

COMMON MISIDENTIFIED BIRDS OF THE NORTHWEST

Handy Reference for Salem Audubon Society CBC

Not in taxonomic order:

Lesser **vs.** Ring-necked **vs.** Greater Scaup

Red-winged **vs.** Tricolored **vs.** Rusty

Blackbird

Winter Horned **vs.** Eared Grebe

Forster's **vs.** Common (very rare)
vs. Caspian Tern

Greater **vs.** Lesser Yellowlegs

American Bittern **vs.** Green Heron **vs.**

juvenile Black-crowned Night Heron

Snowy **vs.** Great Egret

Tundra **vs.** Trumpeter Swan

Female Eurasian and American Wigeon
Cackling **vs.** Canada Goose

Female Gadwall and Mallard

Snow **vs.** Ross's Goose

Female Common and Red-

breasted Merganser

The **dark** Buteos

Sharp-shinned **vs.** Cooper's Hawk

Female Hummingbirds

Mourning **vs.** Eurasian-collared Dove

Dusky **vs.** Sooty Grouse

Virginia Rail **vs.** Sora

Spotted **vs.** Solitary Sandpiper

Amer. **vs.** Pacific Golden Plover

Western **vs.** Least Sandpiper

Virginia Rail **vs.** Sora

Whimbrel **vs.** LB Curlew

Western **vs.** Least Sandpiper

Rock Sandpiper **vs.** Surfbird

Red **vs.** Red-necked Phalarope

Long-billed **vs.** Short-billed
Dowitcher

Herring **vs.** Thayer's Gull

Glaucous-winged **vs.** Glaucous
Gull

Purple, Cassin's and House Finch

**Winter* PUF1 males can "look"

female

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Male Northern Harrier **vs.** White-tailed Kite

Juvenile **Eagles** including Sub adult Bald and Golden Eagle

California **vs.** Mt. Quail

Hairy **vs.** Downy Woodpecker

American Crow **vs.** Common Raven

Black-capped **vs.** Mt. Chickadee

Winter Swamp **vs.** Lincoln Sparrow

*note; Swamp Sparrow is regularly *listed*

species in eBird recording for *winter*

Winter Chipping **vs.** first *winter* Clay-colored Sparrow

Juvenile Chipping **vs.** Brewer's Sparrow

Marsh **vs.** Bewick's Wren

Ruby-crowned Kinglet **vs.** Hutton's Vireo

Hermit **vs.** Swainson's Thrush

American **vs.** Lesser Goldfinch

Song **vs.** Fox Sparrow

Source: This listing posted on obol by Chuck Gates: ECAS, Birding Site Guide.

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