

# Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuges and Environs Wildlife List of Birds, Mammals Reptiles, Amphibians and Fishes

## Viewing Wildlife in the Klamath Basin

The Klamath Basin offers excellent, year-round wildlife observation opportunities. Binoculars, a spotting scope, and wildlife field guides will enhance your viewing experience. Staying in your vehicle, when practical, will increase your observation opportunities and reduce disturbance to wildlife.

## Birds

The Klamath Basin is internationally renowned for its great abundance and diversity of birdlife. Of special interest are the large concentrations of waterfowl during spring and fall migratory periods. Peak numbers generally occur in early November and late March or April. Klamath Basin wetlands are among the most prolific waterfowl and marsh bird production areas in the Pacific Northwest. During the spring and summer, large numbers of waterfowl and other water bird young can be viewed. The Klamath Basin is also host to the largest concentration of wintering bald eagles in the contiguous United States. Some years more than 1,000 of these majestic birds are present with most daytime use occurring at Tule Lake and Lower Klamath Refuges.

The following lists contain 274 regularly occurring bird species. Another 77 casual and accidental species are shown on a separate list. The checklists were prepared in accordance with the latest edition of the American Ornithologists' Union Check-list of North American Birds (44<sup>th</sup> Supplement) in cooperation with several Klamath Basin birding authorities.

The sighting likelihood of a bird may vary within a season. The chance of observing each bird on this list represents the highest chance of seeing the species within that season.

### Seasons

Sp - Spring	March - May
S - Summer	June - August
F - Fall	September - November
W - Winter	December - February

### Sighting Likelihood

- a - Very common, often in large numbers; sighting likelihood excellent in appropriate habitat
- c - Commonly observed; sighting likelihood good in appropriate habitat

- u - Uncommonly observed; sighting likelihood fair in appropriate habitat
- r - Rarely observed; unlikely to be seen even in appropriate habitat
- \* Birds known to breed in the Klamath Basin
- # Species listed as endangered or threatened
- + Birds on the Casual and Accidental List that have been observed only 1-3 times the past 25 years
- ^ Additional data needed to determine if one or both these species are present in the Klamath Basin

LOONS		Sp	S	F	W
___ Pacific Loon	TL,UK	r	-	r	-
___ Common Loon	TL,UK	u	-	u	r
GREBES		Sp	S	F	W
___ Pied-billed Grebe*		c	c	c	c
___ Horned Grebe		u	-	u	r
___ Red-necked Grebe*		u	u	u	-
___ Eared Grebe*	TL,LK	c	a	a	u
___ Western Grebe*		c	a	a	r
___ Clark's Grebe*		c	c	c	r
PELICANS		Sp	S	F	W
___ American White Pelican*		c	c	c	r
CORMORANTS		Sp	S	F	W
___ Double-crested Cormorant*		c	c	c	r
BITTERNs, HERONS, and EGRETS		Sp	S	F	W
___ American Bittern*		u	u	u	r
___ Least Bittern*		r	r	-	-
___ Great Blue Heron*		c	c	c	c
___ Great Egret*		c	c	c	u
___ Snowy Egret*		u	c	c	-
___ Cattle Egret		r	r	r	-
___ Green Heron	TL,UK	r	r	r	-
___ Black-crowned Night-Heron*		c	c	c	u
IBIS		Sp	S	F	W
___ White-faced Ibis*	LK	c	c	c	r
AMERICAN VULTURES		Sp	S	F	W
___ Turkey Vulture		u	u	u	-

SWANS, GEESE AND DUCKS		Sp	S	F	W
___ Greater White-fronted Goose		a	r	a	c
___ Emperor Goose	TL,LK	r	-	r	-
___ Snow Goose		a	r	a	c
___ Ross' Goose	TL,LK	a	r	a	c
___ Canada Goose*		a	c	a	c
___ Brant		r	-	r	r
___ Tundra Swan		c	r	c	a
___ Trumpeter Swan*		r	r	r	r
___ Wood Duck*	UK,KM	u	u	u	r
___ Gadwall*		c	c	a	u
___ Eurasian Wigeon	TL,LK	u	-	u	u
___ American Wigeon*		a	u	a	c
___ Mallard*		a	c	a	c
___ Blue-winged Teal*	TL,LK	u	u	u	-
___ Cinnamon Teal*		c	a	c	r
___ Northern Shoveler*		a	c	a	c
___ Northern Pintail*		a	c	a	c
___ Green-winged Teal*		c	r	a	u
___ Canvasback*		c	u	c	u
___ Redhead*		c	c	c	u
___ Ring-necked Duck*	KM	u	u	u	u
___ Greater Scaup		r	-	r	r
___ Lesser Scaup*		c	u	c	c
___ Surf Scoter	TL,LK,UK	-	-	r	-
___ White-winged Scoter	TL	-	-	r	r
___ Long-tailed Duck (Oldsquaw)		r	-	r	r
___ Bufflehead*		c	r	c	u
___ Common Goldeneye		c	r	u	c
___ Barrow's Goldeneye		r	r	r	u
___ Hooded Merganser*		u	r	u	u
___ Common Merganser*		c	r	c	c
___ Red-breasted Merganser		r	-	r	r
___ Ruddy Duck*		a	c	a	c
OSPREY		Sp	S	F	W
___ Osprey*	UK,KM	u	u	u	-

HAWKS, KITES, HARRIERS AND EAGLES		Sp	S	F	W	
___	White-tailed Kite	UK,KM	r	-	r	r
___	Bald Eagle*#		c	u	u	a
___	Northern Harrier*		c	c	c	c
___	Sharp-shinned Hawk*		u	u	u	u
___	Cooper's Hawk*		u	u	u	u
___	Northern Goshawk*	BV,KM	u	u	u	u
___	Red-shouldered Hawk		-	-	-	r
___	Swainson's Hawk*		r	r	r	-
___	Red-tailed Hawk*		c	c	c	c
___	Ferruginous Hawk*		r	-	r	r
___	Rough-legged Hawk		c	-	c	c
___	Golden Eagle*		u	u	u	u
FALCONS		Sp	S	F	W	
___	American Kestrel*		c	c	c	c
___	Merlin		u	-	u	u
___	Peregrine Falcon		r	r	r	r
___	Prairie Falcon*	TL,LK,KM	u	u	u	u
PHEASANTS and PARTRIDGES		Sp	S	F	W	
___	Chukar*	TL	r	r	r	r
___	Ring-necked Pheasant*	TL,LK	c	c	c	c
GROUSE		Sp	S	F	W	
___	Ruffed Grouse*	UK	u	u	u	u
___	Greater Sage-Grouse*	CL	r	r	r	r
___	Blue Grouse*	KM	u	u	u	u
TURKEYS		Sp	S	F	W	
___	Wild Turkey		u	u	u	u
QUAIL		Sp	S	F	W	
___	Mountain Quail*	BV,UK	u	u	u	u
___	California Quail*	TL,BV	c	c	c	c
RAILS AND COOTS		Sp	S	F	W	
___	Yellow Rail*	KM,UK	r	r	-	-
___	Virginia Rail*		u	u	u	r
___	Sora*		u	u	u	r
___	American Coot*		a	a	a	c
CRANES		Sp	S	F	W	
___	Sandhill Crane*	LK,KM	u	u	u	r

PLOVERS		Sp	S	F	W
___ Black-bellied Plover	LK	u	r	u	-
___ American Golden Plover	LK	r	-	r	-
___ Snowy Plover*	LK	r	r	r	-
___ Semipalmated Plover	LK	u	r	u	-
___ Killdeer*	LK	c	c	c	u

STILTS AND AVOCETS		Sp	S	F	W
___ Black-necked Stilt*		c	c	u	-
___ American Avocet*		c	c	c	r

SNIPES, SANDPIPERS and OTHER SHOREBIRDS		Sp	S	F	W
___ Greater Yellowlegs		c	u	c	r
___ Lesser Yellowlegs		u	u	u	-
___ Solitary Sandpiper		r	-	r	-
___ Willet*	LK	c	c	u	-
___ Spotted Sandpiper*		u	u	u	-
___ Whimbrel	LK	r	r	r	-
___ Long-billed Curlew*	LK,KM	u	u	u	-
___ Marbled Godwit	LK	u	-	u	-
___ Ruddy Turnstone	TL,LK	r	-	r	-
___ Red Knot	TL,LK	r	-	-	-
___ Sanderling	TL,LK	r	r	r	-
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper		r	-	r	-
___ Western Sandpiper	LK	a	c	a	-
___ Least Sandpiper	LK	a	c	a	-
___ Baird's Sandpiper	LK	u	r	u	-
___ Pectoral Sandpiper	LK	r	u	u	-
___ Dunlin	LK	c	r	u	r
___ Short-billed Dowitcher	LK	u	r	r	-
___ Long-billed Dowitcher	LK	c	c	c	-
___ Wilson's Snipe (Common Snipe)*	LK,KM	u	u	u	r
___ Wilson's Phalarope*	LK,KM	c	c	u	-
___ Red-necked Phalarope	TL,LK,KM	u	u	u	-

GULLS AND TERNS		Sp	S	F	W
___ Franklin's Gull*	LK	u	u	r	-
___ Bonaparte's Gull		u	u	u	-
___ Mew Gull		-	-	-	r
___ Ring-billed Gull*		c	a	a	c
___ California Gull*		c	c	c	u
___ Herring Gull		u	-	u	u
___ Thayer's Gull		-	-	r	r
___ Glaucous-winged Gull		-	-	r	r
___ Caspian Tern*	CL,TL,LK	c	c	u	-
___ Common Tern	TL,LK	-	-	r	-
___ Forster's Tern*		c	c	c	-
___ Black Tern*		c	c	u	-
DOVES, PIGEONS		Sp	S	F	W
___ Rock Pigeon*	TL	u	u	u	u
___ Mourning Dove*		c	c	c	r
BARN OWLS		Sp	S	F	W
___ Barn Owl*		c	c	c	c
OWLS		Sp	S	F	W
___ Flammulated Owl*	UK	-	r	-	-
___ Western Screech-Owl*	BV,UK,KM	r	r	r	r
___ Great Horned Owl*		c	c	c	c
___ Northern Pygmy-Owl*	BV,UK,KM	u	u	u	u
___ Burrowing Owl*	TL	r	r	r	-
___ Spotted Owl*#	UK	r	r	r	r
___ Barred Owl*		r	r	r	r
___ Great Gray Owl*	UK,KM	r	r	r	r
___ Long-eared Owl*		r	r	r	r
___ Short-eared Owl*	TL,LK	u	u	u	u
___ Northern Saw-whet Owl*	BV,UK,KM	r	r	r	r
NIGHTHAWKS and POORWILLS		Sp	S	F	W
___ Common Nighthawk*		u	c	c	-
___ Common Poorwill*		u	u	u	-
SWIFTS		Sp	S	F	W
___ Vaux's Swift*		u	u	u	-
___ White-throated Swift*	TL	u	u	-	-
HUMMINGBIRDS		Sp	S	F	W
___ Black-chinned Hummingbird		r	-	-	-
___ Anna's Hummingbird		r	r	-	-
___ Calliope Hummingbird*	BV,UK,KM	u	u	-	-
___ Rufous Hummingbird*	TL	u	u	u	-

KINGFISHERS		Sp	S	F	W	
___	Belted Kingfisher*	u	u	u	u	
WOODPECKERS		Sp	S	F	W	
___	Lewis' Woodpecker*	BV,UK,KM	r	r	r	-
___	Acorn Woodpecker		u	u	u	u
___	Williamson's Sapsucker*	BV,UK,KM	u	u	u	u
___	Red-naped Sapsucker*	UK,KM	r	r	r	r
___	Red-breasted Sapsucker*	UK,KM	u	u	u	r
___	Downy Woodpecker*	BV,UK,KM	u	u	u	u
___	Hairy Woodpecker*	BV,UK,KM	u	u	u	u
___	White-headed Woodpecker*	BV,UK,KM	u	u	u	r
___	American Three-toed Woodpecker*		r	r	r	r
___	Black-backed Woodpecker*	UK,KM	r	r	r	r
___	Northern Flicker*		c	c	c	c
___	Pileated Woodpecker*	BV,UK,KM	u	u	u	u
FLYCATCHERS		Sp	S	F	W	
___	Olive-sided Flycatcher*	BV,UK,KM	u	u	u	-
___	Western Wood-Pewee*	BV,UK,KM	c	c	u	-
___	Willow Flycatcher*	UK	u	u	u	-
___	Hammond's Flycatcher*	BV,UK	u	u	r	-
___	Gray Flycatcher*	CL	u	u	u	-
___	Dusky Flycatcher*	BV,UK,KM	u	u	r	-
___	Pacific-slope/Cordilleran Flycatcher*^	KM	r	r	r	-
___	Black Phoebe		r	-	-	-
___	Say's Phoebe*	TL	c	u	c	r
___	Ash-throated Flycatcher*	CL,TL	u	u	u	-
___	Western Kingbird*	TL	c	c	u	-
SHRIKES		Sp	S	F	W	
___	Loggerhead Shrike*	TL	c	c	c	u
___	Northern Shrike	TL,KM	r	-	u	u
VIREOS		Sp	S	F	W	
___	Cassin's Vireo*	BV,UK,KM	u	u	u	-
___	Warbling Vireo*	BV,UK,KM	c	c	u	-
JAYS, MAGPIES, RAVENS and CROWS		Sp	S	F	W	
___	Gray Jay*	UK,KM	r	r	r	r
___	Steller's Jay*	BV,UK,KM	c	c	c	c
___	Western Scrub Jay*	CL,TL	u	u	u	u
___	Pinyon Jay*	CL	r	r	r	r
___	Clark's Nutcracker*	UK,KM	r	r	r	r
___	Black-billed Magpie*	TL	c	c	c	c
___	American Crow		r	r	r	-
___	Common Raven*		c	c	c	c

LARKS		Sp	S	F	W
___ Horned Lark*	CL,TL,LK	c	c	c	c
MARTINS and SWALLOWS		Sp	S	F	W
___ Purple Martin		u	u	u	-
___ Tree Swallow*		c	c	c	-
___ Violet-green Swallow*		u	u	u	-
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow*		u	u	u	-
___ Bank Swallow*		u	u	u	-
___ Cliff Swallow*	LK	a	a	u	-
___ Barn Swallow*	TL	c	c	c	-
CHICKADEES AND TITMICE		Sp	S	F	W
___ Black-capped Chickadee*	UK	r	r	r	r
___ Mountain Chickadee*	BV,UK,KM	c	c	c	c
___ Chestnut-backed Chickadee*	UK	u	u	u	u
___ Oak/Juniper Titmouse^	CL	u	u	u	u
BUSHTITS		Sp	S	F	W
___ Bushtit*		u	u	u	r
NUTHATCHES		Sp	S	F	W
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch*	BV,UK,KM	c	c	c	u
___ White-breasted Nuthatch*	BV,UK,KM	u	u	u	u
___ Pygmy Nuthatch*	BV,UK,KM	u	u	u	u
CREEPERS		Sp	S	F	W
___ Brown Creeper*	BV,UK,KM	u	u	u	u
WRENS		Sp	S	F	W
___ Rock Wren*	CL,TL	u	u	u	r
___ Canyon Wren*	CL,TL	u	u	u	u
___ Bewick's Wren*		u	u	u	u
___ House Wren*		u	u	u	-
___ Winter Wren*		u	u	u	u
___ Marsh Wren*	LK,UK,TL	c	c	c	u
DIPPERS		Sp	S	F	W
___ American Dipper*		r	r	r	r
KINGLETS		Sp	S	F	W
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet*	BV,UK,KM	c	c	c	c
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet*		c	r	c	r
GNATCATCHERS		Sp	S	F	W
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*		u	u	-	-

THRUSHES, BLUEBIRDS and SOLITAIRES		Sp	S	F	W
___	Western Bluebird*	u	r	u	r
___	Mountain Bluebird*	KM	u	u	u
___	Townsend's Solitaire*	TL,BV	u	u	c
___	Swainson's Thrush*		r	-	r
___	Hermit Thrush*	BV,UK	u	u	u
___	American Robin*		c	c	c
___	Varied Thrush	KM,UK	r	-	r
WRENTIT		Sp	S	F	W
___	Wrentit	r	r	r	r
MOCKINGBIRDS and THRASHERS		Sp	S	F	W
___	Sage Thrasher*	CL	u	u	u
STARLING		Sp	S	F	W
___	European Starling*	c	c	c	c
PIPITS		Sp	S	F	W
___	American Pipit	u	-	u	r
WAXWINGS		Sp	S	F	W
___	Bohemian Waxwing	r	-	r	r
___	Cedar Waxwing*	u	u	u	r
WOOD WARBLERS		Sp	S	F	W
___	Orange-crowned Warbler*	UK,BV	c	c	c
___	Nashville Warbler*	UK	c	c	u
___	Yellow Warbler*		u	u	u
___	Yellow-rumped Warbler*	BV,UK	c	c	c
___	Black-throated Gray Warbler*		r	r	r
___	Townsend Warbler	UK	u	-	u
___	Hermit Warbler*	BV,UK	c	c	u
___	MacGillivray's Warbler*	UK	c	c	u
___	Common Yellowthroat*	UK	u	u	u
___	Wilson's Warbler*	UK	c	c	u
___	Yellow-breasted Chat	TL	r	-	-
TANAGERS		Sp	S	F	W
___	Western Tanager*	UK,KM	c	c	u

## TOWHEES, SPARROWS and BUNTINGS

		Sp	S	F	W
___ Green-tailed Towhee*	BV,UK	u	u	r	-
___ Spotted Towhee*		c	c	c	u
___ California Towhee*	TL	u	u	u	u
___ American Tree Sparrow	TL,LK	r	-	r	r
___ Chipping Sparrow*	BV	u	u	u	-
___ Brewer's Sparrow*	CL	c	c	c	-
___ Vesper Sparrow*	KM,CL,LK	u	u	u	-
___ Lark Sparrow*		u	u	u	-
___ Black-throated Sparrow		r	r	-	-
___ Sage Sparrow*	CL	r	r	-	-
___ Savannah Sparrow*		c	c	c	u
___ Fox Sparrow*	BV,UK	u	u	u	r
___ Song Sparrow*		c	c	c	c
___ Lincoln's Sparrow*		u	-	u	r
___ White-throated Sparrow*		r	-	r	r
___ Harris' Sparrow		r	-	r	r
___ White-crowned Sparrow*		c	-	c	c
___ Golden-crowned Sparrow		c	-	c	u
___ Dark-eyed Junco*	UK,KM	c	c	c	c
___ Lapland Longspur	TL,LK	u	-	u	u
___ Snow Bunting	TL,LK	r	-	r	r

## GROSBEAKS

		Sp	S	F	W
___ Black-headed Grosbeak*	UK	c	c	u	-
___ Lazuli Bunting*		u	u	u	-

## BLACKBIRDS, MEADOWLARKS and ORIOLES

		Sp	S	F	W
___ Red-winged Blackbird*	TL,LK	a	a	a	a
___ Tricolored Blackbird*	TL,LK	c	c	u	r
___ Western Meadowlark*	TL,LK	c	c	c	c
___ Yellow-headed Blackbird*	TL,LK	c	c	c	u
___ Brewer's Blackbird*	TL,LK	a	a	a	c
___ Brown-headed Cowbird*		c	c	c	r
___ Bullock's Oriole (Northern Oriole)*	TL,LK	c	c	u	-

## FINCHES

		Sp	S	F	W
___ Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch		-	-	-	r
___ Purple Finch*	UK,KM	u	u	u	u
___ Cassin's Finch*	UK,KM	u	u	u	u
___ House Finch*		c	c	c	c
___ Red Crossbill*	KM	u	u	u	u
___ Pine Siskin*	UK,KM	u	u	u	u
___ Lesser Goldfinch*	TL	u	u	u	u
___ American Goldfinch*		u	u	u	u
___ Evening Grosbeak*	BV	u	u	u	u

## HOUSE SPARROWS

\_\_\_ House Sparrow\*

TL

Sp	S	F	W
c	c	c	c

### Casual and Accidental Bird Species

This separate list of birds indicates species which are extremely rare to the point of **not** being observed every year in the Klamath Basin. Any observation of a species on this list should be thoroughly documented to be considered a valid sighting. Observations of birds on this list should be reported to the Klamath Basin Audubon Birding Hotline at (541) 850-3805. Species on the casual/accidental list which are highlighted with a plus symbol (+) have been observed only one to three times in the past 25 years and their reappearance in the Klamath Basin in the future should be considered problematic.

+ Red-throated Loon	+ Band-tailed Pigeon
+ Yellow-billed Loon	+ Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Little Blue Heron	+ Snowy Owl
Whooper Swan	+ Boreal Owl
+ American Black Duck	Costa's Hummingbird
+ Garganey	Broad-tailed Hummingbird
+ Baikal Teal	+ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
+ Tufted Duck	+ Least Flycatcher
Harlequin Duck	+ Eastern Phoebe
Gyrfalcon	Black Phoebe
+ Black Scoter	Eastern Kingbird
Common Moorhen	+ Bell's Vireo
+ Mountain Plover	+ Plumbeous Vireo
+ Wandering Tattler	+ Hutton's Vireo
Upland Sandpiper	+ Red-eyed Vireo
Hudsonian Godwit	+ Blue Jay
+ Black Turnstone	+ Gray Catbird
+ White-rumped Sandpiper	+ Northern Mockingbird
+ Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	+ Brown Thrasher
+ Curlew Sandpiper	+ Tennessee Warbler
Stilt Sandpiper	+ Virginia's Warbler
+ Buff-breasted Sandpiper	+ Northern Parula
Ruff	+ Chestnut-sided Warbler
+ Red Phalarope	+ Bay-breasted Warbler
Parasitic Jaeger	+ Blackpoll Warbler
Long-tailed Jaeger	+ Black-and-white Warbler
+ Laughing Gull	+ American Redstart
Heermann's Gull	+ Prothonotary Warbler
Western Gull	+ Ovenbird
+ Glaucous Gull	+ Northern Waterthrush
Sabine's Gull	+ Hooded Warbler
Black-legged Kittiwake	+ Black-chinned Sparrow
Common Tern	+ Lark Bunting
+ Arctic Tern	Grasshopper Sparrow

Swamp Sparrow  
McCown's Longspur  
+ Chestnut-collared Longspur  
+ Rose-breasted Grosbeak  
+ Bobolink  
+ Common Grackle  
Great-tailed Grackle  
+ Hooded Oriole  
Pine Grosbeak  
+ White-winged Crossbill  
Common Redpoll

## **MAMMALS**

The sighting likelihood of any particular species is dependent upon many factors including its size, color, habitat preference, relative abundance, and behavior. Generally, wild mammals are not as readily observable as birds due to their often secretive and nocturnal habits.

The following list contains 78 species that are known or suspected to occur in the Klamath Basin. For easy reference it is categorized by family in accordance with *Mammal Species of the World* (Honacki, et al., 1982). The common names and their order follow the *Revised Checklist of North American Mammals North of Mexico* (Jones, et al., 1982).

### **SORICIDAE - Shrews**

Vagrant Shrew

Water Shrew

Pacific Water Shrew

Trowbridge's Shrew

Merriam's Shrew

### **TALPIDAE - Moles**

Shrew-Mole

Broad-footed Mole

### **VESPERTILIONIDAE - Vesper Bats**

Little Brown Myotis

Yuma Myotis

Long-eared Myotis

Fringed Myotis

Long-legged Myotis

California Myotis

Small-footed Myotis

Silver-haired Bat

Western Pipistrelle

Big Brown Bat

Hoary Bat

Townsend's Big-eared Bat

Pallid Bat

### **MOLOSSIDAE - Free-tailed Bats**

Brazilian Free-tailed Bat

### **CANIDAE - Coyote, Foxes, and Allies**

Coyote

Red Fox

Gray Fox

### **URSIDAE - Bears**

Black Bear

**PROCYONIDAE - Ringtails, Raccoons**

Ringtail  
Raccoon

**MUSTELIDAE - Weasels, Skunks, and Allies**

Fisher  
Marten  
Short-tailed Weasel (Ermine)  
Long-tailed Weasel  
Mink  
Badger  
Western Spotted Skunk  
Striped Skunk  
River Otter

**FELIDAE - Cats**

Mountain Lion  
Bobcat

**CERVIDAE - Elk, Deer, and Allies**

Elk  
Mule Deer  
Blacktail Deer and/or Blacktail-Mule hybrids in Klamath County and Foothills

**BOVIDAE - Ungulates**

Pronghorn (Antelope)

**SCIURIDAE - Squirrels**

Least Chipmunk  
Yellow-pine Chipmunk  
Allen's Chipmunk  
Yellow-bellied Marmot  
Belding's Ground Squirrel  
California Ground Squirrel  
Golden-mantled Ground Squirrel  
Western Gray Squirrel  
Douglas' Squirrel  
Northern Flying Squirrel

**GEOMYIDAE - Pocket Gophers**

Botta's Pocket Gopher  
Northern Pocket Gopher  
Western Pocket Gopher

**HETEROMYIDAE - Pocket Mice and Kangaroo Rats**

Great Basin Pocket Mouse  
California Kangaroo Rat

**CASTORIDAE - Beaver**

Beaver

**CRICETIDAE - Deer Mice, Wood Rats and Allies**

Western Harvest Mouse

Deer Mouse

Canyon Mouse

Brush Mouse

Pinon Mouse

Northern Grasshopper Mouse

Dusky-footed Woodrat

Bushy-tailed Woodrat

**ARVICOLIDAE - Voles and Allies**

Montaine Vole

Long-tailed Vole

Sagebrush Vole

Muskrat

**MURIDAE - Old World Rats and Mice**

Norway Rat

House Mouse

**ZAPODIDAE - Jumping Mice**

Western Jumping Mouse

**ERETHIZONTIDAE - Porcupine**

Porcupine

**OCHOTONIDAE - Pikas**

Pika

**LEPORIDAE - Rabbits and Hares**

Nuttall's Cottontail

Snowshoe Hare

White-tailed Jackrabbit

Black-tailed Jackrabbit

## **AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES**

A variety of reptiles and amphibians are found in the Klamath Basin. Amphibians prefer marshes, ditches, and streams while reptiles are usually found in grassy, rocky, dry upland areas. These creatures are usually secretive by nature and require an effort on the visitor's part to be seen. They are only seen from spring through fall, choosing to hibernate during the winter. Amphibians are best heard and observed during their breeding seasons. Amphibians can be very habitat specific but some such as the Pacific Chorus Frog are common in many wetland areas. Snakes are often present but may be difficult to see due to their secretive habits. The Western Rattlesnake and the Night Snake are the only venomous reptiles present in the Basin. Visitors should be aware of their presence but not become overly concerned as they are uncommon and normally not aggressive. If known, the likelihood of observing any of the amphibians and reptiles listed below in appropriate habitats and seasons is indicated in parenthesis following the species name.

### **AMPHIBIANS**

Long-toed Salamander (common)  
Rough-skinned Newt (rare)  
Great Basin Spadefoot (rare)  
Cascade Frog (rare)  
Oregon Spotted Frog (uncommon)  
Western Toad (common)  
Pacific Treefrog (common)  
Bullfrog (common)

### **REPTILES**

Western Pond Turtle (common)  
Short-horned Lizard (uncommon)  
Sagebrush Lizard (abundant)  
Western Fence Lizard (abundant)  
Side-blotched Lizard  
Northern Alligator Lizard  
Western Skink (common)  
Rubber Boa (uncommon)  
Racer (uncommon)  
Ringneck Snake  
Night Snake  
Striped Whipsnake (rare)  
Gopher Snake (common)  
Western Terrestrial Garter Snake (uncommon)  
Common Garter Snake (common)  
Western Rattlesnake (uncommon)

## **FISHES**

A variety of fish species are present in the waters of the Klamath Basin. Many of these play an important role by serving as an abundant food source for the many fish-eating species in the Klamath Basin. The following fishes are listed by family in accordance with " Inland Fishes of California", Revised and Expanded, 2002 by Peter B. Moyle.

### **LAMPREYS**

Pit-Klamath Brook Lamprey  
Klamath Lake Lamprey  
Klamath River Lamprey  
Miller Lake Lamprey

### **STURGEONS**

White Sturgeon

### **TROUTS**

Redband Trout  
Brown Trout  
Brook Trout  
Kokanee Salmon  
Bull Trout #

### **MINNOWS**

Tui Chub  
Blue Chub  
Fathead Minnow  
Speckled Dace  
Goldfish  
Golden Shiner

### **SUCKERS**

Lost River Sucker #  
Klamath Largescale Sucker  
Shortnose Sucker #  
Klamath Smallscale Sucker

### **CATFISHES**

Brown Bullhead  
Black Bullhead  
Yellow Bullhead  
Channel Catfish

**SUNFISHES**

Sacramento Perch  
Green Sunfish  
Pumpkinseed  
Bluegill  
Largemouth Bass  
White Crappie  
Black Crappie

**PERCHES**

Yellow Perch

**SCULPINS**

Klamath Lake Sculpin  
Marbled Sculpin  
Slender Sculpin

**LIVEBEARERS**

Mosquitofish