

Echo Birding

The Echo area provides a variety of wildlife habitats that makes the area prime territory for birding. The Echo Meadows provides a variety of grass, crop and pasturelands intermingled with wet lands that attract only waterfowl, but hawks and songbirds. The Umatilla River also provides habitat suitable for a variety of birds. The dry lands and wheat field also provide habitat for game birds, owls and hawks. Even a walk along one of the irrigation canals in and around Echo can yield a diverse number of bird sightings.



Lazluzi Bunting

A late fall walk might yield great horned owls, chickadees, flickers, downy or hairy woodpeckers, and waxwings. The Umatilla Wildlife refuge lists 208 species of birds that have been spotted at the refuge 12 miles as the crow flies from Echo. Most of these birds can be found at least occasionally in or around Echo.



night heron

This list can be found at:

<http://www.npwrc.usgs.gov/resource/birds/chekbird/r1/umatilla.htm>

Another site of interest to Echo birders is listed below

<http://www.birding.com/wheretobird/Oregon.asp>.



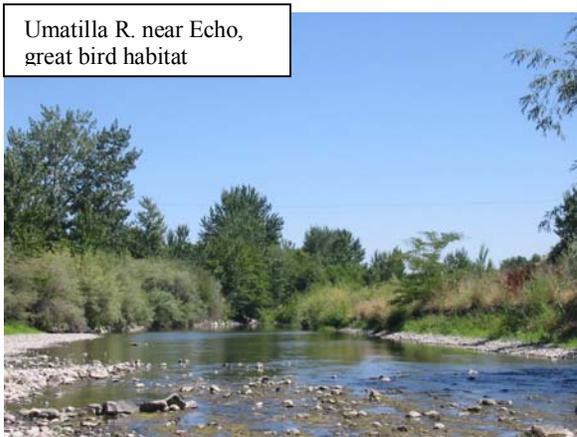
Below is a list of birds that have been spotted in the Echo area. If you have spotted other birds that are not listed here, email us with the name of the bird and place where the bird was spotted to ecpl@centurytel.net.

Waterfowl

Mallard Ducks
American Wigeon
Northern Shoveler
Harlequin
Bufflehead
Hooded Merganser

Canada Goose
Wood Duck
Northern Pin Tail
Blue Winged Teal
Green-winged Teal
Bufflehead
Barrow's Goldeneye
Common Merganser

Trumpeter Swan
Gadwall
American Coot
Cinnamon Teal
Canvasback
Common Goldeneye
Ruddy Duck



Umatilla R. near Echo, great bird habitat

White Pelican

Gulls:

Ring-billed Gull
California Gull

Game Birds:

Chukar
Ring-necked Pheasant
California Quail
Wild Turkey



Bald Eagle



Ruffed Grouse

Osprey

Hérons, Cranes, Wading, Marsh Birds:

Black-crowned Night Heron

Sand-Hill Crane

Killdeer

Avocets

Great Blue Heron

American Bittern

Long-billed Curley

A white heron-like bird is seen on the Meadows from time to time. Is it a Cattle Egret, Snowy Egret, or Great Egret?

Birds of Prey:

Golden Eagle

Osprey (nests on pole in school athletic field)

Swainson's Hawk

Cooper's Hawk

Turkey Vulture

Northern Harrier

N. Goshawk

Rough-legged Hawk

Bald Eagle

Kestrel

Red-Tailed Hawk

Sharp-shinned Hawk

Merlin

Introduced Birds:

House Sparrow

Starling

Rock Dove/Pigeon

Hummingbirds:

Black-chinned

Rufous

Misc.:

Common Nighthawk

Magpie

Steller's Jay

Mourning Dove

Northern Shrike

Western Kingbird

Bullock's Oriole

Belted Kingfisher

Crow

Say's Phoebe

Western Tanager

Owls:

Burrowing

Barn

Great Horned

Woodpeckers:

Hairy

Northern Flicker

Downy

Left Arboretum, Right Irrigation canal & hillside above arboretum; Both are good birding sites. There are over 100 trees in the arboretum & an Osprey nest on a pole at the adjacent school athletic field each year.



Say's Phoebe (left)
Oregon Junco (right)

Finches/Song birds:

Gold Finch
Pine Siskin



Black-chinned Hummingbird



House Finch
Solitary Vireo

Mountain Bluebird
Common Yellow Throat

Lazuli Bunting
Meadowlark

Thrushes: Robin
Townsend's Solitaire

Varied Thrush
Rufous-sided Towhee

Kinglets: Golden-Crowned

Ruby-Crowned Kinglet

Chickadees & Nuthatches: Black-capped Chickadee
Chestnut-backed Chickadee
Brown Creeper

Red-breasted Nuthatch



Blackbirds: Yellow-headed
Cowbird

Red-winged

Brewer's

Warblers: Wilson's
Yellow

Orange-crowned
Townsend's

Nashville
Yellow-rumped;

Flycatchers: Ash

Alder

Willow

Wrens: house, marsh, winter & Bewick's

Sparrows: Song
Harris'

Fox
Golden-crowned

White-crowned

Oregon Junco

