

Other Birding Areas:

Knight Park: North on Hwy 101 across the Salmon River Bridge. Turn west on Three Rocks Rd. Travel 2.4 miles to park.

Salmon River Estuary: North on Hwy 101 past the Hwy 18 overpass and across the Salmon River Bridge. Marsh may be viewed from pullouts.

Road's End State Park: North on Hwy 101, turn left at McDonald's onto Logan Rd; 1 mile to parking lot

Spring Lake Open Space: From Hwy 101 turn east on NE 14th st, then travel about 3/4 of a mile to NE Port Ave. Turn left into parking lot.

Josephine Young Park: South on Hwy 101 to SW 62nd; turn west for .4 miles, then right on SW 65th, then .1 mile to parking lot.

Birding Equipment

Because many of the most interesting birds here are swimming in the ocean or lake, flying above it, or standing far out in wetlands, having a good pair of binoculars or a spotting scope with a tripod will make viewing more rewarding. If you do not have viewing equipment that is waterproof, consider covering connection areas with electrical tape and carry a cloth to clean the lens.

Field guides may be purchased at

Allegory Books
Salishan Shops
541-764-2020

The Book End
4095 Logan Rd.
541-994-9393

Bob's Beach Books
1747 NW Hwy 101
541-994-4467

The Book Warehouse
1500 SE East Devils Lake Rd
541-996-5041

Robert's Books
3412 SE Hwy 101
541-994-4453

Scopes and binoculars may be purchased at

Shutterbug
Tanger Outlet Center,
1500 SE East Devils Lake Rd
541-994-3004

Bi-Mart
4157 N Highway 101
541-994-3190

Rent canoes and kayaks at

Blue Heron Landing on Devils Lake
4006 W. Devils Lake Road
541-994-4708

The Oregon Surf Shop
4933 SW Hwy 101
541-996-3957
877-339-5672

Birding Ethics

1. Stay on roads, trails and paths where they exist, and don't stray into meadows or the wetlands.
2. Don't use sound equipment or other methods for attracting birds.
3. Keep pets on a leash, in the car, or, better yet, leave them home.
4. Keep well back from nests, roosts, or feeding areas.
5. For your own personal safety, stay off rocks or cliff edges, stay off logs on the beach, and never turn your back on the ocean.
6. Do not feed birds or other wildlife. It can be harmful to them (e.g. bread, popcorn, garbage).



Lincoln City Visitor & Convention Bureau
801 SW Hwy 101, Suite 1; 541-996-1274
800-452-2151; www.oregoncoast.org

Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce
4039 NW Logan Road; 541-994-3070
www.lcchamber.com

Tanger Outlet Center
1500 SE East Devils Lake Rd
541-996-5000
www.tangeroutlet.com

Driftwood Public Library
801 SW Hwy 101; 541-996-2277
www.driftwoodlib.org

Chinook Winds Casino Resort
1777 N.W. 44th
888-CHINOOK; www.chinookwindscasino.com

Lincoln City Lodging Association
www.lincolncitylodgingassn.com

Lincoln City Parks and Recreation
2150 NE Oar Place; 541-994-2131
www.lincolncity.org

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Lincoln City's BIRD WATCHING LOCATIONS

Ocean, shore, bay, rivers, estuaries, lake and forest facilitate a high diversity of bird activity, resulting in more than 250 bird species in and around Lincoln City. More than 274 species of birds can be seen on the ocean between the Salmon River and Depoe Bay, including Siletz Bay and Bolier Bay. Two bird viewing areas, Devils Lake and Siletz Bay are described below, offering birding experiences for both novice and expert. Lincoln City has two designated important bird areas (IBA's), Siletz Bay and the Salmon River Estuary.

Devils Lake

On the northeast side of Lincoln City, 680-acre (275-hectare) Devils Lake offers a lake view and short forest trails with easy access and abundant parking. The lake and forests should reveal at least 2 dozen species with more possible depending on the time of year and your luck.



East Devils Lake State Park

Located on the south end of East Devils Lake Road, the park is home to a wide variety of waterfowl and other birds. This area is contiguous to a much larger forest, increasing the potential for a number of wildlife species to utilize this site. Dense Sitka spruce/Western hemlock, lodgepole pine, red cedar and red alder are present on the stands edge. Salal, evergreen, red huckleberry, and salmonberry make up the dense under story.

Regatta Park

Accessed from NE 14th Street, on the west side of the lake, this site represents the closest, most easily accessible example of mature forest in the Lincoln City area, having one tree more than 200 feet (61 m) tall. This mature/old-growth Sitka spruce/Western hemlock forest has trees up to 8' in diameter, and a multi-species, dense shrub layer.

Bird Activity

Lake Habitat – In addition to East Devils Lake and Regatta Parks, Holmes Road Park on West Devils Lake and Sand Point Park on East Devils Lake offer viewing areas for waterfowl.

Species list for Devils Lake waterfowl:

Commonly observed species may include the following:
Bald Eagle
Bufflehead
Coot, American
Duck, Mallard
Duck, northern shoveler
Duck, ring-necked
Duck, ruddy
Duck, wood
Egret, great
Geese, Canada

Grebe, western
Grebe, pied-billed
Heron, great-blue
Heron, green
Osprey
Teal, green-winged
Scaup, lesser
Swallows, tree
Swallows, violet-green
Swallows, barn
Wigeon, American

Forest Habitat – Although both lake and forest habitats have a similar array of birds, the older forest (Regatta Park) has cavity-habitat, mature shrub, and large tree structure, increasing the potential for bird activity and additional species. A number of the commonly-observed birds are unique to the Pacific Coast, including the black crested Steller's Jay and one of the smallest North American bird, the loud-singing Winter Wren.

Species list for Devils Lake forest habitat:

Chickadee, chestnut-backed
Crow, American
Finch, house
Finch, purple
Flicker, Northern
Flycatcher, Pacific-slope
Grosbeak, black-headed
Grosbeak, evening
Hummingbird, Anna's
Hummingbird, rufous
Jay, Steller's
Junco, dark-eyed
Kinglet, golden-crowned
Kinglet, ruby-crowned
Pigeon, Band-tailed
Robin, American
Sparrow, fox
Sparrow, golden-crowned
Sparrow, house
Sparrow, song
Sparrow, white-crowned
Starling, European

Tanager, Western
Thrush, hermit
Thrush, Swainson's
Thrush, varied
Vireo, Warbling
Vulture, Turkey
Warbler, black-throated gray
Warbler, hermit
Warbler, orange-crowned
Warbler, Townsend's
Warbler, Wilson's
Warbler, yellow-rumped
Waxwing, cedar
Woodpecker, hairy
Wren, Bewick's
Wren, winter
Wrentit

Making Beautiful Music

Dense foliage makes it hard to see small songbirds, but their calls can be distinctive. The dominant calls of the Devils Lake forest habitat include the following:

Chickadee, Chestnut-backed - Tsick-l-See-See or Zhee-Che-Che

Flycatcher, Pacific-slope - Pseet-- Trip---Seet

Jay Steller's, - Loud Shook-Shook-Shook or Shack-Shack-Shack

Kinglet, Golden-crowned - High, wirey See-See-See

Kinglet, Ruby-crowned - Loud Tee Tee Tee, Tew Tew Tew, Ti-Dadee-Te-Dadee

Thrush, Swainson's - Melodious, flutelike upward climbing phrases

Thrush, Varied - Long, eerie, quavering whistled note

Warbler, black-throated gray - Zee-A, Zee-A, Zee-A, -Zeet or Wee-zy Wee-zy Wee-zy Wee-zy –Weet

Warbler, Hermit - Zeedle-Zeedle-Zeedle-Zeet-Che-Che or Zee-Zee-Zee-Zoo-Chup-Chup



Wren, Winter - Loud rapid, long sustained succession of warbles and trills

Wrentit – Three loud notes followed by a long trill Yip-Yip-Yip-Tr-Tr-Tr-Tr-Tr-Tr-Tr-Tr

*Douglas-squirrel – A rattle or chatter, hollow sounding short note, starting sharply then trailing off, often repeated endlessly at 1-second intervals.

Siletz Bay

Shorebirds, waterfowl and seabirds can be observed using the bay habitat, where grassy areas, shrubs, trees, mud flats, ponds, and beachfront reveal at least 3 dozen species, with twice as many possible depending on the season and your luck. An abundant and diverse gull fauna will be present with occasional spectacular displays of more than ten thousand individuals. Two areas are recommended, offering different birding experiences.

Siletz Bay Park Kiosk and Mo's Restaurant

This site, found at SW 51st and Highway 101 offers views of the northern end of the bay, sand spit (and associated seals), river mouth, and sandy beach. Spotting scopes are available near Mo's, and the kiosk is just south of SW 51st, on the bay side of Waters Edge Condominiums.

Salishan

A 1/2 mile (.8 km) nature trail that follows the south end of the bay provides excellent viewing of both bay and land species. The trail head is found at the Marketplace at Salishan, approximately 3 miles south of Lincoln City.

Species list for Siletz Bay:

Bald Eagle, American
Blackbird, red-winged
Blackbird, Brewer's
Chickadee, chestnut-backed
Chickadee, black-capped
Cormorant, Brant's
Cormorant, Double-crested
Cormorant, Pelagic
Crow, American
Dowicher, long-billed
Dowicher, short-billed
Duck, Bufflehead
Duck, Mallard
Duck, northern shoveler
Duck, ring-neck
Dunlin
Egret, great
Falcon, Peregrine
Finch, house
Finch, purple
Flicker, Northern
Geese, Canada – (6 sub-species: Dusky • Taverner's • Lesser • Western • Aleutian • Cackling)
Goldfinch, American
Grebe, Western

Grebe, horned
Grebe, red-necked
Gulls – (8 sub-species: California • ring-billed • glaucous-winged • Heermann's • Bonaparte's • Western • Mew and Herring)
Hawk, Red-tailed
Heron, great-blue
Heron, green
Hummingbird, Rufous
Jay, Steller's
Junco, dark-eyed
Killdeer
Kingfisher, belted
Kinglet, golden-crowned
Kinglet, ruby-crowned
Merganser, common
Merganser, hooded
Merganser, red-breasted
Osprey
Pelicans, brown
Phalarope, red-necked
Pintail
Plover, semi/palmated
Plover, black-bellied
Robin, American
Sandpiper, spotted
Sanderling
Sandpiper, least
Sandpiper, Western
Scaup, Greater
Scaup, Lesser
Scoter, surf
Scoter, white-winged

Shoveler, Northern
Sparrow, fox
Sparrow, golden-crowned
Sparrow, house
Sparrow, song
Sparrow, white-crowned
Starling, European
Surfbird
Swallow, violet-green
Swallow, Barn
Swallow, Tree
Tanager, Western
Teal, Green-winged
Tern, Caspian
Thrush, hermit
Thrush, Swainson's
Thrush, varied
Turnstone, black
Vireo, Warbling
Vulture, Turkey
Warbler, orange-crowned
Warbler, Townsend's
Warbler, Wilson's
Warbler, yellow
Warbler, yellow-rumped
Waxwing, Cedar
Whimbrel
Wigeon, American
Wren, Bewick's
Wren, marsh
Wrentit
Yellowlegs, greater
Yellowthroat, Common

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