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Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge is located in the scenic and isolated Centennial Valley of southwestern Montana, approximately 50 miles west of Yellowstone National Park. The refuge has a vast array of habitat, ranging from high elevation prairie at 6,600 feet, to the harsh alpine habitat of the Centennial Mountains at 10,000 feet above sea level. It is this diverse, marsh-prairie-montane environment that gives Red Rock Lakes its unique character.

Because of this habitat diversity, Red Rock Lakes is a unique wildlife area. The rugged mountains bordering the valley catch the heavy snows of winter that replenish the vast Red Rock marsh. The Red Rock Lakes ecosystem is one of the most important trumpeter swan breeding areas in North America, and for this reason the refuge was established in 1935. But Red Rocks is more than trumpeter swans, it is a unique birding area.

A total of 232 species of birds have been recorded at Red Rock Lakes and the Centennial Valley. A small percentage of this total are year-round resident birds. Because of the short summer season, most birds migrate out of this area to winter. Spring migration is very slow, and many migrants pass over Red Rock Lakes without stopping due to the harsh conditions. Fall migration, however, is much more spectacular.

In the following list, those species marked with a • denote a confirmed breeder (nests, eggs, or young have been observed). The relative abundance of each species at each season is coded as follows:

Sp—March-May
S— June-August

F— September-November
W—December-February

a—abundant Numerous and widespread. Certain to be seen.
c—common Likely to be seen in suitable habitat.
u—uncommon Present, but not certain to be seen.
o—occasional Few and/or in restricted habitats. Not likely to be seen.

GOOD BIRDING!

Species	Season			
	Sp	S	F	W
— Common Loon	o	o	o	
— • Clark's Grebe	u	u	u	
— • Western Grebe	c	c	c	
— • Red-necked Grebe	o	o		
— • Horned Grebe	u	o		
— • Eared Grebe	c	c	c	
— • Pied-billed Grebe	c	c	c	
— • Am. White Pelican	c	c	c	
— • Double-crested Cormorant	c	c	c	
— Tundra Swan	o	r	u	
— • Trumpeter Swan	c	c	c	c
— • Canada Goose	c	c	c	u
— Snow Goose	u		u	
— • Mallard	c	c	c	c
— • Northern Pintail	c	c	c	o
— • Gadwall	c	c	c	o
— • Am. Wigeon	c	c	c	u
— • Northern Shoveler	o	c	c	
— • Blue-winged Teal	c	c	u	
— • Cinnamon Teal	c	c	c	
— • Green-winged Teal	c	c	u	o
— Wood Duck	o	o		
— • Redhead	c	c	c	
— • Canvasback	c	c	c	
— • Ring-necked Duck	u	u	u	
— • Lesser Scaup	c	c	c	
— • Common Goldeneye	c	o	o	c
— • Barrow's Goldeneye	c	o	o	c
— • Bufflehead	c	u	u	o
— • Ruddy Duck	c	c	c	
— • Hooded Merganser	o		o	o
— • Red-breasted Merganser	u	o	u	
— • Common Merganser	c	u	u	o
— • Northern Goshawk	u	u	u	o
— • Cooper's Hawk	o	u	o	
— Sharp-shinned Hawk	o	u	o	o
— • Northern Harrier	u	c	c	o
— • Rough-legged Hawk	u		c	o
— • Ferruginous Hawk	u	u		
— • Red-tailed Hawk	c	c	c	
— • Swainson's Hawk	c	c	c	
— • Golden Eagle	u	u	u	u
— • Bald Eagle	c	c	c	c
— • Osprey	o	o	o	
— • Prairie Falcon	c	c	c	
— • Peregrine Falcon	u	u	u	
— • Merlin	o	o	o	
— • American Kestrel	c	c	c	
— • Blue Grouse	c	c	c	c
— • Ruffed Grouse	u	u	u	u
— • Sage Grouse	o	o	o	o
— Gray Partridge	o	o	o	o
— Snowy Egret	c	c	c	o
— • Great Blue Heron	c	c	c	o

Season

Species	Season			
	Sp	S	F	W
• Black-crowned Night Heron	c	c	u	
• Am. Bittern	u	u	u	
• White-faced Ibis	o	u	o	
• Sandhill Crane	c	c	c	
• Virginia Rail	o	o	o	
• Sora	u	u	u	
• Am. Coot	a	a	a	
• Am. Avocet	c	c	c	
• Black-necked Stilt	o	o		
• Semi-palmated Plover		o		
• Killdeer	c	c	c	
• Marbled Godwit	u	u	u	
• Long-billed Curlew	c	c	u	
• Greater Yellowlegs	u	u	u	
• Lesser Yellowlegs	u	u	u	
• Solitary Sandpiper	o	c	o	
• Upland Sandpiper	o	o	o	
• Willet	c	c	c	
• Spotted Sandpiper	u	c	u	
• Long-billed Dowitcher	u	u	u	
• Wilson's Phalarope	c	c	c	
• Common Snipe	a	a	a	
• Sanderling			o	
• White-rumped Sandpiper		o		
• Baird's Sandpiper		o		
• Least Sandpiper		o	o	
• Semi-palmated Sandpiper	o	o	o	
• Western Sandpiper	o	o	o	
• California Gull	a	a	a	
• Ring-billed Gull	u	u	u	
• Franklin's Gull	c	a		
• Forster's Tern	c	c		
• Black Tern	o	o		
• Mourning Dove	u	u	c	
• Great Horned Owl	c	c	c	c
• Long-eared Owl	o	o	o	
• Short-eared Owl	u	c	u	
• Great Gray Owl	u	u	u	u
• Burrowing Owl	o	o	o	
• Northern Saw-whet Owl	o	o	o	o
• Northern Pygmy Owl	o	o	o	o
• Common Nighthawk	o	o	o	
• White-throated Swift	o	o	o	
• Broad-tailed Hummingbird		u	u	
• Calliope Hummingbird		u	u	
• Black-chinned Hummingbird		o	o	
• Rufous Hummingbird		u	u	
• Belted Kingfisher	c	c	c	u
• Northern Flicker	c	c	c	
• Lewis' Woodpecker	o	o	o	
• Red-Naped Sapsucker	c	c	c	
• Williamson's Sapsucker	o	o	o	
• Hairy Woodpecker	c	c	c	u

Season

Species	Season			
	Sp	S	F	W
• Downy Woodpecker	c	c	c	u
• Black-backed Woodpecker	o	o	o	o
• Three-toed Woodpecker	o	o	o	o
• Eastern Kingbird	u	u	u	u
• Western Kingbird	u	u	u	
• Say's Phoebe	o	o		
• Willow Flycatcher	u	c		
• Dusky Flycatcher	u	c		
• Hammond's Flycatcher	u	u		
• Western Flycatcher	u	u		
• Western Wood Pewee	c	c		
• Olive-sided Flycatcher	u	u		
• Horned Lark	c	c	c	u
• Barn Swallow	c	c	c	
• Cliff Swallow	c	c	c	
• Violet-green Swallow	u	o		
• Tree Swallow	c	c	c	
• Bank Swallow	c	c		
• N. Rough-winged Swallow	u	u		
• Stellar's Jay	o	o	o	o
• Pinyon Jay			o	
• Gray Jay	u	u	u	u
• Black-billed Magpie	a	a	a	a
• Clark's Nutcracker	c	c	c	c
• Common Raven	c	c	c	c
• American Crow	c	c	u	
• Black-capped Chickadee	c	c	c	c
• Mountain Chickadee	c	c	c	c
• American Dipper	c	c	c	u
• White-breasted Nuthatch	u	u	u	u
• Red-breasted Nuthatch	c	c	u	u
• Pygmy Nuthatch	o	o	o	o
• Brown Creeper	o	u	u	o
• House Wren	c	c	c	
• Rock Wren		u	u	
• Canyon Wren	o	o		
• Marsh Wren	c	c	c	
• Gray Catbird	o	o		
• Sage Thrasher	u	u	u	
• American Robin	c	c	c	
• Townsend's Solitaire	c	c	c	u
• Hermit Thrush	c	u		
• Swainson's Thrush	u	u		
• Veery	u	u		
• Western Bluebird	o	o	o	
• Mountain Bluebird	a	a	a	
• Golden-crowned Kinglet	u	u	u	
• Ruby-crowned Kinglet	c	c	c	
• Water Pipit	u	u	u	
• Bohemian Waxwing	o			o
• Cedar Waxwing	u	u		
• Northern Shrike	u	u	u	
• Loggerhead Shrike	u	u	u	

Species	Season			
	Sp	S	F	W
— • European Starling	c	c	c	
— Solitary Vireo	u	u	o	
— • Warbling Vireo	c	c	u	
— Tennessee Warbler	o	o		
— • Orange-crowned Warbler	o	o		
— • Yellow Warbler	c	c	u	
— • Yellow-rumped Warbler	c	c	u	
— Townsend's Warbler	o	o		
— Northern Waterthrush	o	o		
— • Common Yellowthroat	c	c		
— • MacGillivray's Warbler	c	c		
— • Wilson's Warbler	c	c		
— • American Redstart	u	u		
— • House Sparrow	o	o		
— • Bobolink	o	o		
— • Western Meadowlark	c	c	c	
— • Yellow-headed Blackbird	c	c	u	
— • Red-winged Blackbird	c	c	c	
— • Brewer's Blackbird	c	c		
— • Brown-headed Cowbird	c	c		
— • Western Tanager	c	c		
— Black-headed Grosbeak	o	u		
— Evening Grosbeak	o	o		
— • Lazuli Bunting		u		
— • Cassin's Finch	c	c	c	u
— • Pine Grosbeak	c	c	c	c
— • Rosy Finch	c	o	o	c
— • Common Redpoll	c			c
— • Pine Siskin	c	c	c	o
— • American Goldfinch		u	u	
— • Red Crossbill	u	u	u	u
— • Green-tailed Towhee	o	o	o	
— • Savannah Sparrow	a	a	a	
— Lark Bunting		o		
— • Vesper Sparrow	c	c	c	
— • Lark Sparrow	o	o	o	
— • Dark-eyed Junco	c	c	c	u
— • American Tree Sparrow	o			o
— • Chipping Sparrow	c	c	c	
— • Brewer's Sparrow	c	c		
— • White-crowned Sparrow	c	c		
— • Fox Sparrow	o	o		
— • Lincoln's Sparrow	c	c		
— • Song Sparrow	c	c	c	
— Lapland Longspur	o		o	u
— • Snow Bunting	u		u	c

The following birds have been observed in the Centennial Valley and are considered rare or accidental. These birds are either observed very infrequently in highly restrictive habitat types or are out of their normal range.

Arctic Loon	Common Tern
Clark's Grebe	Caspian Tern
Great Egret	Band-tailed Pigeon
Mute Swan (feral)	Rock Dove
Black Swan (feral)	Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Ross' Goose	Black-billed Cuckoo
Greater White-fronted Goose	Western Screech Owl
Wood Duck	Pileated Woodpecker
Greater Scaup	Red-headed Woodpecker
Harlequin Duck	Least Flycatcher
Old Squaw	Blue Jay
White-winged Scoter	Winter Wren
Surf Scoter	Northern Mockingbird
Turkey Vulture	Red-eyed Vireo
Gyrfalcon	Yellow-breasted Chat
Sharp-tailed Grouse	Common Grackle
Ring-necked Pheasant	Northern Oriole
Whooping Crane	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Yellow Rail	House Finch
Mountain Plover	White-winged Crossbill
Black-bellied Plover	Rufous-sided Towhee
Snowy Plover	Grasshopper Sparrow
Red-necked Phalarope	Sage Sparrow
American Woodcock	Clay-colored Sparrow
Pectoral Sandpiper	Harris' Sparrow
Dunlin	White-throated Sparrow
Parasitic Jaeger	McCown's Longspur
Herring Gull	Chestnut-collared Longspur
Bonaparte's Gull	

