New Mexico State Parks Division

Ute Lake State Park



Birds of Ute

At nearly 13 miles long, Ute Lake is one of the largest bodies of water in the state. The best birding areas are located along the North Shore. Good areas to look for birds are the North Area, Logan Park, and Rogers Park. This park is very popular with recreationists and can be quite crowded on busy summer weekends.

This checklist provides information on birds you are likely to encounter at Ute Lake State Park. The checklist has been compiled using data from eBird. Birders are encouraged to log their sightings at eBird.org to help improve the list in the future. The list for Ute Lake includes 269 species.

Key		B Sp S F W
	Breeding status	Spring Winter
- "		Summer Fall

Breeding

- B Breeding status
- + Breeds in Quay County, New Mexico.

Seasons

- Sp Spring (March 1–May 31)
- S Summer (June 1-August 31)
- F Fall (September 1–November 30)
- W Winter (December-February 28)

Abundance

- c Common. Present in the proper habitat and season.
- fc Frequently common. Often present in the proper habitat and season.
- u Uncommon. Occasionally present in the proper habitat and season.
- r Rare. Seldom present in suitable habitat; few records.

Name	В	Sp	S	F	W
Ducks, Geese, and Swans					
Snow Goose		u		u	u
Ross's Goose					r
Brant					r
Cackling Goose				u	u
Canada Goose		r		С	С
Wood Duck			r	r	
Blue-winged Teal		С	u	fc	
Cinnamon Teal		fc		fc	
Blue-winged/Cinnamon Teal				u	
Northern Shoveler		С		С	fc
Gadwall		С		С	С
Eurasian Wigeon			r		
American Wigeon	+	С	u	С	С
Mallard	+	С	u	С	С
Mallard (Domestic type)		fc	u	fc	fc
Northern Pintail		С		fc	fc
Green-winged Teal		fc		fc	fc
Canvasback		fc		fc	С
Redhead		fc		fc	fc
Ring-necked Duck		u		u	u
Greater Scaup					r
Lesser Scaup		fc		u	u
Long-tailed Duck					r
Bufflehead		fc		u	fc
Common Goldeneye		fc			fc
Hooded Merganser		fc			fc
Common Merganser		С	u		С
Red-breasted Merganser		С	u		С
Common/Red-breasted Merganser					r
Ruddy Duck		С	r		fc
New World Quail					
Northern Bobwhite		r			
Scaled Quail	+	u	u	u	u
Pheasants, Grouse, Turkeys					
Wild Turkey		r	r	u	u
Grebes					
Pied-billed Grebe	+	С	С	С	С
Horned Grebe		С		fc	С

Red-necked Grebe		Name	В	Sp	S	F	W
Eared Grebe	Gr	ebes (cont.)					
Horned/Eared Grebe		Red-necked Grebe					r
Western Grebe Clark's Grebe Western/Clark's Grebe Western/Clark's Grebe Rock Pigeon Rock Pigeon H U Wi Wite-winged Dove H Mourning Dove H C Ca Ca Cu-koos, Roadrunners, and Anis Greater Roadrunner Yellow-billed Cuckoo Nightjars Common Nighthawk Hummingbirds Black-chinned Hummingbird Rufous Hummi		Eared Grebe		fc		fc	fc
Clark's Grebe Western/Clark's Grebe Pigeons and Doves Rock Pigeon		Horned/Eared Grebe					r
Western/Clark's Grebe		Western Grebe		u	r	fc	С
Rock Pigeon		Clark's Grebe				u	u
Rock Pigeon		Western/Clark's Grebe				u	u
Eurasian Collared-Dove	Pig	geons and Doves					
White-winged Dove		Rock Pigeon	+	u	u	u	u
Mourning Dove + c c c c Cuckoos, Roadrunners, and Anis Greater Roadrunner + r r r r Yellow-billed Cuckoo r r Nightjars Common Nighthawk u u r Hummingbirds Black-chinned Hummingbird r r Rufous Hummingbird r r Rails Gallinules, and Coots Virginia Rail + r r r Sora + u u u u American Coot + c c c c Cranes Sandhill Crane r u r v Stilts and Avocets Black-necked Stilt r u r American Avocet c u fc r Plovers Black-bellied Plover r u u Killdeer + c c c u Semipalmated Plover r r Mountain Plover r r Snowy Plover + r r Sandpipers Whimbrel r r		Eurasian Collared-Dove	+	С	С	С	С
Cuckoos, Roadrunners, and Anis Greater Roadrunner		White-winged Dove	+	fc	С	С	u
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Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Cu	ckoos, Roadrunners, and Anis					
Nightjars Common Nighthawk		Greater Roadrunner	+	r	r	r	r
Common Nighthawk Hummingbirds Black-chinned Hummingbird		Yellow-billed Cuckoo		r			
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Mountain Plover r snowy Plover + r r Sandpipers r substituting r substitution r s		Killdeer	+	С	c	С	u
Snowy Plover + r r Sandpipers Whimbrel r		Semipalmated Plover		r		r	
Sandpipers Whimbrel r		Mountain Plover		r			
Whimbrel r		Snowy Plover	+	r	r		
	Sai	ndpipers					
Long-billed Curlew + r r		Whimbrel		r			
		Long-billed Curlew	+		r	r	

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Nan	1e	В	Sp	S	F	W
Sandpi	pers (cont.)					
Mar	bled Godwit		u		u	
San	derling		r			
Dun	lin				r	r
Bair	d's Sandpiper		u		fc	
Leas	st Sandpiper		u		fc	
Whi	te-rumped Sandpiper		fc			
Pect	oral Sandpiper				u	
Sem	ipalmated Sandpiper		r	r		
Wes	tern Sandpiper		r	r	r	
Lon	g-billed Dowitcher		r		u	r
Wils	on's Snipe				u	u
Spo	tted Sandpiper		fc	u	С	
Less	ser Yellowlegs				r	
Wille	et		u	r	r	
Grea	ater Yellowlegs		u		fc	u
\vdash	on's Phalarope				u	r
\vdash	Phalarope				r	
_	erns, and Skimmers	1			·	
	ne's Gull				u	
Bon	aparte's Gull		r	r		r
Lau	ghing Gull				r	
Fran	ıklin's Gull		fc	u	r	
Ring	j-billed Gull		С	С	С	С
Cali	fornia Gull		r	r	r	
Heri	ring Gull				u	fc
Icela	and Gull					r
Glau	icous Gull		r	r		
Leas	st Tern		r	r		
Cas	pian Tern			r	r	
Blac	k Tern		r		r	
Con	nmon Tern			r	r	
Arct	ic Tern				r	
	ter's Tern		u	r	fc	
Con	nmon/Forster's Tern				r	
Loons	·					
Red	throated Loon					r
Paci	fic Loon					r
Con	nmon Loon		С		fc	С

Name	В	Sp	S	F	W
Cormorants and Anhingas					
Double-crested Cormorant		fc		fc	u
Pelicans					
American White Pelican		fc		u	u
Brown Pelican				r	
Bitterns and Herons					
Great Blue Heron	+	С	u	С	С
Great Egret		r		u	
Snowy Egret		r		r	
Tricolored Heron				r	
Reddish Egret			r		
Cattle Egret		r		r	
Green Heron	+		r		
Black-Crowned Night-Heron	+			r	
Ibises and Spoonbills					
Glossy Ibis		r			
White-faced Ibis	+	u		u	
American Vultures					
Turkey Vulture	+	С	С	С	
Ospreys					
Osprey		r		fc	
Kites, Eagles, and Hawks					
Mississippi Kite			r		
Northern Harrier		fc		fc	fc
Sharp-shinned Hawk		r		u	u
Cooper's Hawk	+	u		u	u
Bald Eagle				u	u
Broad-winged Hawk		r			
Swainson's Hawk	+	u	u	u	
Red-tailed Hawk	+	fc	u	fc	fc
Rough-legged Hawk					r
Ferruginous Hawk		r		u	u
Barn Owls					
Barn Owl				r	
Typical Owls					
Great Horned Owl	+	u		u	u
Long-eared Owl					r
Kingfishers					
Belted Kingfisher		fc	u	fc	fc

Name	В	Sp	S	F	W
Woodpeckers					
Red-naped Sapsucker				r	
Red-headed Woodpecker	+	r		r	
Downy Woodpecker		r			r
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	+	fc	fc	fc	fc
Northern Flicker	+	С	u	С	С
Caracaras and Falcons					
American Kestrel	+	С	fc	С	С
Merlin				r	
Peregrine Falcon		r			
Prairie Falcon				u	r
Tyrant Flycatchers					
Olive-sided Flycatcher				u	
Western Wood-Peewee		u	u	fc	
Willow Flycatcher		r		u	
Dusky Flycatcher			r		
Black Phoebe				r	
Eastern Phoebe				r	
Say's Phoebe	+	fc	fc	u	u
Vermillion Flycatcher			r		
Ash-throated Flycatcher		r		r	
Great Crested Flycatcher		r			
Cassin's Kingbird		r			
Western Kingbird	+	С	С	u	
Eastern Kingbird		r		r	
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher			r	r	
Shrikes					
Loggerhead Shrike	+			r	fc
Northern Shrike					r
Vireos					
Cassin's Vireo				r	
Blue-headed Vireo				r	
Warbling Vireo		r		r	
Jays, Magpies and Crows					
Pinyon Jay				r	
Blue Jay		fc	u	fc	fc
Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay				u	r
American Crow		r		u	r
Chihuahuan Raven	+	u	u	u	u

Name	В	Sp	S	F	W
Jays, Magpies, and Crows (cont.)					
Common Raven	+	С	fc	С	С
Larks					
Horned Lark		r		u	u
Swallows					
Northern Rough-winged Swallow		u	u	r	
Tree Swallow		fc	r		
Violet-green Swallow			r		
Bank Swallow		fc	r		
Barn Swallow	+	С	С	С	
Cliff Swallow	+	С	С	u	
Chickadees and Titmice					
Mountain Chickadee				r	r
Juniper Titmouse				r	
Bushtit				•	
Bushtit				r	r
Nuthatches		•	•		
Red-breasted Nuthatch			r	r	
White-breasted Nuthatch				r	
Creepers					
Brown Creeper					u
Wrens					
Rock Wren	+	u	u	u	u
Canyon Wren		r	r		r
House Wren		r		u	
Pacific Wren				r	
Winter Wren				r	
Marsh Wren		fc		fc	fc
Carolina Wren				r	
Bewick's Wren		r		u	fc
Cactus Wren	+			r	r
Gnatcatchers					
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				r	
Kinglets					
Golden-crowned Kinglet				r	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		fc		fc	fc
Thrushes					
Eastern Bluebird			r	u	u
Western Bluebird		r	1		

Name	В	Sp	S	F	W
Thrushes (cont.)					
Mountain Bluebird		u		u	u
Townsend's Solitaire		r			r
Swainson's Thrush		r		r	
Hermit Thrush		u		u	u
American Robin		С	fc	С	С
Mockingbirds and Thrashers					
Gray Catbird		u		u	u
Curve-billed Thrasher	+	u	u	u	u
Brown Thrasher		u	r	u	u
Northern Mockingbird	+	fc	fc	fc	fc
Starlings	•				
European Starling	+	fc		fc	С
Waxwings					
Cedar Waxwing		u	r	r	
Old World Sparrows	•				
House Sparrow	+	С	С	С	fc
Wagtails and Pipits					
American Pipit		u		u	u
Finches					
Evening Grosbeak				r	
House Finch	+	С	С	С	С
Cassin's Finch				r	
Pine Siskin		u		u	r
Lesser Goldfinch	+	u	u	u	u
American Goldfinch		u		u	fc
Longspurs and Snow Buntings	•				
Lapland Longspur					r
Chestnut-collared Longspur				r	r
McCown's Longspur				r	r
Towhees, Sparrows, and Juncos	•				
Cassin's Sparrow	+	r			
Grasshopper Sparrow				r	
Chipping Sparrow		fc	u	fc	
Clay-colored Sparrow		r		u	
Field Sparrow		r		r	r
Brewer's Sparrow		u		u	
Black-throated Sparrow		r			
Lark Sparrow		fc	fc	r	

	Name	В	Sp	S	F	W
То	whees, Sparrows, and Juncos (co	nt.)				
	Lark Bunting		r	r	r	r
	American Tree Sparrow					u
	Fox Sparrow					r
	Dark-eyed Junco		fc		С	С
	White-crowned Sparrow		С		С	С
	Harris's Sparrow				r	
	White-throated Sparrow				r	r
	Vesper Sparrow		u		u	
	Nelson's Sparrow				r	
	Savannah Sparrow		u		fc	fc
	Song Sparrow		fc		fc	С
	Lincoln's Sparrow		r	u	u	
	Swamp Sparrow				r	u
	Canyon Towhee				r	r
	Rufous-crowned Sparrow				r	
	Green-tailed Towhee		r		r	
	Spotted Towhee		r		u	fc
Υe	llow-breasted Chat					
	Yellow-breasted Chat	+	С	С	fc	
Bla	ckbirds and Orioles					
	Yellow-headed Blackbird	+	С	r	С	
	Western Meadowlark	+	С		u	С
	Eastern Meadowlark				r	
	Orchard Oriole	+	С	c	r	
	Bullock's Oriole	+	С	C	u	
	Scott's Oriole				r	
	Red-winged Blackbird	+	С	c	С	С
	Bronzed Cowbird		u	r		
	Brown-headed Cowbird	+	С	fc	r	r
	Rusty Blackbird		r			r
	Brewer's Blackbird		u		u	u
	Common Grackle	+	С	С	u	
	Great-tailed Grackle	+	С	С	fc	fc
Wo	od-warblers					
	Northern Waterthrush		r	r		
	Blue-winged Warbler		r			
	Black-and-white Warbler		r			
	Orange-crowned Warbler		u		u	
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Name	В	Sp	S	F	W
Wood-warblers (cont.)					
Nashville Warbler				r	
Virginia's Warbler		r			
MacGillivray's Warbler		u		u	
Common Yellowthroat	+	С	С	С	
American Redstart		r	r		
Yellow Warbler	+	С	С	С	
Chestnut-sided Warbler		r			
Pine Warbler				r	r
Yellow-rumped Warbler		С		С	С
Townsend's Warbler				u	
Black-throated Green Warbler				r	
Wilson's Warbler		r		fc	
Tanagers, Cardinals, and Grosbeaks					
Western Tanager		r		u	
Northern Cardinal	+	С	С	С	С
Black-headed Grosbeak				r	
Blue Grosbeak		u	u	u	
Lazuli Bunting	+	r		r	
Indigo Bunting		r			
Lazuli/Indigo Bunting		r			
Painted Bunting		r		r	
Dickcissel				r	

