BIRDS OF THE POWELL AREA

BIRDWATCHING CHECKLIST FOR THE POWELL AREA

This checklist is designed to provide a list of bird species that can be seen in the Powell area seasonally or as a permanent year-around resident. Some of these birds are migratory in nature and may only be seen during summer or winter along the central flyway. There may be incidental species occurring as weather patterns change throughout the seasons.

This list is based on a Wyoming Game and Fish Department inventory that was last updated in 2002. The names of the bird species are based upon the Wyoming and American Ornithologists Union even though there may be other local or regional names used. This list shows birds that may be found in the entire state and not just in northwest Wyoming. If you should happen to see any unusual or unlisted birds please contact the Audubon Society with information you have gathered.

This checklist is provided as a courtesy of the City of Powell, Parks Department. If you have questions or for additional information contact the Parks Department at 270 N. Clark St., Powell, WY 82435 or call (307) 754-6971.

In order to help simplify identification a key showing abundance, seasonal appearance, and habitat type is provided.

KEY

Abundance

1 = Rare – species that occupies only a small percentage of the preferred habitat within its range or is found throughout its range in extremely low densities. The species is seldom encountered on surveys.

2 = Uncommon – species is common only in limited areas within its range or is found throughout its range in relatively low densities. Intensive surveying is usually required to locate it.

3 = Common – species inhabits much of the preferred habitat within its range. The species is usually encountered on surveys.

4 = Abundant – species inhabits much of the preferred habitat within its range. The species is encountered on surveys.

5 = Unknown – insufficient information is available to determine abundance. Species are difficult to observe without specialized survey techniques.

6 = Controlled – a species whose abundance depends on artificial propagation and stocking

Seasonal Status

R = Resident – species that inhabit Wyoming year-round.

S = Summer Resident – species that inhabit Wyoming during the summer (June-August) and migrate out of the state during the winter.

M = Migrant – species found in Wyoming only during spring and/or fall migration.

W = Winter Resident – species that inhabit Wyoming during the winter, but are absent during the summer.

A = Accidental – A species with accidental occurrence. Their normal range does not include Wyoming.

Habitat Types

FO = Coniferous and Deciduous Forests – found in combination or single species stands. Conifers include pine, fir and spruce while deciduous species include aspen.

SH = Shrubland – areas dominated by one or more of the following: sagebrush, bitterbrush, mountain mahogany, chokecherry, serviceberry, greasewood and/or juniper.

RI = Riparian Areas – areas bordering streams, lakes and rivers. Characteristic vegetation includes cottonwood, spruce/fir, willow and tall grasses.

PR = Prairie – open expanses of grasslands east of the Rocky Mountains dominated by blue grama, buffalo grass, wheatgrass, bluestem and silver sagebrush.

ME = Meadows – includes wet-moist meadows and wet-moist meadow grasslands.

WL = Wetlands – areas where water is present most of the time. Includes marshes, lakes and rivers. Vegetation includes cattails, rushes, sedges and willows.

AG = Agricultural Areas – areas which are used intensively to produce grain, forage, livestock, etc. Includes pasture, croplands and irrigated native meadows. May include shelterbelts.

SF = Special Features – areas having unique characteristics such as rock outcrops, caves, cliffs, shorelines, buildings, mines, roadsides, burns, logging, etc.

	Species	Key		
_____	Red-throated Loon	1	M	WL
_____	Pacific Loon	1	M	WL
_____	Common Loon	2	S	WL
_____	Yellow-billed Loon	1	A	WL
_____	Pie-billed Grebe	3	S	WL
_____	Horned Grebe	2	S	WL
_____	Red-necked Grebe	1	S	WL
_____	Eared Grebe	3	S	WL
_____	Western Grebe	3	S	WL
_____	Clark's Grebe	2	S	WL
_____	American White Pelican	3	S	WL
_____	Brown Pelican	1	A	WL
_____	Double-crested Cormorant	3	S	RI, WL
_____	American Bittern	2	S	WL
_____	Least Bittern	1	A	WL
_____	Great Blue Heron	3	S	WL, RI
_____	Great Egret	1	A	WL, ME
_____	Snowy Egret	2	S	WL
_____	Little Blue Heron	1	A	WL, ME
_____	Cattle Egret	1	M	WL
_____	Green Heron	1	M	WL
_____	Black Crowned Night Heron	2	S	WL, RI
_____	Yellow Crowned Night Heron	1	A	WL
_____	White Ibis	1	A	WL
_____	Glossy Ibis	1	A	WL, ME
_____	White Faced Ibis	2	S	WL, ME, AG
_____	Wood Stork	1	A	WL
_____	Turkey Vulture	3	S	All types
_____	White-fronted Goose	1	M	WL
_____	Snow Goose	2	M	WL
_____	Ross' Goose	1	M	WL
_____	Canada Goose	4	R	WL, ME, AG

	Species	Key		
_____	Brant	1	A	WL
_____	Trumpeter Swan	2	R	WL
_____	Tundra Swan	2	W	WL
_____	Wood Duck	2	S	WL, RI
_____	Gadwall	4	A	WL
_____	Eurasian Wigeon	1	R	WL
_____	American Wigeon	4	A	WL
_____	American Black Duck	1	A	WL
_____	Mallard	4	R	WL
_____	Blue-winged Teal	3	S	WL
_____	Cinnamon Teal	3	S	WL
_____	Northern Shoveler	3	S	WL
_____	Northern Pintail	4	R	WL
_____	Green-winged Teal	4	R	WL
_____	Canvasback	2	S	WL
_____	Redhead	3	S	WL
_____	Ring-necked Duck	3	S	WL
_____	Tufted Duck	1	A	WL
_____	Greater Scaup	1	M	WL
_____	Lesser Scaup	2	S	WL
_____	Harelquin Duck	2	S	WL
_____	Surf Scoter	1	M	WL
_____	White-winged Scoter	2	M	WL
_____	Black Scoter	1	A	WL
_____	Long-tailed Duck	1	M	WL
_____	Bufflehead	2	R	WL, RI
_____	Common Goldeneye	3	R	WL, RI
_____	Barrow's Goldeneye	3	R	WL, RI
_____	Hooded Merganser	2	R	WL
_____	Common Merganser	3	R	WL, RI
_____	Red-breasted Merganser	2	S	WL
_____	Ruddy Duck	3	S	WL
_____	Osprey	3	S	RI
_____	White-tailed Kite	1	A	RI, FO, AG
_____	Mississippi Kite	1	A	RI, PR
_____	Bald Eagle	2	R	RI, FO
_____	Northern Harrier	3	S	SH, PR, WL
_____	Sharp-shinned Hawk	3	S	SH, RI, FO
_____	Copper's Hawk	3	S	SH, RI, FO
_____	Northern Goshawk	3	R	FO
_____	Broad-winged Hawk	1	M	PR, AG, SF
_____	Swainson's Hawk	3	S	PR, AG, SF
_____	Red-tailed Hawk	3	R	PR, ME, RI
_____	Ferruginous Hawk	3	R	SH, RI, PR
_____	Rough-legged Hawk	3	W	SH, PR, AG
_____	Golden Eagle	3	R	SH, PR, FO

	Species	Key		
_____	Crested Caracara	1	A	SH, PR
_____	American Kestrel	3	S	PR, ME, AG
_____	Merlin	2	R	FO, RI, SH
_____	Prairie Falcon	3	R	SF, PR, ME
_____	Peregrine Falcon	1	R	SF, PR, ME
_____	Gyrfalcon	1	W	SH, PR, AG
_____	Gray partridge	2	R	SH, PR, AG
_____	Chukar	3	R	SH
_____	Ring-necked pheasant	3	R	AG, RI, WL
_____	Ruffed Grouse	3	R	FO, SH, RI
_____	Greater Sage Grouse	3	R	SH, ME, AG
_____	Blue Grouse	3	R	FO, RI, SF
_____	White-tailed Ptarmigan	1	R	RI, ME, FO
_____	Greater Prairie Chicken	1	A	PR
_____	Sharp-tailed Grouse	3	R	PR, SH, AG
_____	Wild Turkey	3	R	FO, RI, SH
_____	Northern Bobwhite	2	R	RI, AG
_____	Virginia Rail	5	S	WL
_____	Sora	3	S	WL, RI, AG
_____	Purple Gallinule	1	A	WL
_____	Common Moorhen	1	A	WL
_____	American Coot	4	S	WL
_____	Sandhill Crane	3	S	WL, ME, AG
_____	Whopping Crane	6	S	WL, ME, AG
_____	Black-bellied Plover	2	M	WL, SF
_____	American Gold Plover	1	M	WL, SF
_____	Snowy Plover	1	S	WL, SF
_____	Semipalmated Plover	2	M	WL, SF
_____	Piping Plover	2	M	WL, SF
_____	Killdeer	4	S	WL, SF
_____	Mountain Plover	3	S	PR
_____	Black-necked Stilt	2	S	WL, SF
_____	American Avocet	3	S	WL, SF
_____	Greater Yellowlegs	3	M	WL, SF
_____	Lesser Yellowlegs	3	M	WL, SF
_____	Solitary Sandpiper	3	M	WL, SF
_____	Willet	3	S	WL, SF, ME
_____	Spotted Sandpiper	2	S	WL, SF
_____	Upland Sandpiper	2	S	WL, PR
_____	Whimbrel	1	M	WL, SF
_____	Long-billed Curlew	2	M	PR, AG, SH
_____	Hudsonian Godwit	1	M	WL, SF
_____	Marbled Godwit	2	M	WL, SF
_____	Ruddy Turnstone	1	M	WL, SF
_____	Red Knot	1	M	WL, SF

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_____	Sanderling	2	M	WL, SF
_____	Semipalmated Sandpiper	2	M	WL, SF
_____	Western Sandpiper	2	M	WL, SF
_____	Least Sandpiper	3	M	WL, SF
_____	Dunlin	1	M	WL, SF
_____	Stilt Sandpiper	3	M	WL, SF
_____	Buff-breasted Sandpiper	2	M	WL, SF
_____	Short-billed Dowitcher	1	A	WL, SF
_____	Long-billed Dowitcher	3	M	WL, SF
_____	American Snipe	3	S	WL, SF
_____	Woodcock	1	A	WL, SF
_____	Wilson's Phalarope	3	S	WL, SF
_____	Red-necked Phalarope	2	M	WL, SF
_____	Red Phalarope	1	A	WL
_____	Pomarine Jaeger	1	A	WL
_____	Parasitic Jaeger	1	A	WL
_____	Franklin's Gull	3	S	WL
_____	Black-headed Gull	1	A	WL
_____	Bonaparte"s Gull	2	M	WL
_____	Herrmann's Gull	1	A	WL
_____	Mule Gull	1	A	WL
_____	Ring-billed Gull	3	S	WL
_____	California Gull	3	S	WL
_____	Herring Gull	1	M	WL
_____	Glaucous Gull	1	A	WL
_____	Sabine Gull	1	M	WL
_____	Black-legged Kittiwake	1	A	WL
_____	Caspian Tern	2	S	WL
_____	Common Tern	2	M	WL
_____	Forster's Tern	3	S	WL
_____	Least Tern	1	A	WL
_____	Black Tern	3	S	WL
_____	Long-billed Murrelet	1	A	WL
_____	Ancient Murrelet	1	A	WL
_____	Rock Dove	4	R	AG, SF
_____	Band-tailed Pigeon	1	M	FO, SH
_____	White-winged Dove	1	A	RI
_____	Mourning Dove	4	S	All types
_____	Barn Owl	5	S	SH, PR, AG
_____	Flammulated Owl	1	R	FO
_____	Eastern Screech Owl	2	R	FO
_____	Western Screech Owl	1	A	FO
_____	Great-Horned Owl	3	R	FO
_____	Snowy Owl	1	W	SH, PR, AG
_____	Northern Hawk Owl	1	A	FO
_____	Northern Pygmy-Owl	5	R	FO

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_____	Burrowing Owl	2	S	SH, PR, AG
_____	Barred Owl	1	A	FO
_____	Great Grey Owl	5	R	FO
_____	Long-eared Owl	3	R	FO
_____	Short-eared Owl	3	R	SH, PR, WL
_____	Boreal Owl	5	R	FO
_____	Northern Saw-whet Owl	5	R	FO, RI
_____	Common Nighthawk	4	S	All Types
_____	Common Poorwill	2	S	FO, PR, SH
_____	Chimney Swift	1	S	SF
_____	White-throated Swift	3	S	SF
_____	Magnificent Hummingbird	1	A	RI, FO
_____	Black-chinned Hummingbird	2	S	SH, RI
_____	Anna's Hummingbird	1	A	SH
_____	Calliope Hummingbird	3	S	SH, FO, RI
_____	Broad-tailed Hummingbird	3	S	FO, RI, ME
_____	Rufous Hummingbird	3	S	FO, RI, ME
_____	Belted Kingfisher	3	R	WL, RI
_____	Lewis' Woodpecker	2	S	FO, RI
_____	Red-headed Woodpecker	2	S	FO, RI
_____	Acorn Woodpecker	1	A	FO
_____	Red-Bellied Woodpecker	1	A	FO
_____	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1	A	FO
_____	Red-naped Sapsucker	3	S	FO, RI
_____	Williamson's Sapsucker	2	S	FO, SF
_____	Downy Woodpecker	3	R	FO, SH
_____	Hairy Woodpecker	2	R	FO, RI
_____	White-headed Woodpecker	1	A	FO
_____	Three-toed Woodpecker	2	R	FO, SF
_____	Black-backed Woodpecker	1	R	FO, SF
_____	Northern Flicker	3	R	FO, SF, RI
_____	Pileated Woodpecker	1	A	FO
_____	Olive-sided Flycatcher	3	S	FO, RI
_____	Western Wood-Pewee	3	S	FO, RI
_____	Eastern Wood-Pewee	1	A	FO
_____	Willow Flycatcher	3	S	RI
_____	Least Flycatcher	3	S	FO
_____	Hammond's Flycatcher	2	S	FO, RI
_____	Dusky Flycatcher	3	S	FO, RI, SH
_____	Gray Flycatcher	3	S	FO, SH
_____	Cordilleran Flycatcher	3	S	FO, RI
_____	Eastern Phoebe	5	S	RP, RI, AG
_____	Say's Phoebe	3	S	PR, SH

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_____	Vermillion Flycatcher	1	A	SH, RI
_____	Ash-throated Flycatcher	5	S	SH, FO
_____	Great Crested Flycatcher	1	A	FO
_____	Cassin's Kingbird	2	S	FO, SH, RI
_____	Western Kingbird	3	S	FO, SH, PR
_____	Eastern Kingbird	3	S	FO, SH, PR
_____	Scissor-tail Flycatcher	1	A	SH
_____	Loggerhead Shrike	3	S	SH, FO
_____	Northern Shrike	3	W	SH, FO, RI
_____	Yellow-throated Vireo	1	A	FO
_____	Warbling Vireo	4	S	FO, SF
_____	Philadelphia Vireo	1	M	FO, SF
_____	Red-eyed Vireo	2	S	FO, SF
_____	Gray Jay	3	R	FO
_____	Stellar's Jay	3	R	FO, SF, SH
_____	Blue Jay	3	R	FO, RI
_____	Western-Scrub Jay	2	R	FO, SH
_____	Pinyon Jay	2	R	FO, SH
_____	Clark's Jay	3	R	FO, SH
_____	Black-billed Magpie	4	R	All types
_____	American Crow	3	R	All types
_____	Common Raven	3	R	All types
_____	Horned Lark	4	R	SH, PR
_____	Purple Martin	5	S	SF, AG, ME
_____	Tree Swallow	3	S	FO, RI
_____	Violet-green Swallow	3	S	All types
_____	Northern Rough-winged Swallow			WL, RI
_____	Bank Swallow	3	S	RI, WL, ME
_____	Cliff Swallow	3	S	All types
_____	Barn Swallow	3	S	All types
_____	Black-capped Chickadee	3	R	FO, RI, SF
_____	Mountain Chickadee	3	R	FO, SH
_____	Juniper Titmouse	2	R	FO, SH, SF
_____	Bushtit	2	S	FO, SH, RI
_____	Red-breasted Nuthatch	3	R	FO, RI
_____	White-breasted Nuthatch	3	R	FO, RI
_____	Pygmy Nuthatch	2	R	FO
_____	Brown Creeper	3	R	SF, SH, PR
_____	Canyon Wren	3	S	SF, FO, SH
_____	Bewick's Wren	3	S	FO, SH
_____	House Wren	1	S	RI, FO
_____	Winter Wren	1	M	FO
_____	Sedge Wren	1	A	WL, ME
_____	Marsh Wren	2	S	WL
_____	American Dipper	3	R	WL
_____	Golden-crowned Kinglet	2	R	FO
_____	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	3	S	FO, SH, SF
_____	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	2	S	FO, RI, SH

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_____	Eastern Bluebird	2	S	RI, PG, AG
_____	Western Bluebird	2	S	FO, SH
_____	Mountain Bluebird	3	S	All types
_____	Townsend's Solitaire	3	R	FO
_____	Veery	2	S	FO, RI
_____	Gray-cheeked Thrush	2	M	FO
_____	Swainson's Thrush	3	S	FO, RI, SH
_____	Hermit Thrush	3	S	FO, SH
_____	Wood Thrush	1	M	FO
_____	American Robin	3	R	FO, SH, WL
_____	Varied Thrush	1	M	FO
_____	Gray Catbird	3	S	RI, SF
_____	Northern Mockingbird	2	S	RI, SF, SH
_____	Sage Thrasher	3	S	SH
_____	Brown Thrasher	3	S	SH, RI
_____	European Starling	4	R	RI, AG, SF
_____	American Pipit	3	M	ME
_____	Sprague's Pipit	2	W	PR
_____	Bohemian Waxwing	3	R	FO,RI, SH
_____	Cedar Waxwing	2	A	FO, RI, SH
_____	Tennessee Warbler	2	M	FO, SF
_____	Orange-crowned Warbler	2	S	FO, RI
_____	Nashville Warbler	1	M	FO, SH, SF
_____	Virginia's Warbler	5	S	FO, SH
_____	Northern Parula	1	M	RI
_____	Yellow Warbler	4	S	RI, SF
_____	Chestnut-sided Warbler	1	M	RI, SF
_____	Black-throated Gray Warbler		S	FO, SH
_____	Blackburnian Warbler	1	M	RI, SF
_____	Yellow-throated Warbler	1	A	FO
_____	Pine Warbler	1	A	FO
_____	Blackpoll Warbler	1	M	RI, SF
_____	Black-and-white Warbler	1	M	FO
_____	American Redstart	2	S	RI
_____	Prothonotary Warbler	2	A	FO
_____	Worm-eating Warbler	1	A	FO
_____	Ovenbird	3	S	FO, RI
_____	Northern Waterthrush	2	M	FO, RI
_____	MacGillivray's Warbler	1	S	FO, RI
_____	Common Yellowthroat	1	S	RI
_____	Hooded Warbler	1	A	FO
_____	Wilson's Warbler	3	S	RI
_____	Yellow-breasted Chat	1	S	RI, WL
_____	Western Tanager	1	S	FO
_____	Green-tailed Towhee	3	S	FO, SH, RI
_____	Rufous-sided Towhee	3	S	FO, SH, RI
_____	American Tree Sparrow	1	W	RI, AG, SF
_____	Chipping Sparrow	1	S	FO, RI, SH

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_____	Clay-colored Sparrow	2	S	FO, RI, SH
_____	Brewer's Sparrow	3	S	SH
_____	Field Sparrow	5	S	AG, SH, FO
_____	Vesper's Sparrow	3	S	SH, PR, AG
_____	Lark Bunting	3	S	RI, ME, PR
_____	Black-throated Sparrow	5	S	SH
_____	Sage Sparrow	3	S	SH
_____	Savannah Sparrow	4	S	RI, ME, PR
_____	Baird's Sparrow	3	S	PR
_____	Grasshopper Sparrow	2	S	PR, SH, ME
_____	Fox Sparrow	3	R	RI, FO, SH
_____	Song Sparrow	3	R	RI, WL
_____	Lincoln's Sparrow	3	S	RI, WL
_____	Swamp Sparrow	1	M	WL
_____	White-throated Sparrow	2	M	RI, SF
_____	White-crowned Sparrow	3	S	RI
_____	McCown's Longspur	2	S	PR, SH, AG
_____	Dark-eyed Junko	3	R	FO, SF
_____	Chestnut-collared Longspur	2	S	PR, SH, AG
_____	Snow Bunting	2	W	SH, PR
_____	Northern Cardinal	1	M	FO. SF
_____	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	2	S	FO, SF
_____	Black-headed Grosbeak	3	S	FO, RI
_____	Blue Grosbeak	1	S	SF, RI
_____	Lazuli Bunting	3	S	FO, SH, RI
_____	Indigo Bunting	2	S	RI
_____	Dickcissel	2	S	PR
_____	Bobolink	4	S	SH, PR, AG
_____	Red-winged Blackbird	4	S	RI, WL, AG
_____	Western Meadowlark	4	S	SH, PR, AG
_____	Yellow-headed Blackbird	3	S	WL
_____	Rusty Blackbird	2	M	RI, AG, SF
_____	Brewer's Blackbird	4	S	All types
_____	Common Grackle	1	S	All types
_____	Brown-headed Cowbird	3	S	RI, SH, PR
_____	Orchard Oriole	2	S	RI, SF
_____	Bullock's Oriole	3	S	RI, SF
_____	Scott's Oriole	1	S	SH
_____	Brambling	1	A	SF
_____	Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	3	R	ME, SF, AG
_____	Black Rosy-Finch	2	R	ME, SF, AG
_____	Pine Grosbeak	2	R	FO
_____	Purple Finch	2	W	SF
_____	Cassin's Finch	2	R	FO, SF, SH
_____	House Finch	3	R	FO, SF
_____	Red Crossbill	3	R	FO, SF
_____	White-winged Crossbill	3	R	SH, PR, SF
_____	Common Redpoll	2	W	SH, PR, SF

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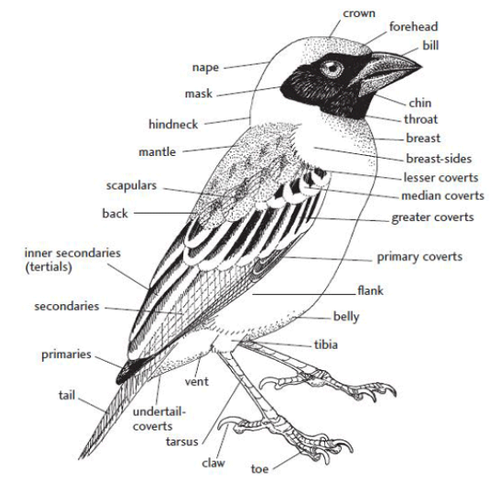
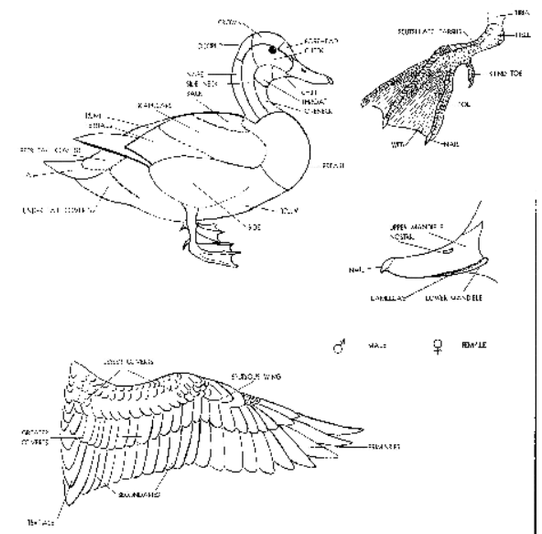
_____	Hoary Redpoll	2	W	SH, PR, SF
_____	Pine Siskin	3	R	FO, RI, SF
_____	Lesser Goldfinch	2	M	RI, SF
_____	American Goldfinch	3	R	RI, SF
_____	Evening Grosbeak	3	R	FO, SF
_____	House Sparrow	4	R	AG, SF

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