

**Visitors are required to sign in at the Visitor Center each day they enter the preserve. Please, walking or boat access only. No pets, bikes, motorized vehicles, overnight camping, or fires are allowed.**

### SILVER CREEK BIRDING LOOP

Silver Creek Preserve is surrounded by good birding habitat. It is mostly private property, so please bird from the road. From Stocker Creek Rd continue north across Hwy 20 to Punkin Center Rd. Bird this area with a stop at Wilson Creek. Continue to Gannett, turn right onto Gannett Rd and drive south until you reach N. Picabo Rd where you turn left. Bird this stretch for approximately five miles until you reach Picabo and Hwy 20. Be sure to stop along the way at Point of Rocks Public Access. Turn right onto Hwy 20 and continue until you see the sign for Hayspur Fish Hatchery. Here you will find a short trail along Loving Creek and overnight camping. Please report rare bird sightings to the Silver Creek manager.

### EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

#### Seasons and Breeding Status:

**Sp** = Spring: March-May  
**S** = Summer: June-August  
**F** = Fall: September-November  
**W** = Winter: December-February  
**B** = Breeding Status: B = confirmed breeder  
b = possible breeder

#### Status:

\* = endangered, threatened, candidate, sensitive, or special concern species

For official listings see: *Rare, Threatened, and Endangered Plants and Animals of Idaho* available from the Conservation Data Center, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, P.O. Box 25, Boise, ID 83707.

(I) = Introduced Species

#### Abundance:

A = **abundant**: certain to be seen  
C = **common**: should be seen in a suitable habitat  
U = **uncommon**: might be seen in a suitable habitat  
O = **occasional**: seen only a few times a season  
R = **rare**: seen at intervals of two to five years  
X = **accidental**: fewer than five records  
- = **no records**

GEESE, SWANS AND DUCKS	Sp	S	F	W	B
Snow Goose	U	—	U	R	
Canada Goose	A	C	C	A	B
Tundra Swan	U	—	U	U	
Trumpeter Swan	—	—	U	C	
Wood Duck	O	R	O	R	
Mallard	A	C	A	A	B
Gadwall	U	U	U	C	B
Green-winged Teal	U	U	O	U	
American Wigeon	C	C	C	A	
Eurasian Wigeon	—	—	—	R	
Northern Pintail	U	U	U	U	
Northern Shoveler	U	R	U	O	
Blue-winged Teal	U	U	U	R	
Cinnamon Teal	C	C	U	R	B
Canvasback	O	U	O	O	B
Redhead	U	U	U	—	B
Ring-necked Duck	C	U	C	C	
Lesser Scaup	U	U	U	U	B
Bufflehead	O	R	R	U	b
Common Goldeneye	U	O	U	C	b
Barrow's Goldeneye	U	O	U	U	b
Hooded Merganser	U	O	U	U	B
Common Merganser	R	—	R	O	b
Ruddy Duck	U	U	—	U	
<b>QUAIL, PARTRIDGES &amp; GROUSE</b>					
California Quail (I)	R	R	R	—	
Chukar (I)	U	U	U	U	B
Gray Partridge (I)	U	U	U	U	b
Ring-necked Pheasant (I)	C	C	C	C	B
Dusky Grouse	O	R	O	O	b
Greater Sage-Grouse*	U	R	U	U	B
<b>GREBES</b>					
Pied-billed Grebe	C	C	C	C	B
Eared Grebe	—	R	O	—	
Western Grebe	R	R	R	—	
Clark's Grebe	—	R	—	—	
<b>PIGEONS AND DOVES</b>					
Rock Pigeon (I)	U	U	U	U	b
Mourning Dove	A	A	U	O	B
<b>GOATSUCKERS</b>					
Common Nighthawk	—	A	—	—	b
Common Poorwill	U	U	—	—	b

HUMMINGBIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	B
Black-chinned Hummingbird	U	U	—	—	b
Calliope Hummingbird	U	O	—	—	
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	U	U	—	—	b
Rufous Hummingbird	U	U	—	—	
<b>RAILS AND COOTS</b>					
Sora	U	U	—	—	B
Virginia Rail	U	U	U	U	B
American Coot	C	C	C	C	B
<b>CRANES</b>					
Sandhill Crane	C	U	C	—	B
<b>SHOREBIRDS</b>					
American Avocet	U	R	U	—	
Killdeer	C	C	C	R	B
Long-billed Curlew*	C	U	—	—	B
Long-billed Dowitcher	O	—	R	—	
Wilson's Snipe	C	C	U	U	B
Spotted Sandpiper	U	U	O	—	B
Solitary Sandpiper	U	—	O	—	
Willet	C	C	—	—	B
Greater Yellowlegs	O	—	O	—	
Lesser Yellowlegs	O	—	O	—	
Wilson's Phalarope	C	U	—	—	B
<b>GULLS AND TERNS</b>					
Franklin's Gull	O	U	—	—	
Ring-billed Gull	C	C	—	—	B
California Gull	C	C	—	—	B
Black Tern	R	R	—	—	
Forster's Tern	O	O	O	—	
Caspian Tern	O	U	—	—	b
<b>PELICANS</b>					
American White Pelican	U	O	—	—	
<b>BITTERNS, HERONS &amp; EGRETS</b>					
American Bittern	U	U	R	—	b
Greater Blue Heron	C	C	C	C	
Great Egret	R	—	—	—	
Green Heron	X	—	—	—	
Black-crowned Night-Heron	O	O	O	—	
<b>IBISES</b>					
White-faced Ibis*	R	R	—	—	

VULTURES, EAGLES & HAWKS	Sp	S	F	W	B
Turkey Vulture	C	C	O	—	
Osprey	U	O	U	—	
Golden Eagle	U	O	U	U	B
Bald Eagle*	U	U	U	C	B
Northern Harrier	C	C	C	C	B
Sharp-shinned Hawk	U	U	U	U	
Cooper's Hawk	O	O	O	O	
Northern Goshawk*	O	R	O	O	
Swainson's Hawk*	U	C	U	—	B
Ferruginous Hawk*	—	R	R	—	
Rough-legged Hawk	U	U	O	C	
Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	C	B
<b>OWLS</b>					
Barn Owl	O	O	O	O	
Long-eared Owl	R	R	R	R	B
Short-eared Owl	R	R	R	R	B
Great Horned Owl	C	C	C	C	B
Northern Saw-whet Owl	R	R	R	R	
<b>KINGFISHERS</b>					
Belted Kingfisher	C	C	C	U	B
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>					
Lewis's Woodpecker	U	U	—	—	
Red-naped Sapsucker	U	U	U	—	B
Hairy Woodpecker	U	U	U	U	B
Downy Woodpecker	U	U	U	U	B
Northern Flicker	C	C	C	U	B
<b>FALCONS</b>					
American Kestrel	C	C	C	U	B
Merlin*	—	—	R	O	
Prairie Falcon	U	O	U	U	B
Peregrine Falcon*	R	R	R	—	
Gyr Falcon*	—	—	—	R	
<b>FLYCATCHERS</b>					
Olive-sided Flycatcher	—	O	—	—	
Western Wood-Pewee	C	C	—	—	b
Gray Flycatcher	—	R	—	—	
Willow Flycatcher	C	C	—	—	B
Cordilleran Flycatcher	U	U	—	—	
Say's Phoebe	O	—	—	—	
Western Kingbird	C	C	—	—	B
Eastern Kingbird	C	A	—	—	B

# BIRDS

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# SILVER CREEK PRESERVE

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SHRIKES	Sp	S	F	W	B
Loggerhead Shrike*	O	O	—	—	b
Northern Shrike	—	—	U	U	
<b>VIREOS</b>					
Plumbeous Vireo	U	U	U	—	b
Red-eyed Vireo	—	R	—	—	b
Warbling Vireo	U	U	O	—	B
<b>MAGPIES &amp; CROWS</b>					
Black-billed Magpie	A	A	A	A	B
American Crow	A	A	C	C	B
Common Raven	C	U	U	C	B
<b>LARKS</b>					
Horned Lark	U	O	U	U	
<b>SWALLOWS</b>					
Tree Swallow	C	C	U	—	B
Violet-green Swallow	C	C	U	—	B
Barn Swallow	C	C	U	—	B
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	C	C	U	—	B
Bank Swallow	R	—	R	—	
Cliff Swallow	C	C	U	—	B
<b>CHICKADEES</b>					
Black-capped Chickadee	C	U	U	U	B
Mountain Chickadee	U	O	U	U	
<b>NUTHATCHES</b>					
Red-breasted Nuthatch	O	O	O	O	
<b>WRENS</b>					
Rock Wren	U	U	—	—	b
House Wren	C	U	U	—	B
Marsh Wren	C	A	C	U	B
<b>KINGLETS</b>					
Golden-crowned Kinglet	O	R	O	R	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	U	O	U	R	
<b>THRUSHES</b>					
Mountain Bluebird	R	R	R	—	b
Townsend's Solitaire	—	—	R	R	
Swainson's Thrush	U	—	U	—	
Hermit Thrush	U	—	U	—	
American Robin	A	A	C	O	B

MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS	Sp	S	F	W	B
Gray Catbird	U	U	R	—	B
Northern Mockingbird	X	—	—	—	
Sage Thrasher	—	O	—	—	
<b>STARLINGS</b>					
European Starling (I)	A	A	A	A	B
<b>WAXWINGS</b>					
Bohemian Waxwing	—	—	O	O	
Cedar Waxwing	C	C	O	—	B
<b>OLD WORLD SPARROWS</b>					
House Sparrow (I)	U	O	U	U	B
<b>PIPITS</b>					
American Pipit	U	—	U	—	
<b>FINCHES</b>					
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	—	—	—	R	
Cassin's Finch	O	R	O	U	b
House Finch	U	U	U	O	B
Pine Siskin	O	O	O	O	b
American Goldfinch	A	A	C	U	B
Common Redpoll	—	—	R	U	
<b>WOOD-WARBLERS</b>					
Orange-crowned Warbler	O	O	R	—	
Nashville Warbler	—	R	R	—	
MacGillivray's Warbler	O	O	O	—	
Common Yellowthroat	U	C	U	—	B
Yellow Warbler	A	A	—	—	B
Yellow-rumped Warbler	C	C	U	—	b
Townsend's Warbler	—	R	R	—	
Wilson's Warbler	U	O	U	—	b
Yellow-breasted Chat	U	U	—	—	b
<b>TOWHEES &amp; SPARROWS</b>					
Spotted Towhee	C	C	U	—	B
Green-tailed Towhee	U	O	—	—	b
American Tree Sparrow	O	—	U	U	
Chipping Sparrow	C	O	U	—	b
Brewer's Sparrow	C	C	U	—	B
Vesper Sparrow	C	C	—	—	B
Lark Sparrow	C	O	—	—	b
Savannah Sparrow	U	U	—	—	b
Lincoln's Sparrow	—	—	R	R	

	Sp	S	F	W	B
Song Sparrow	C	A	A	C	B
White-crowned Sparrow	C	U	C	—	B
Dark-eyed Junco	C	O	O	C	b
<b>TANAGERS</b>					
Western Tanager	U	O	—	—	b
<b>GROSBEAKS &amp; BUNTINGS</b>					
Black-headed Grosbeak	U	U	—	—	B
Evening Grosbeak	U	—	O	—	
Lazuli Bunting	U	O	—	—	B
Snow Bunting	—	—	—	U	
<b>BLACKBIRDS</b>					
Western Meadowlark	A	A	O	O	B
Red-winged Blackbird	A	A	U	U	B
Yellow-headed Blackbird	A	A	U	U	B
Brewer's Blackbird	C	C	C	U	B
Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	U	—	B
Bullock's Oriole	C	C	—	—	B

### Please help us preserve Silver Creek!

Silver Creek Preserve is owned and managed by The Nature Conservancy of Idaho, a private non-profit organization. Its mission is to conserve lands and waters on which all life depends. Silver Creek Preserve relies entirely on donations to meet its yearly management needs. Your support is greatly appreciated.



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Silver Creek Preserve protects one of the last intact examples of a high desert cold-spring ecosystem in the western U.S. Silver Creek's spectacular habitat diversity, including shrubland, riparian forest, and wetlands, provides cover and food for over 170 species of birds. The creek is formed entirely by springs from an aquifer that originates along the Big Wood River to the north of the Preserve. Silver Creek's water temperature remains relatively constant at 50-60° F. Much of the water is free of ice even during the coldest months making the preserve an oasis for wildlife throughout the year.

Please enjoy your visit!