



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge
Brigham City, UT
Waterbird/Raptor Survey
May 2-3, 2013

A waterbird/raptor survey was conducted on May 2-3, 2013 by Refuge Biologist Howard Browers, Student Intern Riley O'Brien and Volunteer Rosalie Winard recording 54 species. Water conditions were mostly good across the refuge. Naturally flooded seasonal wetlands and playas were dry or drying. The spring breeding season is progressing as several broods of Canada geese were sighted. American avocets, black-necked stilts and Forester's terns were observed sitting on nests. Recent arrivals include Wilson's phalarope. Highlights for the survey included blue-winged teal, sharp-shinned hawk, and peregrine falcon – species that are uncommon on refuge. Another highlight, though not counted for this survey, was a Northern mockingbird which is uncommon for northern Utah and especially the refuge.

Tundra swan	1	White-faced ibis	1,716
Canada goose	618	Killdeer	27
Mallard	1,547	Black-necked stilt	1,057
Northern pintail	22	American avocet	3,168
American green-winged teal	1,676	Willet	13
Blue-winged teal	2	Greater yellowlegs	4
Cinnamon teal	1,185	Long-billed curlew	21
Northern shoveler	3,930	Marbled godwit	346
Gadwall	4,538	Western sandpiper	5
American wigeon	486	Long-billed dowitcher	1,250
Canvasback	7	Wilson's snipe	1
Redhead	672	Wilson's phalarope	3
Lesser scaup	1,182	Franklin's gull	2,099
Bufflehead	238	Ring-billed gull	3
Common merganser	1	California gull	14,989
Ring-necked duck	4	Caspian tern	35
Ruddy duck	1,011	Forster's tern	149
Pied-billed grebe	21	Virginia rail	2
Eared grebe	814	Sora	1
Western grebe	118	American coot	4,873
Clark's grebe	37	Sandhill crane	1
American white pelican	81	Turkey vulture	3
Double-crested cormorant	988	Northern harrier	3
Great blue heron	85	Sharp-shinned hawk	1
Great egret	8	Swainson's hawk	3
Snowy egret	46	Peregrine falcon	2
Black-crowned night heron	7	Short-eared owl	1

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