



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge
Brigham City, UT
Waterbird/Raptor Survey
June 20-21, 2013

A waterbird/raptor survey was conducted on June 20-21, 2013 by Refuge Biologist Howard Browers and Intern Nicole Szostak, with 46 species recorded. Water conditions on the refuge are relatively good. A few units have dried or are drying due to being drawn down for the structure replacement project (Units 2B and 2C along the tour route) or due to the low amount of water available in the river (Units 1 and 1A). The low water conditions have stranded many carp which has provided a feast for gulls and turkey vultures.

Many birds on the refuge are still involved in nesting and brood rearing; however, some species such as marbled godwit have begun migration. A few ruddy duck, American avocet, pied-billed and western grebe and Caspian and Forster's tern chicks were sighted.

Canada goose	1,114	White-faced ibis	3,882
Mallard	1,148	Snowy plover	1
Northern pintail	275	Killdeer	47
American green-winged teal	1,177	Black-necked stilt	2,343
Blue-winged teal	13	American avocet	2,689
Cinnamon teal	1,618	Willet	2
Northern shoveler	127	Spotted sandpiper	6
Gadwall	2,612	Long-billed curlew	18
American wigeon	124	Marbled godwit	7
Canvasback	6	Wilson's phalarope	397
Redhead	519	Franklin's gull	1,123
Lesser scaup	100	Ring-billed gull	299
Ruddy duck	21	California gull	8,651
Unknown ducks	161	Caspian tern	43
Pied-billed grebe	24	Forster's tern	360
Eared grebe	44	Virginia rail	1
Western grebe	228	Sora	1
Clark's grebe	117	American coot	1,461
American white pelican	559	Sandhill crane	6
Double-crested cormorant	608	Turkey vulture	14
Great blue heron	76	Northern harrier	2
Great egret	8	Swainson's hawk	1
Snowy egret	85	Short-eared owl	1
Black-crowned night heron	33		

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