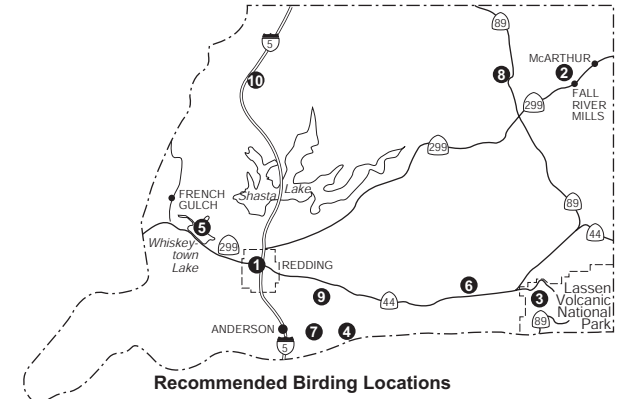




BIRDS OF Shasta County California

Shasta County encompasses approximately 3,800 square miles and contains many lowland valley, foothill, montane and Great Basin bird species. The uniquely variable geography and climatic conditions found within the county provide a wide habitat diversity supporting 308 bird species, 255 of which are regularly occurring and 53 of which are infrequently observed. Public lands within Shasta County are abundant and provide easy access to many excellent birding areas. The Wintu Audubon Society encourages you to join us in exploring and enjoying these areas and the birds they support.



Recommended Birding Locations

- 1) Kutas Lake, Turtle Bay
- 2) Fall River Valley
- 3) Lassen Volcanic National Park
- 4) Battle Creek Wildlife Area
- 5) Whiskeytown Lake
- 6) McCumber Reservoir
- 7) Lone Tree Pond, Reading Island
- 8) Burney Falls, Lake Britton
- 9) Millville Plains
- 10) Upper Sacramento River Canyon

Legend

<p>Probability of Observing Species in Appropriate Habitat & Location at Indicated Time of Year</p> <p>█ Almost always encountered; usually occurs in large numbers; effortlessly located.</p> <p>▬ Usually encountered; generally occurs in small numbers; eventually located.</p> <p>⋯ Occasionally encountered; ordinarily present; challenging to locate.</p> <p>⋯⋯ Rarely encountered; may occur irregularly or in a limited range; usually located by chance.</p>	<p>Seasons</p> <p>Sp (Spring): March - May</p> <p>Su (Summer): June - Aug.</p> <p>Fa (Fall): Sept. - Nov.</p> <p>Wi (Winter): Dec. - Feb.</p>	<p>Habitats</p> <p>a - alpine</p> <p>f - coniferous forests</p> <p>g - grasslands, agricultural fields</p> <p>m - marshy areas, shorelines</p> <p>o - open water, lakes, rivers</p> <p>r - riparian vegetation</p> <p>s - shrublands</p> <p>w - oak woodlands</p> <p>* - found regularly only in Fall River Valley</p>
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	Common Name	Habitat	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
SWALLOWS	Purple Martin	r,f,o	⋯			
	Tree Swallow	r,o	█			
	Violet-green Swallow	r,f,w,o	█			
	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	r,o	█			
	Bank Swallow	r,o	▬			
	Cliff Swallow	r,o	█			
	Barn Swallow	r,m,o	█			
	Mountain Chickadee	f	█			
	Chestnut-backed Chickadee	f,w	⋯			
	Oak Titmouse	w,s	█			
	Bushtit	w,s	█			
	Red-breasted Nuthatch	f	█			
	White-breasted Nuthatch	w,f	█			
	Pygmy Nuthatch	f	⋯			
	Brown Creeper	f,r	▬			
WRENS	Rock Wren	s	⋯			
	Canyon Wren	s,f	⋯			
	Bewick's Wren	s,w	█			
	House Wren	f,r	▬			
	Winter Wren	f	⋯			
	Marsh Wren	m	█			
	American Dipper	o	▬			
	Golden-crowned Kinglet	f	▬			
	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	w,s,f	█			
	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	s,w	⋯			
	Western Bluebird	w,g	█			
	Mountain Bluebird	g,f	⋯			
	Townsend's Solitaire	f	▬			
	Swainson's Thrush	w,r	⋯			
	Hermit Thrush	w,f	█			
THRUSHES	American Robin	w,f	█			
	Varied Thrush	w,f	⋯			
	Wrentit	s	█			
	Northern Mockingbird	w,s	█			
	California Thrasher	s,r,w	▬			
	European Starling	w,g	█			
	American Pipit	g,m	⋯			
	Cedar Waxwing	w	█			
	Phainopepla	w	⋯			
	Orange-crowned Warbler	w,r	█			

	Common Name	Habitat	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
WARBLERS	Nashville Warbler	f	▬			
	Yellow Warbler	r,w	█			
	Yellow-rumped Warbler	r,w,f	█			
	Black-throated Gray Warbler	f,w	█			
	Townsend's Warbler	f,w	⋯			
	Hermit Warbler	f	▬			
	MacGillivray's Warbler	f	▬			
	Common Yellowthroat	m	▬			
	Wilson's Warbler	r,w	█			
	Yellow-breasted Chat	r	█			
	Western Tanager	f	█			
	Green-tailed Towhee	f,s	⋯			
	Spotted Towhee	s,w	█			
	California Towhee	s,w	█			
	Rufous-crowned Sparrow	s	⋯			
SPARROWS	Chipping Sparrow	f	▬			
	Brewer's Sparrow	g,s *	⋯			
	Vesper Sparrow	g *	⋯			
	Lark Sparrow	g,w	▬			
	Black-throated Sparrow	s *	⋯			
	Sage Sparrow	s	⋯			
	Savannah Sparrow	g	█			
	Grasshopper Sparrow	g	⋯			
	Fox Sparrow	f,s,w	█			
	Song Sparrow	m,r	█			
	Lincoln's Sparrow	g,w,f	⋯			
	White-throated Sparrow	s,w	▬			
	Harris's Sparrow	s,w	▬			
	White-crowned Sparrow	s,w,g	█			
	Golden-crowned Sparrow	s,w	█			
BLACKBIRDS	Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon)	f,w,s	█			
	Lapland Longspur	g *	⋯			
	Black-headed Grosbeak	r,w,f	█			
	Blue Grosbeak	g,r	⋯			
	Lazuli Bunting	w	█			
	Red-winged Blackbird	m,g	█			
	Tricolored Blackbird	g	▬			
	Western Meadowlark	g	█			
	Yellow-headed Blackbird	m,g	⋯			
	Brewer's Blackbird	g,r	█			

	Common Name	Habitat	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
FINCHES	Great-tailed Grackle	g,r,w	⋯			
	Brown-headed Cowbird	g,w	▬			
	Hooded Oriole	w,r	⋯			
	Bullock's Oriole	w,r	█			
	Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	a	⋯			
	Purple Finch	f,w	⋯			
	Cassin's Finch	f	▬			
	House Finch	w,r,s	█			
	Red Crossbill	f	⋯			
	Pine Siskin	f,r	▬			
	Lesser Goldfinch	g,s,w	█			
	Lawrence's Goldfinch	g,s,w	⋯			
	American Goldfinch	g,s,w	▬			
	Evening Grosbeak	f	⋯			
	House Sparrow	w,s	█			

Supplemental List

(Birds observed fewer than ten times in Shasta County)

Emperor Goose	Marbled Godwit	Sage Thrasher
Trumpeter Swan	Red Knot	Bohemian Waxwing
Tufted Duck	Sanderling	Chestnut-sided Warbler
Harlequin Duck	Semipalmated Sandpiper	Magnolia Warbler
Surf Scoter	Baird's Sandpiper	Yellow-throated Warbler
White-winged Scoter	Red Phalarope	Black-and-white Warbler
Long-tailed Duck	Long-tailed Jaeger	Ovenbird
Ruffed Grouse	Laughing Gull	Northern Waterthrush
Red-throated Loon	Western Gull	American Tree Sparrow
Yellow-billed Loon	Sabine's Gull	Swamp Sparrow
Red-necked Grebe	Black-legged Kittiwake	Chestnut-collared Longspur
Laysan Albatross	Ancient Murrelet	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Cattle Egret	Long-eared Owl	Indigo Bunting
Broad-winged Hawk	Broad-tailed Hummingbird	Common Grackle
Gyrfalcon	Red-naped Sapsucker	Orchard Oriole
Black-bellied Plover	Gray Flycatcher	Gray Grosbeak
Snowy Plover	Eastern Kingbird	Common Redpoll
Whimbrel	Pinyon Jay	

Undocumented/Unconfirmed Species

The following species have been reported in Shasta County, but those reports lack confirmation or acceptable documentation.

Common Tern	Allen's Hummingbird
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Northern Parula
Barred Owl	Bobolink
Great Gray Owl	

This list was compiled in March 2005 by the Wintu Audubon Shasta County Bird List Committee and conforms in arrangement and nomenclature to the American Ornithologists Union (AOU) checklist, Seventh Edition, 1997, and supplements through 2004. Please report new species, species on the Supplemental List, or other interesting sightings to: Wintu Audubon Society @ www.wintu-audubon.org

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	Common Name	Habitat	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
WATERFOWL	Greater White-fronted Goose	g,m,o
	Snow Goose	g,m,o	.....		.....	.....
	Ross's Goose	g,m,o	.....		.....	.....
	Cackling Goose	g,m,o	.....		.....	.....
	Canada Goose	g,m,o	████████		████████	████████
	Tundra Swan	o,g	.....		.....	.....
	Wood Duck	r,m	.....		.....	.....
	Gadwall	m,o	.....		.....	.....
	Eurasian Wigeon	m,o	.....		.....	.....
	American Wigeon	m,o	████		████	████
	Mallard	r,m,o	████████		████████	████████
	Blue-winged Teal	m,o	.....		.....	.....
	Cinnamon Teal	m,o	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Northern Shoveler	m,o	.....		.....	.....
	Northern Pintail	m,o	.....		.....	.....
	Green-winged Teal	m,o	.....		.....	.....
	Canvasback	o	.....		.....	.....
	Redhead	o	.....		.....	.....
Ring-necked Duck	o	.....		.....	████
Greater Scaup	o	.....		.....	.....
Lesser Scaup	o	.....		.....	.....
Bufflehead	o	████	.....	████	████
Common Goldeneye	o	.....		████	████
Barrow's Goldeneye	o	.....		.....	████
Hooded Merganser	o	.....		.....	.....
Common Merganser	o	████████		████████	████████	
Red-breasted Merganser	o	.....		.....	.....
Ruddy Duck	o	.....		████	████
Ring-necked Pheasant	g	.....		.....	.....
Blue Grouse	f	.....		.....	.....
Wild Turkey	w	.....		.....	.....
QUAIL	Mountain Quail	f,s	.....		.....	.....
	California Quail	w,s	████████		████████	████████
	Pacific Loon	o	.....		.....	.....
	Common Loon	o	.....		.....	.....
	Pied-billed Grebe	o	████████		████████	████████
	Horned Grebe	o
	Eared Grebe	o		████	████
	Western Grebe	o	████
	Clark's Grebe	o

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HERONS	American White Pelican	o
	Double-crested Cormorant	o	████████		████████	████████
	American Bittern	m
	Great Blue Heron	r,m,g	.....		.....	.....
	Great Egret	r,m,g	████	.....	████	████
	Snowy Egret	m,g,r	.....		.....	.....
	Green Heron	r	████	.....	████	████
	Black-crowned Night-Heron	r	.....		.....	.....
	White-faced Ibis	m,g	.....		.....	.....
	Turkey Vulture	w,f,g	████████		████████	████████
HAWKS	Osprey	o,r	████	.....	████	.....
	White-tailed Kite	g	.....		.....	.....
	Bald Eagle	o	.....		.....	████
	Northern Harrier	g	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Sharp-shinned Hawk	w,f,r	.....		.....	.....
	Cooper's Hawk	w,f,r	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Northern Goshawk	f	.....		.....	.....
	Red-shouldered Hawk	r	.....		.....	.....
	Swainson's Hawk	g	.....		.....	.....
	Red-tailed Hawk	w,g,r,s	████████		████████	████████
SHOREBIRDS	Ferruginous Hawk	g	.....		.....	.....
	Rough-legged Hawk	g	.....		████	████
	Golden Eagle	g,w	.....		.....	.....
	American Kestrel	g,w	████	.....	████	████
	Merlin	w,g	.....		.....	.....
	Peregrine Falcon	w,f,o	.....		.....	.....
	Prairie Falcon	g	.....		.....	.....
	Virginia Rail	m	.....		.....	.....
	Sora	m	.....		.....	.....
	Common Moorhen	m	.....		.....	.....
SHOREBIRDS	American Coot	o,r,m	████████		████████	████████
	Sandhill Crane	g	.....		.....	.....
	Semipalmated Plover	m,g	.....		.....	.....
	Killdeer	g,r,m	████████		████████	████████
	Black-necked Stilt	m	.....		.....	.....
	American Avocet	m	.....		.....	.....
	Greater Yellowlegs	m	.....		.....	.....
	Lesser Yellowlegs	m	.....		.....	.....
	Solitary Sandpiper	m	.....		.....	.....
	Willet	m	.....		.....	.....

	Common Name	Habitat	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
SHOREBIRDS	Spotted Sandpiper	m	████████		████████	████████
	Long-billed Curlew	g	.....		.....	.....
	Western Sandpiper	m	.....		.....	.....
	Least Sandpiper	m	.....		.....	.....
	Pectoral Sandpiper	m	.....		.....	.....
	Dunlin	m	.....		.....	.....
	Short-billed Dowitcher	m	.....		.....	.....
	Long-billed Dowitcher	m	.....		.....	.....
	Wilson's Snipe	m,g	.....		.....	.....
	Wilson's Phalarope	m	.....		.....	.....
GULLS	Red-necked Phalarope	m	.....		.....	.....
	Bonaparte's Gull	o	.....		.....	.....
	Mew Gull	o,m	.....		.....	.....
	Ring-billed Gull	o,m	████	.....	████	████
	California Gull	o,m	.....		.....	.....
	Herring Gull	o,m	.....		.....	.....
	Thayer's Gull	o,m	.....		.....	.....
	Glaucous-winged Gull	o,m	.....		.....	.....
	Caspian Tern	o,m	.....		.....	.....
	Forster's Tern	o,m	.....		.....	.....
OWLS	Black Tern	o,m	.....		.....	.....
	Rock Pigeon	g	████████		████████	████████
	Band-tailed Pigeon	f,w	.....		.....	.....
	Mourning Dove	g,w	████████		████████	████████
	Greater Roadrunner	s	.....		.....	.....
	Barn Owl	w,g	.....		.....	.....
	Flammulated Owl	f	.....		.....	.....
	Western Screech-Owl	w	.....		.....	.....
	Great Horned Owl	w,f,g	████████		████████	████████
	Northern Pygmy-Owl	f,w	.....		.....	.....
JAYS	Burrowing Owl	g	.....		.....	.....
	Spotted Owl	f	.....		.....	.....
	Short-eared Owl	g	.....		.....	.....
	Northern Saw-whet Owl	f,w	.....		.....	.....
	Common Nighthawk	f,w,s	.....		.....	.....
	Common Poorwill	f	.....		.....	.....
	Black Swift	f	.....		.....	.....
	Vaux's Swift	f	.....		.....	.....
	White-throated Swift	f *	.....		.....	.....
	Black-chinned Hummingbird	w	.....		.....	.....

	Common Name	Habitat	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
WOODPECKERS	Anna's Hummingbird	s,w	████████		████████	████████
	Costa's Hummingbird	s,w	.....		.....	.....
	Calliope Hummingbird	f	.....		.....	.....
	Rufous Hummingbird	w,s,f	.....		.....	.....
	Belted Kingfisher	r,m,o	████████		████████	████████
	Lewis's Woodpecker	w	.....		.....	.....
	Acorn Woodpecker	w,f	████████		████████	████████
	Williamson's Sapsucker	f	.....		.....	.....
	Red-breasted Sapsucker	f,w	.....		.....	.....
	Nuttall's Woodpecker	w,r	████████		████████	████████
FLYCATCHERS	Downy Woodpecker	w,r,f	.....		.....	.....
	Hairy Woodpecker	f,w	.....		.....	.....
	White-headed Woodpecker	f	.....		.....	.....
	Black-backed Woodpecker	f	.....		.....	.....
	Northern Flicker (Red-shafted)	w,r,f	████████		████████	████████
	Pileated Woodpecker	f	.....		.....	.....
	Olive-sided Flycatcher	f	.....		.....	.....
	Western Wood-Pewee	f,w	.....		.....	.....
	Willow Flycatcher	r	.....		.....	.....
	Hammond's Flycatcher	f	.....		.....	.....
VIREOS	Dusky Flycatcher	f	.....		.....	.....
	Pacific-slope Flycatcher	r,f	.....		.....	.....
	Black Phoebe	r	████████		████████	████████
	Say's Phoebe	g,w	.....		.....	.....
	Ash-throated Flycatcher	w,s	.....		.....	.....
	Western Kingbird	g,w	████████		████████	████████
	Loggerhead Shrike	g	.....		.....	.....
	Northern Shrike	g	.....		.....	.....
	Cassin's Vireo	f	.....		.....	.....
	Hutton's Vireo	w,s,f	.....		.....	.....
JAYS	Warbling Vireo	f	.....		.....	.....
	Gray Jay	f	.....		.....	.....
	Steller's Jay	f	████████		████████	████████
	Western Scrub-Jay	w,s	████████		████████	████████
	Clark's Nutcracker	f	.....		.....	.....
	Black-billed Magpie	g,f *	.....		.....	.....
	Yellow-billed Magpie	g	████████		████████	████████
	American Crow	g,w	████████		████████	████████
	Common Raven	f	████████		████████	████████
	Horned Lark	g	████	.....	████	████