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## **BIRD SIGHTINGS FROM 1960-2003 FERNAN LAKE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO** **Prepared by Shirley Sturts 11/13/03**

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**S - summer non-breeding**

**Common Loon - M**

**Pied-billed Grebe - B**

**Horned Grebe - M (uncommon)**

**Red-necked Grebe - B**

**Western Grebe - M (uncommon)**

**Double-crested Cormorant - one sighting (1) July 17, 2002**

**American Bittern - one sighting (2) May 10-19, 1974**

**Great Blue Heron - B**

**Black-crowned Night-Heron - one sighting (1) Nov.11-27, 1999**

**Turkey Vulture - M-S**

**Canada Goose - B**

**Tundra Swan - M**

**Wood Duck - B**

**Gadwall - M (uncommon)**

**American Wigeon - M**

**Mallard - B**

**Blue-winged Teal - M (uncommon)**

**Cinnamon Teal - b**

**Northern Shoveler - M (uncommon)**

**Northern Pintail - M**

**Redhead - M (uncommon - only 1 record)**

**Ring-necked Duck - M**

**Lesser Scaup - one sighting**

**Harlequin Duck - one sighting (1 pair) May 1, 1970**

**White-winged Scoter - one sighting (1) Oct. 8, 1972**

**Bufflehead - M**

**Common Goldeneye - M**

**Barrow's Goldeneye - M**

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Hooded Merganser - M  
Common Merganser - M  
Ruddy Duck - M (Uncommon)  
Osprey - B  
Bald Eagle - B  
Cooper's Hawk - b  
Sharp-shinned Hawk - b  
Northern Goshawk - three sightings (1) May 16, 1968, 1 Fernan Saddle May 23 and June 26, 2002  
Red-tailed Hawk - B  
American Kestrel - M  
Merlin - M (uncommon only a couple of records)  
Ring-necked Pheasant - M (b?)  
Ruffed Grouse - B  
Wild Turkey - B  
California Quail - B  
Northern Bobwhite - present in 1997, 1999 and 2000 - assumed released birds that didn't survive  
Virginia Rail - b  
Sora - b  
American Coot - B  
Sandhill Crane - flock flew over April 23, 1986  
Killdeer - b  
Spotted Sandpiper - M-S  
Solitary Sandpiper - 1 record (1) Sept. 1996  
Common Snipe - b  
Ring-billed Gull - S  
California Gull - S  
Herring Gull - M-W  
Rock Dove - 1 record (1) Aug. 26, 1985  
Band-tailed Pigeon - 1 record (1) at feeder April 1-May 1993  
Mourning Dove - b  
Western Screech Owl - 2 winter records 1982 and 1986  
Great Horned Owl - b  
Northern Pygmy Owl - M-W  
Northern Saw-whet Owl - b (Uncommon - only a few records)  
Common Nighthawk - M-S feeding overhead - nesting in area?  
Vaux's Swift - M-S (uncommon - feeding overhead)  
Black-chinned Hummingbird - b  
Calliope Hummingbird - b  
Rufous Hummingbird - b  
Belted Kingfisher - b  
Red-naped Sapsucker - b  
Downy Woodpecker - b  
Hairy Woodpecker - B

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Three-toed Woodpecker - 1 record (5) March 18, 1972  
Northern Flicker - B  
Pileated Woodpecker - b  
Olive-sided Flycatcher - b  
Western-wood Pewee - B  
Willow Flycatcher - b  
Hammond's Flycatcher - B  
Dusky Flycatcher - b  
Cordilleran Flycatcher - one record May 26, 2002 along road to Fernan Saddle  
Eastern Kingbird - b  
Northern Shrike - M-W  
Cassin's Vireo - b  
Warbling Vireo - B  
Red-eyed Vireo - b (B - nest w/4 eggs reported summer of 1910)  
Gray Jay - b? (only a few records but possibly nests higher up - Fernan Saddle)  
Steller's Jay - b  
Clark's Nutcracker - M-W (uncommon - only occasional records)  
Black-billed Magpie - B  
American Crow - present at west end of lake  
Common Raven - B  
Tree Swallow - B  
Violet-green Swallow - B  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow b  
Cliff Swallow - B  
Barn Swallow - B  
Black-capped Chickadee - B  
Mountain Chickadee - B  
Chestnut-backed Chickadee - b  
Red-breasted Nuthatch - B  
White-breasted Nuthatch M-W (uncommon - only occasional records)  
Pygmy Nuthatch - B  
House Wren - B  
Winter Wren - b  
Marsh Wren - only 2 winter records along Fernan Creek - should be looked for during the summer)  
Golden-crowned Kinglet - B  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet - B  
Western Bluebird - M-S  
Mountain Bluebird - M-S  
Townsend's Solitaire - b  
Veery - (I only have summer records up Fernan Creek from 1978-1986 - as far as I know they are no longer there)  
Swainson's Thrush - B  
American Robin - B  
Varied Thrush - M-W

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Gray Catbird - b  
European Starling - b  
American Pipit - M (uncommon - have only 1 record)  
Bohemian Waxwing - W  
Cedar Waxwing - b  
Orange-crowned Warbler - b  
Nashville Warbler - b  
Yellow Warbler - B  
Yellow-rumped Warbler - b  
Townsend's Warbler - b  
American Redstart - no recent records - (a few seen along Fernan Creek in the 1970's and one pair there in June 1989)  
MacGillivray's Warbler - b  
Common Yellowthroat - b  
Wilson's Warbler - M  
Western Tanager - B  
Spotted Towhee - B  
Chipping Sparrow - B  
Lincoln's Sparrow - M one record (1) spring of 1994)  
White-crowned Sparrow - M  
Golden-crowned Sparrow - one record Oct. 17, 1978  
Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon) - B  
Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored) - W  
Black-headed Grosbeak - B  
Red-winged Blackbird - B  
Brewer's Blackbird - b  
Brown-headed Cowbird - B  
Bullock's Oriole - one report (1 pr) June 14, 1980 east end of lake  
Pine Grosbeak - M (uncommon in fall and winter months)  
Cassin's Finch - b  
House Finch - B  
Red Crossbill - B  
Common Redpoll - M-W (uncommon - occasional winter visitor to North Idaho)  
Pine Siskin - B  
American Goldfinch - b  
Evening Grosbeak - b  
House Sparrow - a few at west end

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