

**KEY**

Bar graphs indicate relative abundance of a species in suitable habitat at a given time of year.

**Common or Abundant**, present in large numbers.

**Fairly Common**, present in moderate numbers.

**Uncommon**, present in small numbers.

**Rare**, present in very small numbers; often highly localized.

**Very rare**, three or fewer occurrences per season; may not be present every year.

**Casual**, record outside of usual season of occurrence.

**Variable**, may be present in a given area one year, rare or absent the next.

**Winter** January through March

**Spring** April through June

**Summer** July through September

**Fall** October through December

Letter symbols denote the habitat(s) in which the species is most likely to occur:

- A Aerial
- C Cliffs, rocks, and talus slopes
- L Lakes, reservoirs, and marshes
- M Meadows, clearings, and other open terrain
- O Oaks, maples, and other hardwoods
- P Pines, firs, and other conifers
- R Rivers and streams
- S Shrubs
- W Willows, alders, cottonwoods, and other riparian hardwoods

d (down) Winters primarily below heavy snow level (4,000' - 5,000') or wintering and migrant (nonbreeding) birds occur below elevation range indicated.

u (up) Up-mountain drift or southward migration carries some individuals to treeline during summer.

? Available data are inconclusive.

\* Breeds or has bred in park.

I Introduced

	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	Habitat	Elev.
<b>WATERFOWL</b>						
Canada Goose*					AL	2-7
Mallard*					LR	2-10
Green-winged Teal*					RL	2-9
Harlequin Duck*					R	4-9
Bufflehead					LR	4-10
Common Merganser*					LR	2-7
<b>GAMEBIRDS</b>						
Mountain Quail*					SM	3-8d
California Quail*					OS	2-4
White-tailed Ptarmigan (I)*					M	10-12
Sooty Grouse*					PSM	4-8u
Wild Turkey (I)*					OP	2-4
Pied-billed Grebe					L	2-8
Eared Grebe					L	4-10
Great Blue Heron					RLM	2-9d
Turkey Vulture					AM	2-8

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<b>HAWKS, EAGLES, FALCONS</b>						
Osprey*					LR	2-9
Bald Eagle*					RLA	2-12
Northern Harrier					M	2-11
Sharp-shinned Hawk*					PA	2-9d
Cooper's Hawk*					WPA	2-8d
Northern Goshawk*					PA	4-10
Red-shouldered Hawk					AOW	2-9d
Red-tailed Hawk*					MA	2-11d
Golden Eagle*					MAC	2-11
American Kestrel*					MO	2-11d
Peregrine Falcon*					AC	2-7
Prairie Falcon*					MAC	8-11
<b>OWLS</b>						
Virginia Rail*					L	2-7
Killdeer*					LMR	2-9
Spotted Sandpiper*					RL	2-11
Wilson's Snipe					LMR	2-9
California Gull					ALR	4-11
Band-tailed Pigeon*					OP	2-7
Mourning Dove*					MO	2-6
Flammulated Owl*					PO	4-6
Western Screech-Owl*					OP	2-6
Great Horned Owl*					MOPW	2-9
Northern Pygmy-Owl*					POW	2-6
Spotted Owl (California)*					PO	2-7
Great Gray Owl*					MP	4-8u/d
Long-eared Owl*					MW	2-7
Northern Saw-whet Owl*					POW	2-6
<b>SWIFTS</b>						
Common Nighthawk*?					A	2-7
Common Poorwill*					MS	2-6
Black Swift*					AC	4-8
Vaux's Swift*					PA	2-7
White-throated Swift*					AC	2-8
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>						
Anna's Hummingbird*					SM	2-8
Calliope Hummingbird*					MSP	4-7u
Rufous Hummingbird					MS	2-12
Belted Kingfisher*					RL	2-9
Lewis's Woodpecker*					OP	2-10
Acorn Woodpecker*					OP	2-6
Williamson's Sapsucker*					P	6-8d
Red-naped Sapsucker					WP	2-7
Red-breasted Sapsucker*					WP	2-8u
Nuttall's Woodpecker*					O	2-4
Downy Woodpecker*					WO	2-4u
Hairy Woodpecker*					PWO	2-10
White-headed Woodpecker*					PW	4-7
Black-backed Woodpecker*					P	7-9
Northern Flicker (Red-shafted)*					POWM	2-10d
Pileated Woodpecker*					PO	4-7

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<b>FLYCATCHERS</b>						
Olive-sided Flycatcher*					P	4-9
Western Wood-Pewee*					POW	2-9
Willow Flycatcher					W	2-6
Hammond's Flycatcher*					P	4-8
Dusky Flycatcher*					PS	4-10
Pacific-slope Flycatcher*					WO	2-6
Black Phoebe*					RWM	2-9
Say's Phoebe					M	2-5
Ash-throated Flycatcher*					SWO	2-5u
Western Kingbird					M	2-4
Loggerhead Shrike					MO	2-9
<b>VIREOS</b>						
Cassin's Vireo*					PO	2-6
Hutton's Vireo*					O	2-6
Warbling Vireo*					WPO	2-9
Stellar's Jay*					PO	2-9d
Western Scrub-Jay*					SO	2-4
Pinyon Jay					PO	3-9
Clark's Nutcracker*					PM	6-12
American Crow					M	2-6
Common Raven*					AMP	2-10d
Horned Lark*					M	10-12d
<b>JAYS, RAVENS</b>						
Tree Swallow*					WAM	2-9
Violet-green Swallow*					APWO	2-9
Northern Rough-winged Swallow*					CLRM	2-9
Cliff Swallow*					RA	2-4
Barn Swallow*					RCA	2
<b>SWALLOWS</b>						
Barn Swallow*					MRA	2-4u
Mountain Chickadee*					P	2-10
Chestnut-backed Chickadee*					PO	2-5
Oak Titmouse*					OW	2-5
Bushtit*					SOW	2-8u/d
Red-breasted Nuthatch*					P	2-8u/d
White-breasted Nuthatch*					OP	2-10
Pygmy Nuthatch*					P	2-7
Brown Creeper*					P	4-10u/d
<b>WRENS</b>						
Rock Wren*					C	2-3, 8-12d
Canyon Wren*					C	2-6
Bewick's Wren*					OS	2-6
House Wren*					WS	4-7
Pacific Wren*					WOP	2-6
Marsh Wren					ML	2-6
<b>THRUSHES</b>						
American Dipper*					RL	2-10d
Golden-crowned Kinglet*					P	4-8d
Ruby-crowned Kinglet*					PSOW	7-9d
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*					S	2-7
Western Bluebird*					OPM	2-10d
Mountain Bluebird*					M	8-11d
Townsend's Solitaire*					P	5-10d
Swainson's Thrush					W	2-5
Hermit Thrush*					PS	2-10d
American Robin*					MWPO	2-10d
Varied Thrush					OPW	2-5

	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	Habitat	Elev
Wren Tit*					S	2-7d
California Thrasher					SW	2-4
European Starling (I)*					MO	2-4
American Pipit*					CM	10-12
Cedar Waxwing					POW	2-9d
Orange-crowned Warbler*					WOSP	2-10
Nashville Warbler*					OPW	3-8u
Yellow Warbler*					WSO	2-9
Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's)*					POMW	2-10d
Black-throated Gray Warbler*					OP	2-7u
Townsend's Warbler					PW	2-10
Hermit Warbler*					P	4-7
MacGillivray's Warbler*					SW	2-8u
Common Yellowthroat					MWL	2-6
Wilson's Warbler*					WM	4-10
Green-tailed Towhee*					S	5-8u
Spotted Towhee*					SW	2-7
Rufous-crowned Sparrow					MS	2-3
California Towhee*					OS	2-4
Chipping Sparrow*					PM	2-10
Brewer's Sparrow					M	2-10d
Black-chinned Sparrow					S	2-5
Vesper Sparrow					M	2-10d
Lark Sparrow					M	2-4
Savannah Sparrow*					M	2-10
Fox Sparrow*					S	5-8d
Song Sparrow*					WM	2-9
Lincoln's Sparrow*					MW	4-10
White-crowned Sparrow (Mountain)*					MW	6-11
White-crowned Sparrow (Gambel's)					MW	2-4
Golden-crowned Sparrow					SW	2-5
Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon)*					MOPW	2-10d
Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored)					MOW	2-4
Western Tanager*					PW	2-8
Black-headed Grosbeak*					OWP	2-6
Lazuli Bunting*					WMS	2-7
Red-winged Blackbird*					MLW	2-9
Western Meadowlark*					M	2-6u
Brewer's Blackbird*					MWP	2-10u
Brown-headed Cowbird*					MWPO	2-10
Bullock's Oriole*					WO	2-4
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch*					CM	9-13
Pine Grosbeak*					PM	7-10
Purple Finch*					OP	2-6
Cassin's Finch*					PM	4-11
House Finch					MOPW	2-5
Red Crossbill*					P	4-11
Pine Siskin*					MP	7-10d
Lesser Goldfinch*					MS	2-6u
Lawrence's Goldfinch*					MW	2-4
American Goldfinch					WM	2-4
Evening Grosbeak*					PO	2-9
House Sparrow (I)*					OM	2-4

**Additional species recorded at least four times:**

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Snow Goose               | American Coot*            |
| Wood Duck*               | Wilson's Phalarope        |
| American Wigeon          | Red-necked Phalarope      |
| Blue-winged Teal*        | Red Phalarope             |
| Cinnamon Teal            | Ring-billed Gull          |
| Northern Shoveler        | Caspian Tern              |
| Northern Pintail         | Rock Pigeon               |
| Canyasback               | Barn Owl                  |
| Ring-necked Duck         | Burrowing Owl             |
| Lesser Scaup             | Black-chinned Hummingbird |
| Common Goldeneye         | Allen's Hummingbird       |
| Hooded Merganser         | Gray Flycatcher           |
| Ruddy Duck               | Black-billed Magpie       |
| Common Loon              | Northern Mockingbird      |
| Western Grebe            | Sage Thrasher             |
| Double-crested Cormorant | Bohemian Waxwing          |
| American White Pelican   | Phalhopepla               |
| Great Egret              | Black-and-white Warbler   |
| Snowy Egret              | American Redstart         |
| Swainson's Hawk          | Yellow-breasted Chat      |
| Rough-legged Hawk        | Rose-breasted Grosbeak    |
| Merlin                   | Indigo Bunting            |
| Sora                     | Yellow-headed Blackbird   |

**Additional species recorded fewer than four times:**

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|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Tundra Swan                | Eastern Kingbird               |
| Gadwall                    | Northern Shrike                |
| Barrow's Goldeneye         | Red-eyed Vireo                 |
| Greater Sage-Grouse        | Yellow-billed Magpie           |
| Pacific Loon               | Bank Swallow                   |
| Horned Grebe               | Chestnut-collared Longspur     |
| Clark's Grebe              | Tennessee Warbler              |
| American Bittern           | Virginia's Warbler             |
| Green Heron                | Northern Parula                |
| Black-crowned Night-Heron  | Magnolia Warbler               |
| White-faced Ibis           | Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle) |
| White-tailed Kite          | Palm Warbler                   |
| Ferruginous Hawk           | Blackpoll Warbler              |
| Yellow Rail                | Cerulean Warbler               |
| Sandhill Crane             | Ovenbird                       |
| Black-necked Stilt         | Hooded Warbler                 |
| American Avocet            | Clay-colored Sparrow           |
| Solitary Sandpiper         | Black-throated Sparrow         |
| Greater Yellowlegs         | Sage Sparrow                   |
| Willet                     | Grasshopper Sparrow            |
| Least Sandpiper            | White-throated Sparrow         |
| Eurasian Collared-Dove (I) | Harris' Sparrow                |
| Greater Roadrunner         | Dark-eyed Junco (Gray-headed)  |
| Short-eared Owl            | Blue Grosbeak                  |
| Broad-tailed Hummingbird   | Bobolink                       |
| Vermilion Flycatcher       | Great-tailed Grackle           |
|                            | Scott's Oriole                 |

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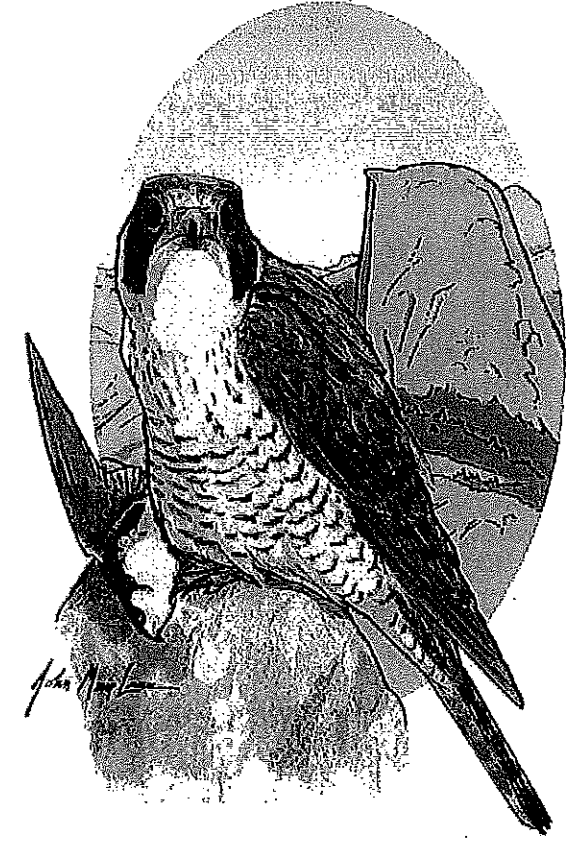
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# Yosemite Bird Checklist



This checklist includes the 262 species of birds presently known to have occurred within the boundaries of Yosemite National Park and in El Portal. The bar graphs indicate seasonal occurrence and abundance of birds. For more detailed information, consult *Birds of Yosemite and the East Slope* (Gaines 1992). Help improve this checklist by reporting all unusual observations. Happy Birdwatching!

Observers \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Species \_\_\_\_\_ Version 4 (2012)