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](mailto: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.

**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

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

RUFOUS 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

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**

**RUFOUS-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

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