

1993 BLACK-BACKED WOODPECKER REPORT
Crater Lake National Park

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The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife list the Black-backed Woodpecker (Picoides arcticus) as a sensitive-critical species. This category is reserved for those species for which listing as threatened or endangered is pending; or those for which listing as threatened or endangered may be appropriate if immediate conservation actions are not taken.

In 1993 Black-backed Woodpeckers were observed in ten different areas. Calling techniques were not used and no formal surveys have ever been conducted in the park. A similar report, however, was prepared in 1992. The following are the locations of the observations, as well as one location where evidence of Black-backed Woodpeckers was discovered.

CASTLE POINT (T31S R5E SEC 8 SW)

April 14 - 1530 - Male Black-backed Woodpecker observed foraging on Shasta-red Fir.

June 15 - 1345 - Male Black-backed Woodpecker seen again.

BEAR BLUFF (T32S R6E SEC 6 NE)

April 21 - 1315 - Male Black-backed Woodpecker observed in fir/hemlock forest on top of bluff. Female also seen further downslope.

SAND RIDGE (T32S R7.5E SEC 4 SE)

May 19 - Black-backed Woodpecker sign observed in Lodgepole Pine forest.

HGWY 230 (T28S R5E SEC 34 SW)

May 26 - 1815 - Male and female Black-backed Woodpeckers seen in Lodgepole Pine forest off trail close to view point.

CRATER PEAK (T31S R6E SEC 27 NE)

June 17 - 1630 - Male Black-backed Woodpecker seen foraging in dead Shasta-red Fir.

BOUNDARY SPRINGS (T29S R5E SEC 4 SWNE)

July 13 - 1725 - Female Black-backed Woodpecker observed foraging on Lodgepole Pine snag.

CASTLE CREEK (T31S R5E SEC 6 NE)

July 20 - Black-backed Woodpecker seen foraging in White Fir snag.

(T30S R5E SEC 31 SWSW)

August 25 - 1500 - Female Black-backed Woodpecker seen foraging in White Pine snag.

PANHANDLE (T32S R6E SEC 25 NESE)

August 11 - Female Black-backed Woodpecker observed.

RED CONE (T29S R5E SEC 35 SE)

September 11 - 1100 - Male Black-backed Woodpecker observed in Mt. Hemlock snag

NORTH PCT (T29S R5E SEC 23 SE)

September 16 - 1145 - Female Black-backed Woodpecker observed in burnt Lodgepole Pine stand.