



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge
Brigham City, UT
Waterbird/Raptor Survey
09/04/09

Total waterfowl around 134,000 which is shy of the long-term average of 160,000 birds for this week in September. Total number of shorebirds around 11,000 which is below the long-term average of 28,000. September high counts of Greater Yellowlegs, Virginia Rail and Sora. Notable sightings include a swan (possible trumpeter?) and an albino mallard. Due to the wet June, many of the hunt units and the Refuge area that is adjacent to Great Salt Lake as well as the auto-tour loop, remained full of water throughout the summer months. Confirmed botulism on the Refuge, mainly effecting waterfowl.

Trumpeter Swan (?)	1
Canada Goose	2021
Mallard	14002
Northern Pintail	23564
Green-winged Teal	27807
Cinnamon Teal	14406
Northern Shoveler	30348
Gadwall	7934
Am. Wigeon	10240
Canvasback	92
Redhead	62
Ruddy Duck	3142
Pied-billed Grebe	4
Eared Grebe	11
Western Grebe	200
Clark's Grebe	97
A. W. Pelican	2589
DC Cormorant	455
Great Blue Heron	164
Great Egret	12
Snowy Egret	256
Black Crowned Night Heron	27
White Faced Ibis	779
Snowy Plover	23
Killdeer	8
Black Necked Stilt	1569
American Avocet	1300
Spotted Sandpiper	8
Greater Yellowlegs	75
Lesser Yellowlegs	60
Marbled Godwit	1757
Least Sandpiper	3
Peep	5
Baird's Sandpiper	11
Dowitcher spp.	5858
Franklin's Gull	478
Ring Billed Gull	1595
California Gull	1261
Caspian Tern	2
Forster's Tern	58

Black Tern	28
Virginia Rail	3
Sora	2
Am. coot	15643
Sandhill Crane	4
Turkey Vulture	2
Northern Harrier	3

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