

## BIRDING AT THE ARBORETUM

While bird song and activity are at their peak during the early morning hours, any time can be a great time to watch birds.

**Front Entrance Near the Visitor Center:** Western Tanager, Black-headed Grosbeak, Northern Oriole, White-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Hairy Woodpecker and Downy Woodpecker can be seen among the Oregon ash and Oregon white oaks. Many species of brightly-colored warblers may be seen during the spring migration in April and May.

**Tom McCall Riverbank Trail:** Watch for Belted Kingfisher, Great Blue Heron, Green Heron, Spotted Sandpiper, Common Merganser, Osprey and Bald Eagle. In season, you will see and hear Song Sparrows. Listen for Ring-necked Pheasant calling from across the river.

**Water Garden:** Several Wood Duck nesting boxes are visible from parts of the trail. Look for Mallard and Wood Ducks in the water. Listen in spring and early summer for the upward tremolo of the Swainson's Thrush, as well as Solitary and Warbling Vireo songs. In spring, listen for the Orange-crowned Warbler's rapid descending chatter. The Oregon grape and Wood larkspur growing here attract Rufous Hummingbirds from early to mid-spring. Brushy undergrowth along the trails are home to Song Sparrows, Fox Sparrows and Rufous-sided Towhee.

**Upper Trails:** Listen for calls of Black-capped Chickadee, Scrub Jay, Steller's Jay and Red-breasted Nuthatch. In the upper areas, you may hear and see Chestnut-backed Chickadee. Red-tailed Hawks and Turkey Vultures often soar above the hills. In early summer, listen for Lazuli Buntings singing in the meadows near the top of the Zigzag Trail. Across the hillside, blackberry and poison oak thickets are a source of food and cover for coveys of California Quail and Mountain Quail.

**The Creek Trail:** Along the picnic area and adjacent meadow, you can find American Robin, Scrub Jay, American Goldfinch, Lesser Goldfinch, Common Flicker and the flycatchers that reside here during the spring and summer months.

## CHECKLIST KEY

### Status

- VC Very Common** — Many seen or heard throughout habitat.
- C Common** — Easily seen or heard.
- U Uncommon** — Usually present, but not always seen or heard in any one visit.
- O Occasional** — Occurs irregularly. May not be present each year.
- R Rare** — One to a few individuals may be seen infrequently. Sightings are often separated by a few years.
- M Migration** — Occasionally seen during migration.
- \* Occurs predominately on the east side of Buford Park, east of Mt. Pisgah summit.

### Habitat

- 1 Riparian** — On river/stream or in associated streamside vegetation.
- 2 Low Wetland** — Land and associated vegetation that remains wet for significant periods throughout the year. Includes small ponds and areas such as the Water Garden south of the Arboretum Visitor Center.
- 3 Oak Woodland** — Oak and mixed deciduous woods.
- 4 Coniferous** — Woodlands predominated by conifers.
- 5 Grassy Slopes** — Grassy areas, often with thickets of blackberry or poison oak.

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# BIRDS



MOUNT PISGAH  
ARBORETUM

# CHECKLIST

	Fall	Win	Spr	Sum	Habitat
Pied-billed Grebe	O	O	O	O	1
Double-crested Cormorant	-	O	O	O	1
Great Blue Heron	C	C	C	C	1
Green Heron	O	O	U	U	1
Canada Goose	U	U	U	U	1
Wood Duck	U	U	U	U	2
Mallard	C	C	C	C	1, 2
Lesser Scaup	O	O	-	-	1
Hooded Merganser	R	R	-	-	1
Common Merganser	U	U	U	U	1
Turkey Vulture	-	-	C	C	3, 4, 5
Osprey	-	-	C	C	1
Bald Eagle	O	O	O	O	1
Sharp-shinned Hawk	U	U	U	U	3, 4
Cooper's Hawk	U	U	U	U	3, 4
Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	C	3, 4, 5
American Kestrel	C	C	C	C	3, 4, 5
Ring-necked Pheasant	C	C	C	C	5
California Quail	C	C	C	C	2, 3, 4
Mountain Quail	U	U	U	U	4
Sandhill Crane	-	-	M	-	
Killdeer	C	C	C	C	1, 2
Greater Yellowlegs	O	O	-	-	1
Spotted Sandpiper	U	U	C	C	1
Western Sandpiper	-	O	-	-	1
Least Sandpiper	-	O	-	-	1
Ring-billed Gull	U	U	U	U	1
California Gull	U	U	O	-	1
Herring Gull	O	O	-	-	1
Thayer's Gull	O	O	-	-	1
Glaucous-winged Gull	U	U	-	-	1
Rock Dove	C	C	C	C	1, 2, 3
Band-tailed Pigeon	O	R	U	U	3, 4
Mourning Dove	C	C	C	C	2, 3, 4
*Barn Owl	U	U	U	U	2
Western Screech-Owl	C	C	C	C	2, 3, 4
Great Horned Owl	C	C	C	C	2, 3, 4
Northern Pygmy-Owl	U	U	U	U	3, 4
Northern Saw-whet Owl	U	U	U	U	4
Common Nighthawk	-	O	-	-	1, 3, 5
Vaux's Swift	-	-	C	C	1, 2, 3, 4
Anna's Hummingbird	U	U	U	U	2

	Fall	Win	Spr	Sum	Habitat
Rufous Hummingbird	-	-	C	C	2, 3
Belted Kingfisher	C	C	C	C	1
Lewis' Woodpecker	R	-	R	-	3
Red-breasted Sapsucker	U	U	U	U	2, 3, 4
Downy Woodpecker	VC	VC	VC	VC	1, 2, 3, 4
Hairy Woodpecker	U	U	U	U	2, 3, 4
Northern Flicker	C	C	C	C	2, 3, 4, 5
Pileated Woodpecker	U	U	U	U	3, 4
Olive-sided Flycatcher	-	-	U	U	4
Western Wood-Pewee	-	-	VC	VC	1, 2, 3, 4
Willow Flycatcher	-	-	C	C	2, 5
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	-	-	C	U	1, 4
Western Kingbird	-	-	O	O	5
Tree Swallow	-	-	VC	VC	1, 2, 3
Violet-green Swallow	-	-	VC	VC	1, 2, 3
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	-	-	C	C	1
Cliff Swallow	-	-	U	U	1
Barn Swallow	-	-	C	C	1, 2, 3, 5
Steller's Jay	VC	VC	VC	VC	3, 4
Scrub Jay	VC	VC	VC	VC	2, 3
American Crow	VC	VC	VC	VC	1, 2, 3, 4
Common Raven	U	U	U	U	3, 4
Black-capped Chickadee	VC	VC	VC	VC	1, 2, 3, 4
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	C	C	C	C	4
Bushtit	C	C	C	C	2, 3
Red-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C	3, 4
White-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C	3
Brown Creeper	C	C	C	C	2, 3, 4
Bewick's Wren	C	C	C	C	2, 3, 4
House Wren	-	-	VC	VC	2, 3
Winter Wren	C	C	C	C	2, 3 Winter
American Dipper	-	R	-	-	1
Golden-crowned Kinglet	VC	VC	VC	VC	4
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	U	C	U	-	2, 3, 4
Western Bluebird	U	U	U	U	3, 5
Swainson's Thrush	-	-	C	C	2, 3
Hermit Thrush	U	U	O	O	2 Winter
American Robin	VC	VC	VC	VC	1, 2, 3, 4 Sum
Varied Thrush	C	C	U	-	2, 3, 4

	Fall	Win	Spr	Sum	Habitat
Cedar Waxwing	C	C	VC	VC	1, 2, 3, 4
European Starling	C	C	C	C	2, 3, 4
Solitary Vireo	-	-	C	C	2, 3, 4
Hutton's Vireo	U	U	U	U	2, 4
Warbling Vireo	-	-	U	U	2, 3, 4
Red-eyed Vireo	-	-	R	-	1
Orange-crowned Warbler	O	O	C	C	1, 2, 3, 4
Nashville Warbler	-	-	U	U	3, 4
Yellow Warbler	-	-	C	U	1
Yellow-rumped Warbler	C	C	C	U	3, 4
Black-throated Gray Warbler	-	-	C	C	3, 4
Townsend's Warbler	U	U	U	-	4
Hermit Warbler	-	-	U	U	4
MacGillivray's Warbler	-	-	C	C	1, 2, 3
Common Yellowthroat	-	-	C	C	1, 2, 5
Wilson's Warbler	-	-	VC	C	1, 2, 4
Yellow-breasted Chat	-	-	U	U	1
Western Tanager	-	-	C	C	3, 4
Black-headed Grosbeak	-	-	VC	VC	1, 2, 3, 4
Lazuli Bunting	-	-	VC	VC	3, 5
Rufous-sided Towhee	VC	VC	VC	VC	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Chipping Sparrow	-	R	C	C	3, 4
Vesper Sparrow	-	-	C	C	5
Fox Sparrow	C	C	-	-	2, 3, 5
Song Sparrow	VC	VC	VC	VC	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Lincoln's Sparrow	-	U	-	-	2
Golden-crowned Sparrow	C	C	C	-	2, 5
White-crowned Sparrow	C	C	U	U	5
Dark-eyed Junco	VC	VC	VC	VC	2, 3, 4
Red-winged Blackbird	U	U	U	U	1
*Western Meadowlark	C	C	C	C	5
Brewer's Blackbird	C	C	C	C	2, 3, 4
Brown-headed Cowbird	-	-	C	C	2, 3, 4
Bullock's (Northern) Oriole	-	-	U	U	1, 3
Purple Finch	U	U	C	C	3, 4
House Finch	C	C	VC	VC	2, 3, 4
Red Crossbill	O	O	O	O	4
Pine Siskin	C	C	C	C	3, 4
Lesser Goldfinch	U	U	U	U	1, 3
American Goldfinch	C	C	C	C	1, 2, 3, 5
Evening Grosbeak	C	U	C	-	3, 4
House Sparrow	U	U	U	U	2