

Note: FHWA thanks Shirely Sturts for providing this list of bird sightings in the Fernan Lake and Creek watershed from her database. Shirley is a local resident and an avid birder active in the [Coeur d'Alene Audubon Society](http://www.cdaaudubon.org/index.html).  
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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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**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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