

# 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](mailto: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

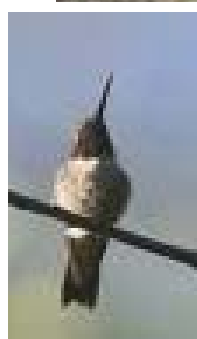
Left Arboretum, Right Irrigation canal & hillside above arboretum; Both are good birding sites. There are over 100 trees in the arboretum & an Osprey nest on a pole at the adjacent school athletic field each year.



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



white pelican

**Blackbirds:** Yellow-headed  
Cowbird

Red-winged

Brewer's

**Warblers:** Wilson's  
Yellow

Orange-crowned  
Townsend's

Nashville  
Yellow-rumped;

**Flycatchers:** Ash

Alder

Willow

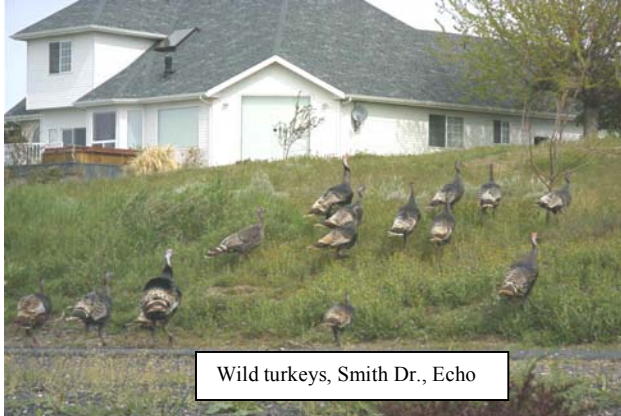
**Wrens:** house, marsh, winter & Bewick's

**Sparrows:** Song  
Harris'

Fox  
Golden-crowned

White-crowned

Oregon Junco



Wild turkeys, Smith Dr., Echo



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