

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.

l Introduced

		Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	Habitat	Elev.
WATERFOWL	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
GAMEBIRDS	Mountain Quail*	—	—	—	—	SM	3-8d
	California Quail*	—	—	—	—	OS	2-4
	White-tailed Ptarmigan (l)*	—	—	—	—	M	10-12
	Sooty Grouse*	—	—	—	—	PSM	4-8u
	Wild Turkey (l)*	—	—	—	—	OP	2-4
	Pied-billed Grebe	•	—	•	•	L	2-9
	Eared Grebe	•	—	—	—	L	4-10
	Great Blue Heron	—	—	—	—	RLM	2-9d
	Turkey Vulture	—	—	—	—	AM	2-6

		Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	Habitat	Elev.	
HAWKS, EAGLES, FALCONS	Osprey*	•	•	•	—	LR	2-9	
	Bald Eagle*	—	—	—	—	RLA	2-12	
	Northern Harrier	—	—	—	•	M	2-11	
	Sharp-shinned Hawk*	—	—	—	—	PA	2-9d	
	Cooper's Hawk*	—	—	—	—	WPA	2-9d	
	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	
	VIREOS	Virginia Rail*	—	•	—	—	L	2-7
		Killdeer*	•	—	—	—	LMR	2-9
Spotted Sandpiper*		—	—	—	•	RL	2-11	
Wilson's Snipe		—	—	—	•	LMR	2-9	
OWLS	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	2-5	
	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	
	SWIFTS	Common Nighthawk*?	—	—	—	—	A	2-7
		Common Poorwill*	—	•	—	•	MS	2-6
		Black Swift*	•	•	—	•	AC	4-8
Vaux's Swift*		•	—	—	—	PA	2-7	
WOODPECKERS	White-throated Swift*	—	—	—	—	AC	2-8	
	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	2-5	
	Williamson's Sapsucker*	—	—	—	—	P	6-9d	
	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		
THRUSHES	Northern Flicker (Red-shafted)*					POWM	2-10d	
	Pileated Woodpecker*	—	—	—	—	PO	4-7	

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FLYCATCHERS	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	2-5	
	Black Phoebe*	—	—	—	—	RWM	2-9	
	Say's Phoebe	•	•	—	—	M	2-5	
	Ash-throated Flycatcher*	—	—	—	—	SWO	2-5u	
	Western Kingbird	—	—	—	—	M	2-4	
VIREOS	Loggerhead Shrike	—	—	•	•	MO	2-9	
	Cassin's Vireo*	•	—	—	—	PO	2-6	
	Hutton's Vireo*	—	—	—	—	O	2-5	
JAYS, RAVENS	Warbling Vireo*	—	—	—	—	WPO	2-9	
	Steller'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	
	SWALLOWS	Tree Swallow*	•	—	—	—	WAM	2-9
		Violet-green Swallow*	—	—	—	—	APWO CLRM	2-9
Northern Rough-winged Swallow*		•	—	—	•	RA	2-4	
Cliff Swallow*		—	—	—	—	RCA	2	
Barn Swallow*		—	—	—	—	MRA	2-4u	
WRENS	Mountain Chickadee*	—	—	—	—	P	2-10	
	Chestnut-backed Chickadee*	—	—	—	—	PO	2-5	
	Oak Titmouse*	—	—	—	—	OW	2-5	
	Bushtit*	—	—	—	—	SOW	2-6u/d	
	Red-breasted Nuthatch*	—	—	—	—	P	2-8u/d	
THRUSHES	White-breasted Nuthatch*	—	—	—	—	OP	2-10	
	Pygmy Nuthatch*	—	—	—	—	P	2-7	
	Brown Creeper*	—	—	—	—	P	4-10u/d	
	Rock Wren*	—	—	—	—	C	2-3, 8-12d	
	Canyon Wren*	—	—	—	—	C	2-5	
	Bewick's Wren*	—	—	—	—	OS	2-6	
	House Wren*	•	—	—	•	WS	4-7	
	Pacific Wren*	—	—	—	—	WOP	2-6	
	Marsh Wren	—	—	—	—	ML	2-5	
	American Dipper*	—	—	—	—	RL	2-10d	
THRUSHES	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	

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Wrentit*					S	2-7d
California Thrasher					SW	2-4
European Starling (I)*					MO	2-4
American Pipit*					CM	10-12
Cedar Waxwing					POW	2-9d
WARBLERS						
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
WARBLERS						
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
TOWHEES, SPARROWS						
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
SPARROWS, JUNCOS						
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	8-11
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
BLACKBIRDS						
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
FINCHES						
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 | Wilson's Phalarope |
| Wood Duck* | Red-necked Phalarope |
| American Wigeon | Red Phalarope |
| Blue-winged Teal* | Ring-billed Gull |
| Cinnamon Teal | Caspian Tern |
| Northern Shoveler | Rock Pigeon |
| Northern Pintail | Barn Owl |
| Canvasback | Burrowing Owl |
| Ring-necked Duck* | Black-chinned Hummingbird |
| Lesser Scaup | Allen's Hummingbird |
| Common Goldeneye | Gray Flycatcher |
| Hooded Merganser | Black-billed Magpie |
| Ruddy Duck* | Northern Mockingbird |
| Common Loon | Sage Thrasher |
| Western Grebe | Bohemian Waxwing |
| Double-crested Cormorant | Phainopepla |
| American White Pelican | Black-and-white Warbler |
| Great Egret | American Redstart |
| Snowy Egret | Yellow-breasted Chat |
| Swaynson's Hawk | Black-throated Sparrow* |
| Rough-legged Hawk | Rose-breasted Grosbeak |
| Merlin | Indigo Bunting |
| Sora | Yellow-headed Blackbird |
| American Coot* | Great-tailed Grackle |

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 | Gray Catbird |
| Clark's Grebe | Chestnut-collared Longspur |
| Brown Pelican | 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 | Painted Redstart |
| Solitary Sandpiper | Clay-colored 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 | Scott's Oriole |

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Yosemite Bird Checklist



This checklist includes the 265 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 4.3 (2014)