

Birds of Deschutes South Canyon

This checklist covers the open natural land currently owned by the Central Oregon Irrigation District (COID), which includes approximately 100 undeveloped acres between Brookwood Blvd and the Deschutes River Trail, including the Historic CO Canal Trail that runs along the river to River Canyon Park. Denotes: * Uncommon; ** Rare.



CORMORANTS

__ Double-crested Cormorant

HERONS, EGRETS

__ Great Blue Heron

__ Great Egret**

WATERFOWL

__ Canada Goose

__ Snow Goose*

__ Greater White Fronted Goose*

__ Mallard

__ Bufflehead

__ Green-winged Teal

__ Common Goldeneye

__ Barrow's Goldeneye

__ Common Merganser

__ Hooded Merganser

__ American Coot

RAPTORS

__ Turkey Vulture

__ Osprey

__ Sharp-shinned Hawk

__ Cooper's Hawk

__ Red-tailed Hawk

__ Red-shouldered Hawk*

__ Rough Legged Hawk

__ Ferruginous Hawk

__ American Kestrel

__ Merlin

__ Peregrine Falcon

__ Prairie Falcon

__ Bald Eagle

__ Golden Eagle

QUAIL

__ California Quail

SHOREBIRDS

__ Spotted Sandpiper

__ Killdeer

__ Wilson's Snipe

GULLS

__ Ring-billed Gull

DOVES, PIGEONS

__ Eurasian Collared Dove

__ Mourning Dove

__ Rock Pigeon

__ Band-tailed Pigeon**

OWLS

__ Great Horned Owl

__ Northern Saw-whet Owl*

__ Northern Pygmy Owl*

NIGHTJARS, SWIFTS

__ Common Nighthawk

__ Vaux's Swift

HUMMINGBIRDS

__ Anna's Hummingbird

__ Rufous Hummingbird

__ Calliope Hummingbird*

__ Black-chinned Hummingbird**

KINGFISHERS

__ Belted Kingfisher

WOODPECKERS

__ Downy Woodpecker

__ Hairy Woodpecker

__ Lewis's Woodpecker

__ Northern Flicker

__ Red-breasted Sapsucker

__ Williamson's Sapsucker*

FLYCATCHERS

__ Olive-sided Flycatcher

__ Hammond's Flycatcher

__ Pacific Slope Flycatcher

__ Dusky Flycatcher

__ Gray Flycatcher

__ Willow Flycatcher**

__ Western Wood Pewee

__ Say's Phoebe

SHRIKES, VIREOS

__ Northern Shrike

__ Cassin's Vireo

__ Warbling Vireo

CORVIDS

__ Steller's Jay

__ Western Scrub-jay

__ Pinon Jay*

__ Clark's Nutcracker

__ American Crow

__ Raven

SWALLOWS

- Tree Swallow
- Violet-green Swallow
- Northern Rough-winged Swallow
- Cliff Swallow
- Barn Swallow
- Bank Swallow

CHICKADEES, BUSHTITS

- Mountain Chickadee
- Bushtit

NUTHATCHES, CREEPERS

- Pygmy Nuthatch
- Red-breasted Nuthatch
- White-breasted Nuthatch*
- Brown Creeper

WRENS

- Canyon Wren
- Pacific Wren
- House Wren

DIPPERS

- American Dipper (aka Water Ouzel)

KINGLETS

- Golden-crowned Kinglet
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet

WARBLERS, CHATS

- Orange-crowned Warbler
- Wilson's Warbler
- Black Throated Gray Warbler*
- Nashville Warbler
- MacGillivray's Warbler
- Yellow Warbler
- Yellow-rumped Warbler
- Townsend's Warbler*
- Hermit Warbler*
- Common Yellowthroat
- Yellow-breasted Chat**

THRUSHES, ROBINS

- Varied Thrush
- Hermit Thrush
- Western Bluebird
- Townsend's Solitaire
- American Robin

THRASHERS, PIPITS

- European Starling
- American Pipit*

WAXWINGS

- Cedar Waxwing
- Bohemian Waxwing**

TANAGERS

- Western Tanager

TOWHEES, SPARROWS, BUNTINGS

- Spotted Towhee
- Dark-eyed Junco
- Lazuli Bunting*
- Chipping Sparrow
- Fox Sparrow
- Song Sparrow
- Lincoln Sparrow
- White-Throated Sparrow*
- White-crowned Sparrow
- Golden-crowned Sparrow
- Savannah Sparrow
- Harris's Sparrow**

GROSBEAK

- Evening Grosbeak*
- Black-headed Grosbeak

BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES

- Brewer's Blackbird
- Red-winged Blackbird
- Brown-headed Cowbird

FINCHES

- Cassin's Finch

- Purple Finch*
- House Finch
- American Goldfinch
- Lesser Goldfinch
- Pine Siskin
- Red Crossbill
- House Sparrow

Where to Learn More:

There are a number of excellent resources available to help learn to identify birds in the field. Old-fashioned field guide books are a great way to begin. Online resources are also very helpful. "Merlin Bird ID" is an excellent smartphone app produced by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology (note - the app requires downloading a bird list onto your device).

Please note: all birds included on this list have been seen on or from this property and documented on eBird (managed by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology) by local birders between 2016 to 2023.

About the Deschutes South Canyon:

River corridors provide immensely important wildlife habitat. This habitat type is especially critical along the wildland-urban interface. Many species, such as songbirds, small mammals like chipmunks, deer, pollinators, and amphibians, rely on intact habitat for foraging, nesting, and travel corridors. Conserving areas like the South Canyon creates a network of linked habitats that ensure wildlife populations can thrive in a dynamic Bend landscape.