

CAMP POLK MEADOW PRESERVE BIRD CHECKLIST, 2003-2011

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ABUNDANCE
CODES Presence and
 Detectability

BREEDING
STATUS Breeding
 Behaviors

Abundant	A	Present and likely to be detected in suitable habitat
Common	C	Usually present but not always detected, even in suitable habitat
Uncommon	U	Present half the time or unlikely to be detected
Occasional	O	More often not present or difficult to detect
Rare	R	Rarely present or extremely difficult to detect

Possible	<i>poss</i>	Seen or heard in suitable habitat during breeding season
Probable	<i>prob</i>	Pair observed together, singing on >1 visit, defending territory, courting, visiting probable nest site
Confirmed	<i>conf</i>	Nest building, carrying nesting material, distraction display, dependent fledglings, mating, carrying food presumably for young, entering/leaving nest or cavity, carrying fecal sac, nest with eggs or young

COMMON NAME	BREEDING STATUS	WI		SP			SU		FA	NOTES
		DEC-JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JUL-AUG	SEP-NOV	
Herons to Vultures										
Great Blue Heron	<i>poss</i>		R	R	R		R	O	R	No known Sisters-area nest sites
Turkey Vulture	<i>poss</i>			C	U	U	R	O	O	Likely nests on canyon walls downstream
Waterfowl										
Canada Goose	<i>conf</i>	R	U	C	A	U			R	Usually nests in lower meadow
Wood Duck	<i>poss</i>				R	R				Nest box installed 2003, used by Am. Kestrel
Mallard	<i>conf</i>	R	U	C	C	U	U	O	O	Annual confirmed breeder, likely double-brooded
Cinnamon Teal	<i>prob</i>					R				Pair observed in breeding season
Blue-winged Teal		R							R	Rare transient, seen twice in migration
Green-winged Teal					R					Transient; nests at higher elevations
Barrow's Goldeneye				R	R					Transient; nests at higher elevations
Hooded Merganser			U		R					Transient; nests at higher elevations
Common Merganser			R							Known to nest downstream toward Deschutes R.
Lesser Scaup		R								Single siting January at Hindman Springs
American Widgeon									R	Single siting, large group at Duckett Pond
Northern Pintail		R								Single siting, Hindman Springs in 2011
Bufflehead									R	Single siting, three at Duckett Pond
Raptors										
Osprey	<i>prob</i>				R	R				Utilizes creek for foraging
Bald Eagle	<i>prob</i>	R		O		R	R			"Flight area"; not nesting here
Northern Harrier						R				Nests mostly east
Sharp-shinned Hawk	<i>poss</i>	R		O	R	R			R	May nest on or adjacent to property
Cooper's Hawk	<i>poss</i>				R	R	R			Known to nest within 3 mi.
Northern Goshawk				R						Two known nest sites <3 mi from Hindman Spring
Red-tailed Hawk	<i>conf</i>	C	C	C	C	U	A	C	C	Year-round resident; two pairs have nested
Rough-legged Hawk					R					Very rare transient; overwinters in Cloverdale
Golden Eagle	<i>poss</i>			R		R				Known to nest in canyon downstream
American Kestrel	<i>conf</i>	R			O	R		O	R	Nested in Wood Duck box in 2003
Prairie Falcon					R					One sighting, Lower Meadow in 2011
Merlin				R						Rare transient; overwinters widely in region
Gallinaceous Birds										
Wild Turkey	<i>prob</i>						O	A	C	Common mid June to mid November; large families
Mountain Quail	<i>prob</i>				R	R				Pair seen, multiple birds heard calling
California Quail	<i>conf</i>	R	U	U	U	C	C	A	C	Year-round resident

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Rails & Shorebirds										
Virginia Rail	<i>conf</i>	O	R	U	O	O	O	O	O	Probable year-round resident; juveniles observed annually
Sora	<i>prob</i>			R	O	O	O	U		Juveniles observed in breeding season
American Coot	<i>poss</i>				R	R	R			Single birds observed
Killdeer	<i>conf</i>			O	R	O	U			May nest on gravel bars or sandy upland near lower aspens
Spotted Sandpiper	<i>conf</i>					O	A	O	R	Likely annual nester
Long-billed Curlew						R				Vocalization detected from property N of Hindman Spring
Wilson's Snipe	<i>prob</i>	O	R	R	O	O	R		R	Possible year-round resident
Doves & Owls										
Rock Pigeon					R					Formerly named Rock Dove; nests in Cloverdale
Mourning Dove	<i>prob</i>				U	U	C	A	U	Likely nests annually on property
Western Screech-Owl		R				R			R	Resident south of Camp Polk Rd., west of creek
Great Horned Owl	<i>conf</i>		R	R	R		R			Possible year-round resident; has nested in past
Northern Pygmy-Owl	<i>prob</i>	R			R	R			R	Pair observed once in breeding season
Nightjars to Kingfishers										
Common Nighthawk	<i>poss</i>					R	O			Birds foraging on property may nest above canyon
Vaux's Swift	<i>prob</i>					R	R			May nest in snags S of lower meadow; pairs observed
Anna's Hummingbird	<i>prob</i>				R	R	O			Territorial birds observed; possible range expansion
Calliope Hummingbird	<i>prob</i>				O	U	U			Likely nests on property and in seep above lower meadow
Rufous Hummingbird	<i>conf</i>					R		U		Usually nests at higher elevations
Belted Kingfisher	<i>conf</i>	O		O	O	O	U	U	O	Nests in creek bank
Woodpeckers										
Lewis's Woodpecker	<i>poss</i>					R				Common annual nester downstream and on steppe above
Williamson's Sapsucker	<i>poss</i>			R	R				R	Transient; nests at higher elevations
Red-naped Sapsucker	<i>conf</i>				O	U	O	U		Annual confirmed breeder; nests in lower aspen grove
Red-breasted Sapsucker		O	R						R	Overwinters annually
Downy Woodpecker	<i>prob</i>	U			R	O	O	O	O	Likely nests in lower aspen grove or Pond Springs area
Hairy Woodpecker	<i>conf</i>	R	O	U	O	O	R	U	R	Year-round resident
White-headed Woodpecker	<i>poss</i>	O	O	U	R	R				Seen nesting in upper meadow
Northern Flicker	<i>conf</i>	U	O	A	A	U	C	A	A	Year-round resident
Flycatchers										
Olive-sided Flycatcher	<i>poss</i>					R	R			Detected singing in successive years
Western Wood-Pewee	<i>conf</i>					O	A	A	R	Annual confirmed breeder; multiple pairs around perimeter
Willow Flycatcher	<i>prob</i>					R	O			Pairs and singing observed
Hammond's Flycatcher					R	R			R	Transient; nests at higher elevations
Gray Flycatcher	<i>prob</i>				R	O			R	Nests in juniper and pine above canyon rim
Dusky Flycatcher	<i>poss</i>					R	O	O	R	May nest on property, but mostly transient
Cordilleran Flycatcher	<i>conf</i>					R	R	U		Debatable identification; could be Pacific-slope
Say's Phoebe	<i>conf</i>			U	U	O	U	O	R	Annual confirmed breeder
Black Phoebe					r					One sighting, Hindman Springs in 2011
Ash-throated Flycatcher	<i>conf</i>					R	U	U		Nests in juniper above canyon
Western Kingbird	<i>prob</i>				R					Nests annually in Cloverdale
Eastern Kingbird	<i>poss</i>						R			Single detection, early June; possible range expansion

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<i>Shrikes to Corvids</i>									
Northern Shrike				R				R	Transient, overwinters in Cloverdale
Cassin's Vireo	<i>prob</i>				R	R	R	O	May nest in lower aspen grove
Warbling Vireo	<i>conf</i>					R	O	O	Multiple pairs may nest annually
Steller's Jay	<i>conf</i>	C	A	C	C	U	C	A	Year-round resident
Western Scrub-Jay	<i>poss</i>			O	R				Marked increase since 2001; possible range expansion
Pinion Jay							R		Very transient local year-round resident
Clark's Nutcracker	<i>poss</i>	R		R	R	O	R		Known to nest nearby, but usually at higher elevations
Black-billed Magpie	<i>conf</i>	A	A	C	A	C	C		Annual confirmed breeder; year-round resident
Common Raven	<i>prob</i>	O	U		U	O		U	Year-round resident
<i>Larks to Swallows</i>									
Horned Lark					R				Very rare transient; single flyover record
Tree Swallow	<i>conf</i>			R	C	C	C	O	Annual confirmed breeder
Violet-Green Swallow	<i>conf</i>			O	U	U	U	O	May nest in canyon walls or rimrock
N. Rough-winged Swallow	<i>conf</i>				O	U	U	U	Nests in creek bank
Bank Swallow	<i>conf</i>					O	U	C	Annual confirmed breeder; nests in creek bank
Cliff Swallow	<i>conf</i>				R	O	R		Has nested under eave of old house
Barn Swallow	<i>poss</i>				R	R	O	O	Common local breeder; may nest in canyon rimrock
<i>Chickadees to Kinglets</i>									
Mountain Chickadee	<i>conf</i>	U	U	U	U	O	R	C	Annual confirmed breeder; year-round resident
Black-capped Chickadee						R			Single birds sighted twice at lower stream
Bushtit	<i>conf</i>		O	O	O	O	U	O	Annual confirmed breeder; likely year-round resident
Red-breasted Nuthatch	<i>conf</i>	O	O	O	O	R	O		Probable year-round resident
White-breasted Nuthatch	<i>conf</i>	O	O	R	R	R	R	O	Probable year-round resident
Pygmy Nuthatch	<i>conf</i>	C	A	U	C	C	A	A	Annual confirmed breeder; year-round resident
Brown Creeper						O			Difficult to observe; seen in migration season
Rock Wren		R				R			Rare transient
Canyon Wren	<i>conf</i>	R	R	O	O	R	O		Year-round resident
House Wren	<i>conf</i>				O	C	C	A	Annual confirmed breeder
Winter/Pacific Wren		U	U	O	R				Regular in winter
Marsh Wren	<i>poss</i>	R		R		R			Rare transient
Bewick's Wren						R			Single sighting in willows of mid Ponderosa
American Dipper	<i>conf</i>	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	Annual breeder, at least double brooded; resides year-round
Golden-crowned Kinglet	<i>poss</i>			R	R	R			Transient; nests at higher elevations
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<i>prob</i>	R	R	U	C	O			Transient; nests at higher elevations
<i>Thrushes</i>									
Western Bluebird	<i>conf</i>		R	C	U	O	O	U	Has nested in box at mid-meadow
Mountain Bluebird	<i>prob</i>				R				Rare transient; nests at higher elevations, overwinters east
Townsend's Solitaire	<i>conf</i>	C	U	A	O	R		C	Enigmatic; usually nests at higher elevations
Swainson's Thrush	<i>poss</i>					R			Rare transient; has likely bred at Indian Ford CG
Hermit Thrush	<i>poss</i>				O	O			Transient; nests at higher elevations
American Robin	<i>conf</i>	U	U	A	C	C	A	C	Annual confirmed breeder; year-round resident
Varied Thrush		R		O	R				Regular in winter

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Starlings to Waxwings										
European Starling	<i>conf</i>		O	C	C	U	O			Annual confirmed breeder
American Pipit					R					Very rare transient; single flyover record
Cedar Waxwing	<i>poss</i>	R	O			R	R		R	Enigmatic; may nest in region
Warblers & Tanagers										
Orange-crowned Warbler	<i>prob</i>				O	O			R	Transient; no known local nest sites
Nashville Warbler	<i>prob</i>				R	R			R	Transient; nests from ponderosa pine forest westward
Yellow Warbler	<i>prob</i>				R	U	A	C	O	Likely nests annually on property
Yellow-rumped Warbler	<i>prob</i>			R	U	O	R		O	Nests commonly W of Sisters; Myrtle subspecies rare in Ap
Black-thr. Gray Warbler	<i>poss</i>					R	R		R	May nest on slope above creek, NE boundary
Townsend's Warbler	<i>prob</i>					R			R	Transient; nests at higher elevations
Hermit Warbler						R				Very rare transient; nests at higher elevations
MacGillivray's Warbler	<i>prob</i>				R	R				Transient; nests at higher elevations
Common Yellowthroat	<i>prob</i>				R	O	O	O	R	Likely nests annually on property
Wilson's Warbler	<i>prob</i>				R	C	O		R	Female observed visiting probable nest site
Yellow-breasted Chat					R					Single siting to date
Western Tanager	<i>poss</i>			R		O	R		R	Transient; nests at higher elevations
Sparrows & Allies										
Spotted Towhee	<i>conf</i>	R	R	C	U	U	C	A	C	Year-round resident
Green-tailed Towhee					R					One sighting, Mid Meadow in 2010
American Tree Sparrow					R					Very rare transient; not a confirmed record
Chipping Sparrow	<i>conf</i>				R	O		O		Widespread regional breeder
Vesper Sparrow					R					Rare transient, yet nests within 5 mi.
Savannah Sparrow					R					Rare transient, yet nests within 5 mi.
Fox Sparrow				R	O	R			O	Mostly "Thick-billed" subspecies; nests within 5 mi.
House Sparrow			O	O	O					Range extension from town? Seen less than 10% of time
Song Sparrow	<i>conf</i>	O	U	C	A	C	U	C	C	Year-round resident
Lincoln's Sparrow	<i>poss</i>	R			O	R			O	Common transient; nests at higher elevations
White-crowned Sparrow	<i>prob</i>				U	O			O	Common transient; nests at higher elevations
Golden-crowned Sparrow	<i>prob</i>	R	R		O	O			U	Pair observed visiting possible nest site; rare state breeder
Dark-eyed Junco	<i>prob</i>	O	O	U	O	R		O	U	Common resident; may nest adjacent to property
Black-headed Grosbeak	<i>conf</i>					C	A	C		Multiple pairs nest annually
Lazuli Bunting						R				Rare transient; nests in grasslands to the north
Icterids										
Red-winged Blackbird	<i>conf</i>		U	C	A	C	A	C	U	Annual confirmed breeder
Western Meadowlark	<i>poss</i>			R	R	R	R		R	Regular transient; nests within 5 mi.
Brewer's Blackbird	<i>prob</i>				U	U	C	U	R	Annual confirmed breeder
Brown-headed Cowbird	<i>prob</i>				R	U	C	O		Likely nests annually
Bullock's Oriole	<i>conf</i>					U	A			Multiple pairs breed annually
Finches										
Cassin's Finch									R	Rare transient, although common in region
House Finch	<i>prob</i>			O	R	R	R	O	O	Possible resident, likely annual breeder in juniper
Red Crossbill	<i>poss</i>	R	R	R	R	R	R	O	O	Enigmatic; usually nests at higher elevations
Pine Siskin	<i>prob</i>				R	O	R	U	R	Transient; nests mostly at higher elevations
Lesser Goldfinch									R	Very rare transient; single flock flyover record
American Goldfinch	<i>conf</i>	O	R	R	R	O	O	U		Nests annually at lower aspen grove
Evening Grosbeak		R		O	O	R			R	Transient; nests at higher elevations