Some 8,000 feet above sea level a peregrine falcon cruises from its perch atop the high plateau of Zion National Park. 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 blackheaded 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 prey itself.

Amazingly, a peregrine falcon can be within a talon's grasp of each of Zion's major habitats during its short flight.

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

Experience the varied landscapes of Zion to enjoy their stunning beauty and with the many bird species that occupy them.

This checklist contains 295 bird species.

Habitats

- D Desert sagebrush and blackbrush areas, including grassy canyon bottomlands like 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

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

Conservation Status

LC Least Concern

VU Vulnerable

NT NearlyThreatened

CR Critically Endangered

EX Exotic Introduced

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Swans, Geese & Ducks							
□ snow goose	LC	W	r	-	r	-	
□ canada goose	LC	W	u	С	u	u	
□ tundra swan	LC	W	-	-	-	X	
□ wood duck	LC	W	r	-	r	r	
□ blue-winged teal	LC	W	r	-	r	-	
☐ cinnamon teal	LC	W	С	u	u	r	
□ northern shoveler	LC	W	u	-	u	r	
□ gadwall	LC	W	u	-	u	u	
☐ american wigeon	LC	W	r	-	r	u	
□ mallard*	LC	W	С	С	С	С	
□ northern pintail	LC	W	u	-	u	u	
☐ green-winged teal	LC	W	u	r	С	u	
□ canvasback	LC	W	u	-	u	u	
□ redhead	LC	W	u	_	u	r	
☐ ring-necked duck	LC	W	С	-	С	u	
□ lesser scaup	LC	W	u	-	u	u	
□ surf scoter	LC	W	_	-	X	X	
☐ white-winged scoted	LC	W	_	_	X	_	
□ long-tailed duck	VU	W	_	_	_	X	
□ bufflehead	LC	W	u	_	u	u	
□ common goldeneye	LC	W	u	_	u	u	
□ hooded merganser	LC	W	u	-	u	u	
☐ common merganser*	LC	W	u	u	u	u	
☐ red-breasted merganser	LC	W	r	-	r	r	
□ ruddy duck	LC	W	u	r	u	u	
Pheasants, Grouse, Turkey & Qua							
☐ Gambel's quail*	LC	DR	u	u	u	u	
□ wild turkey*	LC	ER	С	С	С	С	
□ dusky grouse*	LC	E	r	r	u	r	
☐ ring-necked pheasant	EX	P	r	r	r	r	
□ chukar	EX	P	r	r	r	r	
Grebes							
□ pied-billed grebe	LC	W	u	u	С	u	
□ horned grebe	VU	W	-	-	r	r	
□ eared grebe	LC	W	С	С	С	u	
□ western grebe	LC	W	u	r	u	r	
☐ Clark's grebe	LC	W	r	r	r	_	
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Roadrunners & Cuckoos							
☐ greater roadrunner*	LC	D	u	u	u	u	
☐ yellow-billed cuckoo	LC	R	-	r	r	-	

	Status	Habitat	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter		Status	Habitat	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter		Status	Habitat	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Pigeons & Doves	Ŋ	I	S	S	Ω̈́	>	Shorebirds	Ŋ	I	S	Š	Ω̈́	>	Ospreys, Eagles, Hawks, & Falco		I	S	Š	Ϋ́	>
□ rock pigeon	LC	DR	r	r	r	r	□ black-necked stilt	LC	W	u	r	X	_	osprey	LC	W	u	u	u	x
☐ band-tailed pigeon*	LC	R	r	r	r	r	☐ American avocet	LC	W	r	X	X	_	☐ golden eagle*	LC	DEP	u	u	u	u
☐ Eurasion collared-dove*		DRW	С	С	С	С	□ black-bellied plover	LC	W	X	_	-	X	nothern harrier	LC	D	u	r		u
☐ Inca dove	LC	R	X	X	х		□ killdeer	LC	DW	u	u		r	☐ sharp-shinned hawk*	LC	EPR	u	u		u
☐ white-winged dove	LC	R	X	_	-	X	□ semipalmated plover	LC	W	r		X	-	☐ Cooper's hawk*	LC	EPR	С	С	С	С
☐ mourning dove*	LC	A	С	С	u	u	□ long-billed curlew	LC	W	X	X		_	☐ American goshawk*	LC	E	r	r		r
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Goatsuckers							□ long-billed dowitcher	LC	W	r	X	X	_	□ common black-hawk	LC	R	r	r	r	_
☐ lesser nighthawk	LC	D	r	r	r	-	☐ Wilson's snipe	LC	RW	u	X		u	□ red-shouldered hawk	LC	R	X	X		r
□ common nighthawk	LC	A	u	u	u	-	☐ Wilson's phalarope	LC	W	r			-	□ broad-winged hawk	LC	R	X	_		_
□ common poorwill*	LC	DEP	u	u	u	-	□ spotted sandpiper*	LC	W	X	-	_	_	☐ Swainson's hawk	LC	DE	r	r		_
Swifts							□ solitary sandpiper	LC	W	r	_	r	_	□ zone-tailed hawk	LC	R	r	r	r	_
□ black swift	VU	R	r	_	r	_	□ lesser yellowlegs	LC	W	r	_		_	□ red-tailed hawk*	LC	A	С	C	С	С
☐ Vaux's swift	LC	R	X		X	_	□ willet	LC	W	r	_	-	_	□ rough-legged hawk	LC	D	r	-	r	u
□ white-throated swift	LC	A	c	С	c	r	☐ greater yellowlegs	LC	W	u	_		_	☐ ferruginous hawk	LC	DP	r	X		u
winte unouted switt	LC	11		C	C	1	□ sanderling	LC	W	X	_	_	_	☐ American kestrel*	LC	DER	u	u		u
Hummingbirds							☐ Baird's sandpiper	LC	W	X	_		_	□ merlin	LC	PR	r	-		r
☐ Rivoli's hummingbird	LC	R	X	X	-	-	☐ least sandpiper	LC	W	u	_		_	☐ peregrine falcon*	LC	A	С	С		r
□ black-chinned hummingbird*	LC	A	С	С	С	r	☐ pectoral sandpiper	LC	W	X	_		_	☐ prairie falcon	LC	DE	r	r		r
☐ Anna's hummingbird*	LC	DR	u	u	u	r	□ western sandpiper	LC	W	u	_	u	_	D prairie faccon	LC	DL	•	1	1	1
☐ Costa's hummingbird*	LC	D	r	r	r	-		LC	vv	u		u		Vultures						
☐ calliope hummingbird	LC	ER	r	-	r	-	Herons, Ibises & Storks							☐ California condor*	CR	A	c	c	c	С
☐ rufous hummingbird	NT	ER	-	u	c	-	☐ American bittern	LC	W	X	-	X	-	□ turkey vulture*	LC	Α	С	c	c	X
☐ broad-tailed hummingbird*	LC	E	С	С	u	-	☐ black-crowned night heron	LC	W	r	X	r	X	Flycatchers & Shrikes						
□ broad-billed hummingbird	LC	R	-	-	X	-	☐ snowy egret	LC	W	r	r	r	-	□ olive-sided flycatcher*	NT	Е				
Rails & Cranes							☐ green heron	LC	W	X	-	X	X	☐ western wood-peewee*	LC	ER	u	u	r	-
☐ Virginia rail*	LC	W	r	r	r	r	☐ western cattle egret	LC	W	X	-	X	-	☐ willow flycatcher*	LC	R	u	c	u r	-
□ sora*	LC	W	r	r	r	r	☐ great egret	LC	W	r	X	r	-	☐ Hammond's flycatcher	LC	ER	r	1	r	-
☐ American coot*	LC	W	u	u	С	С	☐ great blue heron*	LC	W	u	u	u	u	☐ gray flycatcher*	LC	P	r	r	r	
☐ sandhill crane	LC	W	_	_	X	X	□ white-faced ibis	LC	W	u	X	u	-	☐ dusky flycatcher*	LC	EPR	u	u	r	
							□ wood stork	LC	W	-	X	-	-	☐ western flycatcher*	LC	ER	u	u	r	
Gulls & Terns		****					Owls							☐ black phoebe*	LC	R	С	u C	С	u
☐ Bonaparte's gull	LC	W	X	-	X	-	☐ flammulated owl*	LC	EP	r	r	r	_	□ eastern phoebe	LC	R	X	-	x	
☐ Franklin's gull	LC	W	X	-	-	-	□ western screech-owl*	LC	ER	u	11	u	11	☐ Say's phoebe*	LC					
☐ ring-billed gull	LC	W	r		r		☐ great horned owl*	LC	A	u	u	u	11	□ vermilion flycatcher	LC	R	c x	c x	С	u
herring gull	LC	W	X	-	X		□ northern pygmy-owl*		EPR	u		u		☐ ash-throated flycatcher*			u		r	
☐ California gull	LC	W		r	r		☐ Mexican spotted owl*	NT	E			С		☐ brown-crested flycatcher		EPR	r		r	
□ caspian tern	LC	W	r		X	-	□ long-eared owl	LC	DP		X	-		☐ Cassin's kingbird*	LC		r		r	-
□ black tern	LC	W	-	X	-	-	□ short-eared owl	LC	P	-	X	_		☐ western kingbird*	LC	DR	С	С	u	
☐ Forster's tern	LC	W	r	X	X	-	□ northern saw-whet owl	LC	ER	S	S		S	☐ eastern kindbird	LC	PR	X	C	u X	-
Loons, Pelicans & Cormorants							□ barn owl	LC	PR	r		r		□ loggerhead shrike	NT	DE		r	r	r
□ common loon	LC	W	u	r	u	X		LO		*	1	1		☐ northern shrike	LC	DE	1	1		r
☐ double-crested cormorant	LC	W	r		X	-	Kingfishers							in normen sinke	LC	ט	-	-	-	1
☐ American white pelican	LC	W	r	-	r	X	□ belted kingfisher*	LC	RW	u	u	u	u							
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Woodpeckers	I.C	ED					Kinglets & Gnatcatchers	I.C	ED					Grosbeaks & Buntings	371 I	ED				
☐ Williamson's sapsucker	LC LC	EP	r	-	r	r	☐ ruby-crowned kinglet	LC LC	EP EP	c	r	c	С	□ evening grosbeak	VU LC	ER E	Г	Г	r	r
☐ red-breasted sapsucker	LC	E EPR	-	-	-	r	☐ golden-crowned kinglet	LC	DP	u	r	r	u	☐ pine grosbeak	VU	D D	Х	-	-	X
☐ red-naped sapsucker*	LC	EPK	С	c	С	S	☐ blue-gray gnatcatcher*	LC	DP	С	С	u	r	☐ chestnut-collared longspur	LC	R	-	-	X	-
☐ Lewis's woodpecker	LC	E E	S	S	S	S	Nuthatches & Creepers							□ rose-breasted grosbeak	LC	EPR	Г	-	-	-
acorn woodpecker	LC	E P	r	r	X	X	☐ white-breasted nuthatch*	LC	EP	u	u	u	u	□ black-headed grosbeak*			С	C	u	-
☐ American three-toed	LC	P	-	-	-	X	□ pygmy nuthatch*	LC	E	u	u	u	u	□ blue grosbeak*□ lazuli bunting*	LC LC	PR PR	u	u		-
woodpecker ☐ downy woodpecker	LC	EPR	0	0	0	0	☐ red-breasted nuthatch*	LC	E	r	r	u	r	☐ indigo bunting*	LC	R	С			-
☐ ladder-backed woodpecker	LC	DR	C	c	С	C	☐ brown creeper*	LC	DEP	u	r	r	u	☐ snow bunting*	LC	P P	r	1	-	X
☐ hairy woodpecker*	LC	EPR	r	C	r	r c	Wrens & Dippers							□ show builting	LC	Г	-	-	-	Х
□ northern flicker*	LC	EPR	c c	С	c c	С	□ rock wren*	LC	DP	С	С	С	u	Finches & Longspurs						
inormem meker	LC	LIK	C	C	C	C	□ canyon wren*	LC	RP	С	С	С	С	□ black rosy-finch	LC	DP	-	-	-	X
Vireos							□ house wren*	LC	R	С	С	u	r	□ house finch*	LC	DPR	C	c	c	c
☐ Bell's vireo*	LC	R	r	r	-	-	□ pacific wren*	LC	R	r	r	r	u	☐ Cassin's finch*	LC	DE	u	u	u	r
☐ gray vireo*	LC	P	u	u	-	X	☐ marsh wren*	LC	RW	r	_	u	r	☐ red crossbill*	LC	E	r	r	r	X
☐ Cassin's vireo	LC		r	-	r	-	☐ Bewick's wren*	LC	DP	С	С	С	u	☐ pine siskin*	LC	EPR	u	u	c	r
□ plumbeous vireo*	LC	ER	С	С	c	-	□ cactus wren	LC	D	r	r		r	☐ lesser goldfinch*	LC	A	С	c	С	u
☐ warbling vireo*	LC	ER	С	С	u	-	☐ American dipper*	LC	W	С	С	c	С	☐ American goldfinch*	LC	DR	u	-	u	u
Jays & Crows							La runerican dipper	LC	vv	C	C	C	C	☐ gray-crowned rosy-finch	LC	DP	-	-	-	X
☐ Canada jay	LC	Р	_	_	_	X	Starlings							Towhees, Sparrows & Juncos						
□ pinyon jay*	VU	P	u	u	u	u	☐ European starling*	LC	DR	u	u	u	u	☐ Abert's towhee*	LC	R				
☐ Steller's jay*	LC		С	С	С	С	Mockingbirds & Thrashers								LC	DP	Г	Г		r
☐ Woodhouse's scrub-jay*	LC	PR	С	С	С	С	☐ gray catbird	LC	R	X	r	X	X	☐ American tree sparrow			X	-	X	-
□ black-billed magpie	LC	DP	r	r	r	r	☐ brown thrasher	LC	R	X	1	-	X	□ black-chinned sparrow*	LC LC	DP	r	r	r	-
☐ Clark's nutcracker	LC	E	r	r	r	r	□ crissal thrasher	LC	DR	X	_	r	u	□ black-throated sparrow*	LC	D DE	u	u		r
☐ American crow	LC	PR	r	r	r	r	☐ sage thrasher	LC	D	r	_	r	-	☐ Brewer's sparrow		DEP	r	r		r
□ common raven*	LC	A	С	С	С	С	☐ northern mockingbird*	LC	DP	u	u	u	r	☐ chipping sparrow*	LC LC		С	С		r
	20							LC	DI	u	u	u	1	☐ dark-eyed junco*		A DR	C	С		С
Chickadees, Titmice & Bushtits	τ.Ο	EDD					Thrushes							☐ fox sparrow	LC LC	DR	X	-		r
□ black-capped chickadee*	LC		С	С	С	С	□ eastern bluebird		DEP	X	-	-	X	☐ golden-crowned sparrow ☐ green toiled towhee*			r	-		r
☐ mountain chickadee*	LC	EPR	С	С	С	С	□ western bluebird*		DER	С	С	С	u	☐ green-tailed towhee* ☐ Harris's sparrow	LC NT	DER DR	u	u		u
☐ juniper titmouse*	LC	P	c	c	C	C	□ mountain bluebird*	LC	DE	u	u	u	u	*	LC	DR	-	-		X
□ verdin	LC	DED	r	r	r	r	☐ Townsend's solitaire*	LC	EP	С	С	С	С	☐ house sparrow ☐ lark sparrow*	LC	DR	С	С		С
□ bushtit*	LC	DEP	С	С	С	С	□ varied thrush	LC	R	X	-	-	-	☐ Lincoln's sparrow*		DER	u	u	r	X
Larks							☐ Swainson's thrush	LC	E	r	-	r	X	☐ rufous-crowned sparrow*	LC	DEK	u	r	u	u
□ horned lark	LC	D	r	u	r	u	☐ hermit thrush*	LC	ER	u	u	u	u	☐ sagebrush sparrow	LC	DP	u	_		r
Swallows							☐ American robin*	LC	A	С	С	С	С	☐ sayannah sparrow	LC	Dr	r	r		r
□ bank swallow	LC	RW	r	u	r	_	☐ rufous-backed robin	LC	R	-	-	-	X	☐ song sparrow*	LC	RW	u	r		r
☐ tree swallow*	LC		С	c	r	_	Pipits, Waxwings & Phainopepla							☐ song sparrow ☐ spotted towhee*	LC	EPR	С	c c		c c
□ violet-green swallow*	LC	A	С	С	С	_	□ bohemian waxwing	LC	R	_	_	_	S	☐ swamp sparrow	LC	R	c x	C	C	C
□ northern rough-winged	LC		u	u	u	_	□ cedar waxwing	LC	R	u	r	u	r	□ swamp sparrow*	LC	DE		-	-	- V
swallow*			•	•	-		□ phainopepla			r		r		☐ white-crowned sparrow	LC	DE A	u	C		X
□ barn swallow	LC	DW	r	r	r	_	☐ American pipit	LC	D	r		r		□ white-throated sparrow	LC	DR	c	u		c
☐ cliff swallow*		DW	u		u		r r					•		□ winte-tinoated sparrow	LC	DK	r	-	r	1
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Blackbirds, Meadowlarks & Oriolo	es					
☐ red-winged blackbird*	LC	RW	u	u	u	r
□ brown-headed cowbird*	LC	A	c	c	r	-
□ rusty blackbird	VU	W	-	X	-	-
☐ Brewer's blackbird*	LC	ER	u	u	u	r
☐ great-tailed grackle	LC	DR	u	u	r	-
☐ western meadowlark*	LC	D	u	r	r	u
☐ yellow-headed blackbird	LC	RW	r	r	r	-
□ hooded oriole	LC	R	r	r	-	-
☐ Bullock's oriole*	LC	R	c	c	r	-
☐ Scott's oriole	LC	DP	r	r	-	-
□ bobolink	LC	RW	X	-	-	-
Warblers & Chats						
☐ American redstart	LC	R	X	Х	X	_
□ black-and-white warbler	LC	R	X	X	_	_
□ black-throated blue warbler			_	_	x	_
□ black-throated gray warbler*	LC	P	С	С	u	_
□ common yellowthroat*	LC	R	r	r	r	_
☐ Grace's warbler*	LC	Е	С	С	r	X
□ hermit warbler	LC	R	_	-	r	_
□ hooded warbler	LC	E	_	_	X	_
☐ Lucy's warbler*	LC	R	С	С	r	r
☐ MacGillivray's warbler	LC	DRE	u	u	r	-
☐ Nashville warbler	LC	R	r	-	r	-
□ northern waterthrush	LC	R	X	-	X	-
□ orange-crowned warbler*	LC	ER	u	u	r	r
□ ovenbird	LC	R	X	-	-	-
☐ painted redstart*	LC	PR	u	r	-	-
☐ Townsend's warbler	LC	E	r	-	r	X
☐ Virginia's warbler*	LC	EPR	С	С	u	-
☐ Wilson's warbler	LC	R	u	-	u	X
□ yellow warbler*	LC	R	С	С	С	-
☐ yellow-rumped warbler*	LC	ER	С	c	c	u
☐ yellow-throated warbler			-	-	-	X
☐ yellow-breasted chat*	LC	R	u	r	r	-
Tanagers						

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 are in the field. Please be specific.

Observation Checklist

Species:

Date:

Time:

Weather:

Location:

Description, habitat, behavior, number:

Observer (name, address, phone number):

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□ summer tanager*

☐ western tanager*