

Visitors are required to sign in each day they enter the preserve. Please, walking or boat access only. No pets, bikes, motorized vehicles, overnight camping, or fires are allowed.

BIRDING SILVER CREEK AREA

In addition to the Silver Creek Preserve many surrounding areas provide good birding habitat. It is mostly private property, so please bird from the road. Travel along Punkin Center Road between Hwy 20 and Gannett. Bird this area with a stop at Wilson and Gove Creeks. Visit Hayspur Fish Hatchery. Here you will find a short trail along Loving Creek and overnight camping. West Silver Creek Access north of Hwy 20. Be sure to stop along the way at Point of Rocks Public Access. Please report rare bird sightings to the Silver Creek manager.

EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

Seasons and Breeding Status:

Sp = Spring: March-May
S = Summer: June-August
F = Fall: September-November
W = Winter: December-February
B = Breeding Status: B = confirmed breeder
b = possible breeder

Status:

* = endangered, threatened, candidate, sensitive, or special concern species

For official listings see: *Rare, Threatened, and Endangered Plants and Animals of Idaho* available from the Conservation Data Center, Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

(I) = Introduced Species

Abundance:

A = **abundant**: certain to be seen
C = **common**: should be seen in a suitable habitat
U = **uncommon**: might be seen in a suitable habitat
O = **occasional**: seen only a few times a season
R = **rare**: seen at intervals of two to five years
X = **accidental**: fewer than five records
- = **no records**

GEESE, SWANS AND DUCKS	Sp	S	F	W	B
Snow Goose	U	—	U	R	
Canada Goose	A	C	C	A	B
Tundra Swan	U	—	U	U	
Trumpeter Swan	—	—	U	C	
Wood Duck	O	R	O	R	
Mallard	A	C	A	A	B
Gadwall	U	U	U	C	B
Green-winged Teal	U	U	O	U	
American Wigeon	C	C	C	A	
Eurasian Wigeon	—	—	—	R	
Northern Pintail	U	U	U	U	
Northern Shoveler	U	R	U	O	
Blue-winged Teal	U	U	U	R	
Cinnamon Teal	C	C	U	R	B
Canvasback	O	U	O	O	B
Redhead	U	U	U	—	B
Ring-necked Duck	C	U	C	C	
Lesser Scaup	U	U	U	U	B
Bufflehead	O	R	R	U	b
Common Goldeneye	U	O	U	C	b
Barrow's Goldeneye	U	O	U	U	b
Hooded Merganser	U	O	U	U	B
Common Merganser	R	—	R	O	b
Ruddy Duck	U	U	—	U	
QUAIL, PARTRIDGES & GROUSE					
California Quail (I)	R	R	R	—	
Chukar (I)	U	U	U	U	B
Gray Partridge (I)	U	U	U	U	b
Ring-necked Pheasant (I)	C	C	C	C	B
Dusky Grouse	O	R	O	O	b
Greater Sage-Grouse*	U	R	U	U	B
GREBES					
Pied-billed Grebe	C	C	C	C	B
Eared Grebe	—	R	O	—	
Western Grebe	R	R	R	—	
Clark's Grebe	—	R	—	—	
PIGEONS AND DOVES					
Rock Pigeon (I)	U	U	U	U	b
Mourning Dove	A	A	U	O	B
GOATSUCKERS					
Common Nighthawk	—	A	—	—	b
Common Poorwill	U	U	—	—	b

HUMMINGBIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	B
Black-chinned Hummingbird	U	U	—	—	b
Calliope Hummingbird	U	O	—	—	
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	U	U	—	—	b
Rufous Hummingbird	U	U	—	—	
RAILS AND COOTS					
Sora	U	U	—	—	B
Virginia Rail	U	U	U	U	B
American Coot	C	C	C	C	B
CRANES					
Sandhill Crane	C	U	C	—	B
SHOREBIRDS					
American Avocet	U	R	U	—	
Killdeer	C	C	C	R	B
Long-billed Curlew*	C	U	—	—	B
Long-billed Dowitcher	O	—	R	—	
Wilson's Snipe	C	C	U	U	B
Spotted Sandpiper	U	U	O	—	B
Solitary Sandpiper	U	—	O	—	
Willet	C	C	—	—	B
Greater Yellowlegs	O	—	O	—	
Lesser Yellowlegs	O	—	O	—	
Wilson's Phalarope	C	U	—	—	B
GULLS AND TERNS					
Franklin's Gull	O	U	—	—	
Ring-billed Gull	C	C	—	—	B
California Gull	C	C	—	—	B
Black Tern	R	R	—	—	
Forster's Tern	O	O	O	—	
Caspian Tern	O	U	—	—	b
PELICANS					
American White Pelican	U	O	—	—	
BITTERNS, HERONS & EGRETS					
American Bittern	U	U	R	—	b
Greater Blue Heron	C	C	C	C	
Great Egret	R	—	—	—	
Green Heron	X	—	—	—	
Black-crowned Night-Heron	O	O	O	—	
IBISES					
White-faced Ibis*	R	R	—	—	

VULTURES, EAGLES & HAWKS	Sp	S	F	W	B
Turkey Vulture	C	C	O	—	
Osprey	U	O	U	—	
Golden Eagle	U	O	U	U	B
Bald Eagle*	U	U	U	C	B
Northern Harrier	C	C	C	C	B
Sharp-shinned Hawk	U	U	U	U	
Cooper's Hawk	O	O	O	O	
Northern Goshawk*	O	R	O	O	
Swainson's Hawk*	U	C	U	—	B
Ferruginous Hawk*	—	R	R	—	
Rough-legged Hawk	U	U	O	C	
Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	C	B
OWLS					
Barn Owl	O	O	O	O	
Long-eared Owl	R	R	R	R	B
Short-eared Owl	R	R	R	R	B
Great Horned Owl	C	C	C	C	B
Northern Saw-whet Owl	R	R	R	R	
KINGFISHERS					
Belted Kingfisher	C	C	C	U	B
WOODPECKERS					
Lewis's Woodpecker	U	U	—	—	
Red-naped Sapsucker	U	U	U	—	B
Hairy Woodpecker	U	U	U	U	B
Downy Woodpecker	U	U	U	U	B
Northern Flicker	C	C	C	U	B
FALCONS					
American Kestrel	C	C	C	U	B
Merlin*	—	—	R	O	
Prairie Falcon	U	O	U	U	B
Peregrine Falcon*	R	R	R	—	
Gyrfalcon*	—	—	—	R	
FLYCATCHERS					
Olive-sided Flycatcher	—	O	—	—	
Western Wood-Pewee	C	C	—	—	b
Gray Flycatcher	—	R	—	—	
Willow Flycatcher	C	C	—	—	B
Cordilleran Flycatcher	U	U	—	—	
Say's Phoebe	O	—	—	—	
Western Kingbird	C	C	—	—	B
Eastern Kingbird	C	A	—	—	B

SHRIKES						Sp	S	F	W	B
Loggerhead Shrike*	O	O	—	—	b					
Northern Shrike	—	—	U	U						
VIREOS										
Plumbeous Vireo	U	U	U	—	b					
Red-eyed Vireo	—	R	—	—	b					
Warbling Vireo	U	U	O	—	B					
MAGPIES & CROWS										
Black-billed Magpie	A	A	A	A	B					
American Crow	A	A	C	C	B					
Common Raven	C	U	U	C	B					
LARKS										
Horned Lark	U	O	U	U						
SWALLOWS										
Tree Swallow	C	C	U	—	B					
Violet-green Swallow	C	C	U	—	B					
Barn Swallow	C	C	U	—	B					
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	C	C	U	—	B					
Bank Swallow	R	—	R	—						
Cliff Swallow	C	C	U	—	B					
CHICKADEES										
Black-capped Chickadee	C	U	U	U	B					
Mountain Chickadee	U	O	U	U						
NUTHATCHES										
Red-breasted Nuthatch	O	O	O	O						
WRENS										
Rock Wren	U	U	—	—	b					
House Wren	C	U	U	—	B					
Marsh Wren	C	A	C	U	B					
KINGLETS										
Golden-crowned Kinglet	O	R	O	R						
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	U	O	U	R						
THRUSHES										
Mountain Bluebird	R	R	R	—	b					
Townsend's Solitaire	—	—	R	R						
Swainson's Thrush	U	—	U	—						
Hermit Thrush	U	—	U	—						
American Robin	A	A	C	O	B					

MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS						Sp	S	F	W	B
Gray Catbird	U	U	R	—	B					
Northern Mockingbird	X	—	—	—						
Sage Thrasher	—	O	—	—						
STARLINGS										
European Starling (I)	A	A	A	A	B					
WAXWINGS										
Bohemian Waxwing	—	—	O	O						
Cedar Waxwing	C	C	O	—	B					
OLD WORLD SPARROWS										
House Sparrow (I)	U	O	U	U	B					
PIPITS										
American Pipit	U	—	U	—						
FINCHES										
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	—	—	—	R						
Cassin's Finch	O	R	O	U	b					
House Finch	U	U	U	O	B					
Pine Siskin	O	O	O	O	b					
American Goldfinch	A	A	C	U	B					
Common Redpoll	—	—	R	U						
WOOD-WARBLERS										
Orange-crowned Warbler	O	O	R	—						
Nashville Warbler	—	R	R	—						
MacGillivray's Warbler	O	O	O	—						
Common Yellowthroat	U	C	U	—	B					
Yellow Warbler	A	A	—	—	B					
Yellow-rumped Warbler	C	C	U	—	b					
Townsend's Warbler	—	R	R	—						
Wilson's Warbler	U	O	U	—	b					
Yellow-breasted Chat	U	U	—	—	b					
TOWHEES & SPARROWS										
Spotted Towhee	C	C	U	—	B					
Green-tailed Towhee	U	O	—	—	b					
American Tree Sparrow	O	—	U	U						
Chipping Sparrow	C	O	U	—	b					
Brewer's Sparrow	C	C	U	—	B					
Vesper Sparrow	C	C	—	—	B					
Lark Sparrow	C	O	—	—	b					
Savannah Sparrow	U	U	—	—	b					
Lincoln's Sparrow	—	—	R	R						

						Sp	S	F	W	B
Song Sparrow	C	A	A	C	B					
White-crowned Sparrow	C	U	C	—	B					
Dark-eyed Junco	C	O	O	C	b					
TANAGERS										
Western Tanager	U	O	—	—	b					
GROSBEAKS & BUNTINGS										
Black-headed Grosbeak	U	U	—	—	B					
Evening Grosbeak	U	—	O	—						
Lazuli Bunting	U	O	—	—	B					
Snow Bunting	—	—	—	U						
BLACKBIRDS										
Western Meadowlark	A	A	O	O	B					
Red-winged Blackbird	A	A	U	U	B					
Yellow-headed Blackbird	A	A	U	U	B					
Brewer's Blackbird	C	C	C	U	B					
Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	U	—	B					
Bullock's Oriole	C	C	—	—	B					

Please help us preserve Silver Creek!

Silver Creek Preserve is owned and managed by The Nature Conservancy, a private non-profit organization. Its mission is to conserve lands and waters on which all life depends. Silver Creek Preserve relies entirely on donations to meet its yearly management needs. Your support is greatly appreciated.



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BIRDS

OF

SILVER CREEK PRESERVE

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Silver Creek Preserve protects one of the last intact examples of a high desert cold-spring ecosystem in the western U.S. Silver Creek's spectacular habitat diversity, including shrubland, riparian forest, and wetlands, provides cover and food for over 170 species of birds. The creek is formed entirely by springs from an aquifer that originates along the Big Wood River to the north of the Preserve. Silver Creek's water temperature remains relatively constant at 50-60° F. Much of the water is free of ice even during the coldest months making the preserve an oasis for wildlife throughout the year. Please enjoy your visit!