

Malheur National Wildlife Refuge Average Arrival Dates for Spring Migratory Birds

Arrival dates for bird species recorded at Malheur National Wildlife Refuge and the surrounding area. List does not include species that regularly winter in the area.



Swans, Geese, and Ducks

Species	Earliest Arrival Date	Latest Arrival Date	Average Arrival Date
Greater white-fronted goose	2/Feb/94	14/Mar/77	18/Feb
Snow goose	29/Jan/70	6/Mar/56	13/Feb
Ross's goose	2/Feb/79	14/Apr/69	9/Mar
Tundra swan	25/Jan/98	25/Feb/66	11/Feb
Blue-winged teal	27/Feb/83	5/May/58	10/Apr
Cinnamon teal	4/Feb/72	21/Apr/78	28/Feb
Northern pintail	20/Jan/90	24-Feb-67/74	8/Feb

Grebes

Species	Earliest Arrival Date	Latest Arrival Date	Average Arrival Date
Pied-billed grebe	19/Jan/84	10/Apr/73	11/Mar
Horned grebe	6/Apr/98	30/May/64	20/Apr
Eared grebe	19/Jan/56	20/Apr/62	30/Mar
Western grebe	22/Feb/79	25/Apr/91	20/Mar
Clark's grebe	15/Mar/98	20/May/89	4/May

Pelicans

Species	Earliest Arrival Date	Latest Arrival Date	Average Arrival Date
American white pelican	21/Feb/91	16/Apr/68	24/Mar

Cormorants

Species	Earliest Arrival Date	Latest Arrival Date	Average Arrival Date
Double-crested cormorant	5/Feb/84	14/Apr/59	16/Mar

Bitterns, Herons, and Egrets

Species	Earliest Arrival Date	Latest Arrival Date	Average Arrival Date
American bittern	22/Feb/81	29/Apr/93	4/Apr
Great egret	19/Mar/85	16/Apr/68	26/Mar
Snowy egret	12/Mar/84	2/May/70	18/Apr
Cattle egret	26/Apr/88	13/May/95	6/May
Black-crowned night heron	1/Mar/85	24/Apr/80	28/Mar

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<i>Ibises and Spoonbills</i>			
Species	Earliest Arrival Date	Latest Arrival Date	Average Arrival Date
White-faced ibis	7/Apr/95	24/May/67	28/Apr
<i>New World Vultures</i>			
Species	Earliest Arrival Date	Latest Arrival Date	Average Arrival Date
Turkey vulture	18/Feb/76	5/Apr/62	15/Mar
<i>Osprey, Kites, Hawks, and Eagles</i>			
Species	Earliest Arrival Date	Latest Arrival Date	Average Arrival Date
Osprey	15/Mar/56	25/May/62	15/Apr
Swainson's hawk	5/Mar/90	27/Apr/76	5/Apr
<i>Rails</i>			
Species	Earliest Arrival Date	Latest Arrival Date	Average Arrival Date
Virginia rail	1/Mar/98	13/May/67	20/Apr
Sora	19/Mar/96	20/May/64	20/Apr
<i>Cranes</i>			
Species	Earliest Arrival Date	Latest Arrival Date	Average Arrival Date
Sandhill crane	7/Feb/59	28/Feb/57	17/Feb
<i>Plovers</i>			
Species	Earliest Arrival Date	Latest Arrival Date	Average Arrival Date
Black-bellied plover	5/Apr/95	13/May/90	27/Apr
Snowy plover	27/Feb/68	13/Jun/65	27/Apr
Killdeer	31/Jan/71	27/Feb/72	17/Feb
<i>Stilts and Avocets</i>			
Species	Earliest Arrival Date	Latest Arrival Date	Average Arrival Date
Black-necked stilt	20/Mar/84	18/Jun/57	16/Apr
American avocet	11/Mar/80	14/Apr/67	26/Mar

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<i>Sandpipers and Phalaropes</i>			
Species	Earliest Arrival Date	Latest Arrival Date	Average Arrival Date
Greater yellowlegs	22/Jan/63	7-Apr-67/73	17/Mar
Lesser yellowlegs	4/Apr/91	26/Apr/96	13/Apr
Willet	21/Mar/58	21-Apr-65/67	10/Apr
Spotted sandpiper	21/Apr/79	13/May/84	2/May
Long-billed curlew	15/Mar/98	5/Apr/82	26/Mar
Marbled godwit	19/Mar/90	25/May/81	27/Apr
Western sandpiper	2/Apr/66	5-May-73/98	21/Apr
Least sandpiper	11/Apr/77	6/May/88	25/Apr
Dunlin	28/Mar/85	16-May-66/71	27/Apr
Long-billed dowitcher	22/Feb/75	13/May/80	2/Apr
Wilson's phalarope	2/Apr/64	7/May/60	25/Apr
Red-necked phalarope	17/Apr/85	28/May/73	12/May

Skuas, Jaegers, Gulls, and Terns

Species	Earliest Arrival Date	Latest Arrival Date	Average Arrival Date
Franklin's gull	11/Mar/88	3-May-58/64	13/Apr
Bonaparte's gull	14/Apr/84	30/May/64	2/May
Ring-billed gull	26/Jan/93	19/Mar/67	22/Feb
California gull	14/Feb/85	2/Apr/66	7/Mar
Caspian tern	27/Mar/96	16/Jun/70	27/Apr
Forster's tern	9/Mar/83	4/May/63	23/Apr
Black tern	23/Apr/59	12/May/61	3/May

Pigeons and Doves

Species	Earliest Arrival Date	Latest Arrival Date	Average Arrival Date
Mourning dove	31/Jan/93	23/Apr/91	3/Apr

Typical Owls

Species	Earliest Arrival Date	Latest Arrival Date	Average Arrival Date
Burrowing owl	18/Feb/90	20/Apr/67	27/Mar

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<i>Nightjars</i>			
Species	Earliest Arrival Date	Latest Arrival Date	Average Arrival Date
Common nighthawk	28/Apr/75	29-May-76/88	24/May
Common poorwill	5/Mar/98	31/May/82	14/May
<i>Swifts</i>			
Species	Earliest Arrival Date	Latest Arrival Date	Average Arrival Date
Vaux's swift	24/Apr/88	1/Jun/94	7/May
<i>Hummingbirds</i>			
Species	Earliest Arrival Date	Latest Arrival Date	Average Arrival Date
Calliope hummingbird	2/May/98	2/May/98	2/May
Black-chinned hummingbird	26/Apr/98	26/Apr/98	26/Apr
Rufous hummingbird	21/Apr/59	28/Jun/65	7/May
<i>Woodpeckers</i>			
Species	Earliest Arrival Date	Latest Arrival Date	Average Arrival Date
Lewis's woodpecker	14/Mar/70	6/May/91	26/Apr
Red-naped sapsucker	8/Feb/96	4/May/87	6/Apr
<i>Tyrant Flycatchers</i>			
Species	Earliest Arrival Date	Latest Arrival Date	Average Arrival Date
Olive-sided flycatcher	2/May/81	1/Jun/88	17/May
Western wood Pewee	16/Apr/68	21-May-60/65	10/May
Willow flycatcher	29/Apr/69	14/Jun/66	14/May
Dusky flycatcher	22-Apr-62/66	26/May/98	2/May
Say's phoebe	18/Jan/41	16/Mar/73	22/Feb
Ash-throated flycatcher	21/Apr/84	4/Jun/98	18/May
Gray flycatcher	20/May/98	20/May/98	20/May
Cordilleran flycatcher	23/Apr/70	17/Jun/65	14/May
Western kingbird	13/Mar/98	3/May/67	23/Apr
Eastern kingbird	1/Apr/98	29/May/60	19/May

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<i>Vireos</i>			
Species	Earliest Arrival Date	Latest Arrival Date	Average Arrival Date
Plumbeous vireo	18/Apr/71	15-May-67/83	30/Apr
Warbling vireo	24/Apr/84	29/May/72	10/May
<i>Crows, Jays, and Magpies</i>			
Species	Earliest Arrival Date	Latest Arrival Date	Average Arrival Date
American crow	7/Feb/92	22/Mar/93	6/Mar
<i>Swallows</i>			
Species	Earliest Arrival Date	Latest Arrival Date	Average Arrival Date
Tree swallow	6/Feb/77	11/Mar/90	2/Mar
Violet-green swallow	24/Feb/82	28/Apr/62	27/Mar
Northern rough-winged swallow	6/Mar/68	22/Apr/60	7/Apr
Bank swallow	21/Apr/66	13/Jun/65	9/May
Cliff swallow	28/Feb/82	28/Apr/65	7/Apr
Barn swallow	27/Feb/67	19/Apr/62	5/Apr
<i>Nuthatches</i>			
Species	Earliest Arrival Date	Latest Arrival Date	Average Arrival Date
Red-breasted nuthatch	6/Mar/93	21/May/86	3/May
<i>Creepers</i>			
Species	Earliest Arrival Date	Latest Arrival Date	Average Arrival Date
Brown creeper	5/Mar/82	6/Jun/83	27/Apr
<i>Wrens</i>			
Species	Earliest Arrival Date	Latest Arrival Date	Average Arrival Date
House wren	16/Apr/98	16/Apr/98	16/Apr
<i>Kinglets</i>			
Species	Earliest Arrival Date	Latest Arrival Date	Average Arrival Date
Golden-crowned kinglet	19/Apr/98	19/Apr/98	19/Apr
Ruby-crowned kinglet	2/Feb/79	25/Apr/87	31/Mar

Species	Earliest Arrival Date	Latest Arrival Date	Average Arrival Date
<i>Thrushes</i>			
Species	Earliest Arrival Date	Latest Arrival Date	Average Arrival Date
Western bluebird	24/Jan/79	15/Mar/73	28/Feb
Swainson's thrush	30/Apr/84	16/Jun/65	26/May
Hermit thrush	14/Mar/98	31/May/61	5/May
Varied thrush	10/Feb/84	10/Apr/64	5/Mar
<i>Mimic Thrushes</i>			
Species	Earliest Arrival Date	Latest Arrival Date	Average Arrival Date
Sage thrasher	30/Jan/81	5/May/62	23/Mar
<i>Wagtails and Pipits</i>			
Species	Earliest Arrival Date	Latest Arrival Date	Average Arrival Date
American pipit	13/Feb/69	28/Apr/95	28/Mar
<i>Wood Warblers</i>			
Species	Earliest Arrival Date	Latest Arrival Date	Average Arrival Date
Orange-crowned warbler	5/Apr/98	11/May/59	25/Apr
Nashville warbler	14/Apr/93	8-May-64/76	26/Apr
Yellow warbler	16-Apr-71/89	8/May/64	26/Apr
Yellow-rumped (Aud)warbler	20/Mar/80	22/Apr/63	6/Apr
Yellow-rumped (myr) warbler	4/Mar/98	15/May/65	23/Apr
Black-throated gray warbler	23/Apr/79	29/May/96	12/May
Townsend's warbler	21/Apr/92	19/May/88	8/May
American redstart	2/May/74	5/Jun/90	23/May
MacGillivray's warbler	15/Apr/61	19/May/90	5/May
Common yellowthroat	13/Apr/84	20/May/64	1/May
Wilson's warbler	24/Apr/81	15/May/67	2/May
Yellow-breasted chat	4/May/98	20/May/78	12/May
<i>Tanagers</i>			
Species	Earliest Arrival Date	Latest Arrival Date	Average Arrival Date
Western tanager	10/Apr/77	15/May/61	3/May

Species	Earliest Arrival Date	Latest Arrival Date	Average Arrival Date
<i>Sparrows and Towhees</i>			
Species	Earliest Arrival Date	Latest Arrival Date	Average Arrival Date
Green-tailed towhee	21/Apr/79	24/May/66	11/May
Spotted towhee	17/Feb/77	19/Mar/62	2/Mar
Brewer's sparrow	6/Apr/74	19/May/64	1/May
Vesper sparrow	28/Feb/75	6/May/98	26/Mar
Lark sparrow	19/Mar/71	5/May/67	25/Apr
Savannah sparrow	1/Mar/87	12/Apr/62	23/Mar
Fox sparrow	6/Feb/98	30/Apr/84	10/Apr
Sagebrush sparrow	8/Feb/86	13/May/61	21/Mar
Lincoln's sparrow	22/Mar/87	14-May-60/85	23/Apr
White-crowned sparrow	13/Feb/98	19/Apr/83	22/Mar
Golden-crowned sparrow	19/Mar/72	28/May/61	1/May
<i>Cardinals, Grosbeaks, and Allies</i>			
Species	Earliest Arrival Date	Latest Arrival Date	Average Arrival Date
Black-headed grosbeak	20/Apr/64	2/Jun/68	11/May
Lazuli bunting	24/Apr/66	25/May/65	3/May
<i>Blackbirds and Orioles</i>			
Species	Earliest Arrival Date	Latest Arrival Date	Average Arrival Date
Bobolink	30/Apr/77	10/Jun/68	19/May
Red-winged blackbird	29/Jan/98	29/Jan/98	29/Jan
Western meadowlark	28/Jan/72	19/Mar/88	25/Feb
Yellow-headed blackbird	9-Mar-79/81	13/Apr/65	27/Mar
Brewer's blackbird	3/Feb/72	16/Apr/88	10/Mar
Brown-headed cowbird	4/Apr/82	13/May/60	24/Apr
Bullock's oriole	25/Apr/59	14-May-65/67	5/May
<i>Finches</i>			
Species	Earliest Arrival Date	Latest Arrival Date	Average Arrival Date
House finch	21/Feb/69	19/May/88	6/Apr
Pine siskin	1/Mar/90	6/Jun/67	25/Apr
American goldfinch	17/Jan/79	21/May/73	20/Apr