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Birds of Pahranaagat National Wildlife Refuge

Annotated Checklist 2011

Pahranaagat National Wildlife Refuge
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Established in 1964, Pahranaagat National Wildlife Refuge is an oasis in southern Nevada. Located 90 miles north of Las Vegas, the refuge contains 5,380 acres of marshes, open water, native grass meadows and riparian woodlands. It is an important stopping point for waterfowl and other migratory birds.

The diversity of the area provides habitat for a variety of birds. Waterfowl and shorebirds are most numerous. Great blue herons, egrets and other shorebirds can be found in the shallow areas of the marshes and lakes. Raptors are most abundant in the winter. Warblers, orioles and finches are abundant in the cottonwood and willow trees that border the shorelines of the North Marsh and Upper Lake. The open fields attract meadowlarks, blackbirds and mourning doves.

Species diversity and density are highest in the spring and fall. Over 300 species of birds have been recorded on the refuge.

Symbols used in this list are defined as follows:

Sp	Spring	March-May
S	Summer	June-August
F	Fall	September-November
W	Winter	December-February
*		Nests locally

c Common
 Species can usually be observed in suitable habitat

o Occasional
 Species is an irregular occurrence in suitable habitat

r Rare
 Species is infrequently found in suitable habitat

Common Name	Sp	S	F	W
Ducks, Geese, and Swans				
___ Gr. White-fronted Goose	r	r	r	
___ Snow Goose	r	o	o	
___ Ross's Goose	r	o	o	
___ Cackling Goose		r	r	
___ *Canada Goose	c	c	c	c
___ Tundra Swan	o		o	c
___ Wood Duck				r

Common Name	Sp	S	F	W
___ *Gadwall	c	c	c	o
___ American Wigeon	o	o	c	c
___ *Mallard	c	c	c	c
___ Blue-winged Teal	o		o	o
___ *Cinnamon Teal	c	o	c	o
___ *Northern Shoveler	c	o	c	o
___ Northern Pintail	c	o	c	c
___ *Green-winged Teal	c	o	c	c
___ Canvasback	c	r	c	c
___ *Redhead	c	o	c	o
___ Ring-necked Duck	o	r	o	o
___ Greater Scaup	r		r	
___ Lesser Scaup	o		o	o
___ Bufflehead	o		o	o
___ Common Goldeneye	o		o	o
___ Hooded Merganser	r		r	o
___ Common Merganser	o		o	c
___ Red-breasted Merganser	o		o	o
___ *Ruddy Duck	o	o	c	c
Gallinaceous Birds				
___ *Ring-necked Pheasant	o	o	o	o
___ *Gambel's Quail	c	c	c	c
Loons				
___ Common Loon	o		o	o
Grebes				
___ *Pied-billed Grebe	c	o	c	c
___ Horned Grebe	r		r	
___ Eared Grebe	c	o	c	c
___ *Western Grebe	c	o	c	o
___ *Clark's Grebe	o	o	o	o
Pelicans				
___ American White Pelican	o	r	o	r
Cormorants				
___ *Double-cr. Cormorant	c	c	c	o
Bitterns, Herons and Egrets				
___ *American Bittern	o	o	o	o
___ *Least Bittern	o	o	o	
___ *Great Blue Heron	c	c	c	c
___ Great Egret	o	o	o	
___ Snowy Egret	o	o	c	o
___ Cattle Egret	r	r	r	
___ Green Heron	r		r	
___ *Black-cr. Night-Heron	o	o	o	o
Ibis				
___ White-faced Ibis	o	o	o	
New World Vultures				
___ Turkey Vulture	c	c	o	r
Osprey, Eagles and Hawks				
___ Osprey	o	o	o	r
___ *White-tailed Kite	r	o	r	r
___ Bald Eagle	r		r	c
___ *Northern Harrier	c	c	c	c
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	o	r	o	o
___ Cooper's Hawk	o	o	c	c
___ *Red-shouldered Hawk	r	r	r	r
___ Swainson's Hawk	r	r	r	
___ *Red-tailed Hawk	c	c	c	c
___ Ferruginous Hawk	r		o	o
___ Rough-legged Hawk	o		o	o
___ Golden Eagle	c	o	c	c
Falcons				
___ *American Kestrel	c	c	c	c
___ Merlin	o		o	o

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___ Peregrine Falcon	r		r	r
___ Prairie Falcon	o	o	o	o
Rails				
___ *Virginia Rail	o	o	o	r
___ *Sora	o	o	o	o
___ *Common Moorhen	o	o	o	r
___ *American Coot	c	c	c	c
Cranes				
___ Sandhill Crane	o		c	r
Plovers				
___ Black-bellied Plover	r		r	
___ Semipalmated Plover	o		o	
___ *Killdeer	c	c	c	c
Stilts and Avocets				
___ *Black-necked Stilt	o	o	o	
___ American Avocet	o	o	o	
Sandpipers and Phalaropes				
___ Spotted Sandpiper	o	o	o	
___ Solitary Sandpiper	o		o	
___ Greater Yellowlegs	o	o	o	r
___ Willet	o		o	
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	o	o	o	
___ Long-billed Curlew	o		o	
___ Marbled Godwit	o	r	o	
___ Sanderling			r	
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper	r		r	
___ Western Sandpiper	o	o	o	
___ Least Sandpiper	o	o	c	
___ Baird's Sandpiper	r		r	
___ Pectoral Sandpiper	r		r	
___ Long-billed Dowitcher	o	r	o	
___ Wilson's Snipe	c	o	o	r
___ Wilson's Phalarope	c	r	o	
___ Red-necked Phalarope	r		r	
Gulls and Terns				
___ Bonaparte's Gull	r		r	
___ Franklin's Gull	r		o	
___ Ring-billed Gull	c	o	c	o
___ California Gull	o	o	o	o
___ Herring Gull	r		r	r
___ Sabine's Gull			o	
___ Caspian Tern	o	o	o	
___ Black Tern	o	o	o	
___ Common Tern			r	
___ Forster's Tern	o	o	o	
Doves				
___ Rock Pigeon	o	o	o	o
___ Eurasian Collared-dove	c	c	c	c
___ White-winged Dove	r	r	r	r
___ *Mourning Dove	c	c	c	o
___ Common Ground-Dove	r		r	
Cuckoos				
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo			r	
___ *Greater Roadrunner	c	c	c	c
Owls				
___ *Barn Owl	c	c	c	c
___ *Western Screech-Owl	o	o	o	o
___ *Great Horned Owl	c	c	c	c
___ Burrowing Owl	r	r	r	
___ *Long-eared Owl	o	o	o	o
___ Short-eared Owl	o		o	
Nightjars				
___ *Lesser Nighthawk	c	c	o	

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___ *Common Nighthawk	c	c	o	
___ *Common Poorwill	c	c	o	
Swifts				
___ White-throated Swift	o	c	o	r
Hummingbirds				
___ *Black-chinned Hummingbird	c	c	c	
___ Costa's Hummingbird	r	o	r	
___ Calliope Hummingbird			r	
___ Broad-tailed Hummingbird	r	r		
___ Rufous Hummingbird	r	o		
Kingfishers				
___ Belted Kingfisher	o	o	o	r
Woodpeckers				
___ Lewis's Woodpecker	o		o	r
___ Red-naped Sapsucker	o	r	o	o
___ Ladder-backed Woodpecker	o	o	o	o
___ Hairy Woodpecker	r	r	r	
___ *Northern Flicker	c	o	c	c
Flycatchers				
___ Olive-sided Flycatcher	o		o	
___ Western Wood-Pewee	o	r	o	
___ Willow Flycatcher	o	o	o	
___ *Southwestern	o	o		
___ Hammond's Flycatcher	c		o	
___ Gray Flycatcher	c	o	c	o
___ Dusky Flycatcher	c	o	o	
___ Western Flycatcher	c	o	c	
___ *Black Phoebe	o	o	o	o
___ *Say's Phoebe	c	c	c	o
___ *Vermilion Flycatcher	r	r	r	r
___ *Ash-throated Flycatcher	o	o	r	
___ *Brown-crested Flycatcher	o	o	o	
___ Cassin's Kingbird	r	r	r	
___ *Western Kingbird	c	c	c	
___ Eastern Kingbird	r	r	r	
Shrikes				
___ *Loggerhead Shrike	c	c	c	c
Vireos				
___ Bell's Vireo	o	r		
___ Plumbeous Vireo	o	r	o	
___ Cassin's Vireo	r	r		
___ Warbling Vireo	c	o	c	
Crows, Jays and Magpies				
___ Western Scrub-Jay	o		o	o
___ Pinyon Jay	r	r		
___ *American Crow	o	o	o	o
___ *Common Raven	c	c	c	c
Larks				
___ *Horned Lark	c	c	c	c
Swallows				
___ *Tree Swallow	c	c	c	
___ *Violet-green Swallow	c	c	c	
___ *No. Rough-winged Swallow	c	o	c	
___ *Bank Swallow	o		o	
___ *Cliff Swallow	o	o	o	
___ *Barn Swallow	o	c	o	r
Chickadees				
___ Mountain Chickadee	r	r	r	
Verdins				
___ *Verdin	c	c	c	c
Bushtits				
___ Bushtit	r	r	r	
Nuthatches				
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	r		o	o
___ White-breasted Nuthatch	r		o	o
Creepers				
___ Brown Creeper	r		r	
Wrens				
___ *Cactus Wren	o	o	o	r
___ *Rock Wren	c	c	c	c
___ *Canyon Wren	o	o	o	o
___ *Bewick's Wren	c	c	c	o
___ House Wren	o	o	r	o
___ Winter Wren			r	r
___ *Marsh Wren	c	c	o	o
Kinglets				
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	r		r	r
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	c		c	c

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Old World Warblers				
___ *Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	o	o	o	r
Thrushes				
___ Western Bluebird	o		o	o
___ Mountain Bluebird	r	r	o	
___ Townsend's Solitaire	o	o	o	o
___ Swainson's Thrush	o		o	
___ Hermit Thrush	o		o	r
___ American Robin	c	o	c	c
Mimic Thrushes				
___ *Northern Mockingbird	c	c	c	o
___ Sage Thrasher	o	r	o	o
___ Bendire's Thrasher	r		r	
___ *Crissal Thrasher	o	o	o	o
___ *Le Conte's Thrasher	o	o	o	o
Starlings				
___ *European Starling	c	c	c	c
Pipits				
___ American Pipit	o		o	c
Waxwings				
___ Cedar Waxwing	o		o	o
Silky-flycatchers				
___ Phainopepla	r	r	r	
Wood Warblers				
___ Tennessee Warbler	r		r	
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	c		c	r
___ Nashville Warbler	r		r	
___ Virginia's Warbler	r		r	
___ *Lucy's Warbler	c	c	o	
___ *Yellow Warbler	c	c	c	
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler				
___ Myrtle	o		r	
___ Audubon's	c	r	c	c
___ Black-throated Gray Warbler	o		o	
___ Townsend's Warbler	o		o	
___ American Redstart	r		r	
___ MacGillivray's Warbler	o		o	
___ *Common Yellowthroat	c	c	c	
___ Wilson's Warbler	c		o	
___ *Yellow-breasted Chat	o	c	o	
Tanagers				
___ Summer Tanager	o	o	o	
___ Western Tanager	c	c	c	
Towhees and Sparrows				
___ Green-tailed Towhee	o		o	
___ *Spotted Towhee	o	o	o	r
___ American Tree Sparrow				o
___ Chipping Sparrow	c		c	
___ Clay-colored Sparrow	r			
___ *Brewer's Sparrow	o		o	r
___ Vesper Sparrow	r	r	r	
___ Lark Sparrow	o	o	c	r
___ *Black-throated Sparrow	c	c	c	o
___ *Sage Sparrow	c	o	c	c
___ Lark Bunting	r	r	r	
___ Savannah Sparrow	o	r	o	o
___ Fox Sparrow	r	r		
___ *Song Sparrow	c	c	c	c
___ Lincoln's Sparrow	c		c	o
___ White-throated Sparrow	r		r	
___ White-crowned Sparrow	c	o	c	c
___ Dark-eyed Junco	c		c	o
Grosbeaks and Buntings				
___ Black-headed Grosbeak	o		o	
___ *Blue Grosbeak	o	c	o	
___ Lazuli Bunting	o	o	o	
___ Indigo Bunting	o	o	o	
Blackbirds and orioles				
___ *Red-winged Blackbird	c	c	c	c
___ *Western Meadowlark	c	o	c	o
___ *Yellow-headed Blackbird	c	c	o	o
___ *Brewer's Blackbird	o	c	o	o
___ *Great-tailed Grackle	o	c	o	o
___ *Brown-headed Cowbird	c	c	o	o
___ Hooded Oriole	c	c	o	
___ *Bullock's Oriole	c	c	o	
___ Scott's Oriole	o	o	o	
Finches				
___ Cassin's Finch	o		o	o

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___ *House Finch	c	c	c	c
___ Pine Siskin	c		c	o
___ *Lesser Goldfinch	c	c	c	o
___ American Goldfinch	o		o	o
Old World Sparrows				
___ *House Sparrow	c	c	c	c

Accidental species reported on Pahrnagat National Wildlife Refuge

Trumpeter Swan
Fulvous Whistling-Duck
Eurasian Wigeon
Surf Scoter
Red-throated Loon
Pacific Loon
Red-necked Grebe
Tricolored Heron
Reddish Egret
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron
Roseate Spoonbill
Wood Stork
Mississippi Kite
Common Black-Hawk
Zone-tailed Hawk
Clapper Rail (Yuma)
Dunlin
Red Phalarope
Band-tailed Pigeon
Northern Saw-whet Owl
Vaux's Swift
Red-headed Woodpecker
Acom Woodpecker
Red-breasted Sapsucker
Downy Woodpecker
Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
Tropical Kingbird
Northern Shrike
White-eyed Vireo
Gray Vireo
Blue-headed Vireo
Steller's Jay
Wood Thrush
Varied Thrush
Juniper Titmouse
Gray Catbird
Brown Thrasher
Northern Parula
Magnolia Warbler
Black-throated Blue Warbler
Hermit Warbler
Blackburnian Warbler
Palm Warbler
Bay-breasted Warbler
Blackpoll Warbler
Black-and-white Warbler
Prothonotary Warbler
Worm-eating Warbler
Ovenbird
Northern Waterthrush
Kentucky Warbler
Hooded Warbler
Harris's Sparrow
Golden-crowned Sparrow
Rusty Blackbird
Common Grackle
Purple Finch
Red Crossbill
Fork-tailed Flycatcher
Hutton's Vireo
Veery
Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Yellow-billed Loon

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