

BIRD CHECKLIST FOR
The
Ucross
Ranch



On the cover:

Wilson's Phalarope, image by Dr. P. Johnsgard

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Using the Checklist

Regional Abundance, Seasonal Occurrence, and Habitat:

KEY: The following terms used to describe relative **regional abundance**:

Abundant (A) — occurs at high density

Common (C) — expected in high numbers

Uncommon (UC) — expected in low numbers

Rare (R) — not expected, but does occur

KEY: The following terms used to describe **seasonal occurrence**:

Permanent Resident (PR) — Present throughout the year, establishes a territory and breeds

Summer resident (SR) — Breeding in summer is known or likely

Winter migrant (WM) — A species that typically arrives in fall and departs in spring

Migrant (M) — A species that migrates through the area between breeding and wintering areas

KEY: The following is a key to **habitat**:

R = Riparian areas such as along Piney and Clear Creeks.

W = Water areas where water is present yearlong such as marshes, wetlands, ponds.

G = Grassland

S = Sagebrush

U = Urban areas where human structures are present and where planted trees and shrubs occur. Ucross has planted more than 22,000 trees.

Documentation of Accidental Species

Please submit to the Bighorn Audubon Society (bighornaudubon@gmail.com) sightings of any species not on this list. A photograph and documentation including date, habitat, and description would be appreciated.

Status

Regional Abundance: A=Abundant C=Common U=Uncommon R=Rare

Seasonal Occurrence: PR=Permanent Resident SR=Summer Resident M=Migrant
WM=Winter Migrant

Habitat

R=Riparian W=Water G=Grassland S=Sagebrush U=Urban

Species	Status	Habitat
___ Canada Goose	APR, WM	W
___ Wood Duck	USR	W
___ Gadwall	CSR	W
___ American Wigeon	CSR	W
___ Mallard	APR	W
___ Blue-winged Teal	CSR	W
___ Cinnamon Teal	USR	W
___ Northern Shoveler	CSR	W
___ Northern Pintail	CSR	W
___ Green-winged Teal	CPR	W
___ Canvasback	USR	W
___ Redhead	USR	W
___ Lesser Scaup	USR	W
___ Common Goldeneye	CWR	W
___ Common Merganser	CPR	W
___ Ruddy Duck	CSR	W
___ Gray Partridge	UPR	G
___ Ring-necked Pheasant	CPR	G
___ Greater Sage-Grouse	CPR, WM	G, S
___ Sharp-tailed Grouse	UPR	G
___ Wild Turkey	CPR	R

___Pied-billed Grebe	USR	W
___Eared Grebe	USR	W
___Double-crested Cormorant	CSR	W
___American White Pelican	CSR	W
___Great Blue Heron	CPR	W
___Turkey Vulture	CSR	G
___Osprey	CSR	R, W
___Bald Eagle	USR, CWM	R, W
___Northern Harrier	UPR	G, W
___Swainson's Hawk	CSR	G
___Red-tailed Hawk	CSR, M	R, G
___Ferruginous Hawk	UR	G
___Rough-legged Hawk	CWR	G
___Golden Eagle	UPR	G, R
___American Kestrel	CSR	G
___Merlin	UPR	G
___Prairie Falcon	UPR	G
___Sora	USR	W
___American Coot	CSR	W
___Sandhill Crane	CSR	R, W, G
___Killdeer	CSR	G, W
___Mountain Plover	RSR	G
___American Avocet	CSR	W
___Spotted Sandpiper	CSR	R, W
___Upland Sandpiper	USR	G
___Long-billed Curlew	USR	G
___Wilson's Snipe	USR	W, R
___Wilson's Phalarope	CSR	W

___Rock Pigeon	CPR	U
___Eurasian Collared-Dove	UPR	U
___Mourning Dove	CSR	R, G, U
___Eastern Screech-Owl	UPR	R, U
___Great Horned Owl	CPR	R, U
___Burrowing Owl	USR	G
___Long-eared Owl	UPR	R
___Short-eared Owl	UPR	G
___Common Nighthawk	CSR	G
___Common Poorwill	CSR	G, S
___Calliope Hummingbird	USR	R, U
___Broad-tailed Hummingbird	USR	R, U
___Belted Kingfisher	CPR	W, R
___Red-headed Woodpecker	USR	R
___Downy Woodpecker	CPR	R
___Hairy Woodpecker	UPR	R
___Northern Flicker	CPR	R, U
___Western Wood-Pewee	CSR	R, U
___Willow Flycatcher	USR	R
___Least Flycatcher	CSR	R
___Say's Phoebe	CSR	G, U
___Cassin's Kingbird	USR	G
___Western Kingbird	CSR	G
___Eastern Kingbird	CSR	G, R
___Loggerhead Shrike	USR	G
___Northern Shrike	UWM	G, U
___Warbling Vireo	CSR	R, U
___Red-eyed Vireo	CSR	R, U

___ Blue Jay	UPR	G, U, R
___ Black-billed Magpie	CPR	R, G
___ American Crow	CPR	R, G
___ Common Raven	UPR	G, U
___ Horned Lark	CPR	G
___ Tree Swallow	CSR	R, W
___ Northern Rough-winged Sw.	CSR	R, W
___ Bank Swallow	USR	R, W
___ Cliff Swallow	CSR	W, U
___ Barn Swallow	CSR	W, U
___ Black-capped Chickadee	CPR	R
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	UPR	R, U
___ White-breasted Nuthatch	UPR	R, U
___ Brown Creeper	UPR	U
___ Rock Wren	USR	G
___ House Wren	CSR	R, U
___ American Dipper	CPR	R, W
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	CSR	U
___ Mountain Bluebird	USR	G, U
___ American Robin	APR	R, U
___ Gray Catbird	CSR	R
___ Sage Thrasher	CSR	S
___ Brown Thrasher	USR	R
___ European Starling	APR	U
___ Bohemian Waxwing	CWM	R, U
___ Cedar Waxwing	CPR	R, U
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	USR	R
___ Yellow Warbler	CSR	R

___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	CSR	R
___ American Redstart	USR	R
___ Common Yellowthroat	USR	R, W
___ Yellow-breasted Chat	USR	R, W
___ Western Tanager	CSR	R
___ Green-tailed Towhee	CSR	S
___ Spotted Towhee	CSR	R, S
___ American Tree Sparrow	CWM	R, G, U
___ Chipping Sparrow	CSR	R, N, U
___ Brewer's Sparrow	CSR	S
___ Vesper Sparrow	CSR	G
___ Lark Sparrow	CSR	G
___ Sage Sparrow	USR	S
___ Lark Bunting	CSR	G
___ Savannah Sparrow	USR	G, W, R
___ Grasshopper Sparrow	USR	G
___ Song Sparrow	CPR	R, W
___ Dark-eyed Junco	CPR, CWM	G
___ McCown's Longspur	CSR	G
___ Lapland Longspur	UWR	G
___ Chestnut-collared Longspur	RSR	G
___ Snow Bunting	RWR	G
___ Black-headed Grosbeak	USR	U, R
___ Lazuli Bunting	USR	R
___ Dickcissel	RSR	G
___ Bobolink	USR	G
___ Red-winged Blackbird	CSR, CM	W
___ Western Meadowlark	ASR	G

___ Yellow-headed Blackbird	USR	W
___ Brewer's Blackbird	CSR	G, U
___ Common Grackle	CSR	R, U
___ Brown-headed Cowbird	CSR	R, G
___ Orchard Oriole	RSR	R, U
___ Bullock's Oriole	CSR	R, U
___ Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	CWR	G
___ House Finch	APR	U
___ Common Redpoll	RWR	G
___ Pine Siskin	CPR	R, U
___ American Goldfinch	CPR	R, G, U
___ Evening Grosbeak	UPR	R
___ House Sparrow	APR	U

Area Covered: This checklist covers the grasslands, wetlands, riparian areas, and urban environments of Ucross.

Seasons: Seasonal division used by *American Birds* is used here: Spring: March to May; Summer: June & July; Fall: August to November; Winter: December to February.

Birding Ethics and Recommendations

Birds play an important role in our ecosystem. It is important that we respect them and their habitat(s) by supporting conservation efforts, by maintaining and preserving old trees and native habitats on our properties, by limiting the use of pesticides on our lawns and gardens, by keeping cats from harming them, and by respecting the boundaries of birds in terms of disturbance.

Birders should keep an appropriate distance from all birds they observe. Disturbing a bird's nesting site and perch site can result in unnecessary stress to birds. Please do not attempt to get close to the bird to photograph, but rather use a telephoto lens. Please do not use recordings to attract birds.

Permission is required for all birding activities at Ucross.

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