



## SYSTEMATIC LIST OF SPECIES SEEN UTAH & NEVADA Aug 4-8, 2016

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### Locations:

**Utah** - White's Valley; Curlew Valley; Bear River NWR; Antelope Island; Bonneville Salt Flats; Silver Lake, Big Cottonwood Canyon; Olympus Cove; Bridal Veil Falls; Provo River Outfitters; Mirror Lake Highway; Alpine Loop Rd; East Canyon;

**Nevada** - Humboldt River Hot Springs & Humboldt Gravel Pit Pond, Elko; South Fork Rec. Area; Pequop; Island Lake & Powerhouse Picnic Site in Lamoille Canyon, Ruby Mts;

The **first number** is the maximum number of that species seen in one day

The **second number** is the number of days that species was seen on the 5 day trip

### BIRDS

#### Ducks, Geese & Swans

Canada Geese *Branta canadensis*

A few scattered around Salt Lake City, Antelope Island and South Fork. Common at Bear River. This is the Great Basin race *moffitti*. 100/5

Trumpeter Swan *Cyngus columbianus*

One at Humboldt Gravel Pit and Pond. 1/1

Wood Duck *Aix sponsa*

One on the Humboldt River in Elko. 1/1

Gadwall *Anas strepera*

A couple seen at Antelope Island. 2/1

American Wigeon *Anas americana*

One at South Fork. 1/1

Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*

Scattered. Seen daily in small numbers. 20/5

Cinnamon Teal *Anas discors*

Good numbers at South Fork and Bear River. 100+/2

Northern Shoveler *Anas clypeata*

A couple seen at South Fork and Bear River. 2/2

Northern Pintail *Anas acuta*

A few at South Fork and two at Bear River. 6/2

Green-winged Teal *Anas crecca*

A few on the Humboldt River, South Fork and Bear River. 10/3

Canvasback *Aythya valisineria*

A few seen at Humboldt Gravel Pit & Pond. 6/1

Redhead *Aythya americana*

Good numbers at Humboldt Gravel Pit Pond and one at Bear River. 18/2

Ring-necked Duck *Aythya collaris*

Good numbers at Humboldt Gravel Pit Pond. 16/1

Bufflehead *Bucephala albeola*

Three at Humboldt Gravel Pit Pond. 3/1

Ruddy Duck *Oxyura jamaicensis*

A few at Humboldt Gravel Pit Pond and Bear River. 12/2

#### New World Quail

California Quail *Callipepla californica*

A couple seen along the Humboldt River in Elko and a couple of families in Olympus Cove. 10/2

#### Partridges, Grouse & Turkeys

Chukar *Alectoris chukar*

Two in White's Valley. 2/1

Himalayan Snowcock *Tetraogallus himalayensis*  
Two in the cirque at Island Lake. 2/1  
Ring-necked Pheasant *Phasianus colchicus*  
A handful seen at Bear River and Antelope Island. 9/2

#### **Loons**

Common Loon *Gavia immer*  
One on Humboldt Gravel Pit Pond. 1/1

#### **Grebes**

Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps*  
A few at South Fork and Bear River. 8/2  
Horned Grebe *Podiceps auritus*  
One at South Fork. 1/1  
Eared Grebe *Podiceps nigricollis*  
A couple at South Fork, Humboldt Gravel Pit Pond and the motherlode on the Great Salt Lake at Antelope Island including several leucistic ones. 100,000/ 2  
Western Grebe *Aechmophorus occidentalis*  
Common at South Fork and a few at Humboldt Gravel Pit Ponds. Hundreds at Bear River. 500+/2  
Clark's Grebe *Aechmophorus clarkii*  
Great comparison's with Western at Bear River where many were seen. 500+/1

#### **Cormorants**

Double-crested Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*  
A few scattered. 12/5

#### **Pelicans**

American White Pelican *Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*  
Scattered in small numbers expected at Bear River where there were hundreds. 1500+/5

#### **Bitterns, Herons & Egrets**

Great Blue Heron *Ardea herodias*  
Surprisingly few. One at South Fork, two at Bear River. 2/1  
Snowy Egret *Egretta thula*  
A couple on the Humboldt River, with more seen at South Fork and Bear River. 20/3  
Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*  
One near Elko and a dozen near Bear River. 12/2  
Black-crowned Night-Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*  
Scattered in small numbers, mostly juveniles. Highest numbers at Bear River. 8/3

#### **Ibises & Spoonbills**

White-faced Ibis *Plegadis chihi*  
Widespread seen daily in wet fields and shallow ponds. 300/5

#### **New World Vultures**

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*  
A few scattered. 4/4

#### **Hawks, Kites & Eagles**

Golden Eagle *Aquila chrysaetos*  
One seen over the fields north of Salt Lake City. 1/1  
Northern Harrier *Circus cyaneus*  
A couple in White's Valley, Humboldt River and at Antelope Island. 2/3  
Cooper's Hawk *Accipiter cooperii*  
One at Bald Mt. 1/1  
Bald Eagle *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*  
A single bird at South Fork. 1/1  
Swainson's Hawk *Buteo swainsoni*  
The most common buteo with dark morphs seen as well. Widespread. 23/4  
Red-tailed Hawk *Buteo jamaicensis*  
Scattered in small numbers including dark morphs. 10/4  
Ferruginous Hawk *Buteo regalis*  
Incredible looks at several including a dark morph at Curlew Valley. 9/1

#### **Rails, Gallinules & Coots**

American Coot *Fulica americana*  
Scattered in small flock with over a thousand at Bear River. 1000+/4

#### **Cranes**

Sandhill Crane *Grus canadensis*  
A couple in the meadows north of Salt Lake City. These being the Greater race *tabida*. 3/1

### Stilts & Avocets

Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus*

Widespread in wetlands. 100/5

American Avocet *Recurvirostra americana*

Widespread in wetlands with highest numbers on the Great Salt Lake at Antelope Island. 2000+/5

### Lapwings & Plovers

Black-bellied Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*

One or two at Bear River and Antelope Island. 2/2

Killdeer *Charadrius vociferus*

Scattered around wetlands with most being at South Fork and Bear River. 20/4

### Sandpipers

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius*

Good numbers at Bear River and a couple at South Fork. 18/2

Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca*

A few at South Fork and Bear River. 3/2

Willet *Tringa semipalmata*

A few seen at South Fork, Bear River and Antelope Island. These being the Western race *inornata*. 4/3

Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes*

Two at South Fork. 2/1

Long-billed Curlew *Numenius americanus*

Two pairs on the Great Salt lake at Antelope Island. 4/1

Marbled Godwit *Limosa fedoa*

Eight at South Fork. 8/1

Least Sandpiper *Calidris minutilla*

A few at Bear River. 3/1

Semipalmated Sandpiper *Calidris pusilla*

A couple of small groups at South Fork. 10/1

Western Sandpiper *Calidris mauri*

A few giving a nice side by side comparison with Semipalmated. 3/1

Long-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus scolopaceus*

Scattered at South Fork and at Antelope Island, with thousands at Bear River. 2000+/3

Wilson's Snipe *Gallinago delicata*

Good numbers and views at South Fork. 10/1

Wilson's Phalarope *Phalaropus tricolor*

Seen at South Fork, Bonneville Salt Flats and on the Great Salt Lake at Antelope Island. 300+/3

Red-necked Phalarope *Phalaropus lobatus*

A few at South Fork and many in with Wilson's Phalaropes at Antelope Island. 100+/2

### Gulls, Terns & Skimmers

Franklin's Gull *Leucophaeus pipixcan*

Scattered in small numbers with the highest number on the Great Salt Lake at Antelope Island. 30/3

Ring-billed Gull *Larus delawarensis*

The most common gull with large numbers at Bear River and Antelope Island. 300+/4

California Gull *Larus californicus*

Widespread in small numbers. 20/5

Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia*

Three at Bear River. 3/1

Black Tern *Chlidonias niger*

One at South Fork. 1/1

Forster's Tern *Sterna forsteri*

Scattered in small numbers in wetlands. 8/4

### Pigeons & Doves

Rock Pigeon *Columba livia*

Widespread feral population! 20/5

Eurasian Collared-Dove *Streptopelia decaocto*

Widespread. 25/5

Mourning Dove *Zenaida macroura*

Widespread. 12/5

### Typical Owls

Flammulated Owl *Psiloscops flammeolus*

Several heard briefly on Alpine Loop and three calling for extended periods in East Canyon. h/2

Great Horned Owl *Bubo virginianus*

Three roosting on Antelope Island. 3/1

Burrowing Owl *Athene cunicularia*

Up to three seen in White's Valley. 3/2

Long-eared Owl *Asio otus*

One heard in East Canyon. h/1

#### **Goatsuckers**

Common Nighthawk *Chordeiles minor*

Good numbers around the Humboldt River in Elko. 20/1

#### **Swifts**

Black Swift *Cypseloides niger*

Great looks at one flying over Bridal Veil Falls. 1/1

White-throated Swift *Aeronautes saxatalis*

A few over Island Lake. 3/1

#### **Hummingbirds**

Black-chinned Hummingbird *Archilochus alexandri*

One at Lamoille and a few on Antelope Island. 4/2

Broad-tailed Hummingbird *Selasphorus platycercus*

Heard and a few seen at Island Lake, as well as Pequop. 6/2

Calliope Hummingbird *Selaphorus calliope*

One zipped by at Island Lake. 1/1

#### **Kingfishers**

Belted Kingfisher *Megaceryle alcyon*

One seen at Provo River Outfitters. 1/1

#### **Woodpeckers**

Lewis's Woodpecker *Melanerpes lewis*

One showed well at Powerhouse Picnic Site. 1/1

Hairy Woodpecker *Picoides villosus*

Heard at Island Lake, seen at Silver Lake. 2/2

American Three-toed Woodpecker *Picoides dorsalis*

Great views of a pair and immature at the nest hole at Mirror Lake. 3/1

Northern Flicker *Colaptes auratus*

Scattered in small numbers, these being the *red-shafted* race. 6/4

#### **Caracaras & Falcons**

American Kestrel *Falco sparverius*

A few scattered. 6/3

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*

One north of Salt Lake City. 1/1

Prairie Falcon *Falco mexicanus*

A pair seen well at Island Lake. 2/1

#### **Tyrant Flycatchers**

Olive-sided Flycatcher *Contopus cooperi*

Good looks at one perched up at Silver Lake. 1/1

Western Wood-Pewee *Contopus sordidulus*

Widespread in small numbers. 2/5

Gray Flycatcher *Empidonax wrightii*

Three in the pinyon-juniper habitat at Pequop. 3/1

Dusky Flycatcher *Empidonax oberholseri*

Two at Island Lake. 2/1

Cordilleran Flycatcher *Empidonax occidentalis*

Heard at Island Lake. h/1

Say's Phoebe *Sayornis saya*

A few scattered at White's Valley, South Fork and Antelope Island. 3/3

Western Kingbird *Tyrannus verticalis*

Widespread. 26/4

Eastern Kingbird *Tyrannus tyrannus*

Half a dozen at Bear River. 6/1

#### **Shrikes**

Loggerhead Shrike *Lanius ludovicianus*

Widespread. 12/4

#### **Vireos**

Plumbeous Vireo *Vireo plumbeus*

Two at Pequop. 2/1

Warbling Vireo *Vireo gilvus*

A handful at Island Lake and Peqoup, these being the Western race, *swainsoni*. 6/2

### Jays & Crows

Stellar's Jay *Cyanocitta stelleri*

Seen at higher elevation at Silver Lake and Mirror Lake Highway. 4/2

Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay *Aphelocoma woodhouseii*

Singles seen at Pequop and Olympus Cove. This species was known as Western Scrub-Jay. 1/1

Black-billed Magpie *Pica hudsonia*

Widespread in small numbers. 16/5

Clark's Nutcracker *Nucifraga columbiana*

A few at Island Lake and Mirror Lake. 4/2

American Crow *Corvus brachyrhynchos*

Scattered in small numbers. 12/3

Common Raven *Corvus corax*

Widespread, with many seen in Curlew Valley. 90+/5

### Larks

Horned Lark *Eremophila alpestris*

Most seen in White's Valley. 20/2

### Swallows

Northern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx serripennis*

A few near wetlands. 4/3

Tree Swallow *Tachycineta bicolor*

A few scattered. 8/4

Violet-green Swallow *Tachycineta thalassina*

A few in higher elevations, Island Lake, Silver Lake and Mirror Lake. 3/2

Bank Swallow *Riparia riparia*

A handful flying around at Bear River and Antelope Island. 12/3

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

Widespread. Seen daily in mixed numbers. 40/5

### Chickadees & Titmouse

Black-capped Chickadee *Poecile atricapillus*

One at Peqoup and Silver Lake, a couple at Mirror Lake. 2/3

Mountain Chickadee *Poecile gambeli*

Pairs at Island Lake, Silver Lake and Mirror Lake. 2/3

### Long-tailed Tits

Bushtit *Psaltriparus minimus*

A party moving through the pinyon-juniper at Peqoup. 8/1

### Nuthatches

Red-breasted Nuthatch *Sitta canadensis*

Heard at Island Lake, seen at Silver Lake and Mirror Lake. 2/3

### Wrens

Rock Wren *Salpinctes obsoletus*

One at Island Lake. 1/1

Marsh Wren *Cistothorus palustris*

A couple heard at Bear River. h/1

### Gnatcatchers

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher *Poliophtila caerulea*

Many at Peqoup and one at Antelope Island. 20/2

### Thrushes

Mountain Bluebird *Sialia currucoides*

Good numbers at Island Lake and along Mirror Lake Highway. 12/2

Townsend's Solitaire *Myadestes townsendi*

Single at Island Lake. 1/1

American Robin *Turdus migratorius*

One at Island Lake, a few at Silver Lake and Mirror Lake Highway. 4/3

### Mockingbirds & Thrashers

Sage Thrasher *Oreoscoptes montanus*

Widespread in sage habitat. 15/4

### Starlings

European Starling *Sturnus vulgaris*

Widespread. 40+/5

## Wagtails & Pipits

American Pipit *Anthus rubescens*

A couple of small family groups in White's Valley. 8/1

## Waxwings

Cedar Waxwing *Bombocilla cedrorum*

A flock of five at Provo River Outfitters. 5/1

## Wood Warblers

Orange-crowned Warbler *Oreothlypis celata*

Two at Mirror Lake. 2/1

MacGillivray's Warbler *Geothlypis tolmiei*

A dozen at Silver Lake. 12/1

Yellow Warbler *Setophaga petechia*

Individuals in four locations. 1/4

Yellow-rumped Warbler *Setophaga coronata*

Seen at Silver Lake including young ones and at Mirror Lake. These being the Western race *audubonii*. 6/2

Black-throated Gray Warbler *Setophaga nigrescens*

Nice looks in the pinyon-juniper habitat at Peqoup of 2 families. 6/1

Wilson's Warbler *Cardellina pusilla*

Two on Antelope Island. 2/1

## Buntings & New World Sparrows

Chipping Sparrow *Spizella passerina*

A couple of individuals scattered. 1/3

Brewer's Sparrow *Spizella breweri*

Good numbers at Peqoup and a few at South Fork. 30/2

Lark Sparrow *Chondestes grammacus*

Widespread in small numbers. Seen daily. 12/5

Dark-eyed Junco *Junco hyemalis*

This being the *Gray-headed* race. Seen at Island Lake and Mirror Lake Highway. 10/6

White-crowned Sparrow *Zonotrichia leucophrys*

A few seen at Island Lake, South Fork, Peqoup and Silver Lake. 12/4

Vesper Sparrow *Pooecetes gramineus*

Half a dozen in White's Valley. 6/1

Savannah Sparrow *Passerculus sandwichensis*

Four along the mudflats at Bear River. 4/1

Song Sparrow *Melospiza melodia*

A few at Mirror Lake Highway and Antelope Island. 2/2

Lincoln's Sparrow *Melospiza lincolni*

A couple at Silver Lake. 3/1

Spotted Towhee *Pipilo maculatus*

One at Olympus Cove. 1/1

## Cardinals, Tanagers & Allies

Western Tanager *Piranga ludoviciana*

One at Lamoille and two at Antelope Island. 2/2

Black-headed Grosbeak *Pheucticus melanocephalus*

Three at Olympus Cove. 3/1

## Troupials & Allies

Red-winged Blackbird *Agelaius phoeniceus*

Widespread. 25/4

Western Meadowlark *Sturnella neglecta*

Seen in the grasslands at White's Valley and Antelope Island. 15/3

Yellow-headed Blackbird *Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus*

Good numbers of mostly immatures or molting birds at South Fork, Bear River and Antelope Island. 50/3

Brewer's Blackbird *Euphagus cyanocephalus*

A few scattered with most seen in Lamoille. 25/3

Common Grackle *Quiscalus quiscula*

A couple of small flocks near White's Valley and at Humboldt River. 12/1

Brown-headed Cowbird *Molothrus ater*

Singles at Humboldt River and South Fork. 1/1

Bullock's Oriole *Icterus bullockii*

One in White's Valley. 1/1

## Finches, Crossbills & Siskins

- Black Rosy-Finch *Leucosticte atrata*  
Half a dozen seen in the cirque at Island Lake. 6/1
- Pine Grosbeak *Pinicola enucleator*  
Six at Mirror Lake. 6/1
- House Finch *Haemorhous mexicanus*  
A few at South Fork, Peqoup and Silver Lake. 4/2
- Cassin's Finch *Haemorhous cassinii*  
A handful at Island Lake, Silver Lake and Mirror Lake Highway. 6/3
- Red Crossbill *Loxia curvirostra*  
One female along Mirror Lake Highway. 1/1
- Pine Siskin *Spinus pinus*  
A few at Island Lake, Silver Lake and along Mirror Lake Highway. 8/3
- Lesser Goldfinch *Spinus psaltria*  
Two at Humboldt River. 2/1
- American Goldfinch *Spinus tristis*  
Widespread in small numbers. 6/4
- House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*  
Seen daily! 22/5

## MAMMALS

### Shrews *Sorex sp*

A species seen on Island Lake Trail in Lamoille Canyon on two occasions. 2/1

### Pikas, Hares & Rabbits *Logamorpha*

- American Pika *Ochotona princeps*  
A few seen at Island Lake. 3/1
- Black-tailed Jackrabbit *Lepus californicus*  
A couple seen in White's Valley and around Elko. 4/4

### Rodents *Rodentia*

- North American Porcupine *Erethizon dorsatum*  
Chris almost stepped on one on Island Lake Trail. 1/1
- Common Muskrat *Ondatra zibethicus*  
A couple at Bear River. 2/1
- American Beaver *Castor canadensis*  
One seen at Humboldt Gravel Pit Pond splashing its tail. 1/1
- Yellow-bellied Marmot *Marmota flaviventris*  
Several seen at Island Lake and along Mirror Lake Highway. 4/2
- Belding's Ground Squirrel *Urocitellus armatus*  
Three scurrying around the alpine meadow at Island Lake. 3/1
- Golden-mantled Ground Squirrel *Callospermophilus lateralis*  
Half a dozen scampering around boulders on Island Lake Trail. 8/1
- Least Chipmunk *Tamias minimus*  
A few on Island Lake Trail and at Silver Lake. 3/2
- Uinta Chipmunk *Tamias umbrinus*  
Two along Mirror Lake Highway. 2/1

### Bats *Chiroptera*

Several seen while owling along Alpine Loop and in East Canyon, possibly of two species. 3/2

### Carnivores *Carnivora*

- Coyote *Canis latrans*  
One at Antelope Island walking along the salt flats. 1/1
- Striped Skunk *Mephitis mephetis*  
One seen along the road while owling in East Canyon. 1/1

### Even-toed Hoofed Mammals *Artidactyla*

- Pronghorn *Antilocapra americana*  
A few scattered in grasslands at White's Valley and near Elko with more seen on Antelope Island. 15/3
- Mountain Goat *Oreamnos americanus*  
One in the cirque at Island Lake. 1/1
- American Bison *Bison bison*  
Seen close to the road on Antelope Island along with several large herds. 150/1
- Mule Deer *Odocoileus hemionus*  
Scattered in small numbers. 10/4

## BUTTERFLIES

### Swallowtails *Papilionidae*

Western Tiger Swallowtail *Papilio rutulus*  
Seen in White's Valley. 1/1

### Whites & Yellows *Pieridae*

Checkered White *Pontia protodice*  
Common and widespread. 25/4

Cabbage White *Pieris rapae*  
A few seen in Montcello in Nevada. 2/1

Clouded Sulphur *Colias philodice*  
Singles on most days. 3/5

### Brushfoots *Nymphalidae*

Mormon Fritillary *Speyeria mormonia*  
A couple seen at Island Lake in Lamoille Canyon. 2/1

Red Admiral *Vanessa atalanta*  
One at South Fork. 1/1

West Coast Lady *Vanessa annabella*  
One along Mirror Lake Highway. 1/1

Weidemeyer's Admiral *Limenitis weidemeyerii*  
One at Silver Lake. 1/1

Great Basin Wood-Nymph *Cercyonis sthenele*  
One at Pequop. 1/1

Small Wood-Nymph *Cercyonis oetus*  
Two at Island Lake in Lamoille Canyon

Monarch *Danaus plexippus*  
Scattered in small numbers, seen in White's Valley, South Fork, Bear River and Antelope Island. 2/4

### Skippers *Hesperiidae*

Common Checkered Skipper *Pyrgus communis*  
Seen in White's Valley. 1/1

## DRAGONFLIES

### Darners

Common Green Darner *Anax junius*  
A few around Humboldt River in Elko. 4/1

### Skimmers

Eight-spotted Skimmer *Libellula forensis*  
Seen along Humboldt River in Elko and at South Fork. 1/1

Variiegated Meadowhawk *Sympetrum corruptum*  
A couple along the Humboldt River in Elko and at Bear River. 2/2

Band-winged Meadowhawk *Sympetrum semicinctum*  
Half a dozen at Bear River and a couple at Silver Lake. 6/2

## DAMSELFLIES

Seen along Humboldt River, South Fork, Island Lake and Bear River. Many look very similar, and even with photos these may not be all correct, and it may not be as many species!

Lyre-tipped Spreadwing *Lestes unguiculatus*

Familiar Bluet *Enallagma cirile*

River Bluet *Enallagma anna*

Tule Bluet *Enallagma carunculatum*

Northern Bluet *Enallagma annexum*

Boreal Bluet *Enallagma boreale*

## AMPHIBIANS

Striped Chorus Frog  
Heard along Humboldt River in Elko. h/1

Bullfrog  
Heard at South Fork. h/1



## REPTILES

### Lizards *Squamata*

Side-blotched Lizard *Uta stansburiana*

Seen at Peqoup and Antelope Island. 1/2

Western Whiptail *Cnemidophorus tigris*

A couple of juveniles with blue tails at Antelope Island, these being the *Great Basin* race. 2/1

### Snakes *Squamata*

Gopher Snake *Pituophis melanoleucus*

One Patty found at Antelope Island working its way under a rock. 1/1

Western Terrestrial Garter Snake *Thamnophis elegans*

One seen in Big Cottonwood Canyon on the way to Silver Lake, this being the Wandering race *vagrans*. 1/1