



Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge
Brigham City, UT
Waterbird/Raptor Survey
June 11-12, 2015

A waterbird/raptor survey was conducted on June 11-12, 2015 by Refuge Biologist Howard Browers, Student Conservation Association Intern Sara Prussing, and Refuge Volunteer Rosalie Winard recording 46 species. Waterfowl numbers have tapered off with mostly breeding birds present now. However some molt migrants are starting to show up, e.g., male Northern pintail. Nesting and brood rearing is happening all over the refuge. Numerous Canada goose broods were present, though the goslings are looking more like their parents every day. Great blue heron nestlings are also nearly as big as the parents and will be leaving the nests soon. Broods of Mallard, American avocet, American coot, Pied-billed, Clark's and Western grebes were also sighted.

Canada goose	965	Cattle egret	3
Mallard	1,147	Black-crowned night heron	35
Northern pintail	454	White-faced ibis	3,392
American green-winged teal	154	Snowy plover	2
Blue-winged teal	17	Killdeer	76
Cinnamon teal	948	Black-necked stilt	756
Northern shoveler	704	American avocet	1,065
Gadwall	1,002	Willet	2
American wigeon	4	Spotted sandpiper	4
Canvasback	8	Greater yellowlegs	4
Redhead	614	Long-billed curlew	23
Lesser scaup	2	Wilson's phalarope	715
Common goldeneye	9	Franklin's gull	1,151
Red-breasted merganser	4	Ring-billed gull	876
Ruddy duck	357	California gull	6,603
Unknown ducks	690	Caspian tern	52
Pied-billed grebe	17	Forster's tern	143
Eared grebe	423	Virginia rail	6
Western grebe	240	Sora	5
Clark's grebe	135	American coot	1,479
American white pelican	452	Sandhill crane	2
Double-crested cormorant	768	Northern harrier	1
Great blue heron	188	Swainson's hawk	1
Snowy egret	64		