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BIRD CHECKLIST

Shasta-Trinity National Forests

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CATALOGING PREP.

Lazuli Bunting

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Region

Shasta-Trinity National Forests

Good Birding Locations:

Lewiston Lake Area (Trinity River Hatchery, Lewiston Lake, Trinity Lake and Trinity Alps Wilderness).

McCloud Flats Area (Upper Falls, Bigelow Meadow, Lakin Dam, Stillwater Meadows, Colby Meadow, Moosehead Creek, Elk Flat and Mt. Shasta Wilderness).

Shasta Lake

Welcome to Shasta-Trinity National Forests !

Listen to the majestic cry of the bald eagle overhead. Watch the northern flicker as it swoops past with brilliant red wings outstretched and white rump patch exposed. A day of birding the Shasta-Trinity National Forests has just begun.

Birdwatching is a great way to enjoy and appreciate the diversity of habitats and wildlife found on these treasured Forest lands. While you enjoy the many outdoor experiences, please respect the land and the wild things that depend upon it. Also, please observe birds quietly and at a distance, particularly nesting eagles and hawks.

Northern California's Shasta-Trinity National Forests contains over 2 million acres of diverse avian habitat. Over 200 bird species require these habitats for year-round residency, spring/summer breeding and spring/fall stopovers. Breeding birds that migrate south for the winter to tropical environments are called Neotropical Migratory Birds (*). They are of special international concern for conservation. The Forest, along with your support and assistance, conducts conservation efforts which involve bird surveys, habitat improvement and developing awareness. Remember to report unusual sightings and occurrences.

Key to Checklist

Codes Limited to Certain Species

- ★ --- Neotropical Migratory Bird
- MtS - Bird found only on Mt. Shasta
- McF - Bird found only in the McCloud Flats Area
- TF -- Bird found only in the Trinity Forest Area
- SL -- Bird found only at Shasta Lake

Habitat Preference

For each species, habitats are ordered by intensity of use.

- w --- Water (lake, pond, river, stream)
- m -- Marsh, shoreline plants
- r --- Riparian (woody plants at wet soil zone)
- s --- Shrubland, chaparral
- g --- Grassland, meadow, forest openings
- h --- Hardwood forest, oak woodland
- f --- Forest, coniferous or mixed
- a --- Alpine
- c --- Cliffs, barren rocky areas
- ↑ --- Higher mountainous areas

Seasons

- (Sp) Spring - March 1 - May 31
- (Su) Summer - June 1 - August 31
- (Fa) Fall - September 1 - November 30
- (Wi) Winter - December 1 - February 28

Seasonal Encounters

The probability of viewing or hearing a bird species in their preferred habitat.

- Almost always encountered; usually occurs in large numbers; effortlessly located.
- Usually encountered; generally occurs in small numbers; eventually located.
- Occasionally encountered; ordinarily present; challenging to locate.
- Rarely encountered; may occur irregularly or in a limited range; secretive or existing in very low numbers; usually located by chance.

Common Name		Habitat	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
Loons & Grebes						
☐ Common Loon	w
☐ Pied-billed Grebe	w, m
☐ Horned Grebe	w
☐ Eared Grebe	m, w
☐ Western Grebe	m, w
Cormorant						
☐ Double-crested Cormorant	w

Common Merganser

Common Name

Habitat

Sp Su Fa Wi

Bitterns, Herons & Egrets

☐	American Bittern	m	.....		.....	.....
☐	Great Blue Heron	m, r, g	.....		.....	.....
☐	Great Egret	m, r, g	.....	.....	.....	.....
☐	Green-backed Heron	m, r	.....	.....	.....	.....
☐	Black-crowned Night-heron	m, r	.....	.....	.....	.....

Swans, Geese & Ducks

☐	Tundra Swan	w, m	.....			.....
☐	Canada Goose	w, m, g	.....	.....	.....	.....
☐	Wood Duck	w, m, r	.....	.....	.....	.....
☐	Green-winged Teal	w, m, g	.....		.....	.....
☐	Mallard	w, m, g	.....		.....	.....
☐	Northern Pintail	w, m, g	.....		.....	.....
☐	Cinnamon Teal	w, m	.....		.....	
☐	Northern Shoveler	w, m	.....		.....	.....
☐	Gadwall	w, m	.....		.....	.....
☐	American Wigeon	w, m	.....		.....	.....
☐	Canvasback	w	.....		.....	.....
☐	Redhead	w				.....
☐	Ring-necked Duck	w	.....		.....	.....
☐	Greater Scaup	w	.....		.....	.....
☐	Lesser Scaup	w	.....		.....	.....
☐	Common Goldeneye	w	.....		.....	.....
☐	Barrow's Goldeneye	w			.....	.....
☐	Bufflehead	w	.....		.....	.....
☐	Hooded Merganser	m, w			.....	.....
☐	Common Merganser	r, w, m	.....	.....	.....	.....
☐	Ruddy Duck	m, w	.....		.....	.....

Vultures, Hawks & Falcons

☐	Turkey Vulture *	g, s, h	.....	.....	.....	.....
☐	Osprey *	w, r, f	.....	.....	.....	.....
☐	Bald Eagle	w, f	.....	.....	.....	.....
☐	Northern Harrier *	g, m	.....		.....	.....
☐	Sharp-shinned Hawk *	f, r, h	.....		.....	.....
☐	Cooper's Hawk *	f, r, h	.....	.....	.....	.....
☐	Northern Goshawk *	f, r	.....		.....	.....
☐	Red-shouldered Hawk *	r, m, g	.....		.....	.....
☐	Red-tailed Hawk *	g, h, c	.....	.....	.....	.....
☐	Ferruginous Hawk *.. McF	g, h			.....	
☐	Rough-legged Hawk *.. McF	g, h			.....	
☐	Golden Eagle *	s, h, f	.....	.....	.....	.....
☐	American Kestrel *	g, h, s	.....	.....	.....	.....
☐	Merlin *	g, m, h				
☐	Peregrine Falcon *	r, f, w				
☐	Prairie Falcon *	g, s, c				

Common Name

Habitat

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Grouse, Turkey & Quail

- ☐ Blue Grouse f, g
- ☐ Ruffed Grouse ..TF f, r
- ☐ Wild Turkey f, g, h
- ☐ California Quail s, r, h
- ☐ Mountain Quail f, s, h

Rails

- ☐ Virginia Rail m
- ☐ Sora m
- ☐ American Coot m, w, g

Plovers and Sandpipers

- ☐ Killdeer g, m
- ☐ Spotted Sandpiper m, r
- ☐ Common Snipe m, g

Gulls & Terns

- ☐ Bonaparte's Gull w
- ☐ Ring-billed Gull w, m, g
- ☐ California Gull w, m, g
- ☐ Herring Gull w, m, g
- ☐ Caspian Tern ..SL w, m
- ☐ Forster's Tern w, m

Spotted Sandpiper

Common Name

Habitat

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Doves & Pigeons

- ☐ Rock Dove g
- ☐ Band-tailed Pigeon * h, f, r
- ☐ Mourning Dove r, g, h

Owls

- ☐ Common Barn Owl g, m, h
- ☐ Flammulated Owl * f
- ☐ Western Screech Owl h, r, f
- ☐ Great Horned Owl f, r, h
- ☐ Northern Pygmy Owl f, h, r
- ☐ Northern Spotted Owl f
- ☐ Northern Saw-whet Owl f, h

Nighthawks & Poorwill

- ☐ Common Nighthawk g, m, s
- ☐ Common Poorwill s, h, f

Ruffed Grouse

Northern
Saw-whet Owl

Common Name

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Swifts & Hummingbirds

- ☐ Black Swift * f, c
- ☐ Vaux's Swift * ↑ w, g, f
- ☐ Black-chinned Hummingbird * ... r, s, h
- ☐ Anna's Hummingbird * s, r, h
- ☐ Calliope Hummingbird * g, s, r
- ☐ Rufous Hummingbird * ..TF h, r, g
- ☐ Allen's Hummingbird * ...TF h, s, f

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Kingfisher

- ☐ Belted Kingfisher * r, w

Acorn Woodpecker

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Woodpeckers

- ☐ Lewis' Woodpecker * h, f
- ☐ Acorn Woodpecker h, f
- ☐ Red-breasted Sapsucker * ↑ r, h, f
- ☐ Williamson's Sapsucker * ↑ f
- ☐ Nuttall's Woodpecker r, h
- ☐ Downy Woodpecker r, h, f
- ☐ Hairy Woodpecker f, h, r
- ☐ White-headed Woodpecker ↑ f
- ☐ Black-backed Woodpecker f
- ☐ Northern Flicker f, h, r
- ☐ Pileated Woodpecker f

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Flycatchers

- ☐ Olive-sided Flycatcher * f, g
- ☐ Western-wood Pewee * f, r, h
- ☐ Willow Flycatcher * r, g
- ☐ Hammond's Flycatcher * f
- ☐ Dusky Flycatcher * s, f
- ☐ Gray Flycatcher * .. McF s
- ☐ Pacific-slope Flycatcher * h, r, f
- ☐ Black Phoebe r, g
- ☐ Ash-throated Flycatcher * s, h, r
- ☐ Western Kingbird* g, s, h

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Larks & Swallow

- ☐ Horned Lark g, a
- ☐ Purple Martin * SL w, h, g
- ☐ Tree Swallow * r, h, f
- ☐ Violet-green Swallow * g, w, h
- ☐ Northern Rough-winged Swallow * . r, g, h
- ☐ Cliff Swallow * w, g, c
- ☐ Barn Swallow * g, w, c

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☐ Gray Jay ↑ f					
☐ Steller's Jay f		=====	=====	=====	=====
☐ Scrub Jay h, s		=====	=====	=====	=====
☐ Pinyon Jay * .. McF h					
☐ Clark's Nutcracker ↑ f, a, g		■ ■ ■ ■ ■	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	■ ■ ■ ■ ■
☐ Black-billed Magpie .. McF g, s					
☐ American Crow g, r, h				■ ■ ■ ■ ■	■ ■ ■ ■ ■
☐ Common Raven g, f, h		=====	=====	=====	=====

Chickadees & Nuthatches

☐ Black-capped Chickadee .. TF r, f		.....	.....	.....	.....
☐ Mountain Chickadee f, h, r		=====	=====	=====	=====
☐ Chestnut-backed Chickadee f, h, r		=====	=====	=====	=====
☐ Plain Titmouse h, r		=====	=====	=====	=====
☐ Bushtit s, h, r		=====	=====	=====	=====
☐ Red-breasted Nuthatch f		=====	=====	=====	=====
☐ White-breasted Nuthatch h, r, f		=====	=====	=====	=====
☐ Pygmy Nuthatch f		.....	.....	.....	.....
☐ Brown Creeper f, r, h		■ ■ ■ ■ ■	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	■ ■ ■ ■ ■

Black-capped Chickadee

Bewick's Wren

Common Name	Habitat	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
☐ Rock Wren s, g, c					
☐ Canyon Wren c					
☐ Bewick's Wren s, r, h		■ ■ ■ ■ ■	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	■ ■ ■ ■ ■
☐ House Wren * r, h, s		=====	=====		
☐ Winter Wren f, r					
☐ Marsh Wren * m		■ ■ ■ ■ ■	■ ■ ■ ■ ■		
☐ American Dipper w, m		■ ■ ■ ■ ■	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	■ ■ ■ ■ ■
☐ Golden-crowned Kinglet * f, h, r		=====	=====	=====	=====
☐ Ruby-crowned Kinglet * f, r, h		=====	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	=====	=====
☐ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher * s, h					

Thrushes & Thrashers

☐ Western Bluebird g, h, f		=====	=====	=====	■ ■ ■ ■ ■
☐ Mountain Bluebird ↑ g, a, f		■ ■ ■ ■ ■	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	.....	.....
☐ Townsend's Solitaire .. McF ↑ f, s		■ ■ ■ ■ ■	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	■ ■ ■ ■ ■
☐ Swainson's Thrush * r, h, f		.....	.....	.....	.....
☐ Hermit Thrush * r, f, h		=====	=====	=====	=====
☐ American Robin * g, h, f		=====	=====	=====	=====
☐ Varied Thrush * h, s, f					■ ■ ■ ■ ■
☐ Wrentit s		■ ■ ■ ■ ■	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	■ ■ ■ ■ ■
☐ California Thrasher s, r, h					
☐ American Pipit * ↑ g, m, c

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Finches

- ☐ Red-winged Blackbird * m, g
☐ Western Meadowlark * g
☐ Brewer's Blackbird * g, r, m
☐ Brown-headed Cowbird * r, g, h
☐ Hooded Oriole * ..TF..... r
☐ Northern Oriole * r, h

☐	Rosy Finch .. MtS	↑ a, c
☐	Purple Finch	f, r, h
☐	Cassin's Finch *	↑ f, g
☐	House Finch	h, r, g
☐	Red Crossbill	f
☐	Pine Siskin *	f, r, g
☐	Lesser Goldfinch *	g, s, h
☐	American Goldfinch *	g, r, h
☐	Evening Grosbeak	↑ f
☐	House Sparrow	g, h

Unusual Sightings

☐	_____
☐	_____
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Date _____ Time _____

Weather

Birding Location

Observer(s) _____

Species Seen

Species Description: (size, plummage, bill shape, behavior, etc.) _____

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Report Unusual Sightings

Your observations will be valuable for us to keep this checklist current. Especially important are native birds and neotropical migratory birds that are considered rare or unusual. For UNUSUAL sightings please include a complete description; size, colors, bill shape, location, habitat and, if possible, a photograph. Contact the Forest Wildlife Biologist at the Shasta-Trinity N.F. Supervisor's Office.

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