



## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge  
Brigham City, UT  
Waterbird/Raptor Survey  
07/02/09

Total waterfowl around 16,000. Long-term average for this week in July is closer to 32,000. Total shorebird numbers around 12,000 with the average about 22,000. River inflows remained unexpectedly high until July 5th when it plummeted from a high of 1000 cfs to 100 cfs.

All numbers within expected range. Southbound migrant shorebirds have arrived including marbled godwit and greater yellowlegs. While many western and Clark's grebes have young, the eared grebes have just initiated incubation. Notable sighting includes an American bittern on the auto-tour-loop south from the toilet about 1/4 to 1/2 mile, on the west side of the road. The Refuge road is open and partially paved. Phase 2 of the road construction has not yet begun.

Canada Goose	1138
Mallard	3354
Northern Pintail	3416
GW Teal	630
Cinnamon Teal	1687
Northern Shoveler	1703
Gadwall	2465
Wigeon	24
Canvasback	499
Redhead	1195
Ruddy duck	503
Pied-billed Grebe	11
Eared Grebe	197
Western Grebe	391
Clark's Grebe	297
A.W. Pelican	994
DC Cormorant	694
American Bittern	1
Great Blue Heron	85
Great Egret	9
Snowy Egret	162
BC Night Heron	33
White-faced Ibis	3877
Snowy Plover	1
Killdeer	5
Black Necked Stilt	2111
American Avocet	2536
Willet	2
Spotted Sandpiper	11
Greater Yellowlegs	4
Marbled Godwit	7147
Common Snipe	2
Wilson's Phalarope	9
Franklin's Gull	2590
Ring Billed Gull	2
California Gull	9499

Caspian Tern	3
Forster's Tern	261
Virginia Rail	1
Sora	7
Coot	2894
Sandhill Crane	7

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