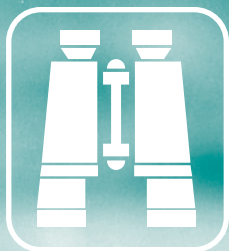


Kern

National Wildlife Refuge Complex

Bird List



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Introduction

Kern NWR

Kern National Wildlife Refuge is located at the southern end of California's San Joaquin Valley in an area that was once a vast wetland called Tulare Lake. This area supported millions of migratory waterfowl and other water birds during the winter months. By the early 1940s most of these wetlands were drained and reclaimed for agriculture and rivers were dammed for flood control and irrigation purposes.

Pixley NWR

Pixley Refuge is home to a small marsh and has some of the last significant acres of Valley Grassland habitat. During the winter months it is the best place in the Southern San Joaquin Valley to view Sandhill Cranes.

Bird Refuge

Kern and Pixley Refuges were both established to restore a small segment of this valuable waterfowl habitat and to play an important role in providing refuge for birds migrating along the Pacific Flyway as they travel through the southern San Joaquin Valley.

The Refuge headquarters is located at the junction of Garces Highway and Corcoran Road, 19 miles west of Delano, California.

The most favorable season to visit the refuges is October through March. This period provides an excellent opportunity to observe a variety of birds, including large numbers of waterfowl and shorebirds. Although there are still wildlife observation opportunities in the summer months, they are extremely limited due to the extremely dry conditions.

Mourning Dove
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Bird List Key



American White Pelican
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Abbreviations

The seasons and status of the 226 species listed are coded as follows.

Season

Sp - Spring, March through May
S - Summer, June and July
F - Fall, August to November
W - Winter, December to February

Abundance

a - abundant species—hard to miss
c - common, certain to be seen in proper habitat
u - uncommon—present, but not certain to be seen
o - occasionally seen
r - rarely seen (intervals of 2–5 years)
x - accidental, outside of normal species range
* - known to nest here

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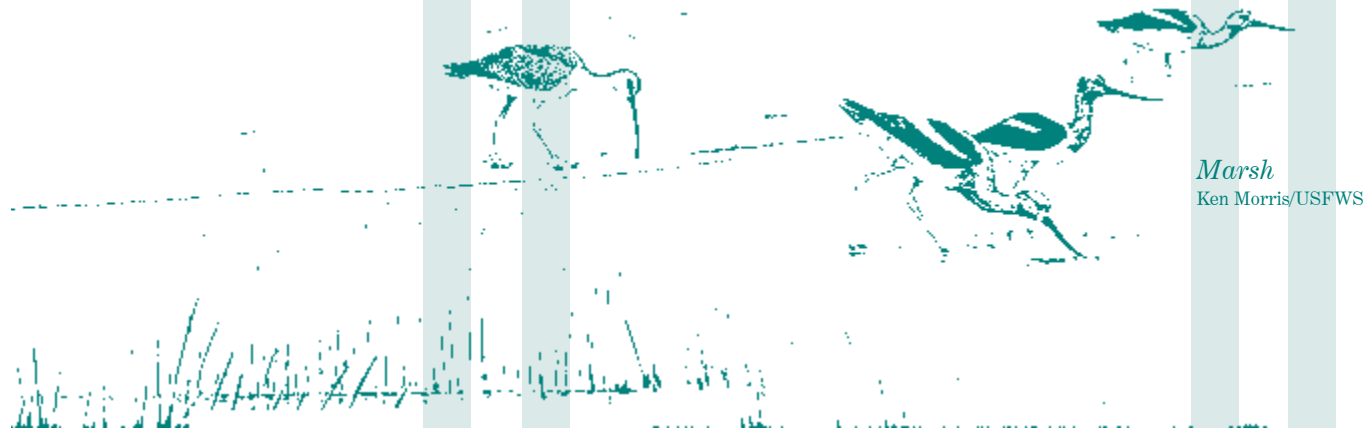
K - Kern NWR
P - Pixley NWR

Common Name	Refuge	Sp	S	F	W
Loons					
Common Loon	K	-	-	-	x
Grebes					
Pied-billed Grebe*	K, P	c	c	c	c
Horned Grebe	K	r	-	r	r
Eared Grebe*	K, P	c	r	c	c
Western Grebe*	K, P	o	o	o	o
Clark's Grebe*	K, P	o	o	o	o
Pelicans & Cormorants					
American White Pelican	K, P	o	r	o	o
Double-crested Cormorant*	K, P	u	o	u	u
Hérons					
American Bittern*	K, P	u	o	u	o
Least Bittern*	K	r	r	r	-
Great Blue Heron*	K, P	c	c	c	c
Great Egret	K, P	c	u	c	c
Snowy Egret*	K, P	c	c	c	c
Little Blue Heron	K	x			
Cattle Egret*	K, P	u	u	u	u
Green Heron	K, P	o	o	r	r
Black-crowned Night-Heron*	K, P	u	o	u	u
Ibis					
White-faced Ibis*	K, P	c	c	u	u
New World Vultures					
Turkey Vulture	K, P	o	o	o	r
Waterfowl					
Fulvous Whistling-Duck*	K, P	r	r	r	-
Greater White-fronted Goose	K, P	o	-	o	o
Snow Goose	K, P	-	-	o	o
Ross' Goose	K, P	x	-	r	r
Brant	K	x	-	-	x
Canada Goose	K, P	-	-	r	r
Cackling Goose	K, P	-	-	-	-
Tundra Swan	K, P	-	-	-	r
Wood Duck	K, P	r	-	o	o
Gadwall*	K, P	c	o	a	a
Eurasian Wigeon	K, P	x	-	-	r
American Wigeon*	K, P	c	o	c	c

Common Name	Refuge	Sp	S	F	W
Mallard*	K, P	c	o	c	c
Blue-winged Teal*	K, P	o	o	o	o
Cinnamon Teal*	K, P	u	r	u	u
Northern Shoveler*	K, P	c	r	a	a
Northern Pintail*	K, P	u	r	c	c
Green-winged Teal*	K, P	u	r	c	c
Canvasback*	K, P	r	-	u	u
Redhead*	K, P	u	o	u	u
Ring-necked Duck*	K, P	u	r	u	u
Greater Scaup	K	r	-	r	r
Lesser Scaup*	K	o	r	o	o
Bufflehead	K, P	o	-	u	u
Common Goldeneye	K, P	-	-	r	r
Barrow's Goldeneye	K	-	-	-	x
Hooded Merganser	K	r	-	-	r
Common Merganser	K, P	r	-	r	r
Red-breasted Merganser	K	x	-	-	-
Ruddy Duck*	K, P	c	r	c	c
Osprey, Kites, Eagles, and Hawks					
Osprey	K, P	r	r	r	r
White-tailed Kite*	K, P	u	u	u	u
Bald Eagle	K, P	x	-	-	r
Northern Harrier*	K, P	c	u	c	c
Sharp-shinned Hawk	K, P	u	-	u	u
Cooper's Hawk	K, P	u	r	u	u
Red-shouldered Hawk	K, P	o	r	u	u
Swainson's Hawk*	K, P	r	r	u	r
Red-tailed Hawk*	K, P	c	u	a	a
Ferruginous Hawk	K, P	r	-	r	r
Rough-legged Hawk	K, P	r	-	r	r
Golden Eagle	K, P	o	r	o	o
Falcons					
American Kestrel	K, P	o	u	u	u
Merlin	K, P	r	-	r	r
Peregrine Falcon	K, P	o	r	o	o
Prairie Falcon	K, P	r	r	o	o
Gallinaceous Birds					
Ring-necked Pheasant*	K, P	u	u	u	u
California Quail	K, P	r	r	r	-

Common Name	Refuge	Sp	S	F	W
Rails					
Virginia Rail*	K, P	u	r	u	o
Sora	K	o	o	o	o
Common Moorhen*	K, P	u	r	u	u
American Coot*	K, P	a	c	a	a
Cranes					
Sandhill Crane	K, P	r	-	r	r
Plovers					
Black-bellied Plover	K, P	o	-	r	r
Snowy Plover	K	r	-	-	-
Semipalmated Plover	K, P	r	r	-	-
Killdeer*	K, P	a	a	a	a
Mountain Plover	K, P	r	-	r	r
Stilts and Avocets					
Black-necked Stilt*	K, P	c	u	c	c
American Avocet*	K, P	o	o	r	r
Shorebirds					
Greater Yellowlegs	K, P	u	o	c	u
Lesser Yellowlegs	K, P	r	-	o	r
Solitary Sandpiper	K, P	r	-	-	-
Spotted Sandpiper	K, P	o	r	r	-
Willet	K	r	-	r	r
Wandering Tattler	K	-	-	x	-
Whimbrel	K, P	o	r	-	-
Long-billed Curlew	K, P	o	o	u	o
Marbled Godwit	K, P	r	r	r	r
Ruddy Turnstone	K	x	-	-	-
Red Knot	K	x	-	x	-

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Semipalmated Sandpiper	K	x	x	-	-
Western Sandpiper	K, P	u	r	u	u
Least Sandpiper	K, P	u	r	u	o
Baird's Sandpiper	K	r	-	r	-
Pectoral Sandpiper	K	-	-	r	r
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	K	x	-	-	-
Dunlin	K, P	u	-	r	u
Ruff	K	-	-	x	-
Stilt Sandpiper	K	x	-	-	-
Long-billed Dowitcher	K, P	a	o	a	a
Short-billed Dowitcher	K	u	o	u	
Snipe					
Wilson's Snipe	K, P	o	r	u	u
Phalaropes					
Wilson's Phalarope	K, P	o	o	o	-
Red-necked Phalarope	K, P	r	-	r	-
Gulls and Terns					
Bonaparte's Gull	K	o	o	r	-
Ring-billed Gull	K, P	o	o	c	c
California Gull	K, P	u	o	o	c
Herring Gull	K, P	r	-	o	o
Glaucous-winged Gull	K	x	x	-	-
Caspian Tern	K, P	o	o	o	-
Forster's Tern	K, P	o	o	o	r
Least Tern	K	-	x	-	-
Black Tern*	K, P	r	r	-	-
Common Tern	K	-	-	r	-



Marsh
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Common Name	Refuge	Sp	S	F	W
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Red-tailed Hawk
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Doves

Rock Dove (I)	K, P	o	r	o	o
Eurasian Collared-Dove	K	o	o	o	o
Mourning Dove*	K, P	a	a	a	a
Common Ground-Dove	K	-	x	-	-

Cuckoos

Greater Roadrunner*	K, P	o	o	o	o
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Owls

Barn Owl*	K, P	u	u	o	o
Western Screech-Owl	K	r	r	r	r
Great Horned Owl*	K, P	u	u	u	u
Burrowing Owl*	K, P	u	u	u	u
Long-eared Owl*	K, P	r	r	-	-
Short-eared Owl*	K, P	u	u	o	o

Nighthawks

Lesser Nighthawk*	K, P	o	o	o	r
Common Poorwill	K	-	r	-	-

Swifts

Black Swift	P	-	x	-	-
Vaux's Swift	K	r	-	-	-
White-throated Swift	K	r	-	-	-

Common Name	Refuge	Sp	S	F	W
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Hummingbirds

Black-chinned Hummingbird	K, P	r	r	r	-
Anna's Hummingbird*	K, P	u	u	u	u
Costa's Hummingbird	K	-	-	-	r
Calliope Hummingbird	K	r	r	-	-
Rufous Hummingbird	K, P	r	r	r	-

Kingfishers

Belted Kingfisher	K, P	o	-	o	o
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Woodpeckers

Acorn Woodpecker	K	r	r	r	-
Red-breasted Sapsucker	K	-	r	-	r
Nuttall's Woodpecker*	K	o	o	o	o
Downy Woodpecker	K, P	-	-	u	u
Northern Flicker	K, P	o	o	c	u

Flycatchers

Olive-sided Flycatcher	K, P	r	-	-	-
Western Wood-Pewee	K, P	o	r	o	-
Willow Flycatcher	K, P	o	o	o	-
Hammond's Flycatcher	K	r	-	r	-
Gray Flycatcher	K	r	-	-	-
Dusky Flycatcher	K	r	-	r	-
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	K, P	u	-	u	-
Black Phoebe*	K, P	c	c	a	c
Say's Phoebe	K, P	o	o	u	u
Vermilion Flycatcher	K	-	-	r	r
Ash-throated Flycatcher*	K, P	u	o	o	-
Tropical Kingbird	K	-	x	-	-
Cassin's Kingbird	K			x	
Western Kingbird*	K, P	c	c	o	-

Shrikes

Loggerhead Shrike*	K, P	c	o	c	c
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Vireos

Bell's Vireo	P	r	-	-	-
Cassin's Vireo	K	o	-	-	-
Hutton's Vireo	K	-	x	-	-
Warbling Vireo	K, P	u	r	r	-
Red-eyed Vireo	K	x	-	-	-

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Corvids					
Clark's Nutcracker	K	x	-	x	-
Western Scrub Jay	K, P	o	r	r	r
American Crow*	K, P	u	u	u	u
Common Raven*	K, P	c	c	c	c
Larks					
Horned Lark*	K, P	u	u	u	u
Swallows					
Purple Martin	K	x	-	-	-
Tree Swallow	K, P	a	u	a	u
Violet-green Swallow	K, P	u	-	u	-
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	K, P	o	o	-	o
Bank Swallow	K	r	r	r	-
Cliff Swallow*	K, P	a	a	o	o
Barn Swallow*	K, P	u	u	u	o
Chickadees and Titmice					
Oak Titmouse	K	-	r	-	-
Bushtits					
Bushtit*	K, P	r	r	r	-
Nuthatches					
Red-breasted Nuthatch	K	r	-	-	-
White-breasted Nuthatch	K	-	-	-	r
Creepers					
Brown Creeper	K	-	-	-	r
Wrens					
Rock Wren	K, P	r	-	r	r
Bewick's Wren*	K	o	o	o	o
House Wren*	K, P	o	o	r	r
Marsh Wren*	K, P	c	c	c	c
Kinglets and Gnatcatchers					
Golden-crowned Kinglet	K	r	-	r	r
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	K, P	u	-	u	u
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	K, P	r	-	r	r
Bluebirds and Thrushes					
Western Bluebird	K	r	r	-	r
Mountain Bluebird	K	x	-	x	r

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Townsend's Solitaire	K	-	-	x	-
Swainson's Thrush	K, P	o	-		
Hermit Thrush	K, P	u	-	o	u
American Robin*	K, P	u	o	u	o
Varied Thrush	K	r	-	r	r
Mockingbirds and Thrashers					
Northern Mockingbird*	K, P	u	u	u	u
Sage Thrasher	K	r	r	r	r
Starlings					
European Starling*	K, P	u	u	u	u
Pipits					
American Pipit	K, P	u	-	c	c
Waxwings					
Bohemian Waxwing	K	-	-	-	x
Cedar Waxwing	K	u	-	u	-
Silky-flycatchers					
Phainopepla	K	x	x	x	-
Longspurs					
Chestnut-collared Longspur	K	-	-	-	x
Wood Warblers					
Orange-crowned Warbler	K, P	u	r	u	r
Nashville Warbler	K, P	o	-	-	-
Yellow Warbler	K, P	u	o	u	-
Yellow-rumped Warbler	K, P	a	-	a	a
Black-throated Gray Warbler	K, P	o	-	o	-
Townsend's Warbler	K, P	o	-	-	-
Hermit Warbler	K	r	-	-	-
MacGillivray's Warbler	K	r	r	-	-
Common Yellowthroat	K, P	u	u	u	u
Wilson's Warbler	K, P	u	r	u	-
Yellow-breasted Chat	K	-	r	-	-
Tanagers					
Western Tanager	K, P	u	o	o	-
Towhees and Sparrows					
Green-tailed Towhee	K	-	-	-	x
California Towhee	K, P	x	-	-	x
Towhees and Sparrows, continued next page					

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