

Devils Postpile

National Park Service
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Bird Checklist



Steller's Jay

Abundance

The probability a competent observer has of viewing species in suitable habitat.

Su=June, July, August

F=September, October, November

c=common

u=uncommon

f=fairly common

r=rare

x=unknown

Breeding Status

0=no evidence or migrant/transient/disperser

1=confirmed breeding

2=possible breeding

3=probable breeding

* denotes species of special concern

Names listed in paranthesis indicates subspecies widely recognized but not accepted by the American Ornithologist's Union.

The names and order of species follow the American Ornithologist's Union Checklist seventh edition (1998) and supplements through 2011.

	Su	F	BS
Waterfowl			
<input type="checkbox"/> Gadwall <i>Anas strepera</i>	x	x	0
<input type="checkbox"/> Mallard <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	c	c	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Bufflehead <i>Bucephala albeola</i>	r	r	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Merganser <i>Mergus merganser</i>	c	f	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruddy Duck <i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>	x	x	0
Quail			
<input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Quail * <i>Oreortyx pictus</i>	c	c	2
<input type="checkbox"/> California Quail <i>Callipepla californica</i>	x	x	0
Grouse			
<input type="checkbox"/> Sooty Grouse <i>Dendragapus fuliginosus</i>	x	x	0
Grebes			
<input type="checkbox"/> Eared Grebe * <i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	x	x	0
Hérons			
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Blue Heron <i>Ardea herodias</i>	x	x	0
Vultures			
<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Vulture <i>Cathartes aura</i>	r	r	0
Eagles and Hawks			
<input type="checkbox"/> Osprey <i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	x	x	0
<input type="checkbox"/> Bald Eagle * <i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	r	u	0
<input type="checkbox"/> Sharp-shinned Hawk <i>Accipiter striatus</i>	x	x	0
<input type="checkbox"/> Cooper's Hawk <i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	u	u	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Goshawk * <i>Accipiter gentilis</i>	u	u	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-shouldered Hawk <i>Buteo lineatus</i>	x	x	0
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk <i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	f	f	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Golden Eagle * <i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	u	u	0

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Rails			
<input type="checkbox"/> Virginia Rail <i>Rallus limicola</i>	r	r	2
Shorebirds			
<input type="checkbox"/> Killdeer <i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	u	u	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Spotted Sandpiper <i>Actitis macularius</i>	c	c	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Snipe <i>Gallinago delicata</i>	u	u	2
Gulls			
<input type="checkbox"/> California Gull <i>Larus californicus</i>	c	f	0
Doves			
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove <i>Zenaida macroura</i>	u	u	2
Owls			
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Horned Owl <i>Bubo virginianus</i>	f	f	0
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Pygmy-Owl <i>Glaucidium gnoma californicum</i>	x	x	0
Nighthawks			
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Nighthawk <i>Chordeiles minor</i>	u	u	0
Swifts			
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Swift * <i>Cypseloides niger</i>	r	r	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Vaux's Swift <i>Chaetura vauxi</i>	r	r	0
<input type="checkbox"/> White-throated Swift <i>Aeronautes saxatalis</i>	r	r	2
Hummingbirds			
<input type="checkbox"/> Anna's Hummingbird <i>Calypte anna</i>	r	r	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Broad-tailed Hummingbird <i>Selasphorus platycercus</i>	r	r	0
<input type="checkbox"/> Rufous Hummingbird <i>Selasphorus rufus</i>	c	r	0
<input type="checkbox"/> Calliope Hummingbird * <i>Selasphorus calliope</i>	c	c	1
Kingfishers			
<input type="checkbox"/> Belted Kingfisher <i>Megaceryle alcyon</i>	f	f	2

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Woodpeckers			
<input type="checkbox"/> Lewis's Woodpecker * <i>Melanerpes lewis</i>	r	r	0
<input type="checkbox"/> Williamson's Sapsucker * <i>Sphyrapicus thyroideus</i>	f	f	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-breasted Sapsucker <i>Sphyrapicus ruber</i>	c	f	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Downy Woodpecker <i>Picoides pubescens</i>	u	u	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Hairy Woodpecker <i>Picoides villosus</i>	f	f	1
<input type="checkbox"/> White-headed Woodpecker * <i>Picoides albolarvatus</i>	f	f	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-backed Woodpecker <i>Picoides arcticus</i>	f	f	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker (Red-shafted) <i>Colaptes auratus cafer</i>	c	c	1
Falcons			
<input type="checkbox"/> American Kestrel <i>Falco sparverius</i>	u	u	2
Flycatchers			
<input type="checkbox"/> Olive-sided Flycatcher * <i>Contopus cooperi</i>	f	r	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Wood-Pewee <i>Contopus sordidulus</i>	c	r	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Willow Flycatcher * <i>Empidonax trailli</i>	r	r	0
<input type="checkbox"/> Hammond's Flycatcher <i>Empidonax hammondii</i>	r	r	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Flycatcher <i>Empidonax wrightii</i>	r	r	0
<input type="checkbox"/> Dusky Flycatcher <i>Empidonax oberholseri</i>	c	r	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Phoebe <i>Sayornis nigricans</i>	x	x	0
Vireos			
<input type="checkbox"/> Cassin's Vireo <i>Vireo cassinii</i>	r	r	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Warbling Vireo <i>Vireo gilvus</i>	c	r	1
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Jays			
<input type="checkbox"/> Steller's Jay <i>Cyanocitta stelleri</i>	c	c	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Clark's Nutcracker <i>Nucifraga columbiana</i>	c	c	2
Ravens			
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Raven <i>Corvus corax</i>	c	c	1
Swallows			
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Swallow <i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>	f	r	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Violet-green Swallow <i>Tachycineta thalassina</i>	f	r	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Cliff Swallow <i>Petrochelidon pyrrhonota</i>	f	r	2
Chickadees			
<input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Chickadee <i>Poecile gambeli</i>	c	c	1
Nuthatches			
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-breasted Nuthatch <i>Sitta canadensis</i>	f	f	1
<input type="checkbox"/> White-breasted Nuthatch <i>Sitta carolinensis</i>	c	c	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Pygmy Nuthatch <i>Sitta pygmaea</i>	x	x	1
Creepers			
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Creeper <i>Certhia americana</i>	c	c	1
Wrens			
<input type="checkbox"/> Rock Wren <i>Salpinctes obsoletus</i>	c	f	2
<input type="checkbox"/> House Wren <i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	f	r	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Wren <i>Troglodytes pacificus</i>	x	x	0
<input type="checkbox"/> Marsh Wren <i>Cistothorus palustris</i>	r	r	0
<input type="checkbox"/> Bewick's Wren <i>Thryomanes bewickii</i>	u	u	2
Gnatcatchers			
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-gray Gnatcatcher <i>Poliophtila caerulea</i>	u	u	2

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Dippers			
<input type="checkbox"/> American Dipper <i>Cinclus mexicanus</i>	c	f	1
Kinglets			
<input type="checkbox"/> Golden-crowned Kinglet <i>Regulus satrapa</i>	c	c	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-crowned Kinglet <i>Regulus calendula</i>	f	c	2
Thrush			
<input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Bluebird <i>Sialia currucoides</i>	c	r	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Townsend's Solitaire <i>Myadestes townsendi</i>	c	f	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Swainson's Thrush <i>Catharus ustulatus</i>	r	r	0
<input type="checkbox"/> Hermit Thrush <i>Catharus guttatus</i>	u	r	1
<input type="checkbox"/> American Robin <i>Turdus migratorius</i>	c	c	1
Waxwings			
<input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Waxwing <i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>	x	x	0
Warblers			
<input type="checkbox"/> Orange-crowned Warbler <i>Oreothlypis celata</i>	c	r	0
<input type="checkbox"/> Nashville Warbler <i>Oreothlypis ruficapilla</i>	u	r	3
<input type="checkbox"/> MacGillivray's Warbler <i>Geothlypis tolmei</i>	c	r	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat <i>Geothlypis trichas</i>	r	r	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Warbler * <i>Setophaga petechia</i>	f	r	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's) <i>Setophaga coronata auduboni</i>	c	f	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Hermit Warbler * <i>Setophaga occidentalis</i>	u	r	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Warbler <i>Cardellina pusilla</i>	c	r	1
Towhees			
<input type="checkbox"/> Green-tailed Towhee * <i>Pipilo chlorurus</i>	f	r	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Spotted Towhee <i>Pipilo maculatus</i>	u	u	3

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Sparrows			
<input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow <i>Spizella passerina</i>	u	r	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Brewer's Sparrow * <i>Spizella breweri</i>	r	r	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Vesper Sparrow <i>Poocetes gramineus</i>	x	x	0
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-throated Sparrow <i>Amphispiza bilineata</i>	r	r	0
<input type="checkbox"/> Savannah Sparrow <i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>	r	r	0
<input type="checkbox"/> Fox Sparrow <i>Passerella iliaca</i>	c	r	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow <i>Melospiza melodia</i>	c	f	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln's Sparrow <i>Melospiza lincolni</i>	u	r	1
<input type="checkbox"/> White-crowned Sparrow <i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>	c	f	1
Junco			
<input type="checkbox"/> Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon) <i>Junco hyemalis thurberi</i>	c	c	1
Tanagers			
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Tanager <i>Piranga ludoviciana</i>	c	r	1
Grosbeak			
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-headed Grosbeak <i>Pheucticus melanocephalus</i>	u	r	1
Buntings			
<input type="checkbox"/> Lazuli Bunting <i>Passerina amoena</i>	u	u	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Indigo Bunting <i>Passerina cyanea</i>	x	x	0

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Blackbirds			
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged Blackbird <i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	r	r	0
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Meadowlark <i>Sturnella neglecta</i>	r	r	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Brewer's Blackbird <i>Euphagus cyanocephalus</i>	c	c	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Cowbird <i>Molothrus ater</i>	c	r	3
Finches			
<input type="checkbox"/> Pine Grosbeak <i>Pinicola enucleator</i>	u	u	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Purple Finch <i>Haemorhous purpureus</i>	r	r	0
<input type="checkbox"/> Cassin's Finch * <i>Haemorhous cassinii</i>	c	f	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Red Crossbill <i>Loxia curvirostra</i>	u	u	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Pine Siskin <i>Spinus pinus</i>	c	f	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Lesser Goldfinch <i>Spinus psaltria</i>	u	u	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Evening Grosbeak <i>Coccothraustes vespertinus</i>	u	u	2

The variety of ecosystems of Devils Postpile National Monument provide habitat for a diverse bird population. The 115 listed species utilize the montane meadow, riparian, coniferous forest, wetlands, and post-fire shrub brush for migration, breeding, and year-round habitat.

This list was compiled by the combined efforts of the National Park Service, Eastern Sierra Audubon, Sierra Nevada Inventory and Monitoring Network (I&M), Institute for Bird Populations (IBP), and Point Reyes Bird Observatory (PRBO). I&M and IBP conducted point counts within the monument. PRBO also conducted point counts, in addition to mist netting, surveys, and public demonstrations. In conjunction with those above volunteers and visitors have helped build this list.

This list may not be complete. If you detect species not on the list, please inform Devils Postpile staff.

For more information on species of special concern please reference Devils Postpile National Monument Bird Booklet online or in the Ranger Station.