

BIRDS OF THE SALEM AREA

This checklist covers the birds found within an approximate 20-mile radius of downtown Salem, including Ankeny and Baskett Slough National Wildlife Refuges and Minto-Brown Island City Park. See Salem Audubon Society's website for a complete list of suggested birding spots in and around Salem (www.salemaudubon.org).

Note: This checklist covers a variety of habitat (e.g. riparian, agricultural fields, mixed forest and urban). Birds abundant or common in one habit might be uncommon or even absent in another.

KEY

Seasons: Sp - Spring: March-May
 Su - Summer: June-August
 Fa - Fall: September-November
 Wi - Winter: December-February

Frequency: A - Abundant (very numerous in suitable habitat)
 C - Common (a few can be easily found in suitable habitat)
 U - Uncommon (present but not always seen)
 O - Occasional (seen only a few times per season)
 R - Rare (only observed 1-2 times every 1-5+ years)

* indicates breeding in area

SPECIES	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
Snow Goose	O		O	O
Greater White-fronted Goose	U	R	U	O
Cackling Goose	A		A	A
Canada Goose (Western)*	A	C	A	A
Canada Goose (Dusky)				A
Trumpeter Swan	R		R	O
Tundra Swan	U		U	C
Wood Duck*	U	U	O	U
Blue-winged Teal*	O	U	O	
Cinnamon Teal*	C	C	U	R
Northern Shoveler*	A	U	C	A
Northern Pintail	A	O	A	A
Gadwall*	C	C	C	C
Eurasian Wigeon	O		O	O
American Wigeon	A	O	A	A
Mallard*	A	A	A	A
Green-winged Teal	A	O	A	A
Canvasback	O		O	O
Ring-necked Duck*	C	O	U	C
Greater Scaup				R
Lesser Scaup	C	R	U	C
Bufflehead	C		C	C
Common Goldeneye	R			O
Hooded Merganser*	U	U	U	U
Common Merganser*	U	U	U	U
Ruddy Duck*	C	U	U	C
California Quail*	U	U	U	U
Ring-necked Pheasant*	U	U	U	U
Wild Turkey*	C	C	C	C
Common Loon	R		R	R
Pied-billed Grebe*	C	C	C	U
Horned Grebe	R		R	R
Eared Grebe	R		R	O
Western Grebe	O	R	O	O
Clark's Grebe	R		R	R

SPECIES	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
Double-crested Cormorant	U	R	U	U
American White Pelican	R	O	O	
American Bittern*	U	C	U	R
Great Blue Heron*	C	C	C	C
Great Egret	C	U	C	C
Green Heron*	O	U	U	O
Turkey Vulture*	C	C	C	
Osprey*	C	C	C	
White-tailed Kite*	R	O	O	O
Golden Eagle				R
Northern Harrier*	C	C	C	C
Sharp-shinned Hawk	U	O	U	U
Cooper's Hawk*	U	O	U	U
Bald Eagle*	C	C	C	C
Red-shouldered Hawk	U	U	U	U
Red-tailed Hawk*	C	C	C	C
Rough-legged Hawk	O		O	U
Virginia Rail*	U	U	U	O
Sora*	U	U	O	R
American Coot*	C	U	C	C
Sandhill Crane	O	O	O	O
Black-necked Stilt*	O	O		
Black-bellied Plover	U	U	U	
Semipalmated Plover	C	C	C	C
Killdeer*	C	C	C	C
Dunlin	C	R	C	C
Baird's Sandpiper		O		
Least Sandpiper	U	U	U	O
Pectoral Sandpiper		O	O	
Western Sandpiper	U	U	U	
Short-billed Dowitcher		R	R	
Long-billed Dowitcher	U	U	U	U
Wilson's Snipe*	U	U	U	U
Wilson's Phalarope*	U	U		
Red-necked Phalarope	O	O	O	
Spotted Sandpiper*	U	C	U	O
Solitary Sandpiper		R	R	
Greater Yellowlegs	C	C	C	O
Lesser Yellowlegs	U	U	C	
Bonaparte's Gull	R		R	R
Mew Gull	O		U	C
Ring-billed Gull	O	R	O	U
Western Gull	U			U
California Gull	O	O	U	U
Herring Gull	O		O	O
Iceland (formerly Thayer's) Gull	O		O	O
Glaucous-winged Gull	A		A	A
Caspian Tern	R	R	R	
Black Tern	R	R		
Forster's Tern	R	R	R	

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Rock Pigeon*	A	A	A	A
Band-tailed Pigeon*	U	O	O	
Eurasian Collared-Dove*	C	C	C	C
Mourning Dove*	C	C	C	C
Barn Owl*	C	C	C	C
Western Screech-Owl*	O	O	O	O
Great Horned Owl*	U	U	U	U
Snowy Owl			R	R
Barred Owl	C	C	C	C
Short-eared Owl	R		R	U
Common Nighthawk*		U	O	
Vaux's Swift*	U	C	U	
Anna's Hummingbird*	C	C	C	C
Rufous Hummingbird*	C	C	C	
Calliope Hummingbird	O			
Belted Kingfisher*	C	C	C	C
Lewis's Woodpecker			R	R
Acorn Woodpecker*	C	C	C	C
Red-breasted Sapsucker*	U	U	U	U
Downy Woodpecker*	C	C	C	C
Hairy Woodpecker*	U	U	U	U
Northern Flicker*	C	C	C	C
Pileated Woodpecker*	U	U	U	U
American Kestrel*	C	C	C	C
Merlin	O		O	O
Peregrine Falcon	U	U	U	U
Prairie Falcon			R	R
Olive-sided Flycatcher*	O	O	O	
Western Wood-Pewee*	C	C	C	
Willow Flycatcher*	O	U	U	
Hammond's Flycatcher	O	O		
Pacific-slope Flycatcher*	U	U	O	
Black Phoebe*	O	O	O	O
Say's Phoebe				R
Western Kingbird*	O	O	O	
Northern Shrike			O	O
Hutton's Vireo*	U	U	U	
Cassin's Vireo*	U	U	U	U
Warbling Vireo*	C	C	C	
Red-eyed Vireo		R		
Steller's Jay*	C	C	C	C
California Scrub-Jay*	C	C	C	C
American Crow*	A	A	A	A
Common Raven	O	O	O	O
Horned Lark*	U	U	U	U
Northern Rough-winged Swallow*	U	U	O	
Purple Martin	R	R		
Tree Swallow*	A	A	A	O
Violet-green Swallow*	A	A	A	R
Barn Swallow*	A	A	A	O
Cliff Swallow*	A	A	A	R



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Black-capped Chickadee*	C	C	C	C
Chestnut-backed Chickadee*	U	U	U	U
Bushtit*	A	A	A	A
Red-breasted Nuthatch*	C	C	C	C
White-breasted Nuthatch*	C	C	C	C
Brown Creeper*	U	U	U	U
House Wren*	U	U	U	U
Pacific Wren*	U	U	U	U
Marsh Wren*	C	C	C	U
Bewick's Wren*	C	C	C	C
Golden-crowned Kinglet*	C	U	C	C
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C	R	C	C
Wrentit*	U	U	U	U
Western Bluebird*	U	U	U	U
Swainson's Thrush*	C	C	C	
Hermit Thrush	U	R	U	U
American Robin*	A	A	A	A
Varied Thrush	U	R	U	U
European Starling*	A	A	A	A
American Pipit	U		U	U
Cedar Waxwing*	C	A	A	O
Orange-crowned Warbler*	C	C	C	O
Nashville Warbler	O			
Common Yellowthroat*	C	C	C	
Yellow Warbler*	U	C	C	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	C	O	C	C
Black-throated Gray Warbler*	U	U	U	
Townsend's Warbler	U		U	U
Wilson's Warbler*	C	C	C	
Chipping Sparrow*	U	U	O	
Fox Sparrow	C		U	C
Dark-eyed Junco*	A	O	A	A
White-crowned Sparrow*	C	C	C	C
Golden-crowned Sparrow	C	R	C	C
Harris's Sparrow	O	O		
White-throated Sparrow	U		O	U
Vesper Sparrow*	O	O		
Savannah Sparrow*	C	C	C	O
Song Sparrow*	C	C	C	C
Lincoln's Sparrow	U	R	U	U
Spotted Towhee*	A	A	A	A
Yellow-breasted Chat*	U	U		
Western Tanager*	C	C	U	
Black-headed Grosbeak*	C	C	U	

SPECIES	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
Lazuli Bunting*	U	C	O	
Red-winged Blackbird*	A	A	A	A
Western Meadowlark*	U	U	U	U
Yellow-headed Blackbird*	U	U		
Brewer's Blackbird*	C	C	C	C
Brown-headed Cowbird*	U	C	C	R
Bullock's Oriole*	U	U		
Evening Grosbeak	U	O	O	O
House Finch*	C	C	C	C
Purple Finch*	C	C	C	U
Red Crossbill	R	R	R	R
Pine Siskin	U	O	U	U
Lesser Goldfinch*	U	U	U	U
American Goldfinch*	U	C	C	U
House Sparrow*	C	C	C	C

Accidentals Birds out of normal range; historically only ever seen a few times in this area.

- Ross's Goose (2018)
- Brant (2018)
- Trumpeter Swan (2019)
- Redhead (2018)
- Tufted Duck (2017)
- Surf Scoter (2016)
- Long-tailed Duck (2002)
- Red-breasted Merganser (2011)
- Red-throated Loon (2018)
- Red-necked Grebe (2015)
- Black-crowned Night-Heron (2017)
- White-faced Ibis (2014)
- Northern Goshawk (2016)
- Swainson's Hawk (2015)
- Ferruginous Hawk (2016)
- Red-throated Loon (2018)
- Whimbrel (2018)
- Long-billed Curlew (2017)
- Hudsonian Godwit (2015)
- Marbled Godwit (2010)
- American Avocet (2016)
- Pacific Golden-Plover (2018)

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- Ruddy Turnstone (2014)
- Ruff (2015)
- Stilt Sandpiper (2018)
- Buff-breasted Sandpiper (2010)
- Semipalmated Sandpiper (2018)
- Red Phalarope (2016)
- Sabine's Gull (2018)
- Glaucous Gull (2017)
- Common Tern (2017)
- Snowy Owl (2013)
- Burrowing Owl (2018)
- Northern Saw-whet Owl (2019)
- Costa's Hummingbird (2015)
- Dusky Flycatcher (2018)
- Bank Swallow (2017)
- Loggerhead Shrike (2015)
- Mountain Chickadee (2016)
- Townsend's Solitaire (2012)
- Yellow-throated Warbler (2014)
- Hermit Warbler (2015)
- Palm Warbler (2015)
- Grasshopper Sparrow (2012)
- Brewer's Sparrow (2014)
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak (2015)
- Tricolored Blackbird (2015)

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