

## **GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING INYO COUNTY SIGHTINGS TO NORTH AMERICAN BIRDS**

The attached list of Inyo County Birds, in the new 2010 taxonomic order, is being posted in an effort to inform observers of the species found in Inyo County. Those casual or rare enough to require a description are underlined and those on the California Bird Records Committee Review List are **underlined and bold**. Those species underlined fall into the following categories; vagrants, casual species recorded fewer than seven years per decade for each season(s) in which they occur, very rare species that are not recorded every year but are presumed to occur here, rare species that have similar look-alike species that are more expected (e.g., Greater Scaup), species experiencing a decline in numbers in the county (e.g., Cassin's Kingbird), species that have a history of being misidentified (e.g., Gray Vireo), hybrids, and rare species present in very small numbers.

Few species require lengthy descriptions, but the more rare the species or the more unexpected the species due to date, location, or number seen, the more detailed and convincing the description needs to be. When species not underlined are found out of season and/or out of known geographic distribution, they do require a description. Jon L. Dunn wrote up a Yellow-rumped (Audubon's) Warbler because he found it at Furnace Creek Ranch in Death Valley in late June. Steve N.G. Howell wrote a short description and a sketch of a Barn Swallow because he found it in the Owens Valley in late December. Both observers did so without being asked. Why? Because they recognized how unexpected the event was. If they can write up common species seen at uncommon times in unexpected locations so can the rest of us. We will send requests for more information on species not underlined that are reported away from known locations, outside known temporal limits, or in numbers that are near or exceed the highest count.

Minimally, we need date, location, distance between bird and birder, amount of time viewing the bird(s), whether through binoculars or a telescope, and a description of the relevant aspects of plumage, structure, vocalizations and behavior. Often it takes two to three sentences for a totally convincing write-up; occasionally, as many paragraphs might be necessary. And remember that a picture is worth a thousand words!

Numerous sightings of Inyo County birds, posted on the Internet without any descriptions, are not included in the Inyo County Seasonal Report to North American Birds or the county database. Other posts contained adequate descriptions and/or photographs and are included in both the report and the database.

The seasons are Spring – 1 March to 31 May, Summer – 1 June to 31 July, Fall – 1 August to 30 November, Winter – 1 December to 28 February. We must have reports by the tenth day following the end of each season and the species need to be in taxonomic order to facilitate collating all the reports. Please send them to < [tjheindel@gmail.com](mailto:tjheindel@gmail.com) >.

We are providing this information so observers know what is expected in order to turn a personal sighting into a county record that will stand the test of

time. We cannot respond to observer's requests that we let them know which of their sightings need descriptions since we often have over fifty observers submitting reports. We ask that you send us all you have when you submit your sightings!

Thanks to all who have met and exceeded our requests in archiving a reliable database for Inyo County.

## INYO COUNTY BIRD LIST 2010 TAXON

FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK  
GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE  
SNOW GOOSE (BLUE PHASE)  
SNOW GOOSE (WHITE PHASE)  
ROSS'S GOOSE  
BRANT  
CACKLING GOOSE  
CANADA GOOSE  
**TRUMPETER SWAN**  
TUNDRA SWAN  
WOOD DUCK  
GADWALL  
EURASIAN WIGEON  
AMERICAN WIGEON  
MALLARD  
BLUE-WINGED TEAL  
CINNAMON TEAL  
BLUE-WINGED X CINNAMON TEAL  
NORTHERN SHOVELER  
NORTHERN PINTAIL  
**GARGANEY**  
GREEN-WINGED (AMERICAN) TEAL  
GREEN-WINGED (EURASIAN) TEAL  
CANVASBACK  
REDHEAD  
RING-NECKED DUCK  
GREATER SCAUP  
LESSER SCAUP  
SURF SCOTER  
WHITE-WINGED SCOTER  
AMERICAN SCOTER  
LONG-TAILED DUCK  
BUFFLEHEAD  
COMMON GOLDENEYE  
BARROW'S GOLDENEYE  
HOODED MERGANSER  
COMMON MERGANSER  
RED-BREASTED MERGANSER  
RUDDY DUCK  
MOUNTAIN QUAIL  
CALIFORNIA QUAIL  
GAMBEL'S QUAIL  
CHUKAR  
RING-NECKED PHEASANT  
GREATER SAGE-GROUSE  
WHITE-TAILED PTARMIGAN  
SOOTY GROUSE  
RED-THROATED LOON  
PACIFIC LOON  
COMMON LOON

PIED-BILLED GREBE  
HORNED GREBE  
RED-NECKED GREBE  
EARED GREBE  
WESTERN GREBE  
CLARK'S GREBE  
WOOD STORK  
**MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD**  
DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT  
AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN  
BROWN PELICAN  
AMERICAN BITTERN  
LEAST BITTERN  
GREAT BLUE HERON  
GREAT EGRET  
SNOWY EGRET  
LITTLE BLUE HERON  
REDDISH EGRET  
CATTLE EGRET  
GREEN HERON  
BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON  
**GLOSSY IBIS**  
WHITE-FACED IBIS  
TURKEY VULTURE  
OSPREY  
WHITE-TAILED KITE  
**MISSISSIPPI KITE**  
BALD EAGLE  
NORTHERN HARRIER  
SHARP-SHINNED HAWK  
COOPER'S HAWK  
NORTHERN GOSHAWK  
RED-SHOULDERED HAWK  
BROAD-WINGED HAWK  
SWAINSON'S HAWK  
ZONE-TAILED HAWK  
RED-TAILED HAWK  
FERRUGINOUS HAWK  
ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK  
GOLDEN EAGLE  
**CRESTED CARACARA**  
AMERICAN KESTREL  
MERLIN  
PEREGRINE FALCON  
PRAIRIE FALCON  
VIRGINIA RAIL  
SORA  
**PURPLE GALLINULE**  
COMMON MOORHEN  
AMERICAN COOT  
SANDHILL CRANE  
BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER  
AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER  
PACIFIC GOLDEN-PLOVER  
SNOWY PLOVER  
SEMIPALMATED PLOVER  
KILLDEER  
MOUNTAIN PLOVER  
BLACK-NECKED STILT  
AMERICAN AVOCET  
SPOTTED SANDPIPER  
SOLITARY SANDPIPER

GREATER YELLOWLEGS  
WILLET  
LESSER YELLOWLEGS  
**UPLAND SANDPIPER**  
WHIMBREL  
LONG-BILLED CURLEW  
MARBLED GODWIT  
RUDDY TURNSTONE  
BLACK TURNSTONE  
RED KNOT  
SANDERLING  
SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER  
WESTERN SANDPIPER  
**LITTLE STINT**  
LEAST SANDPIPER  
BAIRD'S SANDPIPER  
PECTORAL SANDPIPER  
DUNLIN  
STILT SANDPIPER  
BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER  
RUFF  
SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER  
LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER  
WILSON'S SNIPE  
WILSON'S PHALAROPE  
RED-NECKED PHALAROPE  
RED PHALAROPE  
SABINE'S GULL  
BONAPARTE'S GULL  
FRANKLIN'S GULL  
HEERMANN'S GULL  
MEW GULL  
RING-BILLED GULL  
WESTERN GULL  
CALIFORNIA GULL  
HERRING GULL  
THAYER'S GULL  
**LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL**  
GLAUCOUS-WINGED GULL  
GLAUCOUS GULL  
LEAST TERN  
CASPIAN TERN  
BLACK TERN  
COMMON TERN  
ARCTIC TERN  
FORSTER'S TERN  
PARASITIC JAEGER  
LONG-TAILED JAEGER  
ROCK PIGEON  
BAND-TAILED PIGEON  
**ORIENTAL TURTLE-DOVE**  
EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE  
WHITE-WINGED DOVE  
MOURNING DOVE  
INCA DOVE  
COMMON GROUND-DOVE  
RUDDY GROUND-DOVE  
YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO  
GREATER ROADRUNNER  
BARN OWL  
FLAMMULATED OWL  
WESTERN SCREECH-OWL

GREAT HORNED OWL  
NORTHERN PYGMY-OWL  
BURROWING OWL  
LONG-EARED OWL  
SHORT-EARED OWL  
NORTHERN SAW-WHET  
LESSER NIGHTHAWK  
COMMON NIGHTHAWK  
COMMON POORWILL  
BLACK SWIFT  
CHIMNEY SWIFT  
VAUX'S SWIFT  
WHITE-THROATED SWIFT  
**BROAD-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD**  
**RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD**  
BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD  
ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD  
COSTA'S HUMMINGBIRD  
CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRD  
BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD  
RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD  
BELTED KINGFISHER  
LEWIS'S WOODPECKER  
ACORN WOODPECKER  
WILLIAMSON'S SAPSUCKER  
YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER  
RED-NAPED SAPSUCKER  
RED-BREASTED SAPSUCKER  
LADDER-BACKED WOODPECKER  
NUTTALL'S WOODPECKER  
DOWNY WOODPECKER  
HAIRY WOODPECKER  
WHITE-HEADED WOODPECKER  
NORTHERN (YELLOW-SHAFTED) FLICKER  
NORTHERN (RED-SHAFTED) FLICKER  
NORTHERN (RED-SHAFTED X YELLOW-SHAFTED) FLICKER  
OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER  
WESTERN WOOD-PEWEE  
WILLOW FLYCATCHER  
LEAST FLYCATCHER  
HAMMOND'S FLYCATCHER  
GRAY FLYCATCHER  
DUSKY FLYCATCHER  
PACIFIC-SLOPE FLYCATCHER  
CORDILLERAN FLYCATCHER  
WESTERN FLYCATCHER  
BLACK PHOEBE  
EASTERN PHOEBE  
SAY'S PHOEBE  
VERMILION FLYCATCHER  
**DUSKY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER**  
ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER  
BROWN-CRESTED FLYCATCHER  
TROPICAL KINGBIRD  
CASSIN'S KINGBIRD  
**THICK-BILLED KINGBIRD**  
WESTERN KINGBIRD  
EASTERN KINGBIRD  
SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER  
LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE  
NORTHERN SHRIKE  
**WHITE-EYED VIREO**

BELL'S VIREO  
GRAY VIREO  
YELLOW-THROATED VIREO  
PLUMBEOUS VIREO  
CASSIN'S VIREO  
**BLUE-HEADED VIREO**  
HUTTON'S VIREO  
WARBLING VIREO  
PHILADELPHIA VIREO  
RED-EYED VIREO  
PINYON JAY  
STELLER'S JAY  
**BLUE JAY**  
WESTERN SCRUB-JAY  
CLARK'S NUTCRACKER  
BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE  
AMERICAN CROW  
COMMON RAVEN  
HORNED LARK  
PURPLE MARTIN  
TREE SWALLOW  
VIOLET-GREEN SWALLOW  
NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW  
BANK SWALLOW  
CLIFF SWALLOW  
BARN SWALLOW  
MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE  
OAK TITMOUSE  
JUNIPER TITMOUSE  
VERDIN  
BUSHTIT  
RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH  
WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH  
PYGMY NUTHATCH  
BROWN CREEPER  
CACTUS WREN  
ROCK WREN  
CANYON WREN  
BEWICK'S WREN  
HOUSE WREN  
PACIFIC WREN  
**SEDGE WREN**  
MARSH WREN  
BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER  
BLACK-TAILED GNATCATCHER  
AMERICAN DIPPER  
GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET  
RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET  
WRENTIT  
WESTERN BLUEBIRD  
MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD  
TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE  
**VEERY**  
SWAINSON'S THRUSH  
HERMIT THRUSH  
**WOOD THRUSH**  
**RUFOS-BACKED ROBIN**  
AMERICAN ROBIN  
VARIED THRUSH  
GRAY CATBIRD  
NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD  
SAGE THRASHER

BROWN THRASHER  
BENDIRE'S THRASHER  
CALIFORNIA THRASHER  
CRISSAL THRASHER  
LE CONTE'S THRASHER  
EUROPEAN STARLING  
**WHITE WAGTAIL**  
RED-THROATED PIPIT  
AMERICAN PIPIT  
SPRAGUE'S PIPIT  
BOHEMIAN WAXWING  
CEDAR WAXWING  
PHAINOPEPLA  
LAPLAND LONGSPUR  
CHESTNUT-COLLARED LONGSPUR  
**SMITH'S LONGSPUR**  
MCCOWN'S LONGSPUR  
**SNOW BUNTING**  
**BLUE-WINGED WARBLER**  
**GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER**  
TENNESSEE WARBLER  
ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER  
NASHVILLE WARBLER  
VIRGINIA'S WARBLER  
LUCY'S WARBLER  
NORTHERN PARULA  
YELLOW WARBLER  
CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER  
MAGNOLIA WARBLER  
CAPE MAY WARBLER  
BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER  
YELLOW-RUMPED (AUDUBON'S) WARBLER  
YELLOW-RUMPED (MYRTLE) WARBLER  
BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER  
BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER  
TOWNSEND'S WARBLER  
HERMIT WARBLER  
TOWNSEND'S X HERMIT WARBLER HYBRID  
BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER  
**YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER**  
**PINE WARBLER**  
PRAIRIE WARBLER  
PALM WARBLER  
BAY-BREASTED WARBLER  
BLACKPOLL WARBLER  
**CERULEAN WARBLER**  
BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER  
AMERICAN REDSTART  
PROTHONOTARY WARBLER  
**WORM-EATING WARBLER**  
OVENBIRD  
NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH  
**LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH**  
KENTUCKY WARBLER  
**CONNECTICUT WARBLER**  
**MOURNING WARBLER**  
MACGILLIVRAY'S WARBLER  
COMMON YELLOWTHROAT  
HOODED WARBLER  
WILSON'S WARBLER  
CANADA WARBLER  
**RED-FACED WARBLER**

PAINTED REDSTART  
YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT  
GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE  
SPOTTED TOWHEE  
CALIFORNIA TOWHEE  
**CASSIN'S SPARROW**  
AMERICAN TREE SPARROW  
CHIPPING SPARROW  
CLAY-COLORED SPARROW  
BREWER'S SPARROW  
**FIELD SPARROW**  
BLACK-CHINNED SPARROW  
VESPER SPARROW  
LARK SPARROW  
BLACK-THROATED SPARROW  
SAGE SPARROW  
LARK BUNTING  
SAVANNAH SPARROW  
GRASSHOPPER SPARROW  
**LE CONTE'S SPARROW**  
NELSON'S SPARROW  
FOX SPARROW  
FOX (RED) SPARROW  
FOX (SOOTY) SPARROW  
FOX (THICK-BILLED) SPARROW  
FOX (SLATE-COLORED) SPARROW  
SONG SPARROW  
LINCOLN'S SPARROW  
SWAMP SPARROW  
WHITE-THROATED SPARROW  
HARRIS'S SPARROW  
WHITE-CROWNED (GAMBEL'S) SPARROW  
WHITE-CROWNED (MOUNTAIN) SPARROW  
GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW  
DARK-EYED (PINK-SIDED) JUNCO  
DARK-EYED (WHITE-WINGED) JUNCO  
DARK-EYED (SLATE-COLORED) JUNCO  
DARK-EYED (OREGON) JUNCO  
DARK-EYED (GRAY-HEADED) JUNCO  
HEPATIC TANAGER  
SUMMER TANAGER  
SCARLET TANAGER  
WESTERN TANAGER  
NORTHERN CARDINAL  
ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK  
BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK  
BLUE GROSBEAK  
LAZULI BUNTING  
INDIGO BUNTING  
INDIGO X LAZULI BUNTING HYBRID  
**VARIED BUNTING**  
PAINTED BUNTING  
DICKCISSEL  
BOBOLINK  
RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD  
TRICOLORED BLACKBIRD  
WESTERN MEADOWLARK  
YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD  
**RUSTY BLACKBIRD**  
BREWER'S BLACKBIRD  
**COMMON GRACKLE**  
GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE

BRONZED COWBIRD  
BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD  
ORCHARD ORIOLE  
HOODED ORIOLE  
**STREAK-BACKED ORIOLE**  
BULLOCK'S ORIOLE  
BALTIMORE ORIOLE  
SCOTT'S ORIOLE  
GRAY-CROWNED (DAWSON'S) ROSY-FINCH  
GRAY-CROWNED (HEPBURN'S) ROSY-FINCH  
**BLACK ROSY-FINCH**  
PINE GROSBEAK  
PURPLE FINCH  
CASSIN'S FINCH  
HOUSE FINCH  
RED CROSSBILL  
PINE SISKIN  
LESSER GOLDFINCH  
LAWRENCE'S GOLDFINCH  
AMERICAN GOLDFINCH  
EVENING GROSBEAK  
HOUSE SPARROW