Birds of the **Umatilla National Forest**



The Umatilla National Forest encompasses about 1.4 million acres ranging in elevation from about 1,900 feet to over 7,000 feet in the Vinegar Hills Indian Rock Scenic Area in the southeastern corner of the Forest. Opportunities to observe birds are limitless, and with time and some patience you can have a very rewarding experience. To date there have been 214 species of birds observed on the Forest. The enclosed list is a record of birds observed on the Umatilla National Forest.

Interstate I-84 roughly divides the Forest into two distinct areas; - the north half is generally wetter with deep incised valleys and is home for many bird species commonly associated with the Rocky Mountains. The south half is generally dryer with flat to rolling topography and is host to many species associated with the Great Basin.

Habitat is the key to the diversity of birds on the Forest. The Forest contains coniferous forests of Ponderosa pine, Grand fir, Douglas fir, Subalpine fir, Engelmann spruce, Lodgepole pine, Western larch, and western-white pine. The lower elevations primarily consist of Ponderosa pine and Idaho fescue and blue bunch wheatgrass grasslands. Mid elevation habitats consist of mixed stands of Grand fir, Douglas fir, Lodge pole pine, and Western larch. Above 5,000 feet there are stands of subalpine fir, Engelmann spruce and shallow meadows filled with delicate grasses and forbs. There are large wet meadow complexes filled with sedges, False hellborne, Aspen and Cottonwoods. The creeks and streams on the Forest are lined with Rocky Mountain maple, alder, dogwood, and willows.

Dry meadows also occur throughout the Forest consisting of sage, bunchgrass, and shrubs. Stands of Mountain mahogany, ceanothus, and Western juniper also occur on dryer sites. There are few small lakes and reservoirs greater than 5 acres. Vertical basalt rims above the Grande Ronde, John Day, Umatilla, and Walla Walla Rivers provide nesting opportunities for many species of birds. Habitats with large dead trees or snags are vital nesting and roosting sites for many species of birds across the

Forest.

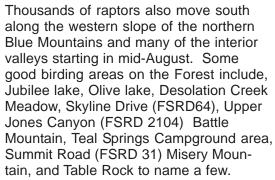
Large numbers of birds pass through

the Forest during migration and are often found feeding in the high elevation meadows.









In early spring, many forest roads are closed due to snowdrifts or muddy conditions. Please limit your travel to drier roadways on the Forest. Check with local Forest offices in Pomeroy, Walla Walla, Pendleton, Ukiah, and Heppner for the status of road conditions.

If you observe a bird species not on the list, please document and report your sighting with a photo or sketch and relevant notes including the date, time, location, name of observer (s) and a way to contact you. Send or report your sighting to the local Forest Office. Addresses and phone numbers are available on the back of this pamphlet.



Clockwise: Red Crossbill, Clark's Nutcracker, Black-backed Woodpecker American Kestrel, and Mountain Bluebird. Photos by Dave Herr and Mike Denny

The Wildlife Watchers Code of Ethics

- Respect wildlife and wildlife habitat
- Respect other wildlife viewers and
- Respect the "wildness" of wildlife

Observe animals from a safe distance for us and for them:

- 1 Use binoculars, spotting scopes and viewing blinds for a close look
- Move slowly and quietly
- Avoid nests and dens. Leave baby birds and other animals where they are found
- Learn to recognize and respect wildlife alarm signals
- When an animal changes behavior as a result of our presence, we are too close

Allow wild animals to forage for their

1 Put safety and health of wildlife first by resisting the impulse to feed them

Always be considerate:

- Ask permission to watch or photograph wildlife on private land
- Observe all rules and regulations
- Wait your turn to view or photograph animals when sharing a viewing area
- Leave pets at home or in the car
- Tread lightly, staying on trails and roads 1
- Pack garbage in. Pack garbage out. Do not litter, pack your garbage with you and dispose of it properly when you leave a natural area

Return a gift to nature; stay involved

- Consult with your local wildlife agency for specific guidelines on ethical wildlife watching, filming and photography
- 1 Participate in wildlife and habitat conservation
- Help others to become responsible wildlife watchers



Umatilla National Forest

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Check List Key								
Forest Status M - Migratory; usually observed during migration. R - Resident, species present year round. B - Breeds on the Forest.								
Seasonal Occurrence Sp – Spring, March-June S – Summer, June-August F – Fall, August-November W – Winter, November-March								
 A – Abundant, observed every day. C – Common, observed in suitable habitat. O – Occasional, observed 2 – 3 times a season. 								

R – Rare, less than 5 sightings documented.

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Loons and Grebes		Sp	3	F	W			
Pacific Loon	М	R		R				
Common Loon	М	0	0	0				
Pied-billed Grebe	В	С	С	С				
Horned Grebe	В	0	0					
Red-necked Grebe	В	_	0	0				
Eared Grebe Western Grebe	M M	0	0	0				
Western Grebe	IVI		U	U				
Cormorant Double-crested Cormorant	М		0	0				
Bittern and Herons			_	_				
American Bittern Great Blue Heron	M B	0	R C	R C	R			
Black-crowned Night Heron	М	O	R	R	11			
Geese and Swans Canada Goose	R,B	С	С	С	0			
Trumpeter Swan	M.	R	U	R	O			
Tundra Swan	M	0		0	0			
Ducks Wood Duck	В	0	0	0				
Wood Buck Gadwall	В	0	0	0				
American Wigeon	M	Ö	R	Ö				
Mallard	R,B	Č	С	C	0			
Blue-winged Teal	M	0	0	0				
Cinnamon Teal	В	0	0	0				
Northern Shoveler	M	0	R	0	_			
Northern Pintail	M B	0	R C	0	R			
Green-winged Teal Canvasback	М	0	R	0				
Redhead	M	R	R	0				
Ring-necked Duck	В	0	0	Ö				
Lesser Scaup	M	0	0	0				
Harlequin Duck	В		R					
Surf Scoter	M		R	R				
Bufflehead	М	R	_	R				
Common Goldeneye Barrow's Goldeneye	B M	0	R R	0				
Barrow's Goldeneye Hooded Merganser	В	R	R	R				
Common Merganser	R,B	C	C	C	0			
Ruddy Duck	M	0		0	R			
Vultures Hawks and Factor								
Vultures, Hawks, and Eagles Turkey Vulture	В	0	0	0				
Osprey	В	C	C	C				
Bald Eagle	B,M	Ö	Ū	Ö	0			
Northern Harrier	R,B	С	С	С	0			
Sharp-shinned Hawk	R,B	0	0	0	0			
Cooper's Hawk	R,B	0	0	0	0			
Northern Goshawk	R,B	0	0	0	0			
Swainson's Hawk	М	R	R C	R C	_			
Red-tailed Hawk Ferruginous Hawk	R,B B	C R	R	R	С			
Rough-legged Hawk	М	R	К	R	0			
Golden Eagle	R,B	O	0	0	Ö			
Falcons								
American Kestrel	R,B	С	С	С	0			
Merlin Peregrine Falcon	R,B B	O R	R R	O R	O R			
Prairie Falcon	R,B	O		O	R			
Partridge, Grouse and Turkey	,							
Chukar	R,B	0	0	0	0			
Gray Partridge	R,B	0	0	0	0			
Ruffed Grouse	R,B	С	С	С	С			
Blue Grouse	R,B	0	С	С	0			
Wild Turkey Mountain Quail	R,B R,B	C	С	C	0			
Modritairi Quail California Quail	R,B	C	C	0	0			
Rails and Coot Virginia Rail	В	0	_	С				
Virginia Raii	В	0	С	0				
Sora American Coot	В	0	C	C				
Crane								
Sandhill Crane	М	0	0	0				
Sandpipers and Phalarope	P		_	0				
Killdeer	В	С	С	С				
Solitary Sandpiper Spotted Sandpiper	M B	R	С	0				
Spotted Sandpiper Long-billed Curfew	В	0	0	0				
Wilson's Snipe	В	Ö	0	Ö				
	_		Ö					
Wilson's Phalarope	M	0	O					

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Gulls		Sp	S	F	W	Wrens		Sp :	S	F	W	
Euris Ring-billed Gull California Gull Herring Gull	M M M	0 0	0	0 0		wrens Rock Wren Canyon Wren Bewick's Wren House Wren	B B R,B B	(0	0 0 0 C	0000	R R
Pigeon and Doves Rock Dove Band-tailed Pigeon Mourning Dove	R,B M B	O R C	O C	O R C	R O	Winter Wren Marsh Wren Dipper	R,B B	(0	C O	C 0	С
Barn Owl Flammulated Owl	D.D.	ВВ	R O	0	R	American Dipper Kinglets Golden-crowned Kinglet		,	A	C A C	C A C	A C
Western Screech-Owl Great Horned Owl Northern Hawk Owl Northern Pygmy-Owl Barred Owl Great Grey Owl Long-eared Owl	R,B R,B M R,B R,B R,B B	CC 0000 R	0 0 0 R	C O O O R	O C R O O O O R	Ruby-crowned Kinglet Bluebirds, Solitaire, and TWestern BluebirdMountain BluebirdTownsend's SolitaireVeerySwainson's Thrush	B B R,B B B	(00000	0000	00000	R
Boreal Owl Northern Saw-whet Owl ighthawk and Nightjars	R,B R,B	R C	R C		O C	Hermit Thrush American Robin Varied Thrush	B R,B R,B	(C	C C	CCC	C
Common Nighthawk Common Poorwill	B B	C		0		Thrashers Gray Catbird Sage Thrasher	B M			O R	0	
wifts White-throated Swift Vaux's Swift	B B	0	O C	0		Starling European Starling	R,B	(0	0	0	F
ummingbirds Black-chinned Hummingbird Calliope Hummingbird	В	O C	С			Pipit American Pipit	М	(0	R	0	
Broad-tailed Hummingbird Rufous Hummingbird ingfisher	B B	R C	R C	R C		Waxwings Bohemian Waxwing Cedar Waxwing	M B	(0	С	O C	C
Belted Kingfisher /oodpeckers Lewis's Woodpecker Williamson's Sapsucker	B B	C O C	0	C O C		Warblers Orange-crowned Warble Nashville Warbler Yellow Warbler Yellow-rumped Warbler	В В В	(000000000000000000000000000000000000000	C O O C	C O O C	R
Red-naped Sapsucker Red-breasted Sapsucker Downy Woodpecker Hairy Woodpecker White-headed Woodpecker Three-toed Woodpecker Black-backed Woodpecker Northern Flicker	B M R,B R,B R,B R,B R,B	C R C C O O O C	C C C O O C	R C C O O C	C C O O O C	Townsend's Warbler Hermit Warbler American Redstart Northern Waterthrush MacGillivary's Warbler Common Yellowthroat Wilson's Warbler Yellow-breasted Chat	B M M B B B	(000	C R R C O C O	C R C O C O	
Pileated Woodpecker	R,B	С	С	С	С	Tanager Western Tanager	В	(С	С	С	
Olive-sided Flycatcher Western Wood-Pewee Willow Flycatcher Least Flycatcher Hammond's Flycatcher Gray Flycatcher	B B B M B	O A C C	O A C C O	A C R C O		Gosbeaks and Bunting Rose-breasted Grosbeak Black-headed Grosbeak Lazuli Bunting	K M B B			C C	0 C C	
Dusky Flycatcher Western Flycatcher Say's Phoebe Ash-throated Flycatcher Western Kingbird	B B M M B	C C O R O	C C R O	0 R 0		Towhees Green-tailed Towhee Spotted Towhee Sparrows and Junco	В В		R C	O C	O C	
Eastern Kingbird hrikes Loggerhead Shrike Northern Shrike	B B M	0 0	0	0	0	American Tree Sparrow Chipping Sparrow Brewer's Sparrow Vesper Sparrow Sage Sparrow	M B B M	(0	C 0 0	R A O O	F
Tireos Cassin's Vireo Warbling Vireo Red-eyed Vireo	В В В	C C O	C C O	C C R		Savannah Sparrow Grasshopper Sparrow Fox Sparrow Song Sparrow Lincoln's Sparrow White-crowned Sparrow		(R C C C	O R C C C O	ORCCCC	
ays, Magpie, and Crow Gray Jay Steller's Jay Blue Jay Clark's Nutcracker Black-billed Magpie	R,B R,B M R,B R,B	CCCCO	C C C O	0	C C C O D	Golden-crowned Sparro Dark-eyed Junco Blackbirds and Oriole Red-winged Blackbird Western Meadowlark	R,B B B	(0	A 0 0	R A 0 0 0	C
American Crow Common Raven	R,B R,B	C	C	C	R C	Brewer's BlackbirdBrown-headed CowbirdBullock's Oriole	B B B	(С	0 0	0 0	
Horned Lark	В	0	0	0		Finches Gray-crowned Rosy-fine Pine Grosbeak	ch M R,B			O R	O R	R
Tree Swallow Violet-green Swallow Northern Rough-winged Bank Swallow Cliff Swallow Barn Swallow	B B B B	C C O O O	C C O O O	0		Purple Finch Cassin's Finch House Finch Red Crossbill White-winged Crossbill Common Redpoll Pine Siskin	M R,B B R,B B M R,B	 	R C C C R R	C C C R C	RCOCRRC	C C C R
Chickadees Black-capped Chickadee Mountain Chickadee Chestnut-backed Chickadee	R,B R,B e R,B	0 C C	0 C C	С	O C C	American Goldfinch Evening Grosbeak	B R,B	(С	C	C	R
Nuthatches and Creeper Red-breasted Nuthatch White-breasted Nuthatch Pygmy Nuthatch Brown Creeper	R,B R,B R,B R,B	COCC	COCC	C	C O C C		es not s an answ ause it l ~Chir	er. has a	It a s	sir on	ngs g.″	,

