

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING INYO COUNTY SIGHTINGS TO NORTH AMERICAN BIRDS [effective July 2016]

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The attached list of Inyo County Birds, in the new 2016 taxonomic order, is being posted in an effort to inform observers of the species found in Inyo County. Those casual or rare enough to require a description are underlined and those on the California Bird Records Committee Review List are **underlined and bold**. Those species underlined fall into the following categories; vagrants, casual species recorded fewer than seven years per decade for each season(s) in which they occur, very rare species that are not recorded every year but are presumed to occur here annually, rare species that have similar look-alike species that are more expected (e.g., Greater Scaup), species experiencing a decline in numbers in the county (e.g., Cassin's Kingbird), species that have a history of being misidentified (e.g., Gray Vireo), hybrids, and rare species present in very small numbers.

Few species require lengthy descriptions, but the more rare the species or the more unexpected the species due to date, location, or number seen, the more detailed and convincing the description needs to be. When species not underlined are found out of season and/or out of known geographic distribution, they do require a description. Jon L. Dunn wrote up a Yellow-rumped (Audubon's) Warbler because he found it at Furnace Creek Ranch in Death Valley in late June. Steve N.G. Howell wrote a short description and a sketch of a Barn Swallow because he found it in the Owens Valley in late December. Both observers did so without being asked. Why? Because they recognized how unexpected the event was. If they can write descriptions of common species seen at uncommon times or in unexpected locations so can the rest of us. If we hear of unusual sightings, we will send requests for more information on species not underlined that are reported away from known locations, outside known temporal limits, or in numbers that are near or exceed the highest count.

Minimally, we need date, location, distance between bird and birder, amount of time viewing the bird(s), whether through binoculars or a telescope, and a description of the relevant aspects of plumage, structure, vocalizations and behavior. Often it takes two to three sentences for a totally convincing write-up; occasionally, as many paragraphs might be necessary. And remember that a picture is worth a thousand words!

Numerous sightings of Inyo County birds (up to 30,000 sightings in one season!), posted on the Internet without any descriptions, are not included in the Inyo County Seasonal Report to North American Birds or the county database. Eastern Sierra Birds posts that contained adequate descriptions and/or photographs are included in both the report and the database. If you enter your sightings into eBird and want them submitted for publication in North American Birds, we request that you send us a copy of your documentation, written and/or photographic or your eBird Submission number, so that we can add your records to the county archives.

The seasons are Spring – 1 March to 31 May, Summer – 1 June to 31 July, Fall – 1 August to 30 November, Winter – 1 December to 28 February. We must have reports by the tenth day following the end of each season and the species need to be in taxonomic order to facilitate collating all the reports. Please send them to tjheindel@gmail.com.

We are providing this information so observers know what is expected in order to turn a personal sighting into a county record that will stand the test of time. We cannot respond to observer's requests that we let them know which of their sightings need descriptions since we often have over fifty observers submitting reports. We ask that you send us all you have when you submit your sightings!

Thanks to all who have met and exceeded our requests in archiving a reliable database for Inyo County.

INYO COUNTY BIRD LIST 2016 TAXON

FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE

SNOW GOOSE (BLUE PHASE)

SNOW GOOSE (WHITE PHASE)

ROSS'S GOOSE

BRANT

CAACKLING GOOSE

CANADA GOOSE

TRUMPETER SWAN

TUNDRA SWAN

WOOD DUCK

GADWALL

EURASIAN WIGEON

AMERICAN WIGEON

MALLARD

BLUE-WINGED TEAL

CINNAMON TEAL

BLUE-WINGED X CINNAMON TEAL HYBRID

NORTHERN SHOVELER

NORTHERN PINTAIL

GARGANEY

GREEN-WINGED (AMERICAN) TEAL

GREEN-WINGED (EURASIAN) TEAL

CANVASBACK

REDHEAD

RING-NECKED DUCK

GREATER SCAUP

LESSER SCAUP

SURF SCOTER

WHITE-WINGED SCOTER

BLACK SCOTER

LONG-TAILED DUCK

BUFFLEHEAD

COMMON GOLDENEYE

BARROW'S GOLDENEYE

HOODED MERGANSER

COMMON MERGANSER

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER

RUDDY DUCK

MOUNTAIN QUAIL

CALIFORNIA QUAIL

GAMBEL'S QUAIL
CHUKAR
RING-NECKED PHEASANT
GREATER SAGE-GROUSE
WHITE-TAILED PTARMIGAN
SOOTY GROUSE
PIED-BILLED GREBE
HORNED GREBE
RED-NECKED GREBE
EARED GREBE
WESTERN GREBE
CLARK'S GREBE
ROCK PIGEON
BAND-TAILED PIGEON
ORIENTAL TURTLE-DOVE
EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE
INCA DOVE
COMMON GROUND-DOVE
RUDDY GROUND-DOVE
WHITE-WINGED DOVE
MOURNING DOVE
YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO
GREATER ROADRUNNER
GROOVE-BILLED ANI
LESSER NIGHTHAWK
COMMON NIGHTHAWK
COMMON POORWILL
BLACK SWIFT
CHIMNEY SWIFT
VAUX'S SWIFT
WHITE-THROATED SWIFT
RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD
BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD
ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD
COSTA'S HUMMINGBIRD
BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD
RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD
CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRD
BROAD-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD
VIRGINIA RAIL
SORA
PURPLE GALLINULE
COMMON GALLINULE
AMERICAN COOT
SANDHILL CRANE
BLACK-NECKED STILT
AMERICAN AVOCET
BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER
AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER
PACIFIC GOLDEN-PLOVER
SNOWY PLOVER
SEMIPALMATED PLOVER
KILLDEER
MOUNTAIN PLOVER
UPLAND SANDPIPER
WHIMBREL
LONG-BILLED CURLEW
MARBLED GODWIT
RUDDY TURNSTONE
BLACK TURNSTONE
RED KNOT
RUFF

STILT SANDPIPER
SANDERLING
DUNLIN
BAIRD'S SANDPIPER
LITTLE STINT
LEAST SANDPIPER
BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER
PECTORAL SANDPIPER
SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER
WESTERN SANDPIPER
SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER
LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER
WILSON'S SNIPE
SPOTTED SANDPIPER
SOLITARY SANDPIPER
GREATER YELLOWLEGS
WILLET
LESSER YELLOWLEGS
WILSON'S PHALAROPE
RED-NECKED PHALAROPE
RED PHALAROPE
PARASITIC JAEGER
LONG-TAILED JAEGER
SABINE'S GULL
BONAPARTE'S GULL
FRANKLIN'S GULL
HEERMANN'S GULL
MEW GULL
RING-BILLED GULL
WESTERN GULL
CALIFORNIA GULL
HERRING GULL
THAYER'S GULL
LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL
GLAUCOUS-WINGED GULL
GLAUCOUS GULL
LEAST TERN
CASPIAN TERN
BLACK TERN
COMMON TERN
ARCTIC TERN
FORSTER'S TERN
RED-THROATED LOON
PACIFIC LOON
COMMON LOON
WOOD STORK
MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD
DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT
AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN
BROWN PELICAN
AMERICAN BITTERN
LEAST BITTERN
GREAT BLUE HERON
GREAT EGRET
SNOWY EGRET
LITTLE BLUE HERON
REDDISH EGRET
CATTLE EGRET
GREEN HERON
BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON
GLOSSY IBIS
WHITE-FACED IBIS

BLACK VULTURE

TURKEY VULTURE
CALIFORNIA CONDOR
OSPREY

WHITE-TAILED KITE

MISSISSIPPI KITE

BALD EAGLE
NORTHERN HARRIER
SHARP-SHINNED HAWK
COOPER'S HAWK
NORTHERN GOSHAWK
RED-SHOULDERED HAWK
BROAD-WINGED HAWK
SWAINSON'S HAWK
ZONE-TAILED HAWK
RED-TAILED HAWK
ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK

FERRUGINOUS HAWK

GOLDEN EAGLE

BARN OWL

FLAMMULATED OWL

WESTERN SCREECH-OWL

GREAT HORNED OWL

NORTHERN PYGMY-OWL

BURROWING OWL

BARRED OWL

LONG-EARED OWL

SHORT-EARED OWL

NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL

BELTED KINGFISHER

LEWIS'S WOODPECKER

ACORN WOODPECKER

WILLIAMSON'S SAPSUCKER

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER

RED-NAPED SAPSUCKER

RED-BREASTED SAPSUCKER

LADDER-BACKED WOODPECKER

NUTTALL'S WOODPECKER

DOWNY WOODPECKER

HAIRY WOODPECKER

WHITE-HEADED WOODPECKER

NORTHERN (YELLOW-SHAFTED) FLICKER

NORTHERN (RED-SHAFTED) FLICKER

NORTHERN (RED-SHAFTED X YELLOW-SHAFTED) FLICKER HYBRID

CRESTED CARACARA

AMERICAN KESTREL

MERLIN

GYRFALCON

PEREGRINE FALCON

PRAIRIE FALCON

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER

WESTERN WOOD-PEWEE

EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE

WILLOW FLYCATCHER

LEAST FLYCATCHER

HAMMOND'S FLYCATCHER

GRAY FLYCATCHER

DUSKY FLYCATCHER

PACIFIC-SLOPE FLYCATCHER

CORDILLERAN FLYCATCHER

WESTERN FLYCATCHER
BLACK PHOEBE
EASTERN PHOEBE
SAY'S PHOEBE
VERMILION FLYCATCHER
DUSKY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER
ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER
GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER
BROWN-CRESTED FLYCATCHER
TROPICAL KINGBIRD
CASSIN'S KINGBIRD
THICK-BILLED KINGBIRD
WESTERN KINGBIRD
EASTERN KINGBIRD
SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER
LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE
NORTHERN SHRIKE
WHITE-EYED VIREO
BELL'S VIREO
GRAY VIREO
HUTTON'S VIREO
YELLOW-THROATED VIREO
CASSIN'S VIREO
BLUE-HEADED VIREO
PLUMBEOUS VIREO
PHILADELPHIA VIREO
WARBLING VIREO
RED-EYED VIREO
PINYON JAY
STELLER'S JAY
BLUE JAY
CALIFORNIA SCRUB-JAY
WOODHOUSE'S SCRUB-JAY
CLARK'S NUTCRACKER
BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE
AMERICAN CROW
COMMON RAVEN
HORNED LARK
PURPLE MARTIN
TREE SWALLOW
VIOLET-GREEN SWALLOW
NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW
BANK SWALLOW
CLIFF SWALLOW
BARN SWALLOW
MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE
OAK TITMOUSE
JUNIPER TITMOUSE
VERDIN
BUSHTIT
RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH
WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH
PYGMY NUTHATCH
BROWN CREEPER
ROCK WREN
CANYON WREN
HOUSE WREN
PACIFIC WREN
WINTER WREN
SEDGE WREN
MARSH WREN
BEWICK'S WREN

CACTUS WREN
BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER
BLACK-TAILED GNATCATCHER
AMERICAN DIPPER
GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET
RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET
WRENTIT
WESTERN BLUEBIRD
MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD
TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE
VEERY
SWAINSON'S THRUSH
HERMIT THRUSH
WOOD THRUSH
RUFOS-BACKED ROBIN
AMERICAN ROBIN
VARIED THRUSH
GRAY CATBIRD
CURVE-BILLED THRASHER
BROWN THRASHER
BENDIRE'S THRASHER
CALIFORNIA THRASHER
LE CONTE'S THRASHER
CRISSAL THRASHER
SAGE THRASHER
NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD
EUROPEAN STARLING
BOHEMIAN WAXWING
CEDAR WAXWING
PHAINOPEPLA
HOUSE SPARROW
WHITE WAGTAIL
RED-THROATED PIPIT
AMERICAN PIPIT
SPRAGUE'S PIPIT
GRAY-CROWNED (DAWSON'S) ROSY-FINCH
GRAY-CROWNED (HEPBURN'S) ROSY-FINCH
BLACK ROSY-FINCH
PINE GROSBEEK
HOUSE FINCH
PURPLE FINCH
CASSIN'S FINCH
RED CROSSBILL
PINE SISKIN
LESSER GOLDFINCH
LAWRENCE'S GOLDFINCH
AMERICAN GOLDFINCH
EVENING GROSBEEK
LAPLAND LONGSPUR
CHESTNUT-COLLARED LONGSPUR
SMITH'S LONGSPUR
MCCOWN'S LONGSPUR
SNOW BUNTING
OVENBIRD
WORM-EATING WARBLER
LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH
NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH
GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER
BLUE-WINGED WARBLER
BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER
PROTHONOTARY WARBLER
TENNESSEE WARBLER

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER
LUCY'S WARBLER
NASHVILLE WARBLER
VIRGINIA'S WARBLER
CONNECTICUT WARBLER
MACGILLIVRAY'S WARBLER
MOURNING WARBLER
KENTUCKY WARBLER
COMMON YELLOWTHROAT
HOODED WARBLER
AMERICAN REDSTART
CAPE MAY WARBLER
CERULEAN WARBLER
NORTHERN PARULA
MAGNOLIA WARBLER
BAY-BREASTED WARBLER
BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER
YELLOW WARBLER
CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER
BLACKPOLL WARBLER
BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER
PALM WARBLER
PINE WARBLER
YELLOW-RUMPED (AUDUBON'S) WARBLER
YELLOW-RUMPED (MYRTLE) WARBLER
YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER
PRAIRIE WARBLER
BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER
TOWNSEND'S WARBLER
HERMIT WARBLER
TOWNSEND'S X HERMIT WARBLER HYBRID
BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER
CANADA WARBLER
WILSON'S WARBLER
RED-FACED WARBLER
PAINTED REDSTART
YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT
GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE
SPOTTED TOWHEE
CALIFORNIA TOWHEE
CASSIN'S SPARROW
AMERICAN TREE SPARROW
CHIPPING SPARROW
CLAY-COLORED SPARROW
BREWER'S SPARROW
FIELD SPARROW
BLACK-CHINNED SPARROW
VESPER SPARROW
LARK SPARROW
BLACK-THROATED SPARROW
SAGEBRUSH SPARROW
BELL'S SPARROW
LARK BUNTING
SAVANNAH SPARROW
GRASSHOPPER SPARROW
LE CONTE'S SPARROW
NELSON'S SPARROW
FOX SPARROW
FOX (RED) SPARROW
FOX (SOOTY) SPARROW
FOX (THICK-BILLED) SPARROW
FOX (SLATE-COLORED) SPARROW

SONG SPARROW
LINCOLN'S SPARROW
SWAMP SPARROW
WHITE-THROATED SPARROW
HARRIS'S SPARROW
WHITE-CROWNED (GAMBEL'S) SPARROW
WHITE-CROWNED (MOUNTAIN) SPARROW
GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW
DARK-EYED (PINK-SIDED) JUNCO
DARK-EYED (WHITE-WINGED) JUNCO
DARK-EYED (SLATE-COLORED) JUNCO
DARK-EYED (OREGON) JUNCO
DARK-EYED (GRAY-HEADED) JUNCO
HEPATIC Tanager
SUMMER Tanager
SCARLET Tanager
WESTERN Tanager
NORTHERN CARDINAL
PYRRHULOXIA
ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK
BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK
BLUE GROSBEAK
LAZULI BUNTING
INDIGO BUNTING
INDIGO X LAZULI BUNTING HYBRID
VARIED BUNTING
PAINTED BUNTING
DICKCISSEL
BOBOLINK
RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD
TRICOLORED BLACKBIRD
WESTERN MEADOWLARK
YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD
RUSTY BLACKBIRD
BREWER'S BLACKBIRD
COMMON GRACKLE
GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE
BRONZED COWBIRD
BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD
ORCHARD ORIOLE
HOODED ORIOLE
STREAK-BACKED ORIOLE
BULLOCK'S ORIOLE
BALTIMORE ORIOLE
SCOTT'S ORIOLE