

# Matheson Preserve

## Bird Checklist

Arcing around a slow bend of the Colorado River near Moab, the Scott M. Matheson Wetlands Preserve is a verdant haven in the arid, high country of the Colorado Plateau. A literal "oasis in the desert," the 895-acre preserve is home to an extraordinary variety of wildlife, including more than 225 species of birds. This watery world of trees and grasses offers the only shelter and forage habitat of its kind on this river system in Utah.

This field checklist of birds found in the preserve, following the A.O.U. format, is designed to help you identify and record your personal observations.

### BREEDING STATUS

- Established record of nesting in the preserve
- \* No recorded sighting in the preserve but observed along the boundary of the Wetlands

### RELATIVE ABUNDANCE

- A = ABUNDANT; high numbers occur in preserve
- C = COMMON; moderate numbers present
- U = UNCOMMON; exists in low numbers
- I = IRREGULAR; expected but may not be found each year
- Ac = ACCIDENTAL; out of its range and not expected to be seen.
- = Absent during this time of year

### SEASONS (Code columns 1 through 4)

- 1 = Spring (March-May)
- 2 = Summer (June-August)
- 3 = Fall (September-November)
- 4 = Winter (December-February)

This list was updated in 2004.  
Observations updating this list are encouraged

for submission. Please send these reports to:  
The Nature Conservancy  
Moab Project Office  
P.O. Box 1329, Moab, UT 84532  
Or call (435) 259-4629

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Time \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
Weather \_\_\_\_\_  
Locality \_\_\_\_\_  
Observer \_\_\_\_\_  
Species \_\_\_\_\_ Individuals \_\_\_\_\_  
Notes \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Bird List

#### Swans, Geese & Ducks

- \_\_ Greater White-fronted Goose . . . Ac - - -
- \_\_ Snow Goose . . . . . I - - I
- \_\_ Ross's Goose . . . . . I - - -
- \_\_ Canada Goose • . . . . . ACAA
- \_\_ Tundra Swan . . . . . - - - I
- \_\_ Wood Duck . . . . . U I I U
- \_\_ Gadwall . . . . . C I C C
- \_\_ American Wigeon . . . . . U - U U
- \_\_ Mallard • . . . . . ACAA
- \_\_ Blue-winged Teal . . . . . I I I -
- \_\_ Cinnamon Teal . . . . . C U C U
- \_\_ Northern Shoveler . . . . . C - C I
- \_\_ Northern Pintail . . . . . U I I I
- \_\_ Green-winged Teal . . . . . A I A A
- \_\_ Canvasback . . . . . I - - -
- \_\_ Redhead . . . . . U I I I
- \_\_ Ring-necked Duck . . . . . C I U C
- \_\_ Greater Scaup . . . . . I - - -
- \_\_ Lesser Scaup . . . . . I - I -

- \_\_ Bufflehead . . . . . U I U U
- \_\_ Common Goldeneye . . . . . U I U U
- \_\_ Hooded Merganser . . . . . I - I I
- \_\_ Common Merganser . . . . . C I C C
- \_\_ Red-breasted Merganser . . . . . I - - -
- \_\_ Ruddy Duck . . . . . I I I -

#### Pheasants, Grouse & Quail

- \_\_ Chukar . . . . . - - - I
- \_\_ Ring-necked Pheasant . . . . . A A A A
- \_\_ Wild Turkey . . . . . I - - -

#### Grebes

- \_\_ Pied-billed Grebe • . . . . . C C C U
- \_\_ Horned Grebe . . . . . I - I -
- \_\_ Eared Grebe . . . . . I - - -
- \_\_ Western Grebe . . . . . I I I -
- \_\_ Clarks Grebe . . . . . - - I -

#### Pelicans & Cormorants

- \_\_ American White Pelican . . . . . I I I -
- \_\_ Double-crested Cormorant . . . . . I - - -

#### Bitterns & Herons

- \_\_ American Bittern . . . . . I - I -
- \_\_ Great Blue Heron • . . . . . C C C U
- \_\_ Great Egret \* . . . . . - - - I
- \_\_ Snowy Egret . . . . . U I I -
- \_\_ Cattle Egret . . . . . I - - I
- \_\_ Green Heron . . . . . U I U U
- \_\_ Black-crowned Night-Heron • . . . . . C C I Ac

#### Ibises & Spoonbills

- \_\_ White-faced Ibis . . . . . C I I -

#### Hawks, Falcons & Vultures

- \_\_ Turkey Vulture . . . . . U U U -
- \_\_ Osprey . . . . . I - I -
- \_\_ Bald Eagle . . . . . I - I I
- \_\_ Northern Harrier . . . . . C U C C
- \_\_ Sharp-shinned Hawk . . . . . C U C C
- \_\_ Cooper's Hawk • . . . . . C C C C
- \_\_ Red-tailed Hawk . . . . . U I U U
- \_\_ Rough-legged Hawk . . . . . - - - I
- \_\_ Northern Goshawk . . . . . - - - I
- \_\_ Golden Eagle . . . . . U U U U
- \_\_ American Kestrel . . . . . U U U U
- \_\_ Merlin . . . . . I - - I

- \_\_ Peregrine Falcon . . . . . U U I I
- \_\_ Prairie Falcon . . . . . I - I I

#### Rails & Cranes

- \_\_ Virginia Rail . . . . . U U U U
- \_\_ Sora . . . . . I I I I
- \_\_ Common Moorhen . . . . . Ac - - -
- \_\_ American Coot • . . . . . A A A A
- \_\_ Sandhill Crane . . . . . I I I -

#### Plovers & Sandpipers

- \_\_ Semipalmated Plover . . . . . I - - -
- \_\_ Killdeer . . . . . I I I I
- \_\_ Black-necked Stilt . . . . . I - - -
- \_\_ American Avocet . . . . . - I - -
- \_\_ Greater Yellowlegs . . . . . I I I -
- \_\_ Lesser Yellowlegs . . . . . I - I -
- \_\_ Solitary Sandpiper . . . . . I I I -
- \_\_ Spotted Sandpiper • . . . . . U I I -
- \_\_ Western Sandpiper . . . . . I I I -
- \_\_ Least Sandpiper . . . . . I - I -
- \_\_ Baird's Sandpiper . . . . . I - I -
- \_\_ Long-billed Dowitcher . . . . . I I - -
- \_\_ Wilson's Snipe . . . . . I I I I
- \_\_ Wilson's Phalarope . . . . . I - - I

#### Gulls, Terns, & Alcids

- \_\_ Franklin's Gull . . . . . I - - -
- \_\_ Ring-billed Gull . . . . . I - - -
- \_\_ Forster's Tern . . . . . I - I -

#### Pigeons & Doves

- \_\_ Rock Pigeon . . . . . U - U U
- \_\_ White-winged Dove \* . . . . . - I - -
- \_\_ Mourning Dove • . . . . . C C C I

#### Cuckoos & Roadrunners

- \_\_ Yellow-billed Cuckoo • . . . . . I I - -

#### Owls

- \_\_ Barn Owl \* . . . . . - - - I
- \_\_ Western Screech Owl . . . . . U U - U
- \_\_ Great Horned Owl . . . . . - - - I
- \_\_ Northern Pygmy Owl . . . . . - - I I
- \_\_ Long-eared Owl • . . . . . U U - U
- \_\_ Short-eared Owl . . . . . I - - -
- \_\_ Northern Saw-whet Owl . . . . . - - - I

**Goatsuckers**

\_\_Common Nighthawk . . . . . I I I -

**Swifts**

\_\_Vaux's Swift . . . . . Ac - Ac -

\_\_White-throated Swift . . . . . CCC -

**Hummingbirds**

\_\_Black-chinned Hummingbird • . . . . . CCU -

\_\_Calliope Hummingbird . . . . . - I I -

\_\_Broad-tailed Hummingbird . . . . . - I - -

\_\_Rufous Hummingbird . . . . . - U I -

**Kingfishers**

\_\_Belted Kingfisher . . . . . UUUU

**Woodpeckers**

\_\_Lewis's Woodpecker . . . . . - - I -

\_\_Red-naped Sapsucker . . . . . - I I I

\_\_Downy Woodpecker . . . . . I I I I

\_\_Hairy Woodpecker . . . . . - - I I

\_\_Northern Flicker . . . . . CUAA

**Flycatchers**

\_\_Olive-sided Flycatcher . . . . . - I I -

\_\_Western Wood-Pewee . . . . . I I I -

\_\_Willow Flycatcher . . . . . U I - -

\_\_Least Flycatcher . . . . . - - Ac -

\_\_Hammond's Flycatcher . . . . . I I I -

\_\_Gray Flycatcher . . . . . I I I -

\_\_Dusky Flycatcher . . . . . I U I -

\_\_Cordilleran Flycatcher . . . . . - U U -

\_\_Black Phoebe . . . . . I - - -

\_\_Say's Phoebe . . . . . UUUU

\_\_Vermilion Flycatcher . . . . . - Ac - -

\_\_Ash-throated Flycatcher . . . . . UUU -

\_\_Western Kingbird • . . . . . CCC -

\_\_Eastern Kingbird . . . . . - Ac - -

**Shrikes**

\_\_Loggerhead Shrike . . . . . I - I I

\_\_Northern Shrike . . . . . I - I U

**Vireos**

\_\_Gray Vireo . . . . . - I - -

\_\_Plumbeous Vireo . . . . . U I U -

\_\_Cassin's Vireo . . . . . - - I -

\_\_Warbling Vireo . . . . . UUU -

**Jays & Crows**

\_\_Steller's Jay . . . . . - - I I

\_\_Western Scrub-Jay . . . . . UUUU

\_\_Pinyon Jay . . . . . - I I -

\_\_Clark's Nutcracker . . . . . - - - I

\_\_Black-billed Magpie • . . . . . AAAA

\_\_American Crow • . . . . . CCCC

\_\_Common Raven . . . . . CCCC

**Swallows**

\_\_Tree Swallow . . . . . I - - -

\_\_Violet-green Swallow . . . . . ACU -

\_\_Northern Rough-winged Swallow . . . . . UUU -

\_\_Bank Swallow . . . . . I - - -

\_\_Cliff Swallow . . . . . UUU -

\_\_Barn Swallow . . . . . UUU -

**Titmice, Verdins & Bushtits**

\_\_Black-capped Chickadee • . . . . . CCCC

\_\_Mountain Chickadee . . . . . U - UU

\_\_Juniper Titmouse . . . . . I I I -

\_\_Bushtit • . . . . . UUUU

**Nuthatches & Creepers**

\_\_Red-breasted Nuthatch . . . . . - I I I

\_\_White-breasted Nuthatch . . . . . - I UU

\_\_Brown Creeper . . . . . I - I I

**Wrens**

\_\_Rock Wren . . . . . I I I I

\_\_Canyon Wren . . . . . - UU I

\_\_Bewick's Wren . . . . . UUUU

\_\_House Wren . . . . . I - I -

\_\_Winter Wren . . . . . Ac - - -

\_\_Marsh Wren • . . . . . CCCC

**Dippers**

\_\_American Dipper . . . . . - - - I

**Kinglets & Gnatcatchers**

\_\_Golden-crowned Kinglet . . . . . I - I I

\_\_Ruby-crowned Kinglet . . . . . CUCC

\_\_Blue-gray Gnatcatcher • . . . . . CCUU

**Thrushes**

\_\_Eastern Bluebird . . . . . - - - Ac

\_\_Mountain Bluebird . . . . . U I CC

\_\_Townsend's Solitaire . . . . . U - U

\_\_Swainson's Thrush . . . . . - I - -

\_\_Hermit Thrush . . . . . U I I U

\_\_American Robin • . . . . . ACCA

**Thrashers**

\_\_Gray Catbird . . . . . - Ac - -

\_\_Northern Mockingbird . . . . . I - - I

\_\_Sage Thrasher . . . . . - AcAc I

**Starling**

\_\_European Starling • . . . . . UUUC

**Pipit**

\_\_American Pipit . . . . . I - I I

**Waxwings & Phainopepla**

\_\_Cedar Waxwing . . . . . I I UU

**Warblers**

\_\_Orange-crowned Warbler . . . . . I U I -

\_\_Nashville Warbler . . . . . I I I -

\_\_Virginia's Warbler . . . . . UUU -

\_\_Lucy's Warbler . . . . . I I - -

\_\_Yellow Warbler . . . . . UUU -

\_\_Magnolia Warbler . . . . . Ac - - -

\_\_Yellow-rumped Warbler . . . . . AUCA

\_\_Black-throated Gray Warbler . . . . . UUU -

\_\_Townsend's Warbler . . . . . - I I -

\_\_American Redstart . . . . . - - Ac -

\_\_Prothonotary Warbler . . . . . Ac - - -

\_\_Worm-eating Warbler . . . . . Ac - - -

\_\_Ovenbird . . . . . Ac - - -

\_\_Northern Waterthrush . . . . . I I I -

\_\_Mourning Warbler . . . . . - - Ac -

\_\_McGillivray's Warbler . . . . . UUU -

\_\_Common Yellowthroat • . . . . . CCC -

\_\_Hooded Warbler . . . . . - Ac - -

\_\_Wilson's Warbler . . . . . UUU -

\_\_Yellow-breasted Chat • . . . . . AAC -

**Tanagers**

\_\_Summer Tanager . . . . . - AcAc -

\_\_Western Tanager . . . . . UUU -

**Sparrows**

\_\_Green-tailed Towhee . . . . . I I I I

\_\_Spotted Towhee • . . . . . AAAA

\_\_Abert's Towhee . . . . . - - Ac -

\_\_American Tree Sparrow . . . . . - - - I

\_\_Chipping Sparrow . . . . . U I I -

\_\_Brewer's Sparrow . . . . . I I I -

\_\_Vesper Sparrow . . . . . I - I -

\_\_Lark Sparrow . . . . . - I I -

\_\_Sage Sparrow . . . . . - - I -

\_\_Savannah Sparrow . . . . . I - - -

\_\_Song Sparrow . . . . . UUAA

\_\_Lincoln's Sparrow . . . . . I I I I

\_\_White-throated Sparrow . . . . . Ac - AcAc

\_\_Harris's Sparrow . . . . . I - - I

\_\_White-crowned Sparrow . . . . . C I AA

\_\_Golden-crowned Sparrow . . . . . Ac - - Ac

\_\_Dark-eyed Junco . . . . . C I CA

**Grosbeaks & Buntings**

\_\_Black-headed Grosbeak • . . . . . AAU -

\_\_Blue Grosbeak • . . . . . UUU -

\_\_Lazuli Bunting . . . . . U I I -

\_\_Indigo Bunting . . . . . - I - -

**Blackbirds & Orioles**

\_\_Bobolink . . . . . I - - -

\_\_Red-winged Blackbird • . . . . . AAAC

\_\_Western Meadowlark • . . . . . UUU I

\_\_Yellow-headed Blackbird . . . . . I I I -

\_\_Brewer's Blackbird . . . . . I - - -

\_\_Common Grackle . . . . . - I I I

\_\_Great-tailed Grackle • . . . . . UU - U

\_\_Brown-headed Cowbird . . . . . UUU -

\_\_Bullock's Oriole • . . . . . AA I -

**Finches**

\_\_Cassin's Finch . . . . . - I I -

\_\_House Finch • . . . . . CCAC

\_\_Red Crossbill \* . . . . . - - I -

\_\_Pine Siskin . . . . . - I I -

\_\_Lesser Goldfinch . . . . . I I I -

\_\_American Goldfinch . . . . . UUCU

\_\_Evening Grosbeak . . . . . - - I I

**Weaver Finches**

\_\_House Sparrow • . . . . . CCCC

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