

# Birds of Great Salt Lake

\* = Species nest at Great Salt Lake

## LOONS

common loon  
Pacific loon

## GREBS

Clark's grebe\*  
eared grebe\*  
horned grebe  
pied-billed grebe\*  
Western grebe\*

## PELICANS & CORMORANTS

American white pelican  
double-crested cormorant\*

## HERONS

American bittern  
black-crowned night-heron\*  
egret, cattle egret  
egret, great egret  
egret, snowy egret\*  
heron, great blue heron

## IBIS

white-faced ibis\*

## SWANS, GEESE & DUCKS

American wigeon  
Barrow's goldeneye  
blue-winged teal  
bufflehead  
Canada goose\*  
canvasback  
cinnamon teal\*  
common goldeneye  
eurasian wigeon  
gadwall\*  
greater scaup  
green-winged teal\*  
hooded merganser  
lesser scaup  
mallard\*  
northern pintail\*  
northern shoveler\*  
oldsquaw  
red-breasted merganser  
redhead\*  
ring-necked duck  
Ross' goose  
ruddy duck\*  
snow goose  
surf scoter  
trumpeter swan  
tundra swan  
white-winged scoter  
wood duck

## VULTURES

turkey vulture

## HAWKS, FALCONS & EAGLES

American kestrel\*  
bald eagle  
cooper's hawk  
ferruginous hawk  
golden eagle  
merlin  
northern goshawk  
northern harrier\*  
osprey  
peregrine falcon\*  
prairie falcon  
red-tailed hawk  
rough-legged hawk  
sharp-shinned hawk  
swainson's hawk

## GROUSE & PHEASANT

chukar  
ring-necked pheasant\*

## CRANES, RAILS, & COOT

American coot\*  
sandhill crane  
common moorhen\*  
Virginia rail\*  
sora\*

## SHOREBIRDS

American avocet\*  
American golden plover  
Baird's sandpiper  
black-bellied plover  
black-necked stilt\*  
common snipe\*  
dunlin  
greater yellowlegs  
killdeer\*  
least sandpiper  
lesser yellowlegs  
long-billed curlew\*  
long-billed dowitcher  
marbled godwit  
pectoral sandpiper  
red knot  
red-necked phalarope  
ruddy turnstone  
sanderling  
semipalmated plover  
semipalmated sandpiper  
short-billed dowitcher  
snowy plover\*  
solitary sandpiper  
spotted sandpiper  
stilt sandpiper  
western sandpiper  
whimbrel  
willet\*  
Wilson's phalarope\*

## GULLS & TERNS

Bonaparte's gull  
California gull\*  
Franklin's gull\*  
glaucous gull  
herring gull  
ring-billed gull\*  
Thayer's gull  
black tern\*  
Caspian tern\*  
common tern  
Forester's tern\*

## PIGEONS & DOVES

mourning dove\*  
rock dove

## OWLS

barn owl\*  
burrowing owl\*  
great-horned owl  
long-eared owl  
short-eared owl\*

## NIGHTHAWKS & POORWILLS

common nighthawk  
common poorwill

## SWIFTS

white-throated swift

## HUMMINGBIRDS

black-chinned hummingbird  
broad-tailed hummingbird

rufous hummingbird

## KINGFISHERS

belted kingfisher

## WOODPECKERS

downy woodpecker  
northern flicker

## FLYCATCHERS

ash-throated flycatcher  
Cordilleran flycatcher  
dusky flycatcher  
eastern kingbird  
gray flycatcher  
Hammond's flycatcher  
Say's Phoebe  
western kingbird  
western wood-pewee  
willow flycatcher

## LARKS

horned lark\*

## SWALLOWS

bank swallow\*  
barn swallow\*  
cliff swallow\*  
no. rough-winged swallow  
tree swallow  
violet-green swallow

## JAYS, CROWS, & MAGPIES

American crow  
black-billed magpie\*  
common raven\*

## CHICKADEES

black-capped chickadee  
mountain chickadee

## WRENS

canyon wren  
house wren  
marsh wren\*  
rock wren

## KINGLETS & GNATCATCHERS

blue-gray gnatcatcher  
ruby-crowned kinglet

## THRUSHES

American robin  
hermit thrush  
mountain bluebird  
Swanson's thrush  
Townsend's solitaire

## THRASHERS

northern mockingbird  
sage thrasher\*

## PIPITS

American pipit

## WAX WINGS

Bohemian waxwing  
cedar waxwing

## SHRIKES

loggerhead shrike  
northern shrike

## STARLINGS

European starling\*

## VIREOS

solitary vireo  
warbling vireo

## WARBLERS

black-throated gray warbler

common yellowthroat\*  
MacGillivray's warbler  
Nashville warbler  
orange-crowned warbler  
Virginia's warbler  
Wilson's warbler  
yellow warbler  
yellow-rumped warbler

## TANAGERS

western tanager

## GROSBEAKS

black-headed grosbeak

## SPARROWS & BUNTINGS

American tree sparrow  
Baird's sparrow  
Brewer's sparrow\*  
chipping sparrow  
dark-eyed junco  
fox sparrow  
grasshopper sparrow  
green-tailed towhee  
Harris' sparrow  
Lapland longspur  
lark bunting  
lark sparrow  
lazuli bunting  
Lincoln's sparrow  
rufous-sided towhee  
sage sparrow  
savannah sparrow\*  
snow bunting  
song sparrow\*  
spotted towhee  
upland longspur  
vesper sparrow\*  
white-crowned sparrow  
white-throated sparrow

## BLACKBIRDS & ORIOLES

bobolink\*  
Brewer's blackbird\*  
brown-headed cowbird\*  
northern (Bullock's) oriole  
red-winged blackbird\*  
western meadowlark\*  
yellow-headed blackbird\*

## FINCHES

American goldfinch  
Cassin's finch  
evening grosbeak  
house finch\*  
pine siskin

## WEAVER FINCHES

house sparrow\*

## ACCIDENTAL SPECIES

black scoter  
brant  
buff-breasted sandpiper  
glaucous-winged gull  
great white-fronted goose  
harlequin duck  
long-tailed jaeger  
mew gull  
mountain plover  
pacific golden plover  
parasitic jaeger  
red phalarope  
red-throated loon  
Sabine's gull  
white-winged dove

# Life Making a Living at Great Salt Lake

A Partial Listing in progress Revised 4/26/07

## Bacteria

Up to 15 sp. Bacteria and cyanobacteria, including:  
Micrococcus subflavus\*  
Bacillus cohaerens  
Bacillus freudenreichii  
Bacillus mycoides  
Achromobacter solitarium\*  
Achromobacter album\*  
Achromobacter hartlebii\*  
Flavobacterium arborescens  
Bacterioides rigidus\*  
Serratia salinaria  
Cellulomus subcreta\*  
Cocochloris (cyanobacteria)  
(\*names removed from use since original publication.)

## Algae

Over 50 species, including:  
Dunaliella salina (red-pigment)  
Dunaliella viridis (grn. pigment)

## Plants

(a partial listing)

spikerush  
alfalfa  
camas, death  
cattails  
evening primrose, desert  
geranium, wild  
larkspur, low  
lily, sego  
lupine, spurred  
mallow, desert globe  
milkvetch  
monkeyflower, yellow  
bindweed, field  
mullein, hoary  
mustard, tumbling  
nettle, stinging  
phlox, longleaf  
sage, mountain???  
salsify, western  
sunflower, common  
thistle

## GRASS-LIKE PLANTS

barley, foxtail  
bluebunch wheatgrass  
bluegrass, bulbous  
bluegrass, sandberg  
cattails  
cheatgrass  
dodder, salt  
dropseed, alkali  
grass, rabbitfoot  
Indian rice grass  
junegrass  
needle-and-thread

reed, common  
reed, common  
rye, great basin wild  
saltgrass  
sand dropseed  
spikerush  
three-awn, purple  
wheatgrass, crested

## SHRUBS

bulrush, alkali  
greasewood, black  
horsebrush  
pickleweed  
rabbitbrush  
sage, basin big  
saltbush, four-wing  
seepweed  
shadscale  
snakeweed  
snakeweed, broom  
winterfat

## TREES

Box Elder  
Chokecherry  
Hackberry, Net-Leaf  
Juniper, Utah  
Maple, Bigtooth  
Olive, Russian

## Animals

### AMPHIBIANS

Bullfrog (Introduced)  
Frog, Boreal Chorus  
Frog, Green (Introduced)  
Frog, Northern Leopard  
Salamander, Tiger  
Toad, Boreal  
Toad, Gr. Basin Spadefoot  
Toad, Woodhouse

### FISH

Bass, Largemouth  
Bass, White  
Bass, Wiper (hybrid)  
Bluegill  
Bullhead, Black  
Carp  
Catfish, Channel  
Chub, Utah  
Crappie, Black  
Dace, Longnose  
Dace, Speckled  
Killifish, Rainwater  
Minnow, Fathead  
Mosquitofish, Western  
Perch, Yellow  
Shad, Gizzard  
Shiner, Redside  
Sucker, Mountain  
Sucker, Utah  
Sunfish, Green

Trout, Brook  
Trout, Brown  
Trout, Cutthroat  
Trout, Rainbow  
Walleye

### INVERTEBRATES of note

Brine Flies  
Brine Shrimp  
Corixid Bugs  
Orb Weaver Spiders  
Tiger Beetles

### MAMMALS

#### BATS

bat, big brown  
bat, Brazilian free-tailed  
bat, hoary  
bat, little brown  
bat, spotted  
bat, Townsend's big-eared  
myotis, California  
myotis, fringed  
myotis, long-eared  
myotis, long-legged  
myotis, w. small-footed  
pipistrelle, western

#### CARNIVORES

badger  
bobcat  
cougar  
coyote  
fox, kit  
fox, red  
mink  
raccoon  
skunk, striped  
skunk, western spotted  
weasel, long-tailed  
weasel, short-tailed

#### LAGOMORPHS

rabbit, pygmy  
cottontail, Nuttall's  
jackrabbit, black-tailed  
jackrabbit, white-tailed  
rabbit, desert cottontail

#### RODENTS

beaver, American  
chipmunk, cliff  
chipmunk, least  
gopher, Botta's pocket  
mouse, brush  
mouse, canyon  
mouse, deer  
mouse, Gr. Basin pocket  
mouse, jumping  
mouse, kangaroo  
mouse, little pocket  
mouse, long-tailed pocket  
mouse, no. grasshopper

mouse, w. harvest  
muskrat  
nutria  
porcupine  
rat, chisel-toothed kang.  
rat, Ord's kangaroo  
sq., Townsend's ground  
squirrel, antelope ground  
squirrel, rock  
squirrel, Uinta ground  
vole, heather  
vole, long-tailed  
vole, meadow  
vole, montane  
vole, sagebrush  
woodrat, bushy-tailed  
woodrat, desert

#### SHREWS

shrew, masked  
shrew, Merriam's  
shrew, Preble's  
shrew, vagrant  
shrew, water

#### UNGULATES

bison, American  
deer, mule  
elk, Rocky Mountain  
pronghorn, American  
sheep, bighorn

#### REPTILES

##### Lizards

Lizard, Long-nosed Leopard  
Lizard, Gr. Basin Whiptail  
Lizard, No. Desert Horned  
Lizard, Northern Sagebrush  
Lizard, Short-Horned  
Lizard, Sideblotched  
Skink, Western

##### Snakes

Snake, Common Garter  
Snake, Gopher  
Rattlesnake, Great Basin  
Snake, Longnosed  
Snake, Night  
Snake, Regal Ring-necked  
Boa, Rubber  
Whipsnake, Striped  
Milksnake, Utah  
Snake, W. Garter  
Racer, W. Yellow-tailed

##### Turtles

Slider, Red Eared  
Turtle, Painted