOS					
(Hutton's Vireo)	-	r	-	-	f b
Solitary Vireo*	u	u	-	u	f r
Warbling Vireo*	u	u	-	u	r f
WOOD WARBLERS					
Orange-crowned Warbler	c	c	-	-	r b f
Nashville Warbler*	u	c	-	u	f b
Yellow Warbler*	c	u	-	u	r b
Yellow-rumped Warbler*	c	c	-	c	f r b o
Black-throated Gray Warbler	u	u	-	u	f b r
Townsend's Warbler	-	u	-	-	f r
Hermit Warbler*	c	u	-	c	f
MacGillivray's Warbler*	c	c	-	u	b r
Common Yellowthroat	-	x	-	-	m r
Wilson's Warbler *	c	c	-	c	r b f

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MEADOWLARKS, BLACK-BIRDS, ORIOLES					
Western Meadowlark	-	r	-	r	o
Red-winged Blackbird	c	u	-	c	m o
Bullock's Oriole	-	u	-	r	r
Brewer's Blackbird*	c	c	x	c	r m o
Brown-headed Cowbird*	u	-	-	r	r o f b
TANAGERS					
Western Tanager*	c	u	-	u	f
FINCHES AND SPARROWS					
Black-headed Grosbeak*	u	r	-	r	r f
Lazuli Bunting*	u	u	-	r	o r b
Evening Grosbeak*	u	u	u	u	f
Purple Finch	u	u	-	u	f
Cassin's Finch*	c	c	-	u	f o b
House Finch	x	x	-	-	b o
Pine Grosbeak	x	x	-	x	f o
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch*	r	r	r	r	c o
Pine Siskin*	c	u	r	c	f o r
American Goldfinch	r	r	-	-	r o
Lesser Goldfinch	u	u	-	-	b o
Lawrence's Goldfinch	x	-	-	-	r
Red Crossbill*	u	u	?	u	f
Green-tailed Towhee*	u	r	-	r	b
Spotted Towhee (*)	r	r	-	r	b r
Brown Towhee	-	x	-	-	b r
Savannah Sparrow	x	x	-	-	o m
Vesper Sparrow	x	x	-	-	b o
Dark-eyed Junco*	c	c	u	c	f b r o
Chipping Sparrow*	c	u	-	u	f o
Brewer's Sparrow**	x	-	-	-	b
White-crowned Sparrow*	u	u	-	u	o b r
Golden-crowned Sparrow	-	u	-	u	b o
Fox Sparrow*	c	c	-	c	b o
Lincoln's Sparrow*	u	u	-	u	r o
Song Sparrow*	c	u	-	u	r
LOONS					
Common Loon**	r	r	-	-	l
GREBES					
Eared Grebe(*)	r	r	-	-	l m
Western Grebe	x	r	-	-	l m
Pied-billed Grebe*	c	c	u	u	l m
Clark's Grebe	-	r	-	-	l

Lassen Volcanic National Park lies at the southern extremity of the volcanic Cascade Mountain range, and north of the Sierra Nevada. To the east of the park spreads the high desert plateau of the Great Basin. Here at Lassen one typically finds birds characteristic of all three regions.

Elevations in the park range from 5200 ft. to 10,457 ft. with attendant climatic changes influencing predominant plant and animal associations. Summers are generally dry, with average daytime high temperatures in the 70's and 80's at lower elevations, but it can be cold and snow any month of the year. Winters are severe with average snow depths greater than 20 ft. in places and the higher peaks under snow 9-10 months a year.

Mineral and Battle Creek Meadows experience milder winters and more precipitation in the form of rain at their 4900-ft. elevation so some species descend down this far in winter. Battle Creek Meadows is also part of a mini east-west flyway between the Great Basin and the Sacramento Valley and often harbors interesting migrants.

Birds are found everywhere in the park but for greatest variety look around the larger lower elevation lakes like Manzanita and Butte, for a wealth of habitats are found together and many birds can easily find food, shelter and water.

You can help keep this checklist up-to-date by reporting all rare birds in detail to a park naturalist.

HABITATS	
a	aerial
b	brushland
c	cliffs, rocky areas, talus slopes, fell fields
f	forests
l	lakes
m	marshes, muddy shores, mudflats
o	open herbaceous covered terrain, wet and dry meadows, clearings
r	riparian vegetation, willows, alders and cottonwoods
s	sand and gravel bars, rocky steam banks, beaches

ABUNDANCE STATUS	
c	Common, certain to be seen or heard in the proper season and habitat
u	Uncommon, may or may not be found in the proper season or habitat
r	Rare, within a normal range for the species, but of rare or unpredictable occurrence, rarely to be expected in the proper season or habitat
x	Extremely rare or accidental, negligible chance of observing

SEASONAL STATUS	
Su	Summer: June-August
F	Fall: August-November
W	Winter: December –February
Sp	Spring: March-May

FOOTNOTES	
*	Species breeding within the park
**	Species that formally bred within the park
i	Introduced species, not a native population
()	Hypothetical species, no verified observation records

This list, compiled in 1980, is in accordance with the Fifth (1957) A.O.U. Checklist as amended.

	Su	F	W	Sp	Habitat
PELICANS					
White Pelican	-	x	-	x	a l
CORMORANTS					
Double-crested Cormorant()	u	u	-	-	l
HERONS AND BITTERNS					
Great Blue Heron	u	u	r	-	l m o r
(Great Heron)	x	x	-	-	m r l
(Great Egret)	x	x	-	-	m o l
(Snowy Egret)	x	x	-	-	m s l
Black-crowned Night Heron	x	-	-	-	m l r s
(American Bittern)	x	-	-	-	m l
SWANS, GEESE AND DUCKS					
Tundra Swan	-	r	-	-	l a
Canada Goose*	c	c	c	c	l o m
Snow Goose	-	r	r	-	a l
Mallard*	c	c	u	c	l m
Pintail	x	r	x	-	l m
Green-winged Teal	x	r	-	-	l a
Blue-winged Teal	x	x	-	-	m l
("Blue-winged Type" Teal including Cinnamon Teal)	x	x	-	-	m l
American Wigeon	-	u	r	-	l m
Northern Shoveler	-	r	-	-	l m
Wood Duck*	r	r	-	r	r m l
Ring-necked Duck*	r	r	-	x	l m
Canvasback	r	r	-	r	l
Lesser Scaup	r	r	-	-	l
Common Goldeneye	x	x	x	-	l
Barrow's Goldeneye*	x	x	-	-	l
Bufflehead*	r	u	-	r	l
Ruddy Duck	r	r	-	-	l s
Common Merganser*	u	u	-	r	l
AMERICAN VULTURES					
Turkey Vulture	r	-	-	r	All
HAWKS, EAGLES AND HARRIERS					
Goshawk*	r	r	r	r	f
Sharp-shinned Hawk*	u	u	-	x	f b r
Cooper's Hawk*	u	u	-	-	r f
Red-tailed Hawk*	c	u	x	u	a o c f
Rough-legged Hawk	-	x	-	x	a o
(Ferruginous Hawk)	-	x	-	-	a o
Golden Eagle*	u	r	x	r	a c o
Bald Eagle*	u	u	r	r	a c o
Northern Harrier	r	r	-	-	m o

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OSPREY					
Osprey(*)	u	r	-	r	a l f
FALCONS					
Prairie Falcon*	r	r	-	-	a c
Peregrine Falcon*	r	r	-	-	a c
Merlin	-	x	-	-	a f o
American Kestrel	u	e	-	-	a o b
GROUSE					
Blue Grouse*	u	u	u	u	f c b r
Ruffed Grousei	x	x	-	-	f r
QUAILS AND PHEASANTS					
California Quail	-	x	x	-	b o r
Mountain Quail*	u	u	r	u	b r o
TURKEY					
Turkeyi	x	x	-	-	f r
CRANES					
Sandhill Crane	x	u	r	-	a o m
RAILS, GALLINULES AND COOTS					
(Virginia Rail)	x	-	-	-	m
(Sora Rail)	x	-	-	-	m
American Coot*	c	c	r	r	l m
SHOREBIRDS					
Semipalmated Plover	-	x	-	-	s
Killdeer*	u	u	-	u	s o
Common Snipe*	u	u	-	u	m o
Spotted Sandpiper*	c	u	-	-	s m o
Willet	x	x	-	-	s m
Greater Yellowlegs	x	r	-	-	m s
Least Sandpiper	r	r	-	-	s m
Western Sandpiper	-	r	-	-	s
Wilson's Phalarope	x	x	-	x	m s l
Northern Phalarope	-	r	-	x	l m
Pectoral Sandpiper	-	x	-	-	s
Long billed Dowitcher	-	x	-	-	s
Red-necked Phalarope	-	x	-	-	m s l
GULLS AND TERNS					
California Gull	u	u	-	r	l
Ring-billed Gull	r	-	-	-	l
Sabine's Gull	-	-	-	x	l
Caspian Tern	r	r	-	r	l a
Black Tern	-	x	-	-	l
Forster's Tern	-	x	-	-	l

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PIGEONS AND DOVES					
Band-tailed Pigeon	u	r	-	-	f r
Rock Dove (Domestic Pigeon)i	x	x	-	-	c
Mourning Dove	u	r	-	r	o r f
OWLS					
Barn Owl	x	-	-	-	c r o
Screech Owl	x	x	x	x	r f
Great-horned Owl*	u	u	u	u	f o b r
Pygmy Owl*	r	r	r	r	f r
Spotted Owl*	x	x	x	x	f
Great Gray Owl	-	x	-	-	o f
(Long-eared Owl)	x	x	-	-	r f
Saw-whet Owl	x	x	x	x	f
GOATSUCKERS					
Poor-will*	u	u	-	-	b
Common Nighthawk*	c	u	-	u	a o
SWIFTS					
Vaux's Swift*	u	u	-	u	a f o
White-throated Swift	u	u	-	-	a c o
Black Swift	u	u	-	-	a o f
HUMMINGBIRDS					
Anna's Hummingbird	r	r	-	-	o b r
Rufous Hummingbird	r	r	-	-	o b r
Calliope Hummingbird*	u	r	-	u	b o r
KINGFISHERS					
Belted Kingfisher	u	u	r	u	r l
WOODPECKERS					
Northern Flicker*	c	c	c	c	f b r o
Pileated Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u	f
Acorn Woodpecker	x	x	-	-	f
Lewis' Woodpecker	x	r	-	-	o f r
Red-breasted Sapsucker*	c	u	-	u	r f
Williamson's Sapsucker*	u	u	u	u	f
Hairy Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c	f r
Downy Woodpecker*	u	r	r	r	r
White-headed Woodpecker	c	c	c	c	f
Three-Toed Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u	f