

### BIRDS OF THE SALEM AREA

This list covers the 200 birds found within an approximate 15-mile radius of downtown Salem, including Ankeny and Baskett Slough National Wildlife Refuges (NWR). Lying on both sides of the Willamette River, the area consists of flat bottomlands, very wet in winter, and hilly uplands often covered with Oregon white oak, with some remnant Douglas fir.

Dusky Canada Geese, which the Valley Refuges were created to protect, and other water fowl, winter here in large numbers. Wintering raptors such as rough-legged hawks and short-eared owls may be found near Baskett Slough NWR and the Salem Airport vicinity, Cascades Gateway Park (near the airport), and Minto-Brown Island Park in South Salem, along with the two NWR's are good places to observe songbird migration.

For more information on where to find birds in the Salem area, call or write Salem Audubon Society.

KEY	
<b>Seasons:</b>	<b>SP - Spring</b> (March-May) <b>SU - Summer</b> (June-August) <b>F - Fall</b> (September-November) <b>W - Winter</b> (December-February)
<b>Frequency:</b>	<b>C - Common</b> (certain to be seen in suitable habitat) <b>U - Uncommon</b> (present, but not certain to be seen) <b>O - Occasional</b> (may appear only a few times during a season) <b>R - Rare</b> (may not be seen at all during a season)
<b>* Nests Locally + Threatened/Endangered Species</b>	

SPECIES	SP	SU	F	W
Pacific Loon	R		R	R
Common Loon	R		O	O
Pied-Billed Grebe*	C	C	C	C
Horned Grebe	O		O	O
Red-Necked Grebe		R	R	R
Eared Grebe	O		O	O
Western Grebe	O	R	O	O
Double-Crested Cormorant	O	O	C	C
American Bittern*	O	O	O	R
Great Blue Heron*	C	C	C	C
Great Egret	O	R	O	O
Cattle Egret				R
Green Heron*	U	U	U	O
Black-Crowned Night-Heron	R	R		R
Tundra Swan	O		U	U
Trumpeter Swan	O		O	O
Greater White-Fronted Goose	O	R	O	O
Snow Goose	O		O	O
Ross' Goose	O			O
Emperor Goose			R	R
Brant	R		R	R
Canada Goose*	C	C	C	C
Wood Duck*	U	U	U	U
Green-Winged Teal	C	R	C	C
Mallard*	C	C	C	C
Northern Pintail	C	O	C	C
Blue-Winged Teal*	O	O	O	R
Cinnamon Teal*	U	U	U	R
Northern Shoveler	C	R	C	C
Gadwall	O		O	O

SPECIES	SP	SU	F	W
Eurasian Wigeon	O		O	O
American Wigeon	C	R	C	C
Canvasback	O		O	O
Redhead	R			R
Ring-Necked Duck	U	O	U	C
Greater Scaup	R	R	R	R
Lesser Scaup	U	R	C	C
Common Goldeneye	O		O	O
Bufflehead	U		C	C
Hooded Merganser*	U	U	U	U
Common Merganser	U	O	U	U
Ruddy Duck	U	O	C	C
Turkey Vulture	C	C	U	R
Osprey*	C	C	O	R
White-Tailed Kite	R			R
Bald Eagle+	U	O	O	U
Northern Harrier	U	U	U	U
Sharp-Shinned Hawk	U	U	U	U
Cooper's Hawk	U	U	U	U
Northern Goshawk	R			R
Red-Tailed Hawk*	C	C	C	C
Rough-Legged Hawk	U		U	U
Golden Eagle	R			R
American Kestrel*	C	C	C	C
Merlin	O		U	U
Prairie Falcon				R
Peregrine Falcon+			O	O
Ring-Necked Pheasant*	U	U	U	U
Ruffed Grouse*	O	O	O	O
California Quail*	C	C	C	C
Virginia Rail*	U	U	O	R
Sora*	U	U		
American Coot*	C	C	C	C
Sandhill Crane	O		O	
Black-Bellied Plover	O		O	O
Semipalmated Plover	O	O	O	O
Killdeer*	C	C	C	C
Black-Necked Stilt	R			
Greater Yellowlegs	U	O	U	R
Lesser Yellowlegs	O	O	O	
Solitary Sandpiper	O	O		
Spotted Sandpiper	U	U	U	R
Semipalmated Sandpiper	R		R	
Western Sandpiper	U	U	U	R
Least Sandpiper	U	U	U	O
Baird's Sandpiper	R	O	O	
Pectoral Sandpiper	R	O	O	
Dunlin	U		O	U
Short-Billed Dowitcher	R	R	R	
Long-Billed Dowitcher	O	U	U	O
Common Snipe*	U	O	U	U
Wilson's Phalarope	O	O	R	
Red-Necked Phalarope	O	O	O	
Red Phalarope	R		R	R
Franklin's Gull			R	R
Bonaparte's Gull	R	R	O	O
Mew Gull	U		U	U
Ring-Billed Gull	U	O	U	U

SPECIES	SP	SU	F	W
California Gull	U	O	U	U
Herring Gull	O		O	O
Thayer's Gull	O		O	O
Western Gull				R
Glaucous-Winged Gull	U		U	C
Glaucous Gull				R
Caspian Tern	R	R	R	
Black Tern		R	R	
Rock Dove	C	C	C	C
Band-Tailed Pigeon	O	O	O	R
Morning Dove*	C	C	C	U
Barn Owl*	U	U	U	U
Western Screech-Owl*	U	U	U	U
Great Horned Owl*	U	U	U	U
Snowy Owl			R	R
Short-Eared Owl	O		O	O
Northern Saw-Whet Owl				O
Common Nighthawk		O	R	
Vaux's Swift	U	U	U	
Anna's Hummingbird	R	R	O	O
Rufous Hummingbird*	C	C	U	R
Belted Kingfisher*	U	U	U	U
Lewis' Woodpecker	R	R	R	R
Acorn Woodpecker*	U	U	U	U
Red-Breasted Sapsucker*	O	O	O	O
Downy Woodpecker*	U	U	U	U
Hairy Woodpecker*	O	O	O	O
Northern Flicker*	C	C	C	C
Pileated Woodpecker*	O	O	O	O
Olive-Sided Flycatcher*	U	U	O	
Western Wood-Pewee*	U	C	U	
Willow Flycatcher*	U	C	U	
Pacific Slope Flycatcher	U	U	O	
Say's Phoebe	R			R
Western Kingbird*	O	O		
Horned Lark*	U	U	U	U
Purple Martin	R	R	R	
Tree Swallow*	C	C	U	R
Violet-Green Swallow*	C	C	U	
Northern Rough-Winged Swallow	U	O	O	
Cliff Swallow*	C	C	U	
Barn Swallow*	C	C	C	R
Steller's Jay*	C	C	C	C
Western Scrub Jay*	C	C	C	C
American Crow*	C	C	C	C
Common Raven	O	O	O	O
Black-Capped Chickadee*	C	C	C	C
Mountain Chickadee	R			R
Chestnut-Backed Chickadee*	U	U	U	U
Bushitit*	C	C	C	C
Red-Breasted Nuthatch*	C	C	C	C
White-Breasted Nuthatch*	C	C	C	C
Brown Creeper*	U	U	U	U
Bewick's Wren*	C	C	C	C
House Wren*	U	U	R	
Winter Wren	U	U	U	U
Marsh Wren*	U	U	U	O
American Dipper	R	R	R	R

SPECIES	SP	SU	F	W
Golden-Crowned Kinglet	C	O	C	C
Ruby-Crowned Kinglet	C		C	C
Western Bluebird*	U	U	U	U
Townsend's Solitaire	R		R	R
Swainson's Thrush*	C	C	O	
Hermit Thrush	O		R	O
American Robin*	C	C	C	C
Varied Thrush	O		U	U
Northern Mockingbird	R			R
Water Pipit	U		U	U
Cedar Waxwing*	U	U	C	O
Northern Shrike	O		O	O
Loggerhead Shrike	R	R	R	
European Starling*	C	C	C	C
Cassin's Vireo	U	O	R	
Hutton's Vireo*	U	U	O	O
Warbling Vireo*	U	O	R	
Orange-Crowned Warbler*	C	C	O	R
Nashville Warbler	O		R	
Yellow Warbler*	O	O	O	
Yellow-Rumped Warbler	C	O	U	U
Black-Throated Gray Warbler	U	O	O	
Townsend's Warbler	O		O	O
Hermit Warbler	R			
Macgillivray's Warbler*	U	O	O	
Common Yellowthroat*	C	C	U	
Wilson's Warbler	C	U	O	
Yellow-Breasted Chat*	R	O		
Western Tanager*	C	U	O	
Black-Headed Grosbeak*	C	C	O	
Lazuli Bunting*	U	U	R	
Spotted Towhee*	C	C	C	C
Chipping Sparrow*	U	U	U	R
Vesper Sparrow*	O	O	O	R
Savannah Sparrow*	C	C	U	O
Fox Sparrow	U		U	U
Song Sparrow*	C	C	C	C
Lincoln's Sparrow	O		O	U
White-Throated Sparrow	U		U	U
Golden-Crowned Sparrow	C		C	C
White-Crowned Sparrow*	C	C	C	C
Harris' Sparrow	O			O
Dark-Eyed Junco	C	U	C	C
Red-Winged Blackbird*	C	C	C	C
Western Meadowlark*	O	O	O	O
Yellow-Headed Blackbird	R	R	R	
Brewer's Blackbird*	C	C	C	C
Brown-Headed Cowbird*	C	C	U	O
Northern Oriole*	U	U		R
Purple Finch*	U	U	U	U
House Finch*	C	C	C	C
Red Crossbill	O	O	O	O
Pine Siskin	U	U	U	U
Lesser Goldfinch*	U	U	U	U
American Goldfinch*	C	C	C	C
Evening Grosbeak	U	O	O	O
House Sparrow*	C	C	C	C

### BIRDS VERY RARELY SEEN IN THE SALEM AREA

The following 69 species have been recorded very few times, many of them only once. This list is compiled from Refuge records, local Christmas Bird Counts, and the field notes columns of Salem Audubon's monthly KESTREL.)

Red-Throated Loon	Northern Pygmy-Owl
Red-Necked Grebe	Burrowing Owl
Clark's Grebe	White-Winged Scoter
Least Bittern	Spotted Owl
Snowy Egret	Long-Eared Owl
Little Blue Heron	Black Swift
White-Faced Ibis	Black-Chinned Hummingbird
Tufted Duck	Calliope Hummingbird
Long Tail Duck	Red-Naped Sapsucker
Black Scoter	Hammond's Flycatcher
Barrow's Goldeneye	Ash-Throated Flycatcher
Red-Shouldered Hawk	Eastern Kingbird
Swainson's Hawk	Bank Swallow
Ferruginous Hawk	Gray Jay
Gyrfalcon	Black-Billed Magpie
American Golden-Plover	Pygmy Nuthatch
Pacific Golden-Plover	Rock Wren
Mountain Plover	Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher
American Avocet	Mountain Bluebird
Willet	Wrentit
Whimbrel	Brown Thrasher
Long-Billed Curlew	Bohemian Waxwing
Hudsonian Godwit	Loggerhead Shrike
Marbled Godwit	Tennessee Warbler
Red Knot	Black-And-White Warbler
Black Turnstone	American Tree Sparrow
Sanderling	Lark Sparrow
Stilt Sandpiper	Grasshopper Sparrow
Heermann's Gull	Lapland Longspur
Black-Legged Kittiwake	Snow Bunting
Sabine's Gull	Bobolink
Common Tern	Cassin's Finch
Arctic Tern	White-Winged Crossbill
Forster's Tern	

This bird list of the Salem area was compiled by members of the Salem Audubon Society and has been revised several times.

The Salem Audubon Society, an active chapter of National Audubon Society, meets the third Wednesday of each month, September - May, 6:30 p.m., in the Carrier Room of First Methodist Church, corner of Church and State streets. Various nature-related programs are presented.

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Salem Audubon conducts field trips throughout the year and also presents many nature-related programs in the schools and the community. Programs and field trips are open to the public. For information, telephone 503-588-7340 (office).

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