

Inyo County Bird Checklist

Guidelines For Submitting Inyo County Sightings To North American Birds

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The list of Inyo County Birds (below), in the new 2013 taxonomic order, is posted here in an effort to inform observers of the species found in Inyo County. Those birds 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. Eastern Sierra Birds posts that contained adequate descriptions and/or photographs are included in both the report and the database. If you enter your sightings into eBird and want them submitted for publication in North American Birds, we request that you send us a copy of your documentation, written and/or photographic, so that we can add your records to the county archives.

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.

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.

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- 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
 - Black 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

 - Black Vulture**
 - Turkey Vulture
 - California Condor
 - 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

 - Virginia Rail
 - Sora
 - Purple Gallinule**
 - Common Gallinule
 - American Coot
 - Sandhill Crane

 - Black-necked Stilt
 - American Avocet

 - Black-bellied Plover
 - American Golden-Plover
 - Pacific Golden-Plover
 - Snowy Plover
 - Semipalmated Plover
 - Killdeer
 - Mountain Plover

 - Spotted Sandpiper
 - Solitary Sandpiper
 - Greater Yellowlegs
 - Willet
 - Lesser Yellowlegs
 - Upland Sandpiper**
 - Whimbrel

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<input type="checkbox"/> Say's Phoebe
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- Ash-throated Flycatcher
- Great-crested 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

- Rock Wren
- Canyon Wren
- House Wren
- Pacific Wren
- Winter Wren**

- Sedge Wren**
- Marsh Wren
- Bewick's Wren
- Cactus 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**
- Rufous-backed Robin**
- American Robin
- Varied Thrush

- Gray Catbird
- Curve-billed Thrasher**
- Brown Thrasher
- Bendire's Thrasher
- California Thrasher
- Le Conte's Thrasher
- Crissal Thrasher
- Sage Thrasher
- Northern Mockingbird

- 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**

- Ovenbird
- Worm-eating Warbler**
- Louisiana Waterthrush**
- Northern Waterthrush
- Golden-winged Warbler**
- Blue-winged Warbler**
- Black-and-white Warbler
- Prothonotary Warbler
- Tennessee Warbler
- Orange-crowned Warbler

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<input type="checkbox"/> Swamp Sparrow
<input type="checkbox"/> White-throated Sparrow
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<input type="checkbox"/> Golden-crowned Sparrow

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<input type="checkbox"/> Evening Grosbeak

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