

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING INYO COUNTY SIGHTINGS TO NORTH AMERICAN BIRDS [effective July 2013]

The attached list of Inyo County Birds, in the new 2013 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. 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, 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, 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 2013 TAXON

FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE

SNOW GOOSE (BLUE PHASE)

SNOW GOOSE (WHITE PHASE)

ROSS'S GOOSE

BRANT

CACKLING 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

RED-THROATED LOON

PACIFIC LOON

COMMON LOON

PIED-BILLED GREBE

HORNED GREBE

RED-NECKED GREBE

EARED GREBE

WESTERN GREBE

CLARK'S GREBE

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

FERRUGINOUS HAWK

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK

GOLDEN EAGLE

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

SPOTTED SANDPIPER

SOLITARY SANDPIPER

GREATER YELLOWLEGS

WILLET

LESSER YELLOWLEGS

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

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SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER
LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER
WILSON'S SNIPE
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
ROCK PIGEON
BAND-TAILED PIGEON
ORIENTAL TURTLE-DOVE
EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE
WHITE-WINGED DOVE
MOURNING DOVE
INCA DOVE
COMMON GROUND-DOVE
RUDDY GROUND-DOVE
YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO
GREATER ROADRUNNER
BARN OWL
FLAMMULATED OWL
WESTERN SCREECH-OWL
GREAT HORNED OWL
NORTHERN PYGMY-OWL
BURROWING OWL
LONG-EARED OWL
SHORT-EARED OWL
NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL
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
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
YELLOW-THROATED VIREO
PLUMBEOUS VIREO
CASSIN'S VIREO
BLUE-HEADED VIREO
HUTTON'S VIREO
WARBLING VIREO
PHILADELPHIA VIREO
RED-EYED VIREO
PINYON JAY
STELLER'S JAY
BLUE JAY
WESTERN SCRUB-JAY
CLARK'S NUTCRACKER
BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE
AMERICAN CROW
COMMON RAVEN
HORNED LARK
PURPLE MARTIN

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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
RUFIOUS-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
WHITE WAGTAIL
RED-THROATED PIPIT
AMERICAN PIPIT
SPRAGUE'S PIPIT
BOHEMIAN WAXWING
CEDAR WAXWING
PHAINOPEPLA
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

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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
GRAY-CROWNED (DAWSON'S) ROSY-FINCH
GRAY-CROWNED (HEPBURN'S) ROSY-FINCH
BLACK ROSY-FINCH
PINE GROSBEAK
HOUSE FINCH
PURPLE FINCH
CASSIN'S FINCH
RED CROSSBILL
PINE SISKIN
LESSER GOLDFINCH
LAWRENCE'S GOLDFINCH
AMERICAN GOLDFINCH
EVENING GROSBEAK
HOUSE SPARROW