

8 Great Summer Birding Trails

Klamath Basin Birding Trail

This basin straddling the California-Oregon border contains lakes and marshes protected by a network of National Wildlife Refuges. Tens of thousands of waterfowl, including Cinnamon Teal and Ruddy Ducks, linger through the summer to nest and raise their young.

klamathbirdingtrails.com



Idaho Birding Trail

Explore this trail's four sections and enjoy enough birds to keep you fascinated all summer. Marshes and lakes in the southeastern quadrant support nesting Sandhill Cranes. The southwestern section includes the Snake River Canyon, a breeding territory for Golden Eagles.

fishandgame.idaho.gov/ifwis/ibt



Pine to Prairie Birding Trail

In Minnesota, on the open prairies, Upland Sandpipers and Chestnut-collared Longspurs flutter over the grass. In the deciduous forest, mornings ring with calls from Scarlet Tanagers. The evergreen forest harbors an avian mélange that includes Boreal Chickadees.

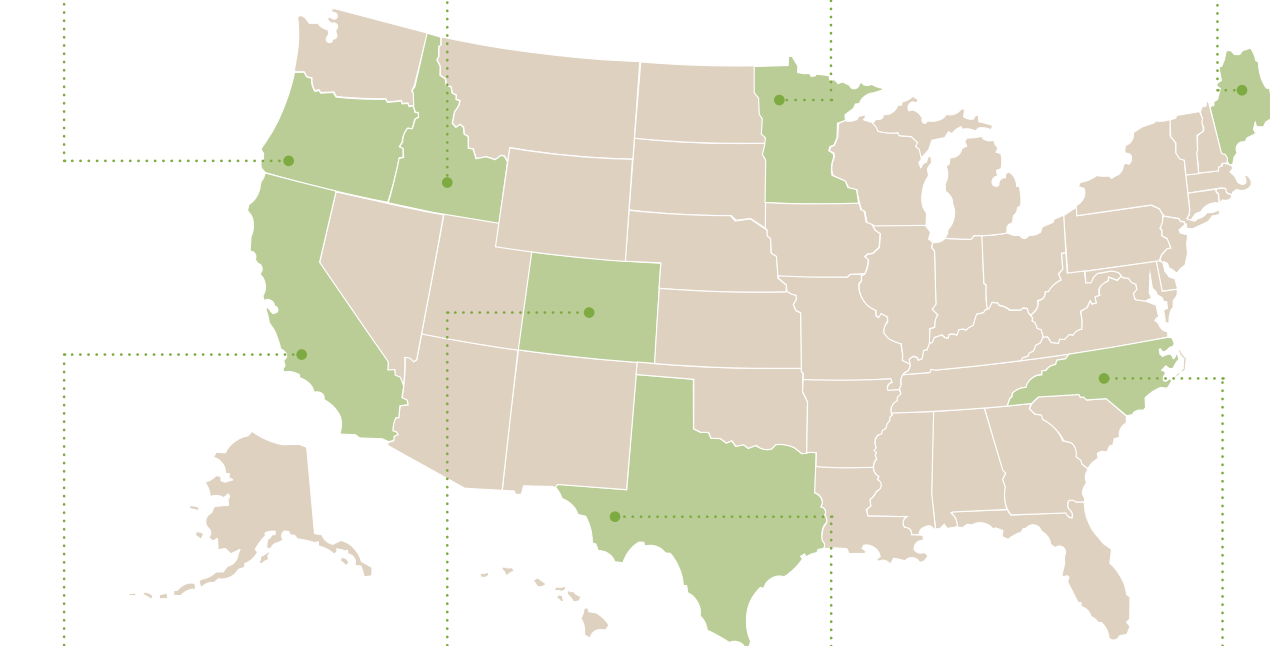
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Maine Birding Trail

From waves lapping the coastline to magnificent evergreen forests, Maine is a nature lover's perfect getaway. Explore the coastal segments to see Common Eiders and Black Guillemots. On forest trails, Blackburnian Warblers sing and Spruce Grouse lurk in the shadows.

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Central Coast Birding Trail

Halfway between bustling LA and San Francisco, California's central coast is filled with birds such as Black Oystercatchers and Yellow-billed Magpies. This trail, sketched by Audubon California, highlights 83 top sites, including eight Globally Important Bird Areas.

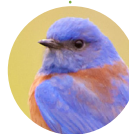
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Colorado Birding Trail

In Mesa Verde National Park, Juniper Titmice chatter in the woods and White-throated Swifts zoom overhead. East, on the short-grass plains, are the misnamed Mountain Plover and other prairie birds. The trail connects nearly 220 sites, including designated Important Bird Areas.

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Far West Texas Wildlife Trail

West Texas's wide vistas hold endless surprises for the summer visitor. You'll cross paths with Greater Roadrunners, Pyrrhuloxias, and a host of other birds. In Guadalupe Mountains National Park, keep an eye out for Western Bluebirds.

tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/wildlife/wildlife-trails/far-west-texas



North Carolina Birding Trail

Forests in the Piedmont's plateau are alive with birdsongs from Acadian Flycatchers and Summer Tanagers. In the eastern section, great salt marshes along the bays support rails and herons, while Outer Banks beaches provide nesting sites for American Oystercatchers.

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