

Common Birds of the Jordan River

compiled by Dan Potts, local naturalist, revised 2008

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) - individuals of a species that normally migrates are residents

Game Species=(GS) - a species that is currently listed as hunt-able with appropriate hunting regulations found in appropriate Ahunting guides@ published by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources

Year-round=(YR)

Spring=(SP)

Summer=(S)

Fall=(F)

Winter=(W)

Species in **Bold** are so common that they can be usually found in appropriate habitat year round.

References:

Field Guide to the Birds of North America, Fourth Edition, National Geographic Society, Washington DC, 2002, 480 pp.

Field Checklist of the Birds of Utah, compiled by the Utah Ornithological Society Bird Records Committee, Provo, Utah, 2004, 16 pp.

Inventory of the Vertebrates of the Jordan River State Park, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources report, 2003, 19pp.

Communicate comments/additions to: Dan Potts; dan_karen_potts@msn.com; 801-596-1536

LIST of (45 families) 163 species:

GREBES (PODICIPEDIDAE)

. Clark=s grebe	<i>Aechmophorus clarkii</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
. Western grebe	<i>Aechmophorus occidentalis</i>	N, M, SP, S, F

PELICANS (PELECANIDAE)

. American white pelican	<i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>	N, R, YR
--------------------------	----------------------------------	----------

CORMORANTS (PHALACROCORACIDAE)

Double-crested cormorant *phalacrocorax auritus* N, M, SP, S, F

HERONS, BITTERN, EGRETS, (ARDEIDAE)

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

IBISES (THRESKIORNITHIDAE)

White-faced Ibis *Plegadis chihi* N, M, SP, S, F

DUCKS, TEAL, GEESE, MERGANSERS (ANATIDAE)

Canada goose *Branta canadensis* N, M, H, RP, G, YR
Wood duck *Aix sponsa* N, M, H, G, SP, S, F
Mallard (duck) *Anas platyrhynchos* N, M, H, RP, G, YR
Gadwall (duck) *Anas strepera* N, M, G, F, W, SP
Northern pintail (duck) *Anas acuta* N, M, G, YR
Northern shoveler (duck) *Anas clypeata* N, M, G, YR
Cinnamon teal *Anas cyanoptera* N, M, G, SP, S, F
Green-winged teal *Anas crecca* N, M, G, YR
American wigeon (duck) *Anas americana* N, M, G, SP, F
Redhead (duck) *Aythya americana* N, M, G, YR
Ruddy duck *Oxyura jamaicensis* N, M, G, YR
Bufflehead (duck) *Bucephala albeola* N, M, G, W
Common goldeneye *Bucephala clangula* N, M, G, W
Common merganser *Mergus merganser* N, M, G, F, W, SP
Red-breasted merganser *Mergus serrator* N, M, G, SP, F

NEW WORLD VULTURES (CATHARTIDAE)

Turkey vulture *Cathartes aura* N, M, SP, S, F

EAGLES, HAWKS, HARRIERS (ACCIPITRIDAE)

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

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

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
----------------	------------------------	-------------------

KILLDEER (CHARADRIIDAE)

Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
----------	-----------------------------	----------------

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
Wilson=s (=common) snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</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, H, RP, YR
White-winged dove	<i>Zenaida asiatica</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
Rock dove (= pigeon)	<i>Columba livia</i>	E, R, H, YR
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
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
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
SHRIKES (LANIIDAE)		
Loggerhead shrike	<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>	N, M, YR
VIREOS (VIREONIDAE)		
Warbling vireo	<i>Vireo gilvus</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
Plumbeous vireo	<i>Vireo plumbeus</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
CROWS, RAVENS, JAYS, SCRUB-JAYS, MAGPIES (CORVIDAE)		
American crow	<i>Corvus brachyrhychos</i>	N, M, H, F, W, SP
Common raven	<i>Corvus coraxi</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
FLYCATCHERS, WOOD-PEWEEES, 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
LARKS (ALAUDIDAE)		
Horned lark	<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>	N, R, YR
SWIFTS (APODIDAE)		
White-throated swift	<i>Aeronautes saxatalis</i>	N, M, S
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
BUSHTIT (AEGITHALIDAE)		
Bushtit	<i>Psaltriparvus minimus</i>	N, R, YR
WRENS (TROGLODYTIDAE)		
Marsh wren	<i>Cistothorus palustris</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
House wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	N, M, SP, S, F
KINGLETS (REGULIDAE)		
Ruby-crowned kinglet	<i>Regulus calendula</i>	N, R, YR

Golden-crowned kinglet *Regulus satrapa* N, M, F, W, SP

Common Birds of the Jordan River, Potts, 08 cont.,

page 6

GNATCATCHERS (SYLVIIDAE)

Blue-gray gnatcatcher *Polioptila caerulea* N, M, S

THRUSHES, BLUEBIRDS (TURDIDAE)

American robin *Turdus migratorius* N, M, YR
Western bluebird *Sialia mexicana* N, M, SP, S, F
Veery *Catharus fuscescens* N, M, S

MOCKINGBIRDS (MIMIDAE)

Northern mockingbird *Mimus polyglottos* N, M, S

STARLINGS (STURNIDAE)

European starling *Sturnus vulgaris* E, R, H, YR

PIPITS (MOTACILLIDAE)

American pipit *Anthus rubescens altricola* N, M, SP, S, F

WARBLERS, YELLOWTHROATS (PARULIDAE)

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

TANAGERS (THRAUPIDAE)

Western tanager *Piranga ludoviciana* N, M, S

CARDINALS (CARDINALIDAE)

Black-headed grosbeak *Pheuciticus melanocephalus* N, M, S
Blue grosbeak *Passerina caerulea* N, M, S
Lazuli bunting *Passerina amoena* N, M, S

FINCHES (FRINGILLIDAE)

Cassin=s finch *Carpodacus cassinii* N, R, YR
House finch *Carpodacus mexicanus* N, R, YR

Red crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>	N, R, YR
Pine siskin	<i>Carduelis pinus</i>	N, R, YR
Lesser goldfinch	<i>Carduelis tristis</i>	N, R, YR
Lesser goldfinch	<i>Carduelis psaltria</i>	N, R, YR

Common Birds of the Jordan River, Potts, 08 cont.,

page 7

SPARROWS (EMBERIZIDAE)

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

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

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

SPARROWS (OLD WORLD) (PASSERIDAE)

House sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	E, R, H, YR
----------------------	--------------------------	-------------