



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge
Brigham City, UT
Waterbird/Raptor Survey
October 20-21, 2014

A waterbird/raptor survey was conducted October 20-21, 2014 by Refuge Biologist Howard Browers and volunteers Frank and Josee Kee with 42 species recorded. Water conditions were mostly good across the refuge. The refuge is holding significant numbers of waterfowl, though overall waterfowl numbers are slightly below average for mid-October. Highlights included Bonaparte's gulls which are somewhat uncommon visitors to the refuge during fall migration and 2 fairly early rough-legged hawks.

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| Tundra swan | 300 | Great blue heron | 34 |
| Canada goose | 6,951 | Snowy egret | 1 |
| Mallard | 9,569 | Black-crowned night heron | 1 |
| Northern pintail | 55,319 | White-faced ibis | 6 |
| American green-winged teal | 22,674 | Killdeer | 36 |
| Cinnamon teal | 75 | American avocet | 153 |
| Northern shoveler | 25,300 | Greater yellowlegs | 92 |
| Gadwall | 22,870 | Lesser yellowlegs | 13 |
| American wigeon | 28,965 | Marbled godwit | 5 |
| Canvasback | 2,085 | Long-billed dowitcher | 535 |
| Redhead | 380 | Bonaparte's gull | 30 |
| Bufflehead | 7 | Ring-billed gull | 2,500 |
| Red-breasted merganser | 22 | California gull | 6 |
| Ring-necked duck | 232 | Herring gull | 1 |
| Ruddy duck | 16,470 | Forster's tern | 5 |
| Unknown ducks | 5,050 | American coot | 25,120 |
| Pied-billed grebe | 6 | Northern harrier | 18 |
| Eared grebe | 413 | Red-tailed hawk | 1 |
| Western grebe | 33 | Rough-legged hawk | 2 |
| Clark's grebe | 4 | American kestrel | 1 |
| American white pelican | 225 | Peregrine falcon | 2 |
| Double-crested cormorant | 236 | | |