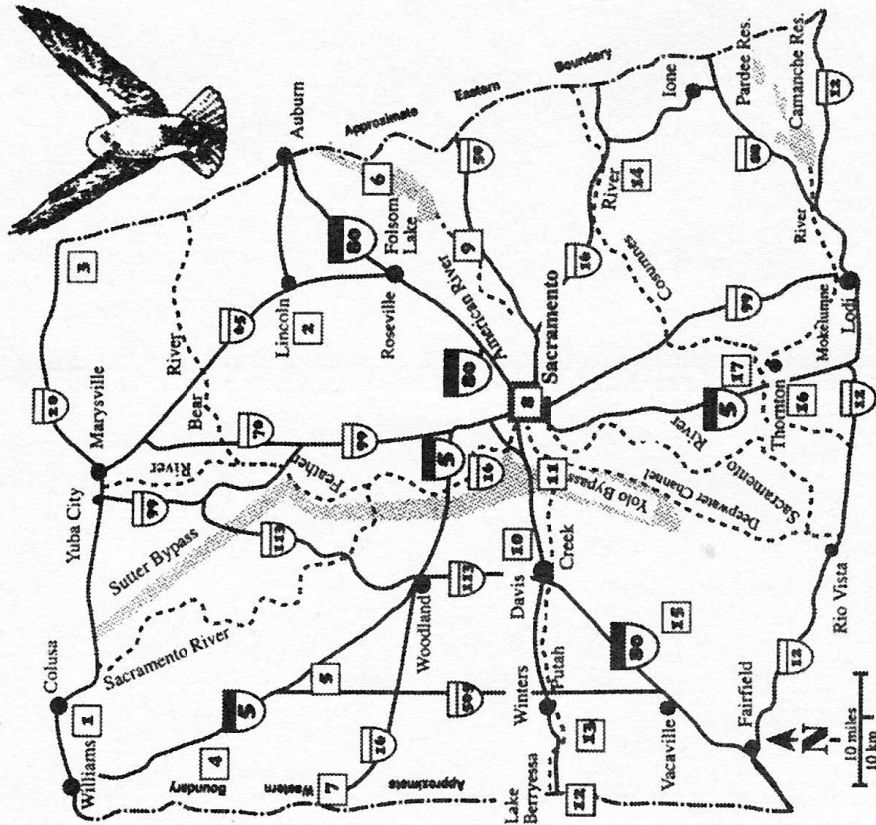


Checklist of the  
**BIRDS OF THE SACRAMENTO AREA**



The numbers in the boxes above refer to the following locations: 1. Colusa National Wildlife Refuge 2. Lincoln Grasslands 3. Spenceville Wildlife Area 4. Sand Creek Road 5. Dunnigan Hills 6. Folsom Lake State Recreation Area 7. Rayhouse Road 8. Old Sacramento 9. American River Parkway - Nimbus Fish Hatchery 10. Davis Wetlands 11. Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area 12. Monticello Dam and Cold Canyon 13. Lake Solano and Upper Putah Creek 14. Meiss Road 15. Robinson Road 16. Woodbridge Road 17. Cosumnes River Preserve

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**INTRODUCTION**

Situated at the confluence of two major rivers, Sacramento offers riparian woodland, marshes and vast areas of agricultural land in the surrounding valley. In the foothills to the east and west are extensive grasslands, chaparral and oak woodlands. This variety of habitats, together with mild winters, makes the Sacramento area one of North America's outstanding inland birding areas in terms of both species richness and total number of birds.

The area covered by this list extends from State Highway 12 on the south to State Highway 20 on the north, and to the 1000' contour in the foothills on both sides of the Valley.

This list contains information on the relative abundance and seasonal occurrence of 255 species which might reasonably be found in appropriate habitat. In addition, 31 species are included which are very rare, but have been recorded on multiple occasions, with some nearly annual. Many other species have been seen in this checklist area, but are not listed here since there are 10 or fewer records of occurrence.

Species names and listed order follow the *American Ornithologists' Union's Checklist of North American Birds, 7th edition*, including subsequent supplements. For additional information on abundance and seasonal occurrence of species within the Sacramento Checklist Area, please refer to the *Checklist of the Birds of Yolo County, California (Rev. 4/04)*, and *A Field Checklist for Birds of the Cosumnes River Preserve, Sacramento County, California (Third Revision-2001)*.

Documented reports of species marked with an asterisk or designated as "lucky to find" on the graphs, species on the list of rarities, species found out of season, species nesting that are not yet confirmed nesters in this area, and species not mentioned in this checklist should be submitted to the appropriate *North American Birds* county editor: Amador and El Dorado - Tim Steurer (tsteurer@hotmail.com); Calaveras, Yolo - John Sterling (jsterling@waveable.com); Colusa, Sutter, Yuba - Bruce Deuel (bdeuel@wildblue.net); Placer - Ed Pandolfino (erpfromca@aol.com); Sacramento - Chris Conard (conardc@gmail.com); San Joaquin - Frances Oliver (hummer52@sbcglobal.net); Solano - Robin Leong (robin\_leong@netzero.net). For information on how to submit a report, go to the Sacramento Audubon Society's website at [www.sacramentoaudubon.org/birdquestions/checklist.html](http://www.sacramentoaudubon.org/birdquestions/checklist.html).

**Rare Species Found At Least Ten Times**

Tufted Duck	Sage Thrasher
Surf Scoter	Northern Parula
Red-throated Loon	Chestnut-sided Warbler
Pacific Loon	Black-and-white Warbler
Northern Goshawk	Blackpoll Warbler
American Golden-Plover	American Redstart
Ruddy Turnstone	Black-chinned Sparrow
Red Knot	Lark Bunting
Sanderling	Swamp Sparrow
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	Chestnut-collared Longspur
Stilt Sandpiper	McCown's Longspur
Franklin's Gull	Lapland Longspur
Common Tern	Summer Tanager
Northern Saw-whet Owl	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Plumbeous Vireo	Red Crossbill
Townsend's Solitaire	

For more information on rare species:  
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