

**MATHESON PRESERVE  
BIRD CHECK LIST**

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.

**SEASONS**

- SP = Spring (March-May)
- SU = Summer (June-August)
- FA = Fall (September-November)
- WI = Winter (December-February)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Weather: \_\_\_\_\_  
Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
Species: \_\_\_\_\_  
Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

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

	SP	SU	FA	WI
SWANS, GEESE & DUCKS				
Greater White-fronted Goose	Ac	-	-	-
Snow Goose	I	-	-	I
Ross' Goose	I	-	-	-
Canada Goose •	A	C	A	A
Tundra Swan	-	-	-	I
Wood Duck	U	I	I	U
Gadwall	C	I	C	C
American Widgeon	U	-	U	U
Mallard •	A	C	A	A
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	-
GROUSE, PHEASANTS, TURKEYS & 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	-
Clark's Grebe	-	-	I	-
PELICANS & CORMORANTS				
American White Pelican	I	I	I	-
Double-crested cormorant	I	-	-	-
HERONS & BITTERNs				
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
IBIS				
White-faced Ibis	C	I	I	-

	SP	SU	FA	WI
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
CRANES, RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS				
Virginia Rail	U	U	U	U
Sora Rail	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	-	-

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TYPICAL 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	C	C	C	-
HUMMINGBIRDS				
Black-chinned Hummingbird •	C	C	U	-
Calliope Hummingbird	-	I	I	-
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	-	I	-	-
Rufous Hummingbird	-	U	I	-
KINGFISHER				
Belted Kingfisher	U	U	U	U
WOODPECKERS				
Lewis's Woodpecker	-	-	I	-
Red-naped Sapsucker	-	I	I	I
Downy Woodpecker	I	I	I	I
Hairy Woodpecker	-	-	I	I
Northern Flicker	C	U	A	A
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	U	U	U	U
Vermilion Flycatcher	-	Ac	-	-
Ash-throated Flycatcher	U	U	U	-
Western Kingbird •	C	C	C	-
Eastern Kingbird	-	Ac	-	-
SHRIKES				
Loggerhead Shrike	I	-	I	I
Northern Shrike	I	-	I	U

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VIREOS				
Gray Vireo	-	I	-	-
Plumbeous Vireo	U	I	U	-
Cassin's Vireo	-	-	I	-
Warbling Vireo	U	U	U	-
JAYS & CROWS				
Steller's Jay	-	-	I	I
Western Scrub-Jay	U	U	U	U
Pinyon Jay	-	I	I	-
Clark's Nutcracker	-	-	-	I
Black-billed Magpie •	A	A	A	A
American Crow •	C	C	C	C
Common Raven	C	C	C	C
SWALLOWS				
Tree Swallow	I	-	-	-
Violet-green Swallow	A	C	U	-
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	U	U	U	-
Bank Swallow	I	-	-	-
Cliff Swallow	U	U	U	-
Barn Swallow	U	U	U	-
TITMICE, VERDINS & BUSHTITS				
Black-capped Chickadee •	C	C	C	C
Mountain Chickadee	U	-	U	U
Juniper Titmouse	I	I	I	-
Bushtit •	U	U	U	U
NUTHATCHES & CREEPERS				
Red-breasted Nuthatch	-	I	I	I
White-breasted Nuthatch	-	I	U	U
Brown Creeper	I	-	I	I
WRENS				
Rock Wren	I	I	I	I
Canyon Wren	-	U	U	I
Bewick's Wren	U	U	U	U
House Wren	I	-	I	-
Winter Wren	Ac	-	-	-
Marsh Wren •	C	C	C	C
DIPPERS				
American Dipper	-	-	-	I
KINGLETS & GNATCATCHERS				
Golden-crowned Kinglet	I	-	I	I
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C	U	C	C
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher•	C	C	U	U

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THRUSHES				
Eastern Bluebird	-	-	-	Ac
Mountain Bluebird	U	I	C	C
Townsend's Solitaire	U	-	-	U
Swainson's Thrush	-	I	-	-
Hermit's Thrush	U	I	I	U
American Robin •	A	C	C	A
THRASHERS				
Gray Catbird	-	Ac	-	-
Northern Mockingbird	I	-	-	I
Sage Thrasher	-	Ac	Ac	I
STARLINGS				
European Starling •	U	U	U	C
PIPITS				
American Pipit	I	-	I	I
WAX WINGS & PHAINOPEPLAS				
Cedar Waxwing	I	I	U	U
WOOD WARBLERS				
Orange-crowned Warbler	I	U	I	-
Nashville Warbler	I	I	I	-
Virginia's Warbler	U	U	U	-
Lucy's Warbler	I	I	-	-
Yellow Warbler	U	U	U	-
Magnolia Warbler	Ac	-	-	-
Yellow-rumped Warbler	A	U	C	A
Black-throated Gray Warbler	U	U	U	-
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	-
MacGillivray's Warbler	U	U	U	-
Common Yellowthroat •	C	C	C	-
Hooded Warbler	-	Ac	-	-
Wilson's Warbler	U	U	U	-
Yellow-breasted Chat •	A	A	C	-
TANAGERS				
Summer Tanager	-	Ac	Ac	-
Western Tanager	U	U	U	-
GROSBEAKS, BUNTINGS, TOWHEES & SPARROWS				
Green-tailed Towhee	I	I	I	I
Spotted Towhee •	A	A	A	A
Abert's Towhee	-	-	Ac	-
American Tree Sparrow	-	-	-	I
Chipping Sparrow	U	I	I	-
Brewer's Sparrow	I	I	I	-
Vesper Sparrow	I	-	I	-

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Lark Sparrow	-	I	I	-
Sage Sparrow	-	-	I	-
Savannah Sparrow	I	-	-	-
Song Sparrow	U	U	A	A
Lincoln's Sparrow	I	I	I	I
White-throated Sparrow	Ac	-	Ac	Ac
Harris's Sparrow	I	-	-	I
White-crowned Sparrow	C	I	A	A
Golden-crowned Sparrow	Ac	-	-	Ac
Dark-eyed Junco	C	I	C	A
Black-headed Grosbeak •	A	A	U	-
Blue Grosbeak •	U	U	U	-
Lazuli Bunting	U	I	I	-
Indigo Bunting	-	I	-	-
ORIOLES & BLACKBIRDS				
Bobolink	I	-	-	-
Red-winged Blackbird •	A	A	A	C
Western Meadowlark •	U	U	U	I
Yellow-headed Blackbird	I	I	I	-
Brewer's Blackbird	I	-	-	-
Common Grackle	-	I	I	I
Great-tailed Grackle •	U	U	-	U
Brown-headed Cowbird	U	U	U	-
Bullock's Oriole •	A	A	I	-
FINCHES				
Cassin's Finch	-	I	I	-
House Finch •	C	C	A	C
Red Crossbill *	-	-	I	-
Pine Siskin	-	I	I	-
Lesser Goldfinch	I	I	I	-
American Goldfinch	U	U	C	U
Evening Grosbeak	-	-	I	I
WEAVER FINCHES				
House Sparrow •	C	C	C	C