

Common Birds of the Jordan River

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Terminology / Abbreviations

Native=(N) - native species

Exotic=(E) - introduced/non-native species

Migrant=(M) - only migrates through the Jordan River corridor

Resident=(R) - some individuals live and breed along the Jordan River year round

Habituated=(H) - the species lives and feeds near humans

Resident Populations=(RP) - resident populations of a species that normally migrate

Game Species=(G) - a species that is currently listed as hunt-able with appropriate hunting regulations found in appropriate "Hunting Guides" published by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources

Year-round=(YR)

Spring=(SP)

Summer=(S)

Fall=(F)

Winter=(W)

NOTE: Common names of species that can be usually found in appropriate habitat year round are listed in **Bold**.

GEESE, SWANS, DUCKS, TEAL, MERGANSERS (ANATIDAE)

Canada goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	N, M, H, RP, G, YR
Tundra swan	<i>Cygnus coumbianus</i>	N, M, G, SP, F, W
Wood duck	<i>Aix sponsa</i>	N, M, H, G, SP, S, F
Mallard (duck)	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	N, M, H, RP, G, YR
Gadwall (duck)	<i>Anas strepera</i>	N, M, G, F, W, SP
Northern pintail (duck)	<i>Anas acuta</i>	N, M, G, YR
Northern shoveler (duck)	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	N, M, G, YR
Cinnamon teal	<i>Anas cyanoptera</i>	N, M, G, SP, S, F
Green-winged teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	N, M, G, YR
Blue-winged teal	<i>Anas discors</i>	N, M, G, SP, S, F
American wigeon (duck)	<i>Anas americana</i>	N, M, G, SP, F
Redhead (duck)	<i>Aythya americana</i>	N, M, G, YR
Ruddy duck	<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>	N, M, G, YR
Bufflehead (duck)	<i>Bucephala albeola</i>	N, M, G, W
Common goldeneye	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>	N, M, G, W
Common merganser	<i>Mergus merganser</i>	N, M, G, F, W, SP

PHEASANTS, QUAIL (PHASIANIDAE)

Ring-necked pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	E, R, G, YR
Wild turkey	<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	E, R, G, YR
California quail	<i>Callipepla californica</i>	E, R, G, YR

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GREBES (PODICIPEDIDAE)

Clark=s grebe	<i>Aechmophorus clarkii</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
Western grebe	<i>Aechmophorus occidentalis</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
Eared grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
Pied-billed grebe	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	N, R, YR

PELICANS (PELECANIDAE)

American white pelican	<i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>	N, R, YR
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CORMORANTS (PHALACROCORACIDAE)

Double-crested cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
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HERONS, BITTERNs, EGRETS, (ARDEIDAE)

Great blue heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>	N, R, YR
Snowy egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
Black-crowned night-heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
American bittern	<i>Botaurus lentiginosus</i>	N, M, SP, S, F

IBISES (THRESKIORNITHIDAE)

White-faced Ibis	<i>Plegadis chihi</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
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NEW WORLD VULTURES (CATHARITIDAE)

Turkey vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
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EAGLES, HAWKS, HARRIERS (ACCIPITRIDAE)

Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
Bald eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	N, M, F, W, SP
Red-tailed hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	N, R, YR
Swainson=s hawk	<i>Buteo swainsoni</i>	N, R, SP, S, F
Rough-legged hawk	<i>Buteo lagopus</i>	N, M, W
Ferruginous hawk	<i>Buteo regalis</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
Northern harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	N, R, YR
Sharp-shinned hawk	<i>Accipiter striatus</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
Cooper=s hawk	<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	N, M, SP, S, F

KESTRELS, FALCONS (FALCONIDAE)

American kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	N, R, YR
Prairie falcon	<i>Falco mexicanus</i>	N, R, YR
Peregrine falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	N, R, YR

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COOTS, RAILS, SORAS (RALLIDAE)

American coot	<i>Fulica americana</i>	N, M, RP, G, YR
Virginia rail	<i>Rallus limicola</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
Sora	<i>Porzana carolina</i>	N, M, SP, S, F

CRANES (GRUIDAE)

Sandhill crane	<i>Grus canadensis</i>	N, M, G, SP, S, F
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KILLDEER (CHARADRIIDAE)

Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
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AVOCETS, STILTS (RECURVIROSTRIDAE)

American avocet	<i>Recurvirostra americana</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
Black-necked stilt	<i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>	N, M, SP, S, F

SANDPIPERS, PHALAROPES, YELLOWLEGS, SNIPE, DOWITCHERS, WILLETS (SCOLOPACIDAE)

Spotted sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularia</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
Red-necked phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>	N, M, SP, F
Wilson=s phalarope	<i>Phalaropus tricolor</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
Greater yellowlegs	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>	N, M, SP, F
Lesser yellowlegs	<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	N, M, SP, F
Solitary sandpiper	<i>Tringa solitaria</i>	N, M, SP, F
Long-billed curlew	<i>Numenius americanus</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
Marbled godwit	<i>Limosa fedoa</i>	N, M, SP, F
Least sandpiper	<i>Calidris minutilla</i>	N, M, SP, F
Wilson=s snipe	<i>Gallinago delicata</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
Long-billed dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus scolopaceus</i>	N, M, SP, F
Willet	<i>Catoptrophorus semipalmatus</i>	N, M, SP, F

GULLS, TERNS (LARIDAE)

California gull	<i>Larus californicus</i>	N, M, H, YR
Franklin=s gull	<i>Larus pipixcan</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
Forster=s tern	<i>Sterna forsteri</i>	N, M, SP, S, F

DOVES, (PIGEONS) (COLUMBIDAE)

Mourning dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>	N, M, G, H, RP, YR
Eurasian collared-dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	E, M, H, YR
Rock pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	E, R, H, YR

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OWLS (STRIGIDAE)

Great horned owl	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>	N, R, YR
Long-eared owl	<i>Asio otus</i>	N, M, SP, F
Short-eared owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
Barn owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
Western screech-owl	<i>Otus kennicottii</i>	N, R, YR
Burrowing owl	<i>Athene cunicularia</i>	N, M, SP, S, F

NIGHTHAWKS, POORWILLS (CAPRIMULGIDAE)

Common nighthawk	<i>Chordeiles minor</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
Common poorwill	<i>Phalaenoptilus nuttallii</i>	N, M, S

SWIFTS (APODIDAE)

White-throated swift	<i>Aeronautes saxatalis</i>	N, M, S
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HUMMINGBIRDS (TROCHILIDAE)

Black-chinned hummingbird	<i>Archilochus alexandri</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
Broad-tailed hummingbird	<i>Selasphorus platycercus</i>	N, M, SP, S, F

KINGFISHERS (ALCEDINIDAE)

Belted kingfisher	<i>Ceryle alcyon</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
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WOODPECKERS, FLICKERS, SAPSUCKERS (PICIDAE)

Downy woodpecker	<i>Picoides pubescens</i>	N, R, YR
Hairy woodpecker	<i>Picoides villosus</i>	N, R, YR
Northern flicker	<i>Colaptes chrysoides</i>	N, M, YR
Red-naped sapsucker	<i>Sphyrapicus nuchalis</i>	N, M, SP, S, F

FLYCATCHERS, WOOD-PEWEES, PHOEBES, KINGBIRDS (TYRANNIDAE)

Willow flycatcher	<i>Empidonax traillii</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
Hammond=s flycatcher	<i>Empidonax hammondii</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
Gray flycatcher	<i>Empidonax wrightii</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
Dusky flycatcher	<i>Empidonax oberholseri</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
Cordilleran flycatcher	<i>Empidonax occidentalis</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
Ash-throated flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus cinerascens</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
Olive-sided flycatcher	<i>Contopus cooperi</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
Western wood-pewee	<i>Contopus sordidulus</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
Say=s phoebe	<i>Sayornis saya</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
Western kingbird	<i>Tyrannus verticalis</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
Eastern kingbird	<i>Tyrannus tyrannus</i>	N, M, SP, S, F

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VIREOS (VIREONIDAE)

Warbling vireo	<i>Vireo gilvus</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
Plumbeous vireo	<i>Vireo plumbeus</i>	N, M, SP, S, F

SHRIKES (LANIIDAE)

Loggerhead shrike	<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>	N, M, YR
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CROWS, RAVENS, JAYS, SCRUB-JAYS, MAGPIES (CORVIDAE)

American crow	<i>Corvus brachyrhychos</i>	N, M, H, F, W, SP
Common raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	N, R, YR
Western scrub-jay	<i>Apelocoma californica nevadae</i>	N, R, YR
Black-billed magpie	<i>Pica hudsoni</i>	N, R, H, YR

LARKS (ALAUDIDAE)

Horned lark	<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>	N, R, YR
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SWALLOWS (HIRUNDINIDAE)

Purple martin	<i>Progne subis</i>	N, M, S
Tree swallow	<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
Violet-green swallow	<i>Tachycineta thalassina</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
Bank swallow	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
Cliff swallow	<i>Petrochelidon pyrrhonota</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
Barn swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
Northern rough-winged swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>	N, M, SP, S, F

CHICKADEES (PARIDAE)

Black-capped chickadee	<i>Poecile atricapilla</i>	N, R, YR
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BUSHTIT (AEGITHALIDAE)

Bushtit	<i>Psaltriparus minimus</i>	N, R, YR
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WRENS (TROGLODYTIDAE)

Marsh wren	<i>Cistothorus palustris</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
House wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
Bewick's wren	<i>Troglodytes bewicki eremophilus</i>	N, M, YR

KINGLETS (REGULIDAE)

Ruby-crowned kinglet	<i>Regulus calendula</i>	N, R, YR
Golden-crowned kinglet	<i>Regulus satrapa</i>	N, M, F, W, SP

GNATCATCHERS (SYLVIIDAE)

Blue-gray gnatcatcher	<i>Polioptila caerulea</i>	N, M, S
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THRUSHES, BLUEBIRDS (TURDIDAE)

Swainson's thrush	<i>Catharus minimus</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
American robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	N, M, YR
Western bluebird	<i>Sialia mexicana</i>	N, M, SP, S, F

MOCKINGBIRDS (MIMIDAE)

Northern mockingbird	<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>	N, M, S
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STARLINGS (STURNIDAE)

European starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	E, R, H, YR
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PIPITS (MOTACILLIDAE)

American pipit	<i>Anthus rubescens altricola</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
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WAXWINGS (BOMBYCILLIDAE)

Bohemian waxwing	<i>Bombycilla garrulous</i>	N, M, W
Cedar waxwing	<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>	N, M, F, W, SP

WARBLERS, YELLOWTHROATS (PARULIDAE)

Yellow warbler	<i>Dendroica petechia</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
Virginia=s warbler	<i>Vermivora virginiae</i>	N, M, S
Orange-crowned warbler	<i>Vermivora celata</i>	N, M, S
Yellow-rumped warbler	<i>Dendroica coronata</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
Black-throated gray warbler	<i>Dendroica nigrescens</i>	N, M, S
MacGillivray=s warbler	<i>Oporornis tolmiei</i>	N, M, S
Wilson=s warbler	<i>Wilsonia pusilla</i>	N, M, S
Common yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
Yellow-breasted chat	<i>Icteria virens</i>	N, M, S

CARDINALS (CARDINALIDAE)

Black-headed grosbeak	<i>Pheuciticus melanocephalus</i>	N, M, S
Blue grosbeak	<i>Passerina caerulea</i>	N, M, S
Lazuli bunting	<i>Passerina amoena</i>	N, M, S

FINCHES (FRINGILLIDAE)

Cassin=s finch	<i>Carpodacus cassinii</i>	N, R, YR
House finch	<i>Carpodacus mexicanus</i>	N, R, YR
Red crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>	N, R, YR
Pine siskin	<i>Carduelis pinus</i>	N, R, YR
American goldfinch	<i>Carduelis tristis</i>	N, R, YR
Lesser goldfinch	<i>Carduelis psaltria</i>	N, R, YR

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TANAGERS (THRAUPIDAE)

Western tanager *Piranga ludoviciana* N, M, S

TOWHEES, SPARROWS, JUNCOS (EMBERIZIDAE)

Green-tailed towhee *Pipilo chlorurus* N, M, SP, S, F
Spotted towhee *Pipilo maculatus* N, R, YR
 American tree sparrow *Spizella arborea* N, M, W
 Clay-colored sparrow *Spizella pallida* N, M, SP, F
 Chipping sparrow *Spizella passerina* N, M, SP, S, F
 Black-throated sparrow *Amphispiza bilineata* N, M, S
 Fox sparrow *Passerella iliaca* N, M, S
 Savannah sparrow *Passerculus sandwichensis* N, M, SP, S, F
 Lincoln=s sparrow *Melospiza lincolnii* N, M, SP, S, F
Song sparrow *Melospiza melodia* N, R, YR
 Vesper sparrow *Pooecetes gramineus* N, M, SP, S, F
White-crowned sparrow *Zonotrichia leucophrys* N, R, YR
 Lark sparrow *Chondestes grammacus* N, M, SP, S, F
 Grasshopper sparrow *Ammodramus savannarum* N, M, S, F
Dark-eyed junco *Junco hyemalis* N, R, YR

BLACKBIRDS, MEADOWLARKS, GRACKLES, COWBIRDS, ORIOLES (ICTERIDAE)

Yellow-headed blackbird *Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus* N, M, SP, S, F
 Red-winged blackbird *Agelaius phoeniceus* N, M, SP, S, F
Brewer=s blackbird *Euphagus cyanocephalus* N, R, YR
Western meadowlark *Sturnella neglecta* N, R, YR
 Great-tailed grackle *Quiscalus mexicanus* N, M, S
 Brown-headed cowbird *Molothrus ater* N, M, SP, S, F
 Bullock=s oriole *Icterus bullockii* N, M, S

SPARROWS (OLD WORLD) (PASSERIDAE)

House sparrow *Passer domesticus* E, R, H, YR

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