



## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge  
Brigham City, UT  
Waterbird/Raptor Survey  
August 30, 2016

A waterbird/raptor survey was conducted on August 30, 2016 by Student Conservation Association Intern Katharine Cody and Refuge Wildlife Biologist Howard Browers recording 47 species. Quite a few wetland units were dry or nearly dry. Waterfowl and shorebirds were abundant as fall migration continues and birds are more concentrated as surface water has dwindled. However flow in the Bear River has increased somewhat in the last few days and we are starting to divert water into dry units. The auto tour route is still offering good viewing opportunities.

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|----------------------------|--------|-----------------------|--------|
| Canada goose               | 3,292  | Killdeer              | 22     |
| Mallard                    | 7,725  | Black-necked stilt    | 9,663  |
| Northern pintail           | 19,765 | American avocet       | 11,550 |
| American green-winged teal | 22,933 | Willet                | 1      |
| Cinnamon teal              | 12,933 | Spotted sandpiper     | 6      |
| Northern shoveler          | 9,238  | Greater yellowlegs    | 21     |
| Gadwall                    | 15,566 | Lesser yellowlegs     | 2      |
| American wigeon            | 3      | Long-billed curlew    | 1      |
| Canvasback                 | 9      | Marbled godwit        | 301    |
| Redhead                    | 142    | Peep                  | 350    |
| Ruddy duck                 | 4,231  | Long-billed dowitcher | 2,900  |
| Unknown ducks              | 5,305  | Wilson's phalarope    | 39     |
| Pied-billed grebe          | 9      | Franklin's gull       | 5,862  |
| Eared grebe                | 22     | Ring-billed gull      | 610    |
| Western grebe              | 637    | California gull       | 674    |
| Clark's grebe              | 315    | Caspian tern          | 1      |
| American white pelican     | 3,953  | Forster's tern        | 5      |
| Double-crested cormorant   | 1,002  | Black tern            | 15     |
| Great blue heron           | 97     | Virginia rail         | 3      |
| Great egret                | 4      | American coot         | 12,568 |
| Snowy egret                | 131    | Turkey vulture        | 24     |
| Black-crowned night heron  | 65     | Northern harrier      | 3      |
| White-faced ibis           | 11,837 | Peregrine falcon      | 1      |
| Snowy plover               | 9      |                       |        |