

# Birds of the King Range National Conservation Area

The King Range area provides a variety of habitats for many bird species. Ocean-front habitats stretch 30 miles from south of Shelter Cove north to the Mattole River Estuary and includes rocky and sandy areas. The estuary area provides important habitat for migrating and wintering birds. Well over half of the terrestrial habitat is comprised of mixed evergreen forest of which about half has been burned or cut over. The remaining habitat types include manzanita/ceanothus, coastal prairie, and northern coastal scrub. The King Range is laced with fresh water streams which contain riparian vegetation of varying amounts and quality. These riparian areas provide important habitat requirements for numerous wildlife species. About two thirds of the terrestrial bird species depend on riparian areas to fulfill all or part of their habitat requirements.



### SEASON OF OCCURRENCE

**Sp** = Spring (March-May)  
**S** = Summer (June-July)  
**F** = Fall (August-November)  
**W** = Winter (December-February)

### STATUS

**E** = Federally listed endangered  
**S** = BLM listed sensitive

### ABUNDANCE

**A** = Abundant  
**C** = Common  
**U** = Uncommon  
**R** = Rare  
**X** = Observed/Status Unknown  
**I** = Irregular/Casual

### GENERAL HABITAT PREFERENCE

**w** = ocean water areas including the near shore ocean, Mattole River Estuary, tidal flats and beaches.  
**f** = forestlands include Douglas-fir, tanoak, madrone intermixed with deciduous and live oaks (mixed evergreen forests).  
**g** = grasslands (coastal prairie).  
**s** = scrublands include intermixed grass, shrubs and forests (northern coastal scrub).  
**c** = chaparral brushlands (manzanita/ceanothus chaparral).  
**r** = riparian habitat is comprised of freshwater streams bordered by shrubs and trees including willows, alders, maple, etc.



This checklist has been prepared for visitors wishing to record birds while visiting the King Range National Conservation Area (KRNCA). Birdwatchers are encouraged to participate in gathering information to help refine our knowledge of bird life in this beautiful area. If you wish to participate, send information to [Bureau of Land Management, Arcata Field Office](mailto:ArcataFieldOffice@blm.gov), 1695 Heindon Road, Arcata, CA 95521-4573.

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	Seasons				Habitat		Seasons				Habitat
	Sp	S	F	W		Sp	S	F	W		
_____ Red-throated Loon	C	R	C	C	w	_____ Arctic Loon	C	R	C	R	w
_____ Common Loon	C	U	C	U	w	_____ Pied-billed Grebe	R		R	X	w
_____ Horned Grebe	U			U	w	_____ Red-necked Grebe	R	I		R	w

\_\_\_\_ Eared Grebe X I R U w  
 \_\_\_\_ Sooty Shearwater C C

\_\_\_\_ Bonaparte's Gull C X C X w  
 \_\_\_\_ Mew Gull C X C C w  
 \_\_\_\_ California Gull C U A U w  
 \_\_\_\_ Herring Gull R R R w  
 \_\_\_\_ Thayer's Gull X X w  
 \_\_\_\_ Western Gull C C C A w  
 \_\_\_\_ Glaucous-winged Gull C U C C w  
 \_\_\_\_ Pigeon Guillemot U U U I w  
 \_\_\_\_ Black-legged Kittiwake X X X U w  
 \_\_\_\_ Caspian Tern C C U w  
 \_\_\_\_ Forster's Tern X w  
 \_\_\_\_ Ancient Murrelet I w



\_\_\_\_ Black-crowned Night Heron X wr  
 \_\_\_\_ Domestic Pigeon I s  
 \_\_\_\_ Mourning Dove C C U I grs  
 \_\_\_\_ Vaux's Swift C U U f  
 \_\_\_\_ Allen's Hummingbird C C C U csfr  
 \_\_\_\_ Belted Kingfisher U U C U wr  
 \_\_\_\_ Red-breasted Sapsucker U U U U frs  
 \_\_\_\_ Downy Woodpecker R R R R rsf  
 \_\_\_\_ Hairy Woodpecker C C C C frs  
 \_\_\_\_ Olive-sided Flycatcher U U fs  
 \_\_\_\_ Hammond's Flycatcher X fsr  
 \_\_\_\_ Black Phoebe C C C C rg  
 \_\_\_\_ Ash-throated Flycatcher C C U scr  
 \_\_\_\_ Horned Lark X X g  
 \_\_\_\_ Tree Swallow C U U I wfrs  
 \_\_\_\_ Violet-green Swallow C C A I wfsg  
 \_\_\_\_ Rough-winged Swallow C C U rg

\_\_\_\_ Western Grebe C U C C w

\_\_\_\_ Heermann's Gull C C w  
 \_\_\_\_ Ringed-billed Gull U X U U w



\_\_\_\_ Rhinoceros Auklet X X X w  
 \_\_\_\_ Common Tern X w  
 \_\_\_\_ Common Murre C A C U w  
 \_\_\_\_ Marbled Murrelet R R R R wf

\_\_\_\_ Brown Pelican (E) U C C I w  
 \_\_\_\_ Great Egret X X U U w  
 \_\_\_\_ Brandt's Cormorant C C C R w  
 \_\_\_\_ Pelagic Cormorant C C C C w  
 \_\_\_\_ Green-backed Heron R R U I w  
 \_\_\_\_ Great Blue Heron C C C C wr

\_\_\_\_ Double-crested Cormorant C C C w  
 \_\_\_\_ Band-tailed Pigeon C C A C fs

\_\_\_\_ Anna's Hummingbird C C C U csfr  
 \_\_\_\_ Northern Flicker C C C C frsc  
 \_\_\_\_ Acorn Woodpecker C C C C sfr  
 \_\_\_\_ Pileated Woodpecker U U U U f

\_\_\_\_ Western Wood-Peevee C C C fsr  
 \_\_\_\_ Western Flycatcher C C C fsr  
 \_\_\_\_ Say's Phoebe X gs  
 \_\_\_\_ Western Kingbird C C gs

\_\_\_\_ Purple Martin R R wfsr  
 \_\_\_\_ Cliff Swallow C C U gr  
 \_\_\_\_ Barn Swallow C C C gsr

_____ Stellar's Jay	C C C C fs
_____ American Crow	U R U U gsw
_____ Turkey Vulture	C C C U fgsc
_____ Osprey	U U U R w
_____ Black-shouldered Kite	R R R R gs
_____ Bald Eagle (E)	R I R R wg
_____ Golden Eagle	R R R R fgsc
_____ American Kestrel	C C C C gsr
_____ Merlin	R R wg
_____ Peregrine Falcon (E)	R R wgs
_____ Northern Goshawk	X R R fs
_____ Sharp-shinned Hawk	C C C fscr
_____ Cooper's Hawk	U C U sfrc
_____ Chestnut-backed Chickadee	C C C C frs
_____ Red-breasted Nuthatch	C C C I fsr
_____ Brown Creeper	C U C U f
_____ Bewick's Wren	C C C C scrf
_____ Winter Wren	C X C C fr
_____ American Dipper	U U U U r
_____ Blue Grouse	R R R R f
_____ California Quail	C C C C gsrc
_____ American Coot	X C X w
_____ Snowy Plover	R w
_____ American Black Oystercatcher	U U U U w
_____ Greater Yellowlegs	U I X w
_____ Wandering Tattler	U I U X w
_____ Whimbrel	U I X w
_____ Ruddy Turnstone	X X w
_____ Surfbird	U U U w
_____ Western Sandpiper	C U U w
_____ Baird's Sandpiper	I w
_____ Dunlin	X X w
_____ Long-billed Dowitcher	X w
_____ Wilson's Phalarope	R R w
_____ Red Phalarope	X X w
_____ Golden-crowned Kinglet	C C C C f
_____ Townsend's Solitaire	X f
_____ Swainson's Thrush	U U U U rfs
_____ American Robin	C C C A fsrga
_____ Wrentit	C C C C cs
_____ Water Pipit	R C R wg
_____ Starling	C C C C gf

_____ Scrub Jay	C C C C scrf
_____ Common Raven	C C C C fsgw
_____ Red-shouldered Hawk	R R R R r
_____ Red-tailed Hawk	C C C C gscr
_____ Rough-legged Hawk	X g
_____ Northern Harrier	R X R wg
_____ Bushtit	C C C C scrf
_____ Rock Wren	X X s
_____ House Wren	R R R sr
_____ Marsh Wren	R R R R wr
_____ Mountain Quail	C C C C f
_____ Black-bellied Plover	X w
_____ Semi-palmated Plover	U U w
_____ Killdeer	C C C C wg
_____ Willet	X U U X w
_____ Spotted Sandpiper	U U U X wr
_____ Marbled Godwit	X w
_____ Black Turnstone	C I C C w
_____ Sanderling	C C C w
_____ Least Sandpiper	C C X w
_____ Rock Sandpiper	I w
_____ Short-billed Dowitcher	X X X w
_____ Common Snipe	U U U w
_____ Red-necked Phalarope	X wr
_____ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C C C rsfc
_____ Western Bluebird	C C C C gsf
_____ Hermit Thrush	C C C C fsr
_____ Varied Thrush	C U C C frs
_____ California Thrasher	U U U U cs
_____ Cedar Waxwing	U R A U fsr



\_\_\_\_ Western Tanager                    C C C    sfr  
 \_\_\_\_ Lazuli Bunting                    C C C    sgr  
 \_\_\_\_ Brown Towhee                    C C C C   sc



\_\_\_\_ Black-headed Grosbeak            C C C    fgr  
 \_\_\_\_ Rufous-sided Towhee            C C C C   cfsr  
 \_\_\_\_ Evening Grosbeak                I R I    rsf  
 \_\_\_\_ Chipping Sparrow                U U U    fs  
 \_\_\_\_ House Sparrow                    R R R R   Bldgs.  
 \_\_\_\_ Savannah Sparrow                C X C X   g  
 \_\_\_\_ Lark Sparrow                      U U U    gsr  
 \_\_\_\_ Song Sparrow                      C C C C   rc  
 \_\_\_\_ Lincoln's Sparrow                U U U    sr

\_\_\_\_ Golden-crowned Sparrow            C C C    crsgf  
 \_\_\_\_ White-crowned Sparrow            C U C C   sc  
 \_\_\_\_ Red-winged Blackbird            X X    wgr  
 \_\_\_\_ Brewer's Blackbird                C C C C   g  
 \_\_\_\_ Northern Oriole                    X    r  
 \_\_\_\_ House Finch                      C C C C   gsrc  
 \_\_\_\_ Pine Siskin                        C C C C   fsr  
 \_\_\_\_ American Goldfinch                C C C I   sg

\_\_\_\_ Fox Sparrow                      C C C    crsf  
 \_\_\_\_ Dark-eyed Junco                  C C C C   f  
 \_\_\_\_ Western Meadowlark                C C C C   g  
 \_\_\_\_ Brown-headed Cowbird            U U U    sgr  
 \_\_\_\_ Purple Finch                      C C C C   fsrc  
 \_\_\_\_ Red Crossbill                    I I R I    fs  
 \_\_\_\_ Lesser Goldfinch                 C C C I   sg

\_\_\_\_ Western Screech Owl                C C C C   fsr  
 \_\_\_\_ Burrowing Owl                    X X X    g  
 \_\_\_\_ Spotted Owl (S)                    R R R R   f

\_\_\_\_ Great Horned Owl                C C C C   fsr  
 \_\_\_\_ Northern Pygmy Owl                C C C C   fsr

\_\_\_\_ Black-throated Gray Warbler        C C C    sf  
 \_\_\_\_ Hutton's Vireo                    C C C U   sfr  
 \_\_\_\_ Warbling Vireo                    C C C    fsr  
 \_\_\_\_ Orange-crowned Warbler            C C C    sfc  
 \_\_\_\_ Nashville Warbler                U U U    rcs  
 \_\_\_\_ Yellow Warbler                    U U U    r  
 \_\_\_\_ Wilson's Warbler                  C C C    rcfs  
 \_\_\_\_ Yellow-breasted Chat                R R R    sr

\_\_\_\_ Solitary Vireo                    C C C    sfr  
 \_\_\_\_ Townsend's Warbler                U U C    fsr  
 \_\_\_\_ Hermit Warbler                    U C U    fs  
 \_\_\_\_ MacGillivray's Warbler            U C U    crs  
 \_\_\_\_ Common Yellowthroat                U I U    sr  
 \_\_\_\_ Yellow-rumped Warbler                C C C    fscg  
 \_\_\_\_ (Myrtle)                            C U C U   rsfcg  
 \_\_\_\_ (Audubon's)

\_\_\_\_ Blue-winged Teal                    I    w  
 \_\_\_\_ Common Barn Owl                  X X X    gs  
 \_\_\_\_ Northern Saw-whet Owl            X X    fr  
 \_\_\_\_ Lewis Woodpecker                    I I    s  
 \_\_\_\_ Dusky Flycatcher                  X    scfr  
 \_\_\_\_ Northern Mockingbird                I    s  
 \_\_\_\_ Palm Warbler                      I    rs  
 \_\_\_\_ Indigo Bunting                    I    s  
 \_\_\_\_ Vesper Sparrow                    I    s  
 \_\_\_\_ Lawrence's Goldfinch                ac    s

\_\_\_\_ Solitary Sandpiper                I    w  
 \_\_\_\_ Long-eared Owl                    X X    f  
 \_\_\_\_ Black Swift                        X X    f  
 \_\_\_\_ Willow Flycatcher                    X X    rs  
 \_\_\_\_ White-breasted Nuthatch            I    f  
 \_\_\_\_ Sage Thrasher                      ac    s  
 \_\_\_\_ Black-and-white Warbler            I I    f  
 \_\_\_\_ Cassin's Finch                    I I    fs  
 \_\_\_\_ Sage Sparrow                      ac    s

OBSERVER: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

WEATHER: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL SPECIES: \_\_\_\_\_

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