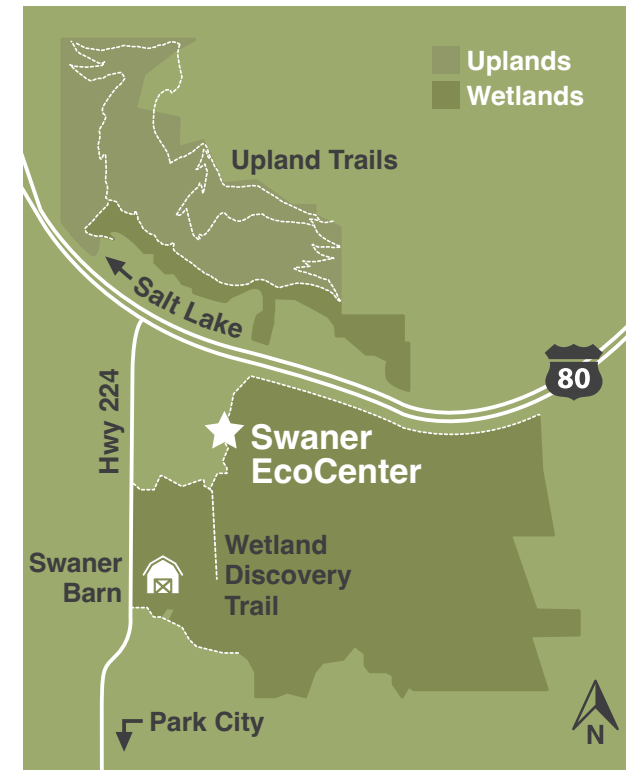


Marsh Wren ( <i>Cistothorus palustris</i> )*	R	R	U	
<b>Kinglets and Gnatcatchers</b>				
Ruby-Crowned Kinglet ( <i>Regulus calendula</i> )^	U			
Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher ( <i>Poliophtila caerulea</i> )*^	U	R		
<b>Thrushes</b>				
Mountain Bluebird ( <i>Sialia currucoides</i> )*^	U	R	R	
Townsend's Solitaire ( <i>Myadestes townsendi</i> )^	R		R	
Hermit Thrush ( <i>Catharus guttatus</i> )*^	R			
American Robin ( <i>Turdus migratorius</i> )*^	C	C	C	R
Swainson's Thrush ( <i>Catharus ustulatus</i> )*	R			
<b>Mockingbirds, Starlings, and Thrashers</b>				
European Starling ( <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i> )*+	C	C	C	C
Sage Thrasher ( <i>Oreoscoptes montanus</i> )*^	R			
<b>Waxwings</b>				
Cedar Waxwing ( <i>Bombocilla cedrorum</i> )*^	U	U	U	R
<b>Wood Warblers</b>				
Orange-Crowned Warbler ( <i>Leiothlypis celata</i> )*^	R	R	U	
Virginia's Warbler ( <i>Leiothlypis virginiae</i> )^	R	R		
Nashville Warbler ( <i>Leiothlypis ruficapilla</i> )*^			R	
MacGillivray's Warbler ( <i>Geothlypis tolmiei</i> )*^	R		R	
Common Yellowthroat ( <i>Geothlypis trichas</i> )*	U	U	R	
Yellow Warbler ( <i>Setophaga petechia</i> )*	C	C	U	
Yellow-Rumped Warbler ( <i>Setophaga petechia</i> )*^	U	R	U	
Wilson's Warbler ( <i>Cardellina pusilla</i> )*^	U		U	
Yellow-Breasted Chat ( <i>Icteria virens</i> )*^			R	
<b>Emberizine Sparrows</b>				
Green-Tailed Towhee ( <i>Pipilo chlorurus</i> )^	U	U	R	
Spotted Towhee ( <i>Pipilo maculatus</i> )^	U	U	R	
Chipping Sparrow ( <i>Spizella passerina</i> )^	U	U	U	
Brewer's Sparrow ( <i>Spizella breweri</i> )^	U	U	U	
Vesper Sparrow ( <i>Pooecetes gramineus</i> )*^	U	R	U	
Lark Sparrow ( <i>Chondestes grammacus</i> )*^	R	R	R	
Savannah Sparrow ( <i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i> )*	C	C	C	
Song Sparrow ( <i>Melospiza melodia</i> )*	C	C	U	R
Lincoln's Sparrow ( <i>Melospiza lincolni</i> )*^	R		R	

White-Crowned Sparrow ( <i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i> )^	U		R	
American Tree Sparrow ( <i>Spizelloides arborea</i> )*	R			
Dark-Eyed Junco ( <i>Junco hyemalis</i> )^	U		R	U
<b>Cardinals and Grosbeaks</b>				
Western Tanager ( <i>Piranga ludoviciana</i> )*^	U		R	
Black-Headed Grosbeak ( <i>Pheucticus melanocephalus</i> )*^	U	U	R	
Lazuli Bunting ( <i>Passerina amoena</i> )^	U	U	U	
Blue Grosbeak ( <i>Passerina caerulea</i> )^		R		
<b>Blackbirds and Orioles</b>				
Red-Winged Blackbird ( <i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i> )*	C	C	C	U
Western Meadowlark ( <i>Sturnella neglecta</i> )*	U	U	R	
Yellow-Headed Blackbird ( <i>Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus</i> )*	U	U	R	
Brewer's Blackbird ( <i>Euphagus cyanocephalus</i> )*	C	C	C	
Brown-Headed Cowbird ( <i>Molothrus ater</i> )*	U	U	R	
Common Grackle ( <i>Quiscalus quiscula</i> )*^		R		
Great-Tailed Grackle ( <i>Quiscalus mexicanus</i> )*^	U	R		R
Bobolink ( <i>Dolichonyx oryzivorus</i> )*	R	R	R	
Bullock's Oriole ( <i>Icterus bullockii</i> )*^	U	R	R	
<b>Finches and Allies</b>				
Cassin's Finch ( <i>Haemorhous cassinii</i> )^	U	R	R	U
House Finch ( <i>Haemorhous mexicanus</i> )*	C	C	C	C
Pine Siskin ( <i>Spinus pinus</i> )*^	U	U	U	U
Lesser Goldfinch ( <i>Spinus psaltria</i> )*	U	U	U	
American Goldfinch ( <i>Spinus tristis</i> )*^	C	U	C	U
Common Redpoll ( <i>Acanthis flammea</i> )^				R
Evening Grosbeak ( <i>Coccothraustes vespertinus</i> )^	U	R		
Red Crossbill ( <i>Loxia curvirostra</i> )^	R			
<b>Old World Sparrows</b>				
House Sparrow ( <i>Passer domesticus</i> )*^+	C	C	C	C
<b>Pipits</b>				
American Pipit ( <i>Anthus rubescens</i> )*	U		R	
<b>Larks</b>				
Horned Lark ( <i>Eremophila alpestris</i> )	R			
<b>Dippers</b>				
American Dipper ( <i>Cinclus mexicanus</i> )*	R			
<b>Long-Tailed Tits and Bushtits</b>				
American Bushtit ( <i>Psaltriparus minimus</i> )^	R			



The Swaner Preserve is host to nearly 170 species of birds—and counting! This species diversity largely results from the various habitat types and a sizable intact wetland, a rarity in Utah. These birds use the Preserve throughout the year, and it is especially crucial as a stopover during migration seasons.

The Swaner Preserve is dominated by a high alpine wet meadow (a type of wetland) and also encompasses diverse big sagebrush shrublands, semidesert grasslands, gambel oak/mixed montane shrublands, stream corridors, and ponds.

Thank you for your interest in the birds of the Swaner Preserve. Your observations contribute to the knowledge and conservation of birds found here, so please send your interesting or unusual sightings to [SwanerEcoCenter@usu.edu](mailto:SwanerEcoCenter@usu.edu)!



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# The Swaner Preserve and EcoCenter

encompasses a permanently protected 1200-acre nature preserve and an interactive nature center (LEED Platinum certified) located at the entrance to Park City, Utah. Our mission is to preserve, educate, and nurture human connections to the natural world.

Key		Season			
<b>C</b>	Commonly observed	<b>Sp</b>	Mar – May		
<b>U</b>	Uncommonly observed	<b>Su</b>	Jun – Jul		
<b>R</b>	Rarely observed	<b>F</b>	Aug – Nov		
*	Wetland-dwelling species	<b>W</b>	Dec – Feb		
^	Upland-dwelling species				
+	Non-native species				

✓	Species	Season			
		Sp	Su	F	W
<b>Geese, Swans, and Ducks</b>					
	Snow Goose ( <i>Anser caerulescens</i> )*	R			
	Canada Goose ( <i>Branta canadensis</i> )*	C	C	C	R
	Wood Duck ( <i>Aix sponsa</i> )*		R		
	Gadwall ( <i>Anas strepera</i> )*	C	C	C	
	American Wigeon ( <i>Anas americana</i> )*	R		R	R
	Mallard ( <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i> )*	C	C	C	C
	Blue-Winged Teal ( <i>Anas discors</i> )*	U	U	U	
	Cinnamon Teal ( <i>Anas cyanoptera</i> )*	C	C	C	
	Northern Shoveler ( <i>Anas aclypeata</i> )*	U		U	
	Northern Pintail ( <i>Anas acuta</i> )*	U	R	U	
	Green-Winged Teal ( <i>Anas crecca</i> )*	C	U	C	
	Redhead ( <i>Aythya americana</i> )*	R			
	Ring-Necked Duck ( <i>Aythya collaris</i> )*	C	U	C	
	Bufflehead ( <i>Bucephala albeola</i> )*	U			
	Canvasback ( <i>Aythya valisineria</i> )*	R			
	Common Goldeneye ( <i>Bucephala clangula</i> )*		R		
	Ruddy Duck ( <i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i> )*	U			
	Lesser Scaup ( <i>Aythya affinis</i> )*	U		U	
	Common Merganser ( <i>Mergus merganser</i> )*	R		R	
<b>Loons and Grebes</b>					
	Eared Grebe ( <i>Podiceps nigricollis</i> )*	U		U	
	Pied-Billed Grebe ( <i>Podilymbus podiceps</i> )*			R	
	Western Grebe ( <i>Aechmophorus occidentalis</i> )*		R		

<b>Pelicans, Boobies, and Frigatebirds</b>					
	American White Pelican ( <i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i> )*	R	R	R	
<b>Wading Birds</b>					
	American Bittern ( <i>Botaurus lentiginosus</i> )*	R			
	Great Blue Heron ( <i>Ardea herodias</i> )*	U	U	U	
	Great Egret ( <i>Ardea alba</i> )*	R			
	Snowy Egret ( <i>Egretta thula</i> )*	R		R	
	White-faced Ibis ( <i>Plegadis chihi</i> )*	U		R	
	Glossy Ibis ( <i>Plegadis falcinellus</i> )*	R			
	Black-crowned Night-Heron ( <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i> )*	R	R		
<b>Vultures and Hawks</b>					
	Turkey Vulture ( <i>Cathartes aura</i> )*^	U	U	U	
	Osprey ( <i>Pandion haliaetus</i> )*^	R	R	R	
	Bald Eagle ( <i>Haliaeetus leucophalus</i> )^	R			R
	Northern Harrier ( <i>Circus cyaneus</i> )*^	U	U	U	
	Sharp-Shinned Hawk ( <i>Accipiter striatus</i> )^	U		R	R
	Cooper's Hawk ( <i>Accipiter cooperii</i> )^	U		U	
	Northern Goshawk ( <i>Accipiter gentilis</i> )^	R			R
	Swainson's Hawk ( <i>Buteo swainsoni</i> )*^	U	U	U	
	Red-Tailed Hawk ( <i>Buteo jamaicensis</i> )*^	C	C	C	U
	Ferruginous Hawk ( <i>Buteo regalis</i> )*^			R	
	Rough-Legged Hawk ( <i>Buteo lagopus</i> )*^				R
	Golden Eagle ( <i>Aquila chrysaetos</i> )^	R			
<b>Rails, Coots, and Cranes</b>					
	Virginia Rail ( <i>Rallus limicola</i> )*	R			
	Sora ( <i>Porzana carolina</i> )*	U	R	U	
	American Coot ( <i>Fulica americana</i> )*	U		U	
	Sandhill Crane ( <i>Grus canadensis</i> )*	C	C	C	
<b>Shorebirds</b>					
	Killdeer ( <i>Charadrius vociferus</i> )*	C	C	C	
	Black-Necked Stilt ( <i>Himantopus mexicanus</i> )*	R			
	Spotted Sandpiper ( <i>Actitis macularia</i> )*	U		U	
	Solitary Sandpiper ( <i>Tringa solitaria</i> )			R	
	Lesser Yellowlegs ( <i>Tringa flavipes</i> )*	R			
	Long-Billed Curlew ( <i>Numenius americanus</i> )*	R			
	Western Sandpiper ( <i>Calidris mauri</i> )*	R			
	Least Sandpiper ( <i>Calidris minutilla</i> )*	R			
	Long-Billed Dowitcher ( <i>Limnodromus scolopaceus</i> )*	R			
	Wilson's Snipe ( <i>Gallinago delicata</i> )*	C	U	U	

	Wilson's Phalarope ( <i>Phalaropus tricolor</i> )*	U	R		
	Red-Necked Phalarope ( <i>Phalaropus lobatus</i> )*			R	
<b>Gulls and Terns</b>					
	Franklin's Gull ( <i>Larus pipixcan</i> )*	R			
	Ring-Billed Gull ( <i>Larus delawarensis</i> )*	R		R	
	California Gull ( <i>Larus californicus</i> )*	U	R	U	
	Forster's Tern ( <i>Sterna forsteri</i> )*	R			
<b>Pigeons and Doves</b>					
	Rock Pigeon ( <i>Columba livia</i> )*^	U	U	R	R
	Eurasian Collared-Dove ( <i>Streptopelia decaocto</i> )*^+	C	C	C	U
	Mourning Dove ( <i>Zenaidura macroura</i> )*^	C	C	C	
<b>Owls</b>					
	Barn Owl ( <i>Tyto alba</i> )^	R	R	R	R
	Great Horned Owl ( <i>Bubo virginianus</i> )*^	R		R	R
	Long-eared Owl ( <i>Asio otus</i> )			R	
<b>Nightjars</b>					
	Common Nighthawk ( <i>Chordeiles minor</i> )*^	R	R	R	
	Common Poorwill ( <i>Phalaenoptilus nuttallii</i> )^	R			
<b>Swifts</b>					
	Vaux's Swift ( <i>Chaetura vauxi</i> )^	R			
	White-Throated Swift ( <i>Aeronautes saxatalis</i> )^		R		
<b>Hummingbirds</b>					
	Black-Chinned Hummingbird ( <i>Archilochus alexandri</i> )*^	U	U	U	
	Broad-Tailed Hummingbird ( <i>Selasphorus platycercus</i> )*^	U	U		
	Rufous Hummingbird ( <i>Selasphorus rufus</i> )*^		U	U	
	Calliope Hummingbird ( <i>Selasphorus calliope</i> )*^	R	U	U	
<b>Kingfishers</b>					
	Belted Kingfisher ( <i>Ceryle alcyon</i> )*	R	R	R	R
<b>Woodpeckers</b>					
	Lewis's Woodpecker ( <i>Melanerpes lewis</i> )*	R			
	Downy Woodpecker ( <i>Picoides pubescens</i> )*^	U	R	U	U
	Northern Flicker ( <i>Colaptes auratus</i> )^	U	U	U	U
	Hairy Woodpecker ( <i>Dryobates villosus</i> )^	R		R	R
	Red-Naped Sapsucker ( <i>Sphyrapicus nuchalis</i> )^	R		R	
<b>Falcons</b>					
	American Kestrel ( <i>Falco sparverius</i> )*^	C	C	C	C
	Merlin ( <i>Falco columbarius</i> )*^	R		R	R

	Peregrine Falcon ( <i>Falco peregrinus</i> )^	R		R	
	Prairie Falcon ( <i>Falco mexicanus</i> )*^	R	R	R	R
<b>Tyrant Flycatchers</b>					
	Western Wood-Pewee ( <i>Contopus sordidulus</i> )^	U	R	U	
	Willow Flycatcher ( <i>Empidonax traillii</i> )*	U	R	U	
	Dusky Flycatcher ( <i>Empidonax oberholseri</i> )*^	R		R	
	Cordilleran Flycatcher ( <i>Empidonax occidentalis</i> )*^	R			
	Say's Phoebe ( <i>Sayornis saya</i> )*^	U	U	R	
	Western Kingbird ( <i>Tyrannus verticalis</i> )*^	U	U	U	
	Eastern Kingbird ( <i>Tyrannus tyrannus</i> )*^		R	R	
<b>Shrikes</b>					
	Loggerhead Shrike ( <i>Lanius ludovicianus</i> )*^	R			
	Northern Shrike ( <i>Lanius excubitor</i> )*^				R
<b>Vireos</b>					
	Warbling Vireo ( <i>Vireo gilvus</i> )^		R		
<b>Jays and Crows</b>					
	Steller's Jay ( <i>Cyanocitta stelleri</i> )^	R			R
	Western Scrub-Jay ( <i>Aphelocoma californica</i> )^	U	R	U	
	Black-Billed Magpie ( <i>Pica hudsonia</i> )*^	C	C	C	C
	Clark's Nutcracker ( <i>Nucifraga columbiana</i> )^		R		
	American Crow ( <i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i> )*^	U	U		
	Common Raven ( <i>Corvus corax</i> )*	U	U	U	U
<b>Swallows</b>					
	Cliff Swallow ( <i>Petrochelidon pyrrhonota</i> )*^	C	C	C	
	Barn Swallow ( <i>Hirundo rustica</i> )*^	C	C	C	
	Tree Swallow ( <i>Tachycineta bicolor</i> )*	C	C	C	
	Violet-Green Swallow ( <i>Tachycineta thalassina</i> )^	C	C	C	
	Northern Rough-Winged Swallow ( <i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i> )*	U	R	U	
	Bank Swallow ( <i>Riparia riparia</i> )*	U	R	U	
<b>Chickadees and Allies</b>					
	Black-Capped Chickadee ( <i>Poecile atricapillus</i> )*^	C	C	C	C
	Mountain Chickadee ( <i>Poecile gambeli</i> )^	U		U	U
	Red-Breasted Nuthatch ( <i>Sitta canadensis</i> )^	R		R	U
	Brown Creeper ( <i>Certhia americana</i> )^				R
<b>Wrens</b>					
	House Wren ( <i>Troglodytes aedon</i> )*^	R	U	R	