

## CHECKLIST OF BIRDS OF SYLVAN DALE RANCH, LARIMER COUNTY, COLORADO

**Note.**—This is a checklist of the potential avifauna of Sylvan Dale Ranch. It includes all species reported from Larimer County, Colorado, that utilize habitats present on the Ranch. *Legend:* Habitat—L = lakes and ponds; Aq = aquatic, open water; W = wetland, marsh; St = streams; G = grassland and pasture; M = meadow; F = fields, cultivated land; R = riparian deciduous woodland, including cottonwoods, willow thickets, ornamental plantings and shelterbelts; A = aspen; S = shrublands/brushlands; C = coniferous forest, including spruce/fir and Douglasfir; P = ponderosa pine woodland; B = buildings Cl = cliffs. Status (in parentheses)—R = resident breeder; N = resident non-breeder; B = definite breeder; b = likely breeder; n = non-breeder (summer); W = winter visitor; M = migrant. Data from Kingery and Graul (1978), updated from Andrews and Righter (1992) and Kingery (1998). Nomenclature and sequence of families follows “The A. O. U. Check-list of North American Birds, Seventh Edition” (1998, updated through the 45<sup>th</sup> “Supplement,” Banks *et al.* 2004).

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### CLASS AVES—BIRDS

#### FAMILY ANATIDAE—DUCKS

- Tundra Swan—*Olor columbianus*, L, W (M)
- Canada Goose—*Branta canadensis*, Aq, F (R)
- White-fronted Goose—*Anser albifrons*, L, W, (W)
- Snow Goose—*Chen caerulescens*, L, W (M)
- Mallard—*Anas platyrhynchos*, R, Aq, F (R)
- Gadwall—*Anas strepera*, L, W (R)
- Northern Pintail—*Anas acuta*, L, W (R)
- Green-winged Teal—*Anas crecca*, L, W (B)
- Blue-winged Teal—*Anas discors*, L, W (B)
- Cinnamon Teal—*Anas cyanoptera*, L, W (B)
- American Widgeon—*Anas americana*, L, W (R)
- Northern Shoveler—*Anas clypeata*, L, W (R)
- Wood Duck—*Aix sponsa*, Aq, R (M)
- Redhead—*Aythya americana*, L, W (R)
- Ring-necked Duck—*Aythya collaris*, L, W (R)
- Canvasback—*Aythya valisineria*, L (b)
- Greater Scaup—*Aythya marila*, L (M)
- Lesser Scaup—*Aythya affinis*, L (B)
- Common Goldeneye—*Bucephala clangula*, Aq (W)
- Barrow's Goldeneye—*Bucephala islandica*, L, St (M)
- Bufflehead—*Bucephala albeola*, L (W)
- Ruddy Duck—*Oxyura jamaicensis*, Aq (B)
- Hooded Merganser—*Lophodytes cucullatus*, L (B)
- Common Merganser—*Mergus merganser*, Aq (R)
- Red-breasted Merganser—*Mergus serrator*, Aq (R)

#### FAMILY PHASIANIDAE—PHEASANTS, GROUSE, & ALLIES

- Ring-necked Pheasant—*Phasianus colchicus* (introduced), F, R (R)
- Blue Grouse—*Dendragapus obscurus*, C, SF, Lp (R)
- Wild Turkey—*Meliagris gallopavo*, S, P (R)

#### FAMILY ODONTOPHORIDAE—QUAIL & ALLIES

- Bobwhite—*Colinus virginianus*, F (R)

#### FAMILY GAVIIDAE—LOONS

- Common Loon—*Gavia immer*, L (M)
- Pacific Loon—*Gavia pacifica*, L (M)

#### FAMILY PODICIPEDIDAE—GREBES

- Red-necked Grebe—*Podiceps grisigena*, L (M)
- Horned Grebe—*Podiceps auritus*, L (M)
- Western Grebe—*Aechmophorus occidentalis*, L (B)

Eared Grebe—*Podilymbus nigricollis*, L, W (B)  
Pied-billed Grebe—*Podilymbus podiceps*, L, W (B)

FAMILY PELECANIDAE—PELECANUS

American White Pelican—*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*, L, W (M)

FAMILY PHALACROCORACIDAE—CORMORANTS

Double-crested Cormorant—*Phalacrocorax auritus*, L (M)

FAMILY ARDEIDAE—HERONS AND BITTERNS

Great Blue Heron—*Ardea herodias*, L, W, R, St (B)  
Snowy Egret—*Egretta thula*, L, W (b)  
Black-crowned Night Heron—*Nycticorax nycticorax*, L, W (B)  
American Bittern—*Botaurus lentiginosus*, W (b)

FAMILY THRESKIORNITHIDAE—IBISES

White-faced Ibis—*Plegadis chihi*, Aq, F (b)

FAMILY CATHARTIDAE—VULTURES

Turkey Vulture—*Cathartes aura*, R, Cl (B)

FAMILY ACCIPITRIDAE—HAWKS & EAGLES

Northern Goshawk—*Accipiter gentilis*, C, R (R)  
Sharp-shinned Hawk—*Accipiter striatus*, C, R, S, D, F, M ((R)  
Cooper's Hawk—*Accipiter cooperii*, C, D, M, F, R (R)  
Red-tailed Hawk—*Buteo jamaicensis*, F, D, C, M, R (R)  
Red-shouldered Hawk—*Buteo lineatus*, R (M)  
Swainson's Hawk—*Buteo swainsoni*, G, F, R, S, F, M (B)  
Broad-winged Hawk—*Buteo platypterus*, R (M)  
Rough-legged Hawk—*Buteo lagopus*, F, G, M (W)  
Ferruginous Hawk—*Buteo regalis*, F, M (N)  
Golden Eagle—*Aquila chrysaetos*, G, R, M (R)  
Bald Eagle—*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*, R, St, L (W)  
Northern Harrier=Marsh Hawk—*Circus cyanaeus*, F, W, G, M, L, R (R)  
Osprey—*Pandion haliaetus*, R, L, St (B)

FAMILY FALCONIDAE—FALCONS

Prairie Falcon—*Falco mexicanus*, Cl, F, M (R)  
Peregrine Falcon—*Falco peregrinus*, Cl, R, C, G, M, W (M)  
Merlin—*Falco columbarius*, G, R, F, W (M)  
American Kestrel—*Falco sparverius*, F, R, S, G, M (B)

FAMILY RALLIDAE—RAILS & ALLIES

Virginia Rail—*Rallus limicola*, W (B)  
Sora—*Porzana carolina*, W (B)  
American Coot—*Fulica americana*, W, L (B)

FAMILY GRUIDAE—CRANES

Sandhill Crane—*Grus canadensis*, M, F, S (B)

FAMILY CHARADRIIDAE—PLOVERS

Semipalmated Plover—*Charadrius semipalmatus*, L (M)  
Snowy Plover—*Charadrius alexandrinus*, L (M)  
Killdeer—*Charadrius vociferus*, G, F, Aq, U (R)  
Mountain Plover—*Charadrius montanus*, Sg, F (M)  
Black-bellied Plover—*Pluvialis squatarola*, L, F (M)

FAMILY RECURVIROSTRIDAE—AVOCETS & STILTS

American Avocet—*Recurvirostra americana*, L, W (B)

Black-necked Stilt—*Himantopus mexicanus*, BA, L, W (M)

FAMILY SCOLOPACIDAE—SANDPIPERS & ALLIES

Common Snipe—*Gallinago gallinago*, G, M, R, Aq (R)  
Long-billed Curlew—*Numenius americanus*, Sg, G, W, L (b)  
Whimbrel—*Numenius phaeopus*, L, W (M)  
Spotted Sandpiper—*Actitis macularia*, L, St (B)  
Solitary Sandpiper—*Tringa solitaria*, Aq (M)  
Willet—*Catoptrophorus semipalmatus*, L, W (b)  
Greater Yellowlegs—*Tringa melanoleuca*, L, W (M)  
Lesser Yellowlegs—*Tringa flavipes*, L, W (n)  
Pectoral Sandpiper—*Calidris melanotos*, L (M)  
Western Sandpiper—*Calidris mauri*, L, W (M)  
White-rumped Sandpiper—*Calidris fuscicollis*, L (M)  
Baird's Sandpiper—*Calidris bairdii*, L, W (M)  
Least Sandpiper—*Calidris minutilla*, L, W (M)  
Sanderling—*Calidris alba*, L, W, (M)  
Long-billed Dowitcher—*Limnodromus scolopaceus*, L, W ((M)  
Marbled Godwit—*Limosa fedoa*, L, W (M)  
Wilson's Phalarope—*Phalaropus tricolor*, L, W (B)  
Red-Necked Phalarope—*Phalaropus lobatus*, L, W (M)

FAMILY LARIDAE—GULLS

Glaucous Gull—*Larus hyperboreus*, L (M)  
Herring Gull—*Larus argentatus*, L (M)  
California Gull—*Larus californicus*, L (n)  
Ring-billed Gull—*Larus delawarensis*, L (n)  
Franklin's Gull—*Larus pipixcan*, Aq, F, G (M)  
Bonaparte's Gull—*Larus philadelphia*, L, W (M)  
Black Tern—*Chlidonias niger*, L, W (B)  
Black-legged Kittiwake—*Rissa tridactyla*, L (M)  
Forster's Tern—*Sterna forsteri*, L, MNs (B)

FAMILY COLUMBIDAE—DOVES

Band-tailed Pigeon—*Patagioenas fasciata*, S, F (B)  
Rock Pigeon—*Columba livia* (introduced), U, F (R)  
Mourning Dove—*Zenaida macroura*, R, F, G, S, U (R)

FAMILY CUCULIDAE—CUCKOOS

Yellow-billed Cuckoo—*Coccyzus americanus*, R (M)  
Black-billed Cuckoo—*Coccyzus erythrophthalmus*, R (accidental)

FAMILY TYTONIDAE—BARN OWLS

Barn Owl—*Tyto alba*, R (R)

FAMILY STRIGIDAE—OWLS

Western Screech-owl—*Megascops kennecottii*, R (R)  
Great Horned Owl—*Bubo virginianus*, R, C, F (R)  
Northern Pygmy-owl—*Glaucidium gnoma*, C, R (W)  
Burrowing Owl—*Athene cunicularia*, G (b)  
Long-eared Owl—*Asio otus*, R (R)  
Short-eared Owl—*Asio flammeus*, G, W (b)  
Northern Saw-whet Owl—*Aegolius acadicus*, R (b)

FAMILY CAPRIMULGIDAE—GOATSUCKERS

Common Poorwill—*Phaelaenoptilus nuttallii*, R, S (b)  
Common Nighthawk—*Chordeiles minor*, G, R, U, S (B)

FAMILY APODIDAE—SWIFTS

Black Swift—*Cypseloides niger*, CI (B)  
White-throated Swift—*Aeronautes saxatilis*, CI (B)

#### FAMILY TROCHILIDAE—HUMMINGBIRDS

Broad-tailed Hummingbird—*Selasphorus platycercus*, D, S, C, M, U, T (B)  
Rufous Hummingbird—*Selasphorus rufus*, C, R, M (M)  
Calliope Hummingbird—*Stellula calliope*, R (M)

#### FAMILY ALCEDINIDAE—KINGFISHERS

Belted Kingfisher—*Ceryle alcyon*, R (R)

#### FAMILY PICIDAE—Woodpeckers

Northern Flicker—*Colaptes auratus*, D, C, U, R (B)  
Red-headed Woodpecker—*Melanerpes erythrocephalus*, R (B)  
Lewis's Woodpecker—*Melanerpes lewis*, R, S (b)  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker—*Sphyrapicus varius*, A, D, C, R (B)  
Williamson's Sapsucker—*Sphyrapicus thyroideus*, C, A (B)  
Hairy Woodpecker—*Picoides villosus*, C, D (R)  
Downy Woodpecker—*Picoides pubescens*, D, C, S (R)  
American Three-toed Woodpecker—*Picoides dorsalis*, SF, DF (R)

#### FAMILY TYRANNIDAE--FLYCATCHERS

Eastern Kingbird—*Tyrannus tyrannus*, F, G, R (b)  
Western Kingbird—*Tyrannus verticalis*, F, R (B)  
Cassin's Kingbird—*Tyrannus vociferans*, F (b)  
Say's Phoebe—*Sayornis saya*, F, S, G (b)  
Least Flycatcher—*Empidonax minimus*, R (M)  
Willow Flycatcher—*Empidonax traillii*, R (B)  
Hammond's Flycatcher—*Empidonax hammondi*, C (B)  
Western Flycatcher—*Empidonax difficilis*, D, S, R (B)  
Dusky Flycatcher—*Empidonax oberholseri*, D, S (B)  
Western Wood Pewee—*Contopus sordidulus*, D, C (B)  
Olive-sided Flycatcher—*Contopus cooperi*, R, SF (b)

#### FAMILY LANIIDAE—SHRIKES

Northern Shrike—*Lanius excubitor*, M, F, R (W)  
Loggerhead Shrike—*Lanius ludovicianus*, M, F, R, S, G (b)

#### FAMILY VIREONIDAE—VIREOS

Bell's Vireo—*Vireo bellii*, R (M)  
Plumbeous Vireo—*Vireo solitarius*, R, S (B)  
Red-eyed Vireo—*Vireo olivaceus*, R (B)  
Warbling Vireo—*Vireo gilvus*, D, R (b)

#### FAMILY CORVIDAE—JAYS & ALLIES

Gray Jay—*Perisoreus canadensis*, SF, Lp (R)  
Blue Jay—*Cyanocitta cristata*, R, U (M)  
Steller's Jay—*Cyanocitta stelleri*, C (R)  
Western Scrub Jay—*Aphelocoma californica*, S (b)  
Black-billed Magpie—*Pica pica*, G, F, R, S, C (R)  
Common Raven—*Corvus corax*, C, CI, R, G, F (R)  
Common Crow—*Corvus brachyrhynchos*, F, R, U (R)  
Pinyon Jay—*Gymnorhinus cyanocephalus*, S, R (R)  
Clark's Nutcracker—*Nucifraga columbiana*, C (R)

#### FAMILY ALAUDIDAE—LARKS

Horned Lark—*Eremophila alpestris*, G, U (R)

#### FAMILY HIRUNDINIDAE—SWALLOWS

Violet-green Swallow—*Tachycineta thalassina*, D, C, R, Aq (B)  
Tree Swallow—*Tachycineta bicolor*, D, C, R, Aq (B)  
Bank Swallow—*Riparia riparia*, F, Aq (B)  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow—*Stelgidopteryx serripennis*, R, F (B)  
Barn Swallow—*Hirundo rustica*, structures, F, Aq, R (B)  
Cliff Swallow—*Hirundo pyrrhonota*, Cl, F, Aq, R, structures (B)

FAMILY PARIDAE—TITS

Black-capped Chickadee—*Poecile atricapillus*, D (R)  
Mountain Chickadee—*Parus gambeli*, C (R)

FAMILY AEGITHALIDAE—BUSHTIT

Bushtit—*Psaltriparius minimus*, R (R)

FAMILY SITTIDAE—NUTHATCHES

White-breasted Nuthatch—*Sitta carolinensis*, C, D (R)  
Red-breasted Nuthatch—*Sitta canadensis*, C, D (b)  
Pygmy Nuthatch—*Sitta pygmaea*, R (R)

FAMILY CERTHIIDAE—CREEPERS

Brown Creeper—*Certhia americana* C, R (R)

FAMILY TROGLODYTIDAE—WRENS

House Wren—*Troglodytes aedon*, D, C (B)  
Winter Wren—*Troglodytes troglodytes*, R (W)  
Marsh Wren—*Cistothorus palustris*, W (b)  
Canyon Wren—*Catherpes mexicanus*, Cl (R)  
Rock Wren—*Salpinctes obsoletus*, BA, rocks (b)

FAMILY CINCLIDAE—DIPPER

American Dipper—*Cinclus mexicanus*, St (R)

FAMILY REGULIDAE--KINGLETS

Golden-crowned Kinglet—*Regulus satrapa*, C, R (R)  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet—*Regulus calendula*, C, R (B)

FAMILY SYLVIIDAE—OLD WORLD WARBLERS

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher—*Polioptila caerulea*, R, S (b)

FAMILY TURDIDAE—THRUSHES & ALLIES

Hermit Thrush—*Catharus guttatus*, C, R, U (b)  
Swainson's Thrush—*Catharus ustulatus*, R, U (B)  
Veery—*Catharus fuscescens*, D, R (B)  
American Robin—*Turdus migratorius*, G, F, D, U (B)  
Eastern Bluebird—*Sialia sialis*, R, F (M)  
Western Bluebird—*Sialia mexicana*, M, F, G, D, M, U (B)  
Mountain Bluebird—*Sialia currucoides*, M, A, G, F, U (B)  
Townsend's Solitaire—*Myadestes townsendi*, C, A, R, Sb (B)

FAMILY MIMIDAE—MOCKINGBIRDS & ALLIES

Northern Mockingbird—*Mimus polyglottos*, F, R, S, (b)  
Gray Catbird—*Dumatella carolinensis*, R (B)  
Brown Thrasher—*Toxostoma rufum*, R, F (M)  
Sage Thrasher—*Oreoscoptes montanus*, S (B)

FAMILY STURNIDAE—STARLING

Starling—*Sturnus vulgaris* (introduced), F, U, R (R)

FAMILY MOTACILLIDAE—PIPITS

American Pipit—*Anthus rubescens*, Aq, R, F (B)

FAMILY BOMBYCILLIDAE—WAXWINGS

Bohemian Waxwing—*Bombycilla garrulus*, F, D, C, U (W)

Cedar Waxwing—*Bombycilla cedrorum*, R, S, F, U (b)

FAMILY PARULIDAE—WOOD WARBLERS

Black-and-White Warbler—*Mniotilta varia*, R (M)

Orange-crowned Warbler—*Vermivora celata*, D, S (b)

Virginia's Warbler—*Vermivora virginiae*, S, R, M (b)

Yellow Warbler—*Dendroica petechia*, R, U (B)

Yellow-rumped Warbler—*Dendroica coronata*, C, D, C, M, U, R (B)

Nashville Warbler—*Vermivora ruficapilla*, R (M)

MacGillivray's Warbler—*Oporornis tolmiei*, D, S, R (b)

Common Yellowthroat—*Geothlypis trichas*, R, W (b)

Yellow-breasted Chat—*Ictera virens*, R, S, (b)

Wilson's Warbler—*Wilsonia pusilla*, D, R, S, U (B)

Tennessee Warbler—*Vermivora peregrina*, D

Northern Parula—*Parula americana*, R (M)

Magnolia Warbler—*Dendroica magnolia*, R, C (M)

Black-throated Gray Warbler—*Dendroica nigrescens*, R, S (M)

Townsend's Warbler—*Dendroica townsendii*, C (M)

Chestnut-sided Warbler—*Dendroica pensylvanica*, S (M)

Bay-breasted Warbler—*Dendroica castanea*, R (M)

Blackpoll Warbler—*Dendroica striata*, R (M)

Palm Warbler—*Dendroica palmorum*, R (M)

Ovenbird—*Seiurus aurocapillus*, R, S (M)

Northern Waterthrush—*Seiurus noveboracensis*, R, W (M)

American Redstart—*Setophaga ruticilla*, R (B)

FAMILY THRAUPIDAE—TANAGERS

Western Tanager—*Piranga ludoviciana*, D, S, R (b)

Scarlet Tanager—*Piranga olivacea*, R (M)

Summer Tanager—*Piranga rubra*, R (M)

FAMILY EMBERIZIDAE—SPARROWS & ALLIES

Green-tailed Towhee—*Pipilo chlorurus*, R, S (B)

Spotted Towhee—*Pipilo maculatus*, S, R (b)

Lark Bunting—*Calamospiza melanocorys*, G, S, M, F (B)

Savannah Sparrow—*Passerculus sandwichensis*, G, W (B)

Grasshopper Sparrow—*Ammodramus savannarum*, G (M)

Baird's Sparrow—*Ammodramus bairdii*, G (M)

Vesper Sparrow—*Pooecetes gramineus*, G, S (B)

Lark Sparrow—*Chondestes grammacus*, G, S (B)

Sage Sparrow—*Amphispiza belli*, S (B)

Dark-eyed Junco—*Junco hyemalis*, R, S, U (W)

Gray-headed Junco—*Junco caniceps*, D, C, R, U (B)

American Tree Sparrow—*Spizella arborea*, R, G, F, S (W)

Chipping Sparrow—*Spizella passerina*, R, S, G, U (b)

Clay-colored Sparrow—*Spizella pallida*, R, G, F (n)

Brewer's Sparrow—*Spizella breweri*, S, G, R (B)

Harris' Sparrow—*Zonotrichia querula*, R (M)

White-crowned Sparrow—*Zonotrichia leucophrys*, R, S (R)

White-throated Sparrow—*Zonotrichia albicollis*, R, S (M)

Fox Sparrow—*Passerella iliaca*, R (b)

Lincoln's Sparrow—*Melospiza lincolni*, R, M (b)

Swamp Sparrow Song Sparrow—*Melospiza melodia*, R, W (R)

McCown's Longspur—*Rhynchophanes mccownii*, G, F (M)

Lapland Longspur—*Calcarius lapponicus*, G, F (W)

Chestnut-collared Longspur—*Calcarius ornatus*, Sg, HA, M (M)  
Snow Bunting—*Plectrophenax nivalis*, M, S, G (W)

#### FAMILY CARDINALIDAE—GROSBEAKS

Rose-breasted Grosbeak—*Pheucticus ludovicianus*, R, F, Sb (B)  
Black-headed Grosbeak—*Pheucticus melanocephalus*, D, S, R (M)  
Blue Grosbeak—*Passerina caerulea*, R (b)  
Indigo Bunting—*Passerina cyanea*, R (B)  
Lazuli Bunting—*Passerina amoena*, S, R (b)  
Dickcissel—*Spiza americana*, F (B)

#### FAMILY ICTERIDAE—ORIOLES, BLACKBIRDS, & ALLIES

Bobolink—*Dolichonyx oryzivorus*, G, F (b)  
Western Meadowlark—*Sturnella neglecta*, M, F, G, F (B)  
Yellow-headed Blackbird—*Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus*, W, F, R (B)  
Red-winged Blackbird—*Agelaius phoeniceus*, R, Sb (R)  
Orchard Oriole—*Icterus spurius*, R (B)  
Bullock's Oriole—*Icterus bullockii*, R, Sb (b)  
Rusty Blackbird—*Euphagus carolinus*, R (M)  
Brewer's Blackbird—*Euphagus cyanocephalus*, R, F, M (B)  
Common Grackle—*Quiscalus quiscula*, R, F, U (b)  
Brown-headed Cowbird—*Molothrus ater*, D, F, C, S, U (B)

#### FAMILY FRINGILLIDAE—FINCHES & ALLIES

Cassin's Finch—*Carpodacus cassinii*, C (R)  
House Finch—*Carpodacus mexicanus*, U, S, R (R)  
Pine Grosbeak—*Pinicola enucleator*, SF, C (R)  
Black Rosy Finch—*Leucosticte atrata*, G, BA, U (W)  
Brown-capped Rosy Finch—*Leucosticte australis*, G, BA, U (R)  
Common Redpoll—*Carduelis flammea*, G, S (M)  
Pine Siskin—*Carduelis pinus*, C, R, U, F (B)  
American Goldfinch—*Carduelis tristis*, R, U (B)  
Lesser Goldfinch—*Carduelis psaltria*, R, S, U (B)  
Evening Grosbeak—*Coccothraustes vespertina*, C, R, U (M)  
Red Crossbill—*Loxia curvirostra*, C (R)  
White-winged Crossbill—*Loxia leucoptera*, C (N)

#### FAMILY PASSERIDAE—WEAVER FINCHES

House Sparrow—*Passer domesticus* (introduced), F, U (R)

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