

LEGEND


SEASON	ABUNDANCE	HABITAT
R Resident	1 Abundant	w on or near water
B Breeder	2 Common	g sagebrush or grassland
M Migrant	3 Uncommon	j juniper foothills
W Winter	4 Rare or local	d deciduous woodlands
S Summer	5 Accidental	c coniferous woodlands
N Neotropical		r riparian habitat
		a all of the habitats


STATUS

Threatened or Endangered Species
 Other Special Status Species
 *Blue List or Partners in Flight Priority Species

GUIDELINES FOR RESPONSIBLE BIRD VIEWING

- ALWAYS VIEW ANY NESTING SPECIES FROM A DISTANCE.
Avoid nests and never handle eggs or young.
- DO NOT HANDLE "LOST" BABY BIRDS.
People often find young fledging birds that have just left the nest. Do not move these birds – often they are near the nest and their parents will find them!
- LEAVE INJURED BIRDS WHERE YOU FIND THEM.
It is very seldom that these birds survive in captivity. If you find an injured raptor, contact the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. It is best to let trained personnel to capture the birds to prevent further injury.
- USE BINOCULARS TO AVOID DISTURBING BIRDS.
Watch for clues that you might be disrupting normal behavior.
- SIGNS YOUR ARE TOO CLOSE!
Repeated flushing and short flights.
Raised head, looking at observers.
Alarm calls and repeated chirping.
"Broken Wing" distraction displays.
Bird diving or swooping at you.

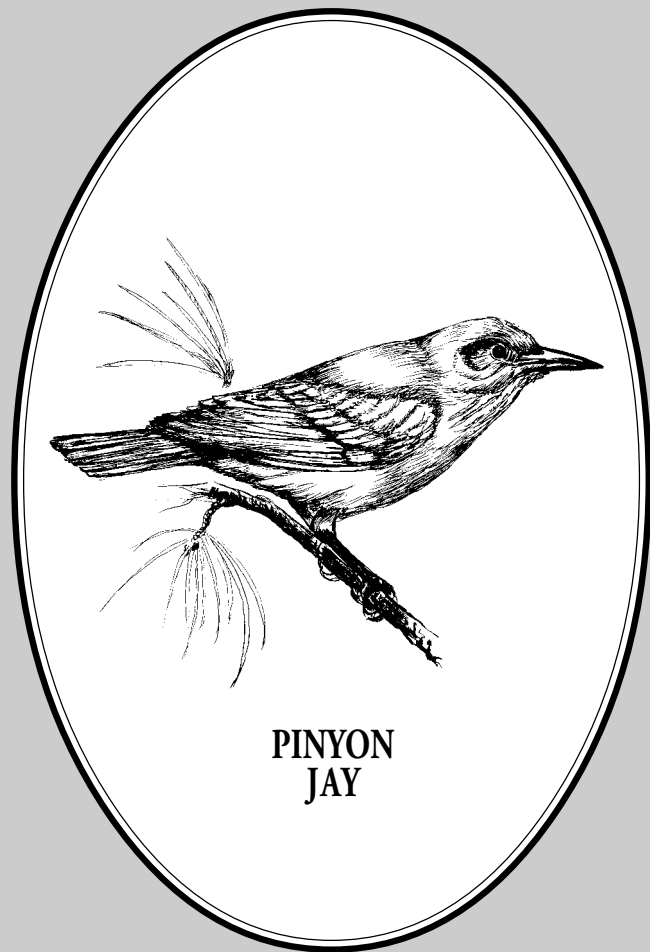
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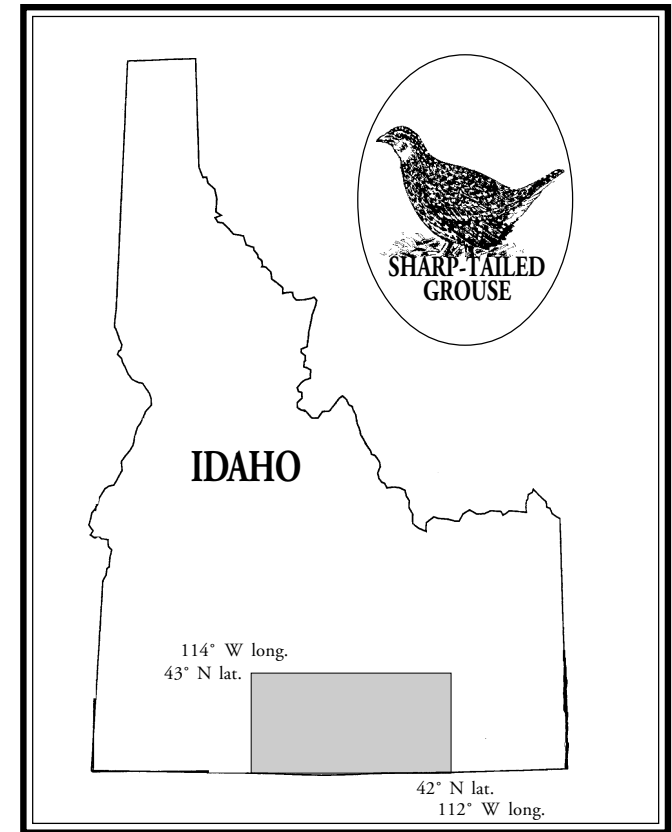
**BURLEY DISTRICT
 BIRD GUIDE**

Bird habitat in south-central Idaho reflects the variety of landscapes found in the Snake River and Deep Creek Resource Areas of the Bureau of Land Management. The land ranges from the deep-cut Salmon Falls Creek Canyon on the west, to the mountain-lined Malad Valley on the east. On the northern edge of the area is American Falls Reservoir and part of the stark Wapi Lava Flow north of the Snake River. The southern portion is the hilly juniper country near the Idaho, Utah and Nevada borders.

The two resource areas contain 1.3 million acres of public land, which surrounds another 380,000 acres of national forest and national wildlife refuge property. The elevations range from 2,900 feet, close to the confluence of Salmon Falls Creek and the Snake River; up to 8,748 feet at the summit of Deep Creek Peak. Vegetation includes greasewood and sagebrush in the lowlands, to Douglas-fir forests and sub-alpine grasslands in the high country. It all combines to produce a mixture of excellent bird habitat for a variety of species.

Two plant communities in the Upper Raft River Valley are unique to Idaho: the shadscale/saltbrush and the pinyon pine vegetation types can't be found anywhere else in the state. They offer a diversity of bird habitat and the valley foothills are home to scrub and pinyon jays, as well as others.

This guide and checklist will help you to know what birds to look for in south-central Idaho. Several Watchable Wildlife locations are within the area. These are places where it is more



likely that you'll be able to see a greater variety of songbirds and upland game birds. The Watchable Wildlife sites are Rock Creek Canyon/Shoshone Basin, Milner Reservoir, Minidoka National Wildlife Refuge, City of Rocks National Reserve, American Falls Dam and vicinity, Massacre Rocks State Park, Juniper Rest Area, and Hawkins Reservoir. Separate bird guides are available or being prepared for Minidoka National Wildlife Refuge, City of Rocks, Massacre Rocks and Hawkins Reservoir.

All 300 species of birds listed in this guide have been observed within the Snake River and Deep Creek Resource Areas. The order of the list approximates that of the National Geographic Society's *Field Guide to the Birds of North America*.

THE BIRDS OF CENTRAL SOUTHERN IDAHO

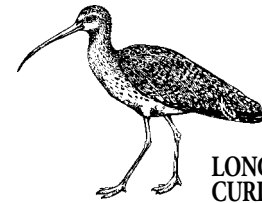
LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE



BURROWING OWL



LONG-BILLED CURLEW



WESTERN MEADOWLARK



BALD EAGLE



LOONS & GREBES

—Common loon	M2wr
—Pacific loon	M3w
—Red-throated loon	M4w
—Yellow-billed loon	M5w
—Clark's grebe	B2wr
—Western grebe	B2wr
—Red-necked grebe	MB4wr
—Horned grebe*	M3wr
—Eared grebe	B2wr
—Pied-billed grebe	B2wr

—American green-winged teal	WB2wr
—Wood duck	B3wr
—Redhead	B2wr
—Canvasback	B3wr
—Ring-necked duck	B3wr
—Greater scaup	M4wr
—Lesser scaup	B2wr
—Common goldeneye	W2wr
—Barrow's goldeneye	B3wr
—Bufflehead	W2wr
—Oldsquaw	W4wr
—White-winged scoter	W4w
—Surf scoter	M4w
—Ruddy duck	B2wr
—Common merganser	B2wr
—Red-breasted merganser	M2wr
—Hooded merganser	M3wr

PELICANS & CORMORANTS

—American white pelican	S2wr
—Double-crested cormorant	B2wr

HERONS, BITTERNS & IBIS

—Common egret	S3wr
—Snowy egret	B2wr
—Cattle egret	Swr
—Great blue heron	B2wr
—Green heron	M4wr
—Black-crowned night heron	B2wr
—American bittern*	B3wr
—Least bittern*	M5wr
—Wood stork	M5wr
—White-faced ibis	B2wr

RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS

—Virginia rail	B2wr
—Sora	B3wr
—American coot	B2wr
—Common moorhead	M5wr

SHOREBIRDS

—American avocet	B3wr
—Black-necked stilt	B3wr
—Mountain plover	NM4g
—Black-bellied plover	M3wr
—Western Snowy plover	M4wr
—Semipalmated plover	M4wr
—Killdeer*	NB1gwr
—Long-billed curlew*	NB3gwr
—Whimbrel	M4gwr
—Marbled godwit	M3gwr
—Hudsonian godwit	M4wr
—Ruddy turnstone	M5wr
—Buff-breasted sandpiper	M5gr
—Solitary sandpiper	M3wr
—Spotted sandpiper	B1wr
—Willet	B3wr
—Greater yellowlegs	M2wr
—Lesser yellowlegs	M2wr
—Stilt sandpiper	M3wr
—Short-billed dowitcher	M4wr
—Long-billed dowitcher	M2wr
—Pectoral sandpiper	M3wr
—Red knot	M4wr

CRANES, SWANS, GEESE & DUCKS

—Sandhill crane	B3gwr
—Whooping crane	B4gwr
—Tundra swan	MW2wr
—Trumpeter swan	M3wr
—Canada goose	B1wr
—Black brant	M5wr
—White-fronted goose	M4wr
—Snow/Blue goose	M3wr
—Ross' goose	M4wr
—Mallard	B1wr
—Northern pintail	B2wr
—Gadwall	B1wr
—American wigeon	B2wr
—European wigeon	M4wr
—Northern shoveler	B2wr
—Blue-winged teal	B3wr
—Cinnamon teal	B1wr

—Dunlin	M4wr
—Sanderling	M4wr
—Baird's sandpiper	M3wr
—Least sandpiper	M3wr
—Western sandpiper	M2wr
—Wilson's phalarope	B3wr
—Red-necked phalarope	M3wr
—Common snipe	B2wr

GULLS & TERNS

—Parasitic jaeger	M4wr
—Pomarine jaeger	M4wr
—Herring gull	W4gwr
—California gull	B2gwr
—Ring-billed gull	B2wr
—Thayer's gull	M4w
—Franklin's gull	B3wr
—Bonaparte's gull	M3wr
—Common tern	M3wr
—Forster's tern	B3wr
—Artic tern	M4w
—Caspian tern	B3wr
—Black tern	B3wr

VULTURES, HAWKS & EAGLES

—Turkey vulture	NB2a
—Golden eagle*	NRB3gdc
—Bald eagle	W2wrgc
—Osprey	M3wr
—Northern goshawk	NB3dcr
—Cooper's hawk	NB3jdr
—Sharp-shinned hawk	NB3jdr
—Northern harrier*	NB2wgj
—Rough-legged hawk	W2g
—Ferruginous hawk	NB3gj
—Red-tailed hawk	NB2gjdr
—Broad-winged hawk	NM5a
—Swainson's hawk	NB2gjdr
—Gyr falcon	W4gwr
—Prairie falcon	NB3gj
—Peregrine falcon*	NB4wc
—Merlin	NW3dcr
—American kestrel	NB2gjdr

GROUSE, QUAIL & PHEASANT

—Blue grouse	B3dc
—Ruffed grouse	RB2dc
—Columbian sharp-tailed grouse	B2g

—Sage grouse	B2g
—Mountain quail	B5dc
—California quail	B4g
—Northern Bobwhite	B4gr
—Chukar	B3gj
—Gray partridge	B3gj
—Ring-necked pheasant	B2gr
—Wild turkey	B4dc

PIGEONS & DOVES

—Mourning dove	NB2gldr
—Rock dove/Feral pigeon	B2gjd

COCKOOS

—Yellow-billed cuckoo*	NB4dr
—Black-billed cuckoo	NM5dr

OWLS

—Common barn owl	B3wdgj
—Western screech owl	B3dr
—Great horned owl	B2gjdcr
—Long-eared owl	NB3dcjr
—Short-eared owl*	NB3gwr
—Snowy owl	W4gwr
—Great gray owl	B4dc
—Burrowing owl*	NB4g
—Northern saw-whet owl	B3dc
—Flammulated owl	NB3cdj
—Northern pygmy owl	M3dc

GOATSUCKERS

—Common poorwill	NB2jdc
—Common nighthawk	NB3jdc

SWIFTS

—Vaux's swift*	NM4dc
—White-throated swift*	NB3gdc

HUMMINGBIRDS

—Broad-tailed hummingbird	NB2djr
—Calliope hummingbird*	NB2dj
—Black-chinned hummingbird	NB3djrg
—Rufous hummingbird*	NB3dr

KINGFISHERS

—Belted kingfisher*	NB2wr
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WOODPECKERS

—Northern flicker*	NB2dcwr
—Lewis' woodpecker	NM4dcr
—Red-naped sapsucker	NB2dcr
—Williamson's sapsucker	NB4c
—Hairy woodpecker	B3dcr
—Downy woodpecker	B3dcr
—Northern three-toed woodpecker	B4dcwr

FLYCATCHERS

—Eastern kingbird*	NB3gdwr
—Western kingbird	NB2dg
—Ash-throated flycatcher	NB3gjd
—Say's phoebe	NB3gd
—Willow flycatcher*	NB3dwr
—Hammond's flycatcher	NB3c
—Dusky flycatcher	NB2gjdc
—Least flycatcher*	NM5dr
—Gray flycatcher*	NB3gj
—Cordilleran (Western) flycatcher	NB3dc
—Western wood pewee*	NB3dcr
—Olive-sided flycatcher*	NB4dc

LARKS

—Horned lark*	NB2gr
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SWALLOWS

—Barn swallow	NB1gdwr
—Cliff swallow*	NB1gdwr
—Violet-green swallow	NB2gdr
—Tree swallow	NB2cdwr
—Bank swallow*	NB3dcwr
—Rough-winged swallow	NB2wr
—Purple martin*	NM5grc

JAYS, MAGPIES & CROWS

—Blue jay	W4dc
—Steller's jay	B3dc
—Scrub jay	B3dj
—Pinyon jay	B3gjd
—Gray jay	RB4c
—Clark's nutcracker	B3dc
—Black-billed magpie	B2a
—American crow	B2dgjwr
—Common raven	B2a

CHICKADEES & TITMICE

—Black-capped chickadee	B2dcr
—Mountain chickadee	B2dc
—Plain titmouse	RB2jr
—Bushtit	B4jdr

NUTHATCHES & CREEPERS

—Brown creeper	NB3dcr
—White-breasted nuthatch	B4dcr
—Red-breasted nuthatch	B2dr

WRENS

—House wren	NB1dr
—Winter wren	W4dr
—Rock wren*	NB2dgj
—Canyon wren	B3gw
—Marsh wren*	NB3wr

KINGLETS & GNATCATCHERS

—Golden-crowned kinglet	B4cdr
—Ruby-crowned kinglet	NB2cd
—Blue-gray gnatcatcher	NB4j

THRUSHES

—Western bluebird	NM4dr
—Mountain bluebird	NB2gdj
—Townsend's solitaire	NB3dcj
—Veery*	NB4dr
—Swainson's thrush*	NB2cr
—Hermit thrush*	NB3dc
—Varied thrush	M4dc
—American robin	NB1dcjwr

SHRIKES

—Northern shrike	W3gr
—Loggerhead shrike*	NB3gdjwr

MIMIC THRUSHES & THRASHERS

—Gray catbird*	NB3dr
—Northern mockingbird	NB4djr
—Sage thrasher	NB2g
—Brown thrasher	M4d

PIPITS & DIPPERS

—American pipit	NM3gr
—American dipper	B3wdcr

WAXWINGS & STARLINGS

—Bohemian waxwing	W3djc
—Cedar waxwing*	NB3djc
—European starling	B1gjd

VIREOS

—Solitary vireo	NB2djr
—Red-eyed vireo	NB4dr
—Warbling vireo	NB2dcr

WARBLERS

—Black and white warbler	NM4d
—Orange-crowned warbler*	NB2gdc
—Nashville warbler	NM4d
—Virginia's warbler*	NB3dc
—Yellow warbler*	NB2dr
—Yellow-rumped warbler	NB2dc
—Black-throated gray warbler	NB3j
—Townsend's warbler	NM3dcr
—Blackpoll warbler	NM4dc
—Ovenbird	NM4d
—Northern waterthrush*	NM3dwr
—Common yellowthroat*	NB3wr
—Yellow-breasted chat*	NB2dgr
—MacGillivray's warbler*	NB2dr
—Wilson's warbler*	NM3dwr
—American redstart*	NM4dwr

GROSBEAKS, BUNTINGS & TOWHEES

—Black-headed grosbeak*	NB2dgr
—Rose-breasted grosbeak	NM4d
—Evening grosbeak	W2dc
—Blue grosbeak	NB4dr
—Pine grosbeak	W4cd
—Lazuli bunting*	NB2dr
—Indigo bunting*	NM4d
—Lark bunting*	NM4g
—Snow bunting	W4g
—Green-tailed towhee	NB2gdj
—Rufous-sided towhee*	NB2dr

SPARROWS & JUNCOS

—Savannah sparrow*	NB2gwr
—Grasshopper sparrow*	NB3g
—Vesper sparrow*	NB2g
—Lark sparrow*	NB2gj

—Black-throated sparrow*	NB4g
—Sage sparrow	NB3g
—Tree sparrow	W3gd
—Chipping sparrow	NB2cdj
—Brewer's sparrow*	NB2g
—Harris' sparrow	M4d
—White-crowned sparrow*	NB3dwr
—Golden-crowned sparrow	B5d
—White-throated sparrow	NM4d
—Fox sparrow	NB3dr
—Lincoln's sparrow	NB4dr
—Song sparrow*	NB2gdr
—Dark-eyed junco*	NB2dc

LONGSPURS, BLACKBIRDS & ORIOLES

—McCown's longspur*	NW5g
—Lapland longspur	W3g
—Bobolink*	NB4wr
—Western meadowlark*	NB2g
—Yellow-headed blackbird*	NB2gwr
—Red-winged blackbird	NB2gwr
—Brewer's blackbird*	NB2gdwr
—Common grackle	B3dgr
—Great-tailed grackle	B4r
—Brown-headed cowbird	NB2gdwr
—Scott's oriole	NB4j
—Northern oriole*	NB3dr

TANAGERS

—Western tanager*	NB2c
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FINCHES

—Pine siskin*	NB1dc
—American goldfinch*	NB1gdr
—Lesser goldfinch	NB4gdr
—Red crossbill	B3c
—White-winged crossbill	M4c
—Common redpoll	W4gdr
—Hoary redpoll	W5gdr
—Gray-crowned rosy finch	W4j
—Black rosy finch	W4j
—Purple finch	NM5dc
—Cassin's finch	NB2cd
—House finch	RB1dc
—House/English sparrow	RB1gdj