

Summary of Bird Sightings

Winter Wings Festival 2014

February 13-16

Bird diversity in the Basin had dropped substantially following bone-chilling temperatures in early December (20 degrees below zero!). But, right on time, most of the species we hope to see had returned in the week or two leading up to the festival. The challenge was finding them in the unusually wet and windy weather. Our intrepid leaders and participants were up to the challenge and recorded **117 species** over the four days. A complete list of species is included below.

The raptors and waterfowl for which the Basin and the festival are so famous impressed as usual. Bald and Golden Eagles, Rough-legged Hawks, and dapper dark morph Ferruginous Hawks headlined the raptor program. Greater White-fronted, Snow, Ross's, and Cackling Geese returned in numbers with the Tundra Swans just prior to the festival. A pair of Trumpeter Swans were seen a few days before the festival started but could not be relocated amongst the tens of thousands of Tundras. Similarly, some Greater Yellowlegs were present in the days before the festival but managed to escape detection over the weekend.

Particularly notable species seen this year included an impressive number of **Eurasian Wigeons**, a single **Greater Scaup** and **Double-crested Cormorant** at Tule Lake NWR, a small group of early arriving **American White Pelicans** also at Tule Lake NWR, cooperative **White-headed Woodpeckers** and **Red Crossbills** in Moore Park in Klamath Falls, both **Black and Say's Phoebes**, **Pinyon Jays** visiting feeders in the Dairy-Bonanza area, both **Hermit and Varied Thrushes**, **American Pipits** on the Oregon side of Lower Klamath NWR, and a **Great-tailed Grackle** in the Nuss Lake area. Consistent with the winter pattern elsewhere in the country, no reports came in for Pine Siskin, Purple Finch, or Cassin's Finch. Even American Goldfinches were absent.

Complete Species List

1. Greater White-fronted Goose
2. Snow Goose
3. Ross's Goose
4. Cackling Goose
5. Canada Goose
6. Tundra Swan
7. Gadwall
8. **Eurasian Wigeon** (multiple locations)
9. American Wigeon
10. Mallard
11. Northern Shoveler
12. Northern Pintail
13. Green-winged Teal
14. Canvasback
15. Redhead

16. Ring-necked Duck
17. **Greater Scaup** (Tule Lake NWR, English Channel)
18. Lesser Scaup
19. Bufflehead
20. Common Goldeneye
21. Barrow's Goldeneye
22. Hooded Merganser
23. Common Merganser
24. Ruddy Duck
25. California Quail
26. Ring-necked Pheasant
27. Pied-billed Grebe
28. **Double-crested Cormorant** (Tule Lake NWR)
29. **American White Pelican** (Tule Lake NWR)
30. Great Blue Heron
31. **Great Egret** (Wilson Reservoir)
32. Black-crowned Night-Heron
33. Golden Eagle
34. Northern Harrier
35. Sharp-shinned Hawk
36. Cooper's Hawk
37. Bald Eagle
38. Red-shouldered Hawk
39. Red-tailed Hawk (including **Harlan's**)
40. Ferruginous Hawk
41. Rough-legged Hawk
42. American Coot
43. Sandhill Crane
44. Killdeer
45. Wilson's Snipe
46. Ring-billed Gull
47. California Gull
48. Herring Gull
49. Rock Pigeon
50. Eurasian Collared-Dove
51. Mourning Dove
52. Great Horned Owl
53. **Northern Pygmy-Owl** (Malone Springs)
54. Belted Kingfisher
55. Acorn Woodpecker (Running Y)
56. **Red-breasted Sapsucker** (Moore Park)
57. Downy Woodpecker
58. Hairy Woodpecker
59. **White-headed Woodpecker** (Moore Park)
60. Northern Flicker
61. **Pileated Woodpecker** (Aspen Lake Rd)
62. American Kestrel
63. Merlin
64. Prairie Falcon
65. **Black Phoebe** (Putnam's Point, Klamath Falls)
66. **Say's Phoebe** (multiple locations)
67. Northern Shrike

68. **Pinyon Jay** (Dairy-Bonanza area)
69. Steller's Jay
70. Western Scrub-Jay
71. Black-billed Magpie
72. Common Raven
73. Horned Lark
74. **Tree Swallow** (Lower Klamath NWR)
75. Black-capped Chickadee
76. Mountain Chickadee
77. Oak/Juniper Titmouse
78. Bushtit
79. Red-breasted Nuthatch
80. White-breasted Nuthatch
81. Pygmy Nuthatch
82. Brown Creeper
83. **Canyon Wren** (Lava Beds National Monument, Petroglyph Point)
84. **Pacific Wren** (multiple locations)
85. Marsh Wren
86. Bewick's Wren
87. **American Dipper** (Collier Memorial State Park)
88. Golden-crowned Kinglet
89. Ruby-crowned Kinglet
90. **Western Bluebird** (multiple locations)
91. Townsend's Solitaire
92. **Hermit Thrush** (Running Y)
93. American Robin
94. **Varied Thrush** (multiple locations)
95. European Starling
96. **American Pipit** (Lower Klamath NWR, Oregon side)
97. Cedar Waxwing
98. Spotted Towhee
99. California Towhee
100. Savannah Sparrow
101. **Fox Sparrow** (multiple locations)
102. Song Sparrow
103. White-crowned Sparrow
104. Golden-crowned Sparrow
105. Dark-eyed Junco
106. Red-winged Blackbird
107. Tricolored Blackbird
108. Western Meadowlark
109. Yellow-headed Blackbird
110. Brewer's Blackbird
111. **Great-tailed Grackle** (Nuss Lake)
112. **Brown-headed Cowbird** (Straits Drain and Township Rd intersection)
113. House Finch
114. **Red Crossbill** (Moore Park)
115. Lesser Goldfinch
116. Evening Grosbeak
117. House Sparrow