

RAPTORS

Birds that are large with powerful flight and claws to catch prey



Red-Tailed Hawk



Great Horned Owl



American Kestrel



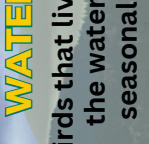
Osprey



Bald Eagle



Canadian Goose



Cinnamon Teal



Mallard Duck



Tundra Swan



Wood Duck



Mallard Duck



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Trump Duck



Great Blue Heron



Wilson's Snipe



Spotted Sandpiper



Killdeer

SHOREBIRDS

Birds that frequent the shores to find food and habitat



Tree Swallow



Dark-Eyed Junco



Yellow-Headed Blackbird



Grey Catbird



Red-Winged Blackbird



Cedar Wren



SONGBIRDS

Birds that learn their song from mature birds and can easily perch on objects

WATERFOWL

Birds that live primarily in the water and often seasonally migrate

WINGS ON THE WETLAND

Birds of Saltese Flats

Saltese Flats is one of a few remaining large wetlands in Eastern Washington. It's important for birds because, along with other adjacent protected lands, it provides what they need — water, food, cover, and places to nest.



Common Merganser by Marlene Cushman



American Avocet by Bob Cushman



Northern Harrier by Bob Cushman



Yellow-headed Blackbird by Marlene Cushman

Waterfowl

The combination of seasonally flooded wetlands, pasture, and farmland draw thousands of waterfowl during spring and fall including mergansers, northern pintails, mallards, green-winged teals, American wigeons, Canada geese, and tundra and trumpeter swans.

Shorebirds

Shorebirds and wading birds, including sandpipers, dunlins, avocets, phalaropes, rails, and herons, also make spring and fall migration stopovers here to feed in the mudflats. The length of their beaks and legs limit how far out in the water they forage.

Raptors

From the small American kestrel to the large bald eagle, raptors are drawn to the abundant prey on the flats. Armed with keen sight, sharp talons, and hooked beaks, birds of prey are skilled hunters.

Songbirds

Songbirds, including blackbirds, flycatchers, sparrows and swallows, feed on insects and nest in the area. They sing from the tops of trees to the cattail reeds and fill our spring days with songs.

Watch and listen carefully and quietly to spot some of these species as they dip, dive, wade, soar, and glide to make a living here.
 Learn more from the Spokane Audubon Society Saltese Flats bird checklist at www.audubonspokane.org

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Make A Bird-Rainbow!



Can you find a bird for every color of the rainbow? Give it a try!

Search for birds that have these colors anywhere on their bodies- Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo, and Violet. When you've found each color of the rainbow you've completed the challenge!