

More Information

Pahranagat National Wildlife Refuge is managed in conjunction with Ash Meadows and Moapa National Wildlife Refuges in the Desert National Wildlife Range. The address of the Complex headquarters is as follows:

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**Desert National Wildlife
Refuge Complex**
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Pahranagat National Wildlife Refuge headquarters is located 6 miles south of the town of Alamo, Nevada. The mailing address is as follows:

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Pahranagat National Wildlife Refuge
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Birds of Pahranagat National Wildlife Refuge

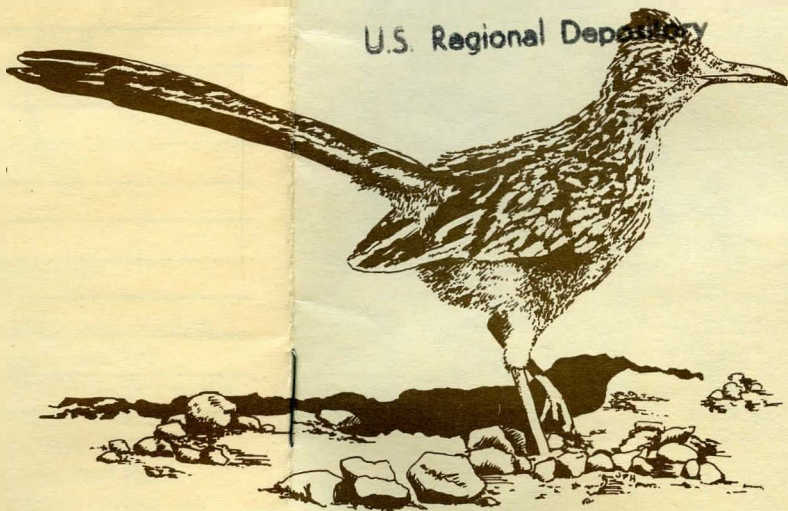
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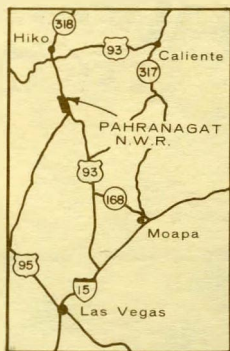


Birds of Pahranaagat National Wildlife Refuge

Established in 1964, Pahranaagat National Wildlife Refuge is an oasis in southern Nevada. Located 90 miles north of Las Vegas, the refuge contains 5,380 acres of marshes, open water, native grass meadows and cultivated croplands. It is an important stopping point for waterfowl and other migratory birds as they migrate south in the fall and back north in early spring.

The diversity of the area provides habitat for a variety of birds. Waterfowl and shorebirds are most numerous during the spring and fall migrations. Great blue herons, egrets and other shorebirds can be found in the shallow areas of the marshes and lakes. Raptors are most abundant in the summer. Warblers, orioles and finches are abundant in the cottonwood trees that border the shorelines of the North Marsh and Upper Lake. The cultivated and open fields attract meadowlarks, blackbirds and mourning doves.

Bird watching is a growing outdoor pastime that provides many hours of enjoyment in a natural environment. Over 240 different species of birds have been recorded on the refuge. Species diversity and density are highest in the spring and fall.



Abbreviations

Codes for relative abundance and seasonal occurrence are as follows:

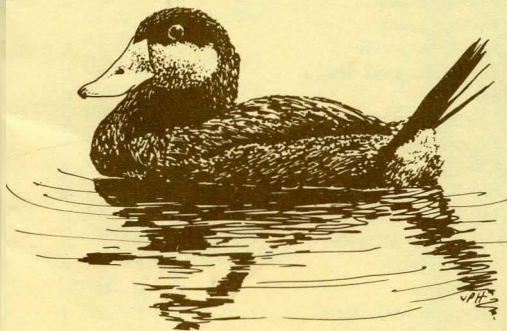
Season

- Sp** - March - May
- S** - June - August
- F** - September - November
- W** - December - February

Abundance

- c** - common
- u** - uncommon
- o** - occasional
- r** - rare
- *** - birds known to nest locally

Endangered Species



Helpful Hints

The best time to see the greatest variety of birds is during the fall and spring migrations, especially in the early morning or late evening. Calm, mild days are preferable to windy, cold days. A field guide and binoculars will help in the identification of the different species. When watching a bird pay close attention to color, size, shape, wing and head markings. Always observe first then refer to your identification book because the bird may not remain where it can be readily seen for a long period of time.

COMMON NAME Sp S F W

LOONS

Common Loon o o o

GREBES

* Pied-billed Grebe c o c c
 Horned Grebe f r
 Eared Grebe c u c c
 * Western Grebe c u c c

PELICANS AND CORMORANTS

American White Pelican u r u o
 * Double-crested Cormorant c c c u

**BITTERNS, HERONS
AND EGRETS**

* American Bittern u o u o
 * Great Blue Heron c c c c
 Great Egret o o u
 Snowy Egret u u c o
 Cattle Egret f f
 Green-backed Heron r r
 * Black-crowned Night-Heron u u u o

IBIS

White-faced Ibis o u u

WATERFOWL

Tundra Swan u u c
 Greater White-fronted Goose f r r
 Snow Goose f o u
 Ross' Goose r
 * Canada Goose c c c c
 * Green-winged Teal c o u c
 * Mallard u u c c
 * Northern Pintail u u c c
 Blue-winged Teal o o o
 * Cinnamon Teal c o c u
 * Northern Shoveler c o u u
 * Gadwall c u c u
 American Wigeon u o c c
 Canvasback c f c c
 * Redhead c u c u
 Ring-necked Duck u f u f
 Greater Scaup r r
 Lesser Scaup o o o
 Common Goldeneye o o o
 Bufflehead u u o
 Hooded Merganser f r o
 Common Merganser u o c
 Red-breasted Merganser o o o
 * Ruddy Duck u o c c

VULTURES

Turkey Vulture u c u

OSPREY, EAGLES AND HAWKS

Osprey u o u f
 Bald Eagle r f u
 * Northern Harrier c u c c
 Sharp-shinned Hawk o f u u
 Red-shouldered Hawk f f
 Swainson's Hawk r r r
 * Red-tailed Hawk c c c c
 Ferruginous Hawk r o o
 Rough-legged Hawk o o o
 Golden Eagle u o u u

COMMON NAME

Sp S F W

FALCONS

* American Kestrel c c c c
 Merlin o o o o
 Peregrine Falcon r r r r
 Prairie Falcon o u u o

GALLINACEOUS BIRDS

* Ring-necked Pheasant u u u u
 * Gambel's Quail c c c c

RAILS

* Virginia Rail u u u r
 * Sora u o u o
 * Common Moorhen o o o r
 * American Coot c c c c

CRANES

Sandhill Crane o o o

PLOVERS

Semipalmated Plover o o
 * Killdeer c c c u

STILTS AND AVOCETS

* Black-necked Stilt o u o
 American Avocet u u u

SHOREBIRDS

Greater Yellowlegs o o o
 Lesser Yellowlegs o o o
 Solitary Sandpiper o o
 Willet o o
 Spotted Sandpiper u u u
 Long-billed Curlew o o
 Marbled Godwit o o
 Semipalmated Sandpiper f
 Western Sandpiper u o u
 Least Sandpiper u u c
 Baird's Sandpiper r
 Pectoral Sandpiper f
 Long-billed Dowitcher o o

SNIPE

Common Snipe c u u r

PHALAROPES

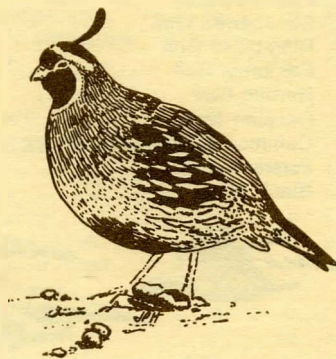
Wilson's Phalarope c u u
 Red-necked Phalarope f f

GULLS AND TERNS

Franklin's Gull f f
 Bonaparte's Gull r f
 Ring-billed Gull c u c o
 California Gull o o o o
 Herring Gull r f
 Caspian Tern o o o
 Common Tern r
 Forster's Tern u o o
 Black Tern u o o



COMMON NAME	Sp	S	F	W
DOVES				
Rock Dove	o	o	o	o
White-winged Dove	r	r	r	r
* Mourning Dove	c	c	c	c
Common Ground-Dove	r	r	r	r
CUCKOOS				
* Greater Roadrunner	c	c	c	c
OWLS				
* Common Barn-Owl	u	u	u	u
* Western Screech-Owl	u	u	u	u
* Great Horned Owl	u	u	u	u
Burrowing Owl	r	r	r	r
Long-eared Owl	o	o	o	o
Short-eared Owl	o	o	o	o
GOATSUCKERS				
* Lesser Nighthawk	u	c	u	u
* Common Nighthawk	u	c	u	u
* Common Poorwill	u	c	u	u
SWIFTS				
White-throated Swift	u	c	u	u
HUMMINGBIRDS				
* Black-chinned Hummingbird	o	c	o	o
Costa's Hummingbird	r	o	r	r
Calliope Hummingbird	u	r	u	u
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	r	r	r	r
Rufous Hummingbird	u	r	u	u
KINGFISHERS				
Belted Kingfisher	o	u	u	r
WOODPECKERS				
Lewis' Woodpecker	o	o	o	o
Red-breasted Sapsucker	o	o	o	o
* Ladder-backed Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
Hairy Woodpecker	r	r	r	r
* Northern Flicker	u	o	u	u



COMMON NAME	Sp	S	F	W
FLYCATCHERS				
Olive-sided Flycatcher	o	o	o	o
Western Wood-Pewee	o	r	o	o
Willow Flycatcher	r	r	o	o
Hammond's Flycatcher	o	o	o	o
Dusky Flycatcher	u	o	u	o
Gray Flycatcher	u	o	u	o
Western Flycatcher	u	o	u	o
* Black Phoebe	o	o	o	o
* Say's Phoebe	u	u	u	o
Cassin's Kingbird	r	r	r	r
* Western Kingbird	c	c	c	c
Eastern Kingbird	r	r	r	r
LARKS				
* Horned Lark	c	c	c	c
SWALLOWS				
* Tree Swallow	c	c	c	c
* Violet-green Swallow	u	u	u	u
* Northern Rough-winged Swallow	c	u	c	c
Bank Swallow	u	u	u	u
* Cliff Swallow	o	u	o	o
* Barn Swallow	o	o	o	o
JAYS AND CROWS				
Pinyon Jay	r	r	r	r
* American Crow	u	o	u	u
Common Raven	u	u	u	u
CHICKADEES				
Mountain Chickadee	r	r	r	r
VERDIN				
* Verdin	o	o	o	o
BUSHTITS				
Bushtit	r	r	r	r
CREEPERS				
Brown Creeper	r	r	r	r
WRENS				
* Cactus Wren	o	o	o	r
* Rock Wren	c	c	c	c
* Canyon Wren	o	o	o	o
* Bewick's Wren	o	u	o	o
House Wren	o	r	o	o
* Marsh Wren	u	c	u	o
KINGLETS, BLUEBIRDS AND THRUSHES				
Golden-crowned Kinglet	r	r	r	r
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	u	u	u	u
* Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	o	o	o	r
Western Bluebird	o	o	u	u
Mountain Bluebird	r	r	o	o
Townsend's Solitaire	u	u	u	u
Swainson's Thrush	u	u	u	u
Hermit Thrush	o	o	r	r
American Robin	u	u	u	u

COMMON NAME Sp S F W

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS

* Northern Mockingbird	c	c	c	u
Sage Thrasher	u	r	u	o
Bendire's Thrasher	r	r	r	r
* Crissal Thrasher	o	o	o	o
* Le Conte's Thrasher	o	o	o	o

PIPITS

Water Pipit	u	u	c	
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WAXWINGS

Cedar Waxwing	u	u	o	
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PHAINOPEPLA

Phainopepla	o	o	o	
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SHRIKES

* Loggerhead Shrike	u	u	u	c
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STARLINGS

* European Starling	c	c	c	u
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VIROES

Bell's Vireo	r			
Solitary Vireo	o	o		
Warbling Vireo	o	o		

WARBLERS

Tennessee Warbler	c	r		
Orange-crowned Warbler	r	r	r	
Nashville Warbler	o	o		
Virginia's Warbler	u	u		
* Lucy's Warbler	o	c	o	
* Yellow Warbler	c	c	c	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	c	c	u	
Black-throated Gray Warbler	u	u		
Townsend's Warbler	o	o		
American Redstart	o	o		
MacGillivray's Warbler	o	o		
* Common Yellowthroat	c	u	c	
Wilson's Warbler	u	u		
* Yellow-breasted Chat	u	o	u	

TANAGERS

Summer Tanager	r	r		
Western Tanager	u	u		

GROSBEAKS AND BUNTINGS

Black-headed Grosbeak	u	u		
Blue Grosbeak	u	c	u	
Lazuli Bunting	u	o	u	

TOWHEES AND SPARROWS

Green-tailed Towhee	u	u		
* Rufous-sided Towhee	u	o	u	
American Tree Sparrow				
Chipping Sparrow	c	c		
* Brewer's Sparrow	o	o		
Vesper Sparrow	r	r	r	
Lark Sparrow	u	u	r	
* Black-throated Sparrow	c	c	u	
* Sage Sparrow	u	o	u	u
Lark Bunting	o	o	o	
Savannah Sparrow	o	u	o	
* Song Sparrow	u	u	u	u
Lincoln's Sparrow	u	u	o	
White-crowned Sparrow	c	o	c	c
Dark-eyed Junco	u	u	c	

COMMON NAME Sp S F W

BLACKBIRDS, MEADOWLARKS AND ORIOLES

* Red-winged Blackbird	c	c	c	c
* Western Meadowlark	c	o	c	o
* Yellow-headed Blackbird	c	c	c	u
* Brewer's Blackbird	u	o	u	u
* Great-tailed Grackle	u	c	u	o
* Brown-headed Cowbird	u	u	u	o
Hooded Oriole	o	r		
* Northern Oriole	u	c	u	
Scott's Oriole	u	o	u	

FINCHES

Cassin's Finch	o	o	u	
* House Finch	c	c	c	c
Pine Siskin	c	c	u	
* Lesser Goldfinch	o	o	o	o
American Goldfinch	u	o	u	

WEAVER FINCHES

* House Sparrow	c	c	c	c
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