



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge
Brigham City, UT
Waterbird/Raptor Survey
August 14-15, 2015

A waterbird/raptor survey was conducted on August 14-15, 2015 by Refuge Biologist Howard Browers and Student Conservation Association Intern Sara Prussing, recording 49 species. Water conditions on the refuge have deteriorated over the last several weeks with several units mostly or completely dry. Highlights for the survey include the sighting of a stilt sandpiper, which is rare for the refuge and a Wilson's snipe which is relatively uncommon.

Canada goose	3,714	Snowy plover	1
Mallard	7,011	Killdeer	100
Northern pintail	16,098	Black-necked stilt	4,932
American green-winged teal	6,490	American avocet	5,980
Cinnamon teal	3,444	Spotted sandpiper	17
Northern shoveler	3,189	Greater yellowlegs	57
Gadwall	6,667	Lesser yellowlegs	2
American wigeon	246	Marbled godwit	193
Canvasback	4	Baird's sandpiper	1
Redhead	5	Stilt sandpiper	1
Common goldeneye	2	Long-billed dowitcher	305
Bufflehead	1	Wilson's snipe	1
Ruddy duck	220	Wilson's phalarope	31
Unknown ducks	4,365	Franklin's gull	4,198
Pied-billed grebe	31	Ring-billed gull	695
Eared grebe	77	California gull	584
Western grebe	501	Caspian tern	5
Clark's grebe	232	Forster's tern	19
American white pelican	2,276	American coot	4,360
Double-crested cormorant	290	Sandhill crane	21
Great blue heron	109	Turkey vulture	4
Great egret	5	Swainson's hawk	3
Snowy egret	36	American kestrel	1
Black-crowned night heron	54	Peregrine falcon	1
White-faced ibis	5,761	Loggerhead shrike	1