

Sauvie Island Important Bird Area (IBA)

The IBA Program is an international program that identifies outstanding lands for birds, and builds and interconnected network of areas that are recognized for their conservation value. Wapato is part of the 12,000 acre Sauvie Island IBA, which is one of over 9,000 IBA's worldwide!



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Nearly 100 species have been recorded here!

American Coot (Stn 2)	Marsh Wren (Stn 2)
American Crow	Mourning Dove
American Goldfinch	Northern Harrier (Stn 2)
American Kestrel	Olive-sided Flycatcher
American Robin	Orange-crowned Warbler
Anna's Hummingbird	Osprey
Bald Eagle (Stn 2)	Pacific-slope Flycatcher
Band-tailed Pigeon	Pacific Wren
Barn Swallow	Peregrine Falcon
Belted Kingfisher (Stn 2)	Pied-billed Grebe (Stn 2)
Bewick's Wren	Pileated Woodpecker
Black-capped Chickadee	Purple Finch
Black-headed Grosbeak	Purple Martin
Black-throated Gray Warbler	Red-breasted Nuthatch
Brewer's Blackbird	Red-breasted Sapsucker
Brown Creeper	Red-eyed Vireo
Brown-headed Cowbird	Red-shafted Flicker
Bullock's Oriole	Red-tailed Hawk
Bushtit	Red-winged Blackbird (Stn 2)
Cackling Goose	Ring-billed Gull
California Quail	Ring-necked Pheasant
Canada Goose	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Cassin's Vireo	Rufous Hummingbird
Cedar Waxwing	Sandhill Crane
Cinnamon Teal (Stn 2)	Savannah Sparrow
Cliff Swallow	Song Sparrow
Common Raven	Sora (Stn 2)
Common Yellowthroat (Stn 2)	Spotted Towhee
Cooper's Hawk	Stellar's Jay
Dark-eyed Junco	Swainson's Thrush
Double-crested Cormorant	Townsend's Warbler
Downy Woodpecker	Tree Swallow
Evening Grosbeak	Tundra Swan
Fox Sparrow	Turkey Vulture
Gadwall (Stn 2)	Varied Thrush
Golden-crowned Kinglet	Vaux's Swift
Golden-crowned Sparrow	Violet-green Swallow
Great Blue Heron (Stn 2)	Virginia Rail (Stn. 2)
Great Horned Owl	Warbling Vireo
Hairy Woodpecker	Western Scrub Jay
Hermit Thrush	Western Tanager
Hooded Merganser (Stn 2)	Western Wood Pewee
House Finch	White-breasted Nuthatch
Hutton's Vireo	White-crowned Sparrow
Killdeer	Willow Flycatcher
Lesser Goldfinch	Wilson's Snipe
Mallard (Stn 2)	Wilson's Warbler (Stn 2)



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How can I help on Sauvie Island?

- Weed Removal at Wapato State Access Area
- Great Blue Heron Rookery Monitoring
- Sauvie Island Kestrel Nest Box Surveys
- Wapato Access Area Point Count Monitoring
- ebird reporting

To help monitor birds on Sauvie Island or elsewhere,
 contact Mary Coolidge at 503.292.6855 x111

*Front Panel photos by Jim Cruce: Pied-billed Grebe,
 American Bittern, White-breasted Nuthatch*

Citizen Science on Important Bird Areas Wapato State Access Area



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Citizen Science at Wapato

The observations of citizens can play an invaluable role in helping us understand and manage our local wildlife populations. Citizen Science is a great way to have fun, learn about the natural world, and make a difference for wildlife. **The Portland area hosts 209 bird species which spend part or all of their lives in the Portland area!**

Birds are excellent indicators of environmental health and can be monitored to evaluate changes in habitat or restoration effectiveness. Oregon State Parks and West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District are working together on habitat restoration at Wapato. Audubon Citizen Scientists have been monitoring birds here since May 2009 to help gauge effectiveness of these restoration efforts.

What is a Point Count?

A point count is a standard method for inventorying birds at a particular site. A path is drawn through an area with multiple stations designated along the route. Monitors visit each station for a total of 6 minutes and record every bird they see or hear. There are 8 stations located along the 2.25 mile path at Wapato. Each one is associated with an area where there is potential for invasive plant species removal and native plant restoration.

Stations as numbered on the map to the right:

1. Grassland/Mixed-deciduous forest, English Hawthorne invasion.
2. Viewing platform at Virginia Lakes: Reed canarygrass invasion, potential native wetland plant community restoration. Look for remnant Wapato!
3. Native Red-osier Dogwood, elderberry and willow shrubs, Himalayan blackberry and Reed canarygrass invasion.
5. Alder, Ash, and Cottonwood riparian forest, Reed Canarygrass invasion.
6. Wetland edge: encroaching Himalayan blackberry and Reed Canarygrass
7. Oregon White Oak savannah, Himalayan blackberry and Douglas fir encroachment.
8. Oregon White Oak and Doug fir, Himalayan blackberry invasion.

