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The following check-list of the birds of Crater Lake National Park is one of a series of similar lists being presented by the National Park Service. The information presented herein was compiled from available source material by members of the Wildlife Division.

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Colymbus nigricollis californicus (Heermann) Eared Grebe.

Fall migrant (Dixon, 1936)

Pelecanus erythrorhynchos Gmelin. White Pelican.

Casual migrant; 38 seen at Annie Spring, May 17, 1937, by W. T.

Frost (Huestis and Aldrich, 1937).

Phalacrocorax auritus albociliatus Ridgway. Farallon Cormorant.

Summer visitor; two seen in Skell Channel (Canfield, 1936); 1 observed at Cloudcap Bay July 6, and 1 at Wineglass July 11, 1937, by R. R. Huestis; 2 seen in Skell Channel in July, 1937 by E. A. Aldrich (Huestis and Aldrich, 1937).

Branta canadensis ssp. undetermined. Canada Goose.

Regular migrant (Dixon, 1936).

Anser albifrons ssp. undetermined. White-fronted Goose.

Observed by W. T. Frost as a regular migrant during 1936 and 1937. (Huestis and Aldrich, 1937).

Chen hyperborea hyperborea (Pallas). Lesser Snow Goose.

Regular migrant during 1936 and 1937 according to W. T. Frost (Huestis and Aldrich, 1937).

Nyroca valisineria (Wilson). Canvas-back.

Casual migrant (Miller and Miller, 1928).

Glaucionetta islandica (Gmelin). Barrow's Golden-eye

Occasional summer visitor; breeding birds seen on the Lake (Miller and Miller, 1928; cf. Huestis and Aldrich (1937).

Mergus merganser americanus Cassin. American Merganser.

Fall migrant (Dixon, 1936); occasional summer visitor; female and 5 young observed near Phantom Ship July 19 and 29, 1937, by R. R. Huestis (Huestis and Aldrich, 1937).

Cathartes aura septentrionalis Wied. Turkey Vulture.

One seen at Munson Meadow, July 10, 1937, by E. A. Aldrich (Huestis and Aldrich, 1937).

Astur atricapillus striatulus Ridgway. Western Goshawk.

Not common; one seen at Munson Meadow, July 10, and one at Bald Top, July 22, 1937, by E. A. Aldrich; one observed at Lost Creek July 17, 1937 by Huestis and Aldrich (Huestis and Aldrich, 1937).

Accipiter velox velox (Wilson). Sharp-shinned Hawk.

One seen by R. M. Bond and W. T. Frost, August 8, 1937 near Cloudcap (Bond, 1937).

Accipiter cooperi (Bonaparte). Cooper's Hawk.

Rare; in forests (Miller and Miller, 1928).

Buteo borealis calurus Cassin. Western Red-tailed Hawk.

Common in open spaces (Miller and Miller, 1928).

Buteo swainsoni Bonaparte. Swainson's Hawk.

Summer visitor; one seen near Lost Creek, July 11, and one at Cope-land Creek July 13, 1937, by Huestis and Aldrich (Huestis and Aldrich, 1937); one seen at Munson Meadow August 7, and 1 near the Watchman August 9, 1937, by R. M. Bond (Bond, 1937).

Buteo regalis (Gray). Ferruginous Rough-leg.

Two seen near Cloudcap, August 9, 1937, by R. M. Bond (Bond, 1937).

Aquila chrysaetos canadensis (Linnaeus). Golden Eagle.

A pair at Garfield Peak (Miller and Miller, 1928); one seen April 26, and 3 on May 19, 1937, by W. T. Frost (Huestis and Aldrich, 1937).

Haliaeetus leucocephalus leucocephalus (Linnaeus). Southern Bald Eagle.

Resident; pair observed at Wineglass, July 7, 1937 by Huestis and Aldrich; parent and one young seen at nest on Wizard Island, July 12, 1937, by Heggeness, Huestis and Aldrich (Huestis and Aldrich, 1937).

Circus hudsonius (Linnaeus). Marsh Hawk.

Rare straggler at the rim (Miller and Miller, 1928).

Pandion haliaetus carolinensis (Gmelin). Osprey.

"One record; rim", (Miller and Miller, 1928); one seen with a fish August 12, 1937 at Wineglass by E. A. Aldrich (Huestis and Aldrich, 1937).

Falco mexicanus Schlegel. Prairie Falcon.

Several around Llao Rock and Glacier Peak (Miller and Miller, 1928).

Falco peregrinus anatum Bonaparte. Duck Hawk.

Breeds? (Dixon, 1936).

Falco columbarius bendirei Swann. Western Pigeon Hawk.

Two records; rim (Miller and Miller, 1928).

Falco sparverius sparverius Linnaeus. Eastern Sparrow Hawk.

Common (Miller and Miller, 1928).

Dendragapus fuliginosus sierrae Chapman. Sierra Grouse.

Common back from the rim (Miller and Miller, 1928); female and 3 young one-third grown observed at the southwest boundary; female and 6 young one-third grown observed at Red Blanket Creek, July 22, 1937, by E. A. Aldrich (Huestis and Aldrich, 1937).

Oreortyx picta picta (Douglas). Plumed Quail.

Resident (Dixon, 1936).

Grus canadensis ssp. undetermined. Crane.

A flock of about 45 seen flying from east to west over Annie Spring, 9:25 a.m., March 30, 1936 (Frost, 1936).

Oxyechus vociferus vociferus (Linnaeus). Killdeer.

Occasional visitor on Wizard Island (Miller and Miller, 1928).

Actitis macularia (Linnaeus). Spotted Sandpiper.

Common on shore of Wizard Island (Miller and Miller, 1928); observed in Munson Meadow and along the Lake shore generally (Huestis and Aldrich, 1937).

Tringa solitaria cinnamomea (Brewster). Western Solitary Sandpiper.

Recorded from Munson Meadow (Miller and Miller, 1928); specimen in A. H. Miller collection.

Larus occidentalis occidentalis Audubon. Western Gull.

Immature of the first year killed near Annie Spring, August 17, 1937, according to W. T. Frost (Huestis and Aldrich, 1937).

Larus californicus Lawrence. California Gull.

Occasionally seen on the Lake (Miller and Miller, 1928).

Zenaidura macroura marginella (Woodhouse). Western Mourning Dove.

A pair seen at the south entrance to the park July 18, 1937 by E. A. Aldrich (Huestis and Aldrich, 1937).

Bubo virginianus ssp. undetermined. Horned Owl.

Several in woods near rim (Miller and Miller, 1928); one seen at the rim July 13, and one at park headquarters August 13, 1937, by E. A. Aldrich (Huestis and Aldrich, 1937).

Chordeiles minor hesperis Grinnell. Pacific Nighthawk.

Often seen over the camp grounds (Miller and Miller, 1928).

Aëronautes saxatalis saxatalis (Woodhouse). White-throated Swift.

Breeds? (Dixon, 1936).

Selasphorus rufus (Gmelin). Rufous Hummingbird.

Common in meadow regions (Miller and Miller, 1928).

Stellula calliope (Gould). Calliope Hummingbird.

A few about meadows (Miller and Miller, 1928).

Megaceryle alcyon caurina (Grinnell). Western Belted Kingfisher.

"Recorded from Wizard Island", (Miller and Miller, 1928).

Colaptes cafer collaris Vigors. Red-shafted Flicker.

Common throughout (Miller and Miller, 1928); not common in 1937

(Huestis and Aldrich, 1937).

Geophloeus pileatus picinus (Bangs). Western Pileated Woodpecker.

Rare; in dense timber (Miller and Miller, 1928); a pair seen at the south boundary July 8, and a pair at Munson Meadow July 13, 1937, by E. A. Aldrich (Huestis and Aldrich, 1937).

Asyndesmus lewis Gray. Lewis's Woodpecker.

Rare; on rim (Miller and Miller, 1928); one seen on Sun Spur August 1 and 6, 1937, by R. R. Huestis, and a pair observed nesting on Wizard Island August 7, 1937, by E. A. Aldrich (Huestis and Aldrich, 1937).

Sphyrapicus varius daggetti Grinnell. Southern Red-breasted Sapsucker.

Summer visitor; pair with nestlings seen on Grayback Ridge, July 28, by E. A. Aldrich, and one observed at the base of Arant Point, July 28, 1937, by Huestis and Aldrich (Huestis and Aldrich, 1937).

Sphyrapicus thyroideus thyroideus (Cassin). Williamson's Sapsucker.

Found occasionally in forests (Miller and Miller, 1928); several records by Huestis and Aldrich (1937).

Dryobates villosus orius Oberholser. Modoc Woodpecker.

Common in hemlock woods (Miller and Miller, 1928).

Dryobates albolarvatus albolarvatus (Cassin). Northern White-headed Woodpecker

One seen at Sun Creek, July 8, 1937, by E. A. Aldrich (Huestis and Aldrich, 1937).

Picoides arcticus (Swainson). Arctic Three-toed Woodpecker.

A few in timber near Munson Creek (Miller and Miller, 1928); skin in the A. H. Miller collection.

Picoides tridactylus fasciatus Baird. Alaska Three-toed Woodpecker.

One skin in the collection of A. H. Miller taken at Crater Lake; [identified by J. Linsdale] (Miller and Miller, 1928).

Sayornis saya saya (Bonaparte). Say's Phoebe.

Breeds? (Dixon, 1936).

Empidonax hammondi (Xantus) Hammond's Flycatcher.

Two males in the collection of A. H. Miller (Miller and Miller, 1928).

Empidonax wrighti Baird. Wright's Flycatcher.

Fairly common in forest areas (Miller and Miller, 1928); male in the collection of A. H. Miller.

Empidonax difficilis difficilis Baird. Western Flycatcher.

Regularly seen on Lake Trail (Miller and Miller, 1928); observed generally through the park in 1937 by E. A. Aldrich (Huestis and Aldrich, 1937).

Myiochanes richardsoni richardsoni (Swainson). Western Wood Pewee.

Fairly common at Munson Meadow (Miller and Miller, 1928); adult male in collection of A. H. Miller; not seen in 1937 by Huestis and Aldrich (1937).

Nuttallornis mesoleucus (Lichtenstein). Olive-sided Flycatcher.

Rare; at low elevations (Miller and Miller, 1928); skin in the A. H. Miller collection; seen throughout the park in 1937 by Huestis and Aldrich (1937).

Tachycineta thalassina lepida Mearns. Violet-green Swallow.

Common migrant in August (Miller and Miller, 1928); several seen at Danger Bay on every boat trip from July 6 - 29, 1937, by R. R. Huestis; a nesting colony observed near Bald Top July 8, 1937, by E. A. Aldrich (Huestis and Aldrich, 1937).

Stelgidopteryx ruficollis serripennis (Audubon). Rough-winged Swallow.

Summer visitor; a pair noted in Sand Creek Canyon, July 11, 1937 (Huestis and Aldrich, 1937).

Perisoreus obscurus griseus Ridgway. Gray Jay.

Common throughout (Miller and Miller, 1928); three specimens in the A. H. Miller collection.

Cyanocitta stelleri ssp. undetermined. Jay.

Common (Miller and Miller, 1928).

Aphelocoma californica ssp. undetermined. Jay.

One record; late summer (Miller and Miller, 1928).

Corvus corax sinuatus Wagler. American Raven.

Several pairs; rim (Miller and Miller, 1928).

Nucifraga columbiana (Wilson). Clark's Nutcracker.

Common everywhere (Miller and Miller, 1928); skin in the A. H. Miller collection.

Penthestes gambeli abbreviatus Grinnell. Short-tailed Chickadee.

Common everywhere (Miller and Miller, 1928); skin in the A. H. Miller collection.

Sitta carolinensis aculeata Cassin. Slender-billed Nuthatch.

Rare; in higher parts (Miller and Miller, 1928).

Sitta canadensis Linnaeus. Red-breasted Nuthatch.

Common throughout (Miller and Miller, 1928); skin in the A. H. Miller collection.

Sitta pygmaea ssp. undetermined. Nuthatch.

Rare straggler at the rim (Miller and Miller, 1928); flock of 10 observed at Sun Notch June 16, 1937, by R. R. Huestis (Huestis and Aldrich, 1937).

Certhia familiaris zelotes Osgood. Sierra Creeper.

Common; in forests (Miller and Miller, 1928).

Cinclus mexicanus unicolor Bonaparte. Dipper.

Common on Munson, Annie and other creeks (Miller and Miller, 1928); Fisher, 1932a); two skins in the A. H. Miller collection.

Troglodytes aëdon parkmani Audubon. Western House Wren.

Rare (Miller and Miller, 1928); female in the A. H. Miller collection; a pair observed on Wizard Island, August 3, 1937, by E. A. Aldrich (Huestis and Aldrich, 1937).

Nannus hiemalis pacificus (Baird). Western Winter Wren.

Fairly common in woods back of rim (Miller and Miller, 1928); skin in the A. H. Miller collection; not seen in 1937 by Huestis and Aldrich (1937).

Thryomanes bewicki ssp. undetermined. Wren.

Late summer migrant (Miller and Miller, 1928).

Salpinctes obsoletus obsoletus (Say). Common Rock Wren.

Often seen on rocky rim points (Miller and Miller, 1928).

Turdus migratorius propinquus Ridgway. Western Robin.

Common (Miller and Miller, 1928).

Ixoreus naevius naevius (Gmelin). Pacific Varied Thrush.

Occasional; back from rim (Miller and Miller, 1928; Fisher, 1932b).

Hylocichla guttata guttata (Pallas). Alaska Hermit Thrush.

Fall migrant; Joseph Dixon collection No. 9185 (Dixon, 1936).

Hylocichla guttata sequoiensis (Belding). Sierra Hermit Thrush.

Common at lower elevations (Miller and Miller, 1928).

Hylocichla ustulata swainsoni (Tschudi). Olive-backed Thrush.

A few; on Lake Trail (Miller and Miller, 1928); singing male noted on Copeland Creek, July 14, by R. R. Huestis and E. A. Aldrich, and a singing male observed at the southwest boundary July 22, 1937 by Aldrich (Huestis and Aldrich, 1937).

Sialia currucoides (Bechstein). Mountain Bluebird.

Common at rim (Miller and Miller, 1928); observed nesting at Crater Lake (A. H. Miller in conversation).

Myadestes townsendi (Audubon). Townsend's Solitaire.

Fairly common along rim (Miller and Miller, 1928); one young, two adults, and set of eggs in the A. H. Miller collection; several nesting records, including one at Wizard Island, established by Huestis and Aldrich (1937).

Regulus satrapa olivaceus Baird. Western Golden-crowned Kinglet.

Abundant in hemlock forests (Miller and Miller, 1928); skin from the north boundary of park in the A. H. Miller collection.

Corthylio calendula cineraceus (Grinnell). Western Ruby-crowned Kinglet.

A few at lower elevations (Miller and Miller, 1928); common throughout the park from June 10 to the end of July, 1937 (Huestis and Aldrich, 1937).

Anthus spinoletta rubescens (Tunstall). American Pipit.

Fall migrant (Dixon, 1936).

Bombycilla cedrorum Vieillot. Cedar Waxwing.

Fall migrant (Dixon, 1936).

Vireo solitarius cassinii Xantus. Cassin's Vireo.

"Late summer migrant", (Miller and Miller, 1928); juvenile male, July 28th, in A. H. Miller collection. "Summer visitant? Singing male [seen at] East Entrance road July 13, 1937, [by] Aldrich and Huestis. Singing male [seen at] South Entrance road July 17, 1937, [by] Aldrich" (Huestis and Aldrich, 1937).

Vireo gilvus swainsoni Baird. Western Warbling Vireo.

Summer visitor; two singing males observed at Munson Meadow July 13, 1937, by E. A. Aldrich; one singing male noted at Sand Creek, July 17, 1937 by Huestis and Aldrich (Huestis and Aldrich, 1937).

Vermivora ruficapilla ridgwayi van Rossem. Calaveras Warbler.

Late summer migrant along streams (Miller and Miller, 1928); skin in the A. H. Miller collection, taken July 25, 1928; observed frequently in July (Huestis and Aldrich, 1937).

Dendroica auduboni auduboni (Townsend). Audubon's Warbler.

Abundant (Miller and Miller, 1928).

Dendroica nigrescens (Townsend). Black-throated Gray Warbler.

Rare; at rim (Miller and Miller, 1928).

Dendroica occidentalis (Townsend). Hermit Warbler.

Rare resident; common migrant (Miller and Miller, 1928); seen at the south boundary July 8 and at Munson Meadow July 21, 1937, by E. A. Aldrich (Huestis and Aldrich, 1937).

Oporornis tolmiei (Townsend). Macgillivray's Warbler.

Common summer migrant (Miller and Miller, 1928); several observed at the south boundary, one carrying food, July 8, 1937, by E. A. Aldrich (Huestis and Aldrich, 1937).

Wilsonia pusilla chryseola Ridgway. Golden Pileolated Warbler.

Summer visitor; singing male observed in Sand Creek Canyon July 11 and 17, 1937 by E. A. Aldrich (Huestis and Aldrich, 1937).

Sturnella neglecta Audubon. Western Meadowlark.

Fall migrant (Dixon, 1936).

Agelaius phoeniceus ssp. undetermined. Red-wing.

Fall migrant (Dixon, 1936).

Euphagus cyanocephalus (Wagler). Brewer's Blackbird.

Fall migrant (Dixon, 1936).

Piranga ludoviciana (Wilson). Western Tanager.

Common (Miller and Miller, 1928).

Hedymeles melanocephalus melanocephalus (Swainson). Black-headed Grosbeak.

Late summer migrant (Miller and Miller, 1928); one observed May 13, 1937, by W. T. Frost (Huestis and Aldrich, 1937).

Passerina amoena (Say). Lazuli Bunting.

Rare; in meadows (Miller and Miller, 1928); male, taken July 20, 1928 at Munson Creek, in the collection of A. H. Miller; seen at the south boundary July 8, 1937, by E. A. Aldrich, and at Copeland Creek, July 17, 1937, by R. R. Huestis and Aldrich (Huestis and Aldrich, 1937).

Hesperiphona vespertina brooksi Grinnell. Western Evening Grosbeak.

"Common at Rim in 1927 only", [i.e., not in 1926] (Miller and Miller, 1928); male in collection of A. H. Miller; large flock seen at Annie Spring March 9, 1937, by W. T. Frost; seen July 8, July 13, and August 12, 1937, by Huestis and Aldrich (Huestis and Aldrich, 1937).

Carpodacus cassinii Baird. Cassin's Purple Finch.

Abundant (Miller and Miller, 1928); male and set of eggs in A. H. Miller collection.

Leucosticte tephrocotis ssp. undetermined. Rosy Finch.

Common on snow banks (Miller and Miller, 1928); seen at Kerr Notch June 15, 1937, by R. R. Huestis (Huestis and Aldrich, 1937).

Spinus pinus pinus (Wilson). Northern Pine Siskin.

Abundant (Miller and Miller, 1928); skin in the A. H. Miller collection.

Loxia curvirostra bendirei Ridgway. Bendire's Crossbill.

Rare; in forests (Miller and Miller, 1928); many seen September 23, 1936, by W. T. Frost (Huestis and Aldrich, 1937).

Oberholseria chlorura (Audubon). Green-tailed Towhee.

Late summer visitor (Miller and Miller, 1928); many observed at south boundary July 8, 1937, by E. A. Aldrich; seen at Sand Creek July 13, 1937, by R. R. Huestis (Huestis and Aldrich, 1937).

Pipilo maculatus curtatus Grinnell. Nevada Towhee.

Breeds? Joseph Dixon collection No. 9185 (Dixon, 1936).

Passerculus sandwichensis alaudinus Bonaparte. Western Savannah Sparrow.

Fall migrant; Joseph Dixon collection No. 9153 (Dixon, 1936).

Junco oreganus thurberi Anthony. Thurber's Junco.

Abundant (Miller and Miller, 1928); skin in the A. H. Miller collection; nests (A. H. Miller, in conversation).

Spizella passerina arizonae Coues. Western Chipping Sparrow.

Abundant in open timber (Miller and Miller, 1928).

Zonotrichia leucophrys gambeli (Nuttall). Gambel's Sparrow.

Fall migrant; Joseph Dixon collection No. 9182 (Dixon, 1936).

Zonotrichia leucophrys pugetensis Grinnell. Puget Sound Sparrow.

Fall migrant; Joseph Dixon collection No. 9180 (Dixon, 1936).

Zonotrichia coronata (Pallas). Golden-crowned Sparrow.

Fall migrant; Joseph Dixon collection Nos. 9169-70 (Dixon, 1936).

Passerella iliaca sinuosa Grinnell. Valdez Fox Sparrow.

Fall migrant; Joseph Dixon collection Nos. 9172, 9184 (Dixon, 1936).

Melospiza lincolni lincolni (Audubon). Lincoln's Sparrow.

Common in meadows (Miller and Miller, 1928); male and set of eggs in the A. H. Miller collection.

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