

Species W Sp Su F⁶
Thrushes and Allies

Swainson's Thrush	-	fc	c	fc
Hermit Thrush	c	c	-	c
American Robin	c	c	c	c
Varied Thrush	fc	fc	x	fc

Babblers

Wrentit	c	c	c	c
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Starlings

European Starling	c	c	c	c
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Wagtails and Pipits

American Pipit	fc	fc	-	fc
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Waxwings

Cedar Waxwing	fc	fc	u	fc
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Wood Warblers

Orange-crowned Warbler	-	fc	fc	fc
Nashville Warbler	-	-	-	x
Yellow Warbler	-	r	x	u
Yellow-rumped Warbler	c	c	-	c
Black-throated Gray Warbler	-	-	-	x
Townsend's Warbler	u	u	-	u
Hermit Warbler	-	r	r	r
Common Yellowthroat	x	u	r	u
Wilson's Warbler	-	fc	fc	fc
Yellow-breasted Chat	-	x	-	-
Northern Parula	-	x	x	x

Emberizids

Spotted Towhee	fc	fc	fc	fc
Savannah Sparrow	fc	fc	fc	fc
Fox Sparrow	fc	fc	-	fc
Song Sparrow	c	c	c	c
Golden-crowned Sparrow	fc	fc	-	fc

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Emberizids (continued)

White-crowned Sparrow	c	c	c	c
Dark-eyed Junco	fc	fc	r	fc
Lincoln's Sparrow	u	u	-	u
Swamp Sparrow	x	x	-	x
White-throated Sparrow	r	r	-	r

Grosbeaks

Rose-breasted Grosbeak	-	-	-	x
Black-headed Grosbeak	-	u	u	u

Blackbirds and Orioles

Red-winged Blackbird	c	c	c	c
Brewer's Blackbird	c	c	c	c
Brown-headed Cowbird	-	c	c	c
Bullock's Oriole	-	r	-	-

Finches

Purple Finch	fc	fc	fc	fc
House Finch	c	c	c	c
Red Crossbill	r	r	r	r
Pine Siskin	c	c	fc	c
American Goldfinch	r	c	c	c

This is a revised checklist for the Big River area, from the Highway 1 Bridge east to the Park's eastern boundary. Numerous observers have contributed their sightings to this list over five years of volunteer bird surveys.

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

SEASONS

- W: winter (December, January & February)
- Sp: spring (March, April & May)
- Su: summer (June, July)
- F: fall (August, September, October & Nov.)
(Fall begins late June for shorebirds.)

ABUNDANCE CODES

- c: common
- fc: fairly common
- u: uncommon
- r: rare
- x: extremely rare

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 Seen at
 Big River State Park**

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 May 2008**

Species W Sp Su F
Swans, Geese, Ducks

Canada Goose	u	u	u	u
Wood Duck	u	u	u	u
Green-winged Teal	u	u	-	u
Mallard	c	c	c	c
Northern Pintail	u	u	-	u
Greater Scaup	fc	fc	-	fc
Lesser Scaup	fc	fc	-	fc
Harlequin Duck	r	r	r	r
Surf Scoter	c	c	r	c
Common Goldeneye	u	u	-	u
Bufflehead	c	c	-	c
Hooded Merganser	r	-	-	r
Common Merganser	fc	fc	fc	fc
Red-breasted Merganser	fc	fc	x	fc
Ruddy Duck	fc	fc	-	fc

Partridges, Grouse and Turkeys

Wild Turkey	r	r	r	r
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New World Quail

California Quail	c	c	c	c
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Loons

Red-throated Loon	c	c	r	c
Pacific Loon	c	c	u	c
Common Loon	c	c	u	c

Grebes (continued inside on page 2)

Pied-billed Grebe	c	c	c	c
Horned Grebe	fc	fc	-	fc
Red-necked Grebe	u	u	-	u
Eared Grebe	fc	fc	-	fc

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Grebes (continued)

Western Grebe	c	c	r	c
Clark's Grebe	u	u	-	u

Pelicans

Brown Pelican	r	fc	c	fc
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Cormorants

Double-crested Cormorant	c	c	r	c
Pelagic Cormorant	c	c	c	c

Bitterns and Herons

Great Blue Heron	c	c	c	c
Great Egret	fc	fc	r	fc
Snowy Egret	u	u	x	u
Green Heron	x	u	u	u

New World Vulture

Turkey Vulture	fc	c	c	c
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Kites, Eagles, Hawks

Osprey	r	fc	fc	fc
White-tailed Kite	u	u	u	u
Bald Eagle	x	x	-	x
Northern Harrier	u	u	u	u
Sharp-shinned Hawk	fc	fc	u	fc
Cooper's Hawk	u	u	r	u
Red-shouldered Hawk	fc	fc	fc	fc
Red-tailed Hawk	c	c	fc	c
Golden Eagle	x	x	x	x

Falcons

Peregrine Falcon	u	r	x	u
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Rails, Gallinules and Coots

Virginia Rail	u	u	r	u
Sora	r	r	-	r
American Coot	c	c	r	c

Species *W Sp Su F*³
Plovers

Semipalmated Plover	r	fc	x	fc
Killdeer	c	c	fc	c

Sandpipers and Phalaropes

Greater Yellowlegs	fc	fc	-	fc
Willet	c	c	r	c
Spotted Sandpiper	u	u	r	u
Western Sandpiper	r	c	x	c
Least Sandpiper	u	c	-	c
Short-billed Dowitcher	r	u	-	u
Long-billed Dowitcher	r	fc	-	fc
Common Snipe	u	u	-	u
Black Turnstone	fc	fc	-	fc
Dunlin	r	fc	-	fc
Red-necked Phalarope	-	u	r	u
Red Phalarope	r	u	x	u

Skuas, Gulls and Terns

Bonaparte's Gull	r	u	x	u
California Gull	c	c	r	c
Herring Gull	fc	fc	r	fc
Western Gull	c	c	c	c
Glaucous-winged Gull	fc	fc	u	fc
Caspian Tern	-	u	u	u

Pigeons and Doves

Rock Dove	u	u	u	u
Band-tailed Pigeon	u	u	u	u
Mourning Dove	c	c	c	c

Typical Owls

Western Screech Owl	u	u	u	u
Great Horned Owl	u	u	u	u
Northern Pygmy Owl	r	r	r	r
Spotted Owl	u	u	u	u
Barred Owl	x	x	x	x

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Typical Owls (continued)

Northern Saw-whet Owl	r	r	r	r
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Swifts

Vaux's Swift	-	u	u	u
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Hummingbirds

Anna's Hummingbird	c	c	c	c
Allen's Hummingbird	-	c	c	c
Rufous Hummingbird	-	u	-	-

Kingfishers

Belted Kingfisher	fc	fc	fc	fc
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Woodpeckers

Acorn Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
Red-breasted Sapsucker	u	u	r	u
Downy Woodpecker	fc	fc	fc	fc
Hairy Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
Northern Flicker	c	c	c	c
Pileated Woodpecker	r	r	r	r

Tyrant Flycatchers

Olive-sided Flycatcher	-	fc	fc	fc
Western Wood-Pewee	-	fc	fc	fc
Willow Flycatcher	-	-	-	r
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	-	c	c	c
Black Phoebe	fc	fc	r	fc

Vireos

Hutton's Vireo	fc	fc	fc	fc
Warbling Vireo	-	fc	fc	fc

Jays, Magpies and Crows

Gray Jay	u	u	u	u
Steller's Jay	c	c	c	c
Western Scrub-Jay	fc	fc	fc	fc
Common Raven	c	c	c	c

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Swallows

Purple Martin	-	r	r	r
Tree Swallow	r	fc	fc	fc
Violet-green Swallow	-	fc	fc	fc
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	-	fc	fc	fc
Barn Swallow	-	fc	fc	fc
Cliff Swallow	-	fc	fc	fc

Chickadees

Chestnut-backed Chickadee	c	c	c	c
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Bushtits

Bushtit	c	c	c	c
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Nuthatches

Red-breasted Nuthatch	u	r	x	r
Pygmy Nuthatch	fc	fc	fc	fc

Creepers

Brown Creeper	fc	fc	fc	fc
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Wrens

House Wren	-	r	x	r
Winter Wren	fc	fc	fc	fc
Marsh Wren	fc	fc	fc	fc
Bewick's Wren	r	r	r	r

Dippers

American Dipper	r	r	r	r
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Kinglets

Golden Crown Kinglet	c	c	c	c
Ruby-Crowned Kinglet	c	c	-	c

Gnatcatchers

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	-	-	-	x
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