



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge Brigham City, UT General Bird Survey August 4, 2013

Volunteer Kristin Purdy conducted a general bird survey (non-waterbird) on the refuge on Aug 4, 2013, recording 19 species. Two additional species (western meadowlark and turkey vulture) were present on the route after the formal survey was completed. A high percentage of the birds recorded were along the east end of the D-line where the units with a priority for water resources are located. The high number of bank swallows indicates early migrants are moving into the refuge. Cliff swallows, also early migrants, were present at a much lower number than last month (156 as compared to 1771 in July). The presence of sage thrasher, Bullock's oriole and a hummingbird sp. indicates post-breeding dispersal has begun. The absence of ring-necked pheasants was unusual.

Mourning dove	2
Hummingbird sp.	1
Western kingbird	7
Eastern kingbird	13
Common raven	2
Tree swallow	5
Bank swallow	880
Cliff swallow	156
Barn swallow	106
Marsh wren	178
Sage thrasher	1
Savannah sparrow	47
Song sparrow	12
Red-winged blackbird	80
Yellow-headed blackbird	339
Brown-headed cowbird	22
Bullock's oriole	1
House sparrow	3
Northern harrier	3

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