

UPPER BASIN BIRDERS (UBB)

A community science volunteer project led by volunteer project leader, Heather Murphy (USFS retired Wildlife Biologist)

OVERVIEW

As of April 2026, 209 species of birds have been documented during all years of our survey years (1999 to 2026). Since our start in 1999, UBB has now submitted 2570 checklists (April 2026). Thank you to a wonderful group of dedicated volunteer birders.

HISTORY

UBB was started for the U.S. Forest Service to help direct work projects and monitoring for the White River Watershed Assessment, the Pole Ridge Timber Sale, the Fish Lake Recreation Management Plan, the Fish Lake Bog Research Natural Area monitoring, and monitoring for the Bald Eagle Recovery Plan. Later, the Chelan-Douglas Land Trust joined in receiving data for their land acquisition knowledge and to help implement their land stewardship projects on CDLT lands and conservation easements on private lands (Tall Timber Ranch). NCWA volunteers began assisting in 2003 and took over monitoring in 2005, with USFS wildlife technician, Janet Millard our guide/supervisor.

UBB objectives are:

1. Detect bird species and relative abundance in three riparian areas: a) Forested riparian; b) Wetlands; c) Open water.
2. Determine if sites are used for Spring/Fall migration only OR also for breeding.
3. Compare the number and type of species detected at each site, to determine habitat importance within the study area, and importance to Chelan and Douglas Counties (bigger picture).

