

The likelihood of locating a given species:

a - always present in suitable habitat

c - common, can usually be found in suitable habitat

u - uncommon, present in suitable habitat but not always found

o - occasional, not always present

r - rare, not found every year

Sp - spring = March - May

S - summer = June - July

F - fall = August - November

W - winter = December - February

b - Species that are known or believed to breed in the area are designated with a "b".

WL - Audubon WatchList species. See the Audubon webpage for more information:

www.audubon.org

	b	Sp	S	F	W
Swans, Geese and Ducks					
Tundra Swan		c	o	c	o
Trumpeter Swan WL		r	r	r	r
Gr White-fr Goose		o	r	o	r
Snow Goose		r		r	r
Canada Goose	b	a	c	a	a
Wood Duck	b	c	c	c	r
Green-winged Teal	b	c	c	c	o
Mallard	b	a	a	a	a
Northern Pintail	b	c	o	c	c
Blue-winged Teal	b	u	u	o	r
Cinnamon Teal	b	c	c	c	
Northern Shoveler	b	c	u	c	r
Gadwall	b	u	u	u	u
Eurasian Wigeon		o		r	r
American Wigeon		c	u	c	c
Canvasback		u	r	u	o
Redhead	b	c	u	c	c
Ring-necked Duck	b	c	u	c	c
Greater Scaup		o		o	o
Lesser Scaup	b	u	u	u	u
Long-tailed Duck			r	r	r
Surf Scoter				r	r
White-winged Scoter		r		r	r
Common Goldeneye		c	o	c	c
Barrow's Goldeneye		u		u	u
Bufflehead		c	o	c	c

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Hooded Merganser	b	u	u	u	u
Common Merganser	b	c	c	c	c
Ruddy Duck	b	u	u	u	
Game Birds					
Gray Partridge		o	o	o	o
Ring-nk Pheasant	b	u	u	u	u
Ruffed Grouse	b	u	u	u	u
Wild Turkey	b	u	u	u	u
California Quail	b	u	u	u	u
Loon and grebes					
Common Loon		u	o	u	u
Clark's Grebe	b	o	u	u	o
Western Grebe	b	u	c	c	u
Red-necked Grebe	b	c	c	c	u
Horned Grebe		u		c	c
Eared Grebe		o	r	o	o
Pied-billed Grebe	b	c	c	c	c
Pelican, Cormorant and Heron					
Am White Pelican		o	o	o	
Dbl-cr Cormorant		u	u	u	u
Great Blue Heron	b	c	c	c	c
Vulture, Hawks and Eagle					
Turkey Vulture		u	u	u	
Osprey	b	c	c	u	
Bald Eagle	b	u	u	u	u
Northern Harrier	b	u	u	u	u
Sharp-shinned Hawk	b	u	u	u	u
Cooper's Hawk	b	u	u	u	u
Northern Goshawk	b	r	r	r	r
Red-tailed Hawk	b	c	c	c	c
Rough-legged Hawk		u		u	u
American Kestrel	b	c	c	c	r
Merlin		o		o	o
Rails and Coot					
Virginia Rail	b	o	o		
Sora	b	u	u		
American Coot	b	c	c	c	c
Shorebirds					
Semipalm Plover		r		r	
Killdeer	b	c	c	c	u
Greater Yellowlegs		u	o	u	
Lesser Yellowlegs		u	o	u	
Solitary Sandpiper		u		u	

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Spotted Sandpiper	b	u	u	u	
Semipalm Sandpiper				o	
Western Sandpiper				u	
Least Sandpiper		o	u	u	
Baird's Sandpiper		o	u	u	
Pectoral Sandpiper				o	
Shrt-bl Dowitcher WL		r		o	
Long-bl Dowitcher				u	
Wilson's Snipe	b	u	u	u	r
Wilson's Phalarope WL		u	o	u	
Red-nk Phalarope				r	
Gulls and Terns					
Bonaparte's Gull		o	o	o	r
Ring-billed Gull		c	c	c	c
California Gull		u	u	u	u
Herring Gull		u		u	u
Common Tern		r		r	
Black Tern	b	c	c		
Pigeon and Dove					
Rock Pigeon	b	u	u	u	u
Mourning Dove	b	c	c	c	u
Owls and Nighthawk					
Great Horned Owl	b	o	o	o	o
Northern Pygmy Owl		o		o	u
Barred Owl	b	o	o	o	o
Long-eared Owl	b		r		
Short-eared Owl WL		r			r
Common Nighthawk	b	o	c	o	
Swift and Hummingbirds					
Vaux's Swift	b	c	c	u	
Blk-ch Hummingbird	b	c	c	u	
Calliope Humbd WL	b	c	c	u	
Rufous Humbd WL	b	c	c	u	
Kingfisher					
Belted Kingfisher	b	c	c	c	c
Woodpeckers					
Red-np Sapsucker	b	u	u	u	
Downy Woodpecker	b	u	u	u	u
Hairy Woodpecker	b	u	u	u	u
Am Three-toed Wpkr		r		r	
Black-backed Wpkr	b	r	r	r	r
Northern Flicker	b	c	c	c	c
Pileated Wpkr	b	u	u	u	u

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Tyrant Flycatchers					
Olv-sd Flycatch WL	b	u	u	o	
W Wood-Pewee	b	c	c	u	
Willow Flycatch WL	b	u	u	u	
Least Flycatcher			o		
Hammond's Flycatch	b	c	c	o	
Dusky Flycatcher	b	o	o	o	
Western Flycatcher	b	c	c	o	
Eastern Kingbird	b	c	c	u	
Shrike and Vireos					
Northern Shrike		o		o	o
Cassin's Vireo	b	u	u	o	
Warbling Vireo	b	u	u	o	
Red-eyed Vireo	b	u	u	o	
Corvids					
Gray Jay		o	r	o	o
Steller's Jay	b	u	u	u	u
Clark's Nutcracker		o		o	o
Black-billed Magpie	b	c	c	c	c
American Crow	b	u	u	u	u
Common Raven	b	c	c	c	c
Swallows					
Tree Swallow	b	a	a	c	
Violet-green Swallow	b	a	a	c	
N Rough-w Swallow	b	c	c	c	
Bank Swallow	b	u	o	o	
Cliff Swallow	b	c	c	u	
Barn Swallow	b	c	c	u	
Chickadees and Nuthatches					
Black-cap Chickadee	b	c	c	c	c
Mountain Chickadee	b	u	u	u	u
Chestnut-bk Chkdee	b	u	u	u	u
Red-br Nuthatch	b	c	c	c	c
White-br Nuthatch	b	o	o	o	o
Pygmy Nuthatch	b	u	u	u	u
Creeper					
Brown Creeper	b	o	o	o	o
Wrens					
Bewick's Wren		o	o	o	o
House Wren	b	u	u		
Winter Wren	b	u	u	u	u
Marsh Wren	b	o	o	o	r
Rock Wren			o		



CHECKLIST OF BIRDS

TRAIL OF THE COEUR D'ALENES

Date: _____ Total Species: _____

The Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes traverses a diverse array of habitats, including some of the best birding locales in North Idaho. Ranging over 1100' feet in elevation, from the shore of Coeur d'Alene Lake at 2150' to the mixed conifer forest around Mullan at 3250', and including wetlands, agricultural fields, urban streetscapes, cottonwood groves, and deep water, the Trail bisects all the major low-elevation habitat types found in North Idaho. This habitat profile yields a potential list of 193 species, plus an additional 41 very rare species.

There is a subtext though, to this diverse landscape. Much of the floodplain of the Coeur d'Alene River is contaminated by tailings from the silver-lead-zinc mines of the famous Coeur d'Alene mining district. Some of the effects on birds are obvious, such as dead waterfowl including Tundra Swan, Canada Goose, Mallard, and eight other species. These birds died of lead poisoning from ingesting contaminated sediments as they fed on wetland plants. But unseen effects, such as physiological injuries and elevated blood lead levels are also seen in the songbirds that inhabit the Coeur d'Alene floodplain. For more information, contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at (509) 891-6839.

PLEASE RESPECT THE "PERSONAL SPACE" OF WILDLIFE

Use your binoculars to view wildlife at a non-threatening distance. Watch for signs that you are **too close** to a bird:

- repeated flushing and short flights
- raised head, looking at observers
- alarm calls or repeated chirping
- "broken wing" distraction displays
- diving and swooping at observer

Do not handle **baby birds** (except to move a bird to the side of the Trail to prevent it from being run over). Leave **injured birds** where you find them. Injured raptors should be reported to Idaho Fish & Game (208) 769-1414.

YOU CAN HELP

Visit the national **Audubon** website at www.audubon.org for simple steps you can take in your daily life to **improve the environment** for wildlife, as well as yourself, your family and your pets.

MORE INFORMATION FOR BIRDERS

You can help to keep this checklist up-to-date by reporting your sightings to Lisa Hardy at basalt@earthlink.net or by mail to Coeur d'Alene Audubon. Visit our webpage for more information about birds and birding activities in our area. Good Birding!

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	b	Sp	S	F	W
Snow Bunting				r	r
Blk-hd Grosbeak	b	c	c	r	
Lazuli Bunting	b	u	u	o	
Blackbirds and allies					
Bobolink	b	r	o	r	
Red-wg Blackbird	b	a	a	c	o
Western Meadowlark	b	c	c	u	o
Yellow-hd Blackbird	b	c	c	o	
Brewer's Blackbird	b	u	u	r	r
Brown-hd Cowbird	b	c	c	u	
Bullock's Oriole	b	u	u		
Finches and allies					
Gray-cr Rosy-Finch					r
Pine Grosbeak					r
Cassin's Finch	b	u	u	u	u
House Finch	b	c	c	c	c
Red Crossbill	b	u	u	u	u
Common Redpoll		o		o	o
Pine Siskin	b	u	u	u	u
American Goldfinch	b	u	u	u	o
Evening Grosbeak	b	u	u	u	u
Weaver Finch					
House Sparrow	b	c	c	c	c

An additional 41 species are considered very rare along the Trail and should be documented and reported (see below): Ross's Goose, Red-breasted Merganser, Yellow-billed Loon (WL), Pacific Loon, Red-throated Loon, American Bittern, Great Egret, Black-crowned Night-Heron, White-faced Ibis, Swainson's Hawk (WL), Golden Eagle, Prairie Falcon, Peregrine Falcon, Sandhill Crane, American Golden-Plover (WL), American Avocet, Willet, Marbled Godwit (WL), Sanderling, Dunlin, Franklin's Gull, Thayer's Gull, Glaucous Gull, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Sabine's Gull, Caspian Tern, Forster's Tern, Band-tailed Pigeon (WL), Northern Saw-whet Owl, Northern Hawk Owl, Black Swift (WL), Lewis's Woodpecker (WL), Williamson's Sapsucker, Say's Phoebe, Horned Lark, Palm Warbler, Clay-colored Sparrow, Vesper Sparrow, Grasshopper Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, Rose-breasted Grosbeak.

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Kinglets					
Golden-cr Kinglet	b	u	u	u	u
Ruby-cr Kinglet	b	u	u	u	r
Dipper and Thrushes					
American Dipper	b	o	o	o	o
Western Bluebird	b	u	u	o	
Mountain Bluebird	b	u	u	o	
Townsend's Solitaire	b	u	u	u	u
Veery	b	u	u		
Swainson's Thrush	b	u	c	r	
Herm it Thrush		o		o	
European Starling	b	c	c	c	c
American Robin	b	c	c	c	u
Varied Thrush	b	u	u	u	o
Catbird, Pipit, and Waxwings					
Gray Catbird	b	c	c	u	
American Pipit		r		o	
Bohemian Waxwing		r		u	u
Cedar Waxwing	b	u	u	u	u
Wood Warblers					
Orange-cr Warbler	b	u	u	o	
Nashville Warbler	b	u	u	o	
Yellow Warbler	b	c	c	u	
Yellow-rmp Warbler	b	c	c	o	
Townsend's Warbler	b	c	c	o	
American Redstart	b	u	u	o	
N Waterthrush	b	u	u	o	
MacGillivray's Warb	b	u	u	o	
Com Yellowthroat	b	u	c	o	
Wilson's Warbler		o	o	o	
Tanager					
Western Tanager	b	c	c	o	r
Sparrows and allies					
Spotted Towhee	b	c	c	o	r
Am Tree Sparrow		r		r	o
Chipping Sparrow	b	c	c	c	
Savannah Sparrow	b	u	u	o	
Fox Sparrow	b	u	u	u	
Song Sparrow	b	c	c	c	u
Lincoln's Sparrow			r	o	
White-thr Sparrow		r		r	r
White-cr Sparrow		u		u	u
Dark-eyed Junco	b	c	c	c	c