



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge
Brigham City, UT
Waterbird/Raptor Survey
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Total waterfowl around 17,000 with a long-term average for this week in August around 34,000. Total shorebirds around 29,000 compared to the long-term average of 61,000. I think the lower numbers observed compared to the long-term averages is in part due to the amount of habitat available below D-line that is not visible from my driving route as well as a reflection of the number of wetland units we currently have dry for maintenance purposes. Notable increase in pintail numbers in the last month. Majority of young have fledged and can be see feeding (or being fed) including white-faced ibis, Franklin's gull, California gull, avocet and stilts and western and Clark's grebes. Total counts of birds by species all are within the expected range.

Canada Goose	1057
Mallard	3879
Northern Pintail	5693
GW Teal	128
Cinnamon Teal	1142
Northern Shoveler	943
Gadwall	2219
Am. Wigeon	221
Canvasback	96
Redhead	932
Ruddy duck	629
PB Grebe	9
Eared Grebe	46
Western Grebe	266
Clark's Grebe	150
A.W. Pelican	4619
DC Cormorant	677
Great Blue Heron	143
Great Egret	12
Snowy Egret	783
Blk. Crown. N. Heron	9
White-faced Ibis	17,426
Snowy Plover	53
Killdeer	4
Black necked Stilt	13,352
American Avocet	7,699
Spotted Sandpiper	10
Greater Yellowlegs	2
Lesser Yellowlegs	213
Marbled Godwit	5091
Least Sandpiper	7
Peep	52
Dowitcher sp.	2206
Wilson's Phalarope	28
Franklin's gull	2040
Ring billed gull	22
California gull	3156
Caspian Tern	9
Forster's Tern	329
Black Tern	71

Virginia Rail	2
Sora	1
Coot	9200
Sandhill Crane	3
Turkey Vulture	3
Northern Harrier	4

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