Douglas County, Oregon

Douglas County Birding Locations

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Authors/Editors:  Ron Maertz, Umpqua Valley Audubon, Chuck Gates, Linda Smith, Linda Fink, Polly Maertz
County Seat:  Roseburg
County Size:  5089 square miles
High Elevation:  Mt. Thielsen (9182 ft)
Rarities:  King Eider, Arctic Loon, Ashy Storm-Petrel, Least Bittern, Mountain Plover, Hudsonian Godwit, Least Flycatcher, Curve-billed Thrasher, Phainopepla, Blackburnian Warbler, Mourning Warbler, Lark Bunting, Painted Bunting, Lawrence's Goldfinch
Top County Lister:  Ron Maertz (327)
Year List Record:  Matt Hunter 2013 (265)
County Contact Person:  Email Ron Maertz

Introduction:  Douglas County is the 5th largest in Oregon with an area of 5089 square miles. The elevations range from sea level to 9182 feet. Some of the main habitats include open ocean, beaches, deflation plains, estuaries, sitka spruce dominated forest, Douglas fir dominated forest, Douglas fir/hardwood mixed forest, lodgepole pine, crop and ranch agricultural lands, rivers, lakes, subalpine and alpine forests.

COASTAL SITES

Taylor Dunes Trail
DeLorme (copyright 2001) Pg 32 A-4 DeLorme (copyright 2008) Pg 45 A-6
geographic coordinates  43°51'33.1"N 124°08'42.7"W
(43.859185, -124.145190)

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Location, Habitat and Birds:  From the junction of Hwys 101 and 126 in Florence, go 10.0 miles south and look for the parking area on your right (west). If you are coming from the south, start at the junction of Hwys 101 and 38 in Reedsport and go north on Hwy 101 12.8 miles and look for the parking area on your left. The milepost is 198.7.  NOTICE: The Central Coast Birding Trail directions are slightly off for this site. Use the directions above.  You can see the Central Coast Birding Trail entry by going to the Oregon Birding Trails Website. Choose the Oregon Coast Birding Trail. Click on the Central Coast tab and go to section 98.

Tahkenitch Dunes/Threemile Lake Trails
**geographic coordinates** 43°47'44.6"N 124°08'55.2"W  
(43.79573, -124.14868)

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**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** From the junction of Hwys 101 and 126 in Florence, go 13.3 miles south. If you are coming from the south, start at the junction of Hwys 101 and 38 in Reedsport and go north on Hwy 101 7.9 miles. NOTICE: The Central Coast Birding Trail directions are slightly off for this site. Use the directions above. Go to the [Oregon Birding Trails Website](#) for more details. Choose the Oregon Coast Birding Trail. Click on the South Coast tab and go to section 100.

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**Fivemile Road**  
DeLorme (copyright 2001) Pg 32 B-4 DeLorme (copyright 2008) Pg 44 C-5

**geographic coordinates** 43°45'43.7"N 124°07'27.8"W  
(43.76213, -124.12439)

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**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** Located about 4.8 miles north of the junction of Highways 101 and 38 in Reedsport and 16.5 miles south of Florence is this gravel logging road that allows access to some of the coast range. Watch for log trucks. Most of the road passes through young successional forest that can reveal some good coastal mountain species. Look and listen for Saw-whet and Pygmy Owls. Mountain Quail are here along with some Ruffed and Sooty Grouse at higher levels. Water and marsh birds, mountain finches, chickadees, and sparrows can be found here as well. Don't miss the marshy areas on the east side of Tahkenitch Lake. These are some of the best marshes in Douglas County.

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**Matt's Flats**  
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**geographic coordinates** End of Sparrow Park Road  
43°44'54.9"N 124°10'48.6"W  
(43.748585, -124.180157)

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**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** Travel 2.1 miles north of the Gardiner Boat Ramp or 16.6 miles south of Florence to Sparrow Park Road. Take Sparrow Park Road (4.1 miles from the junction of Highways 101 and 38 in Reedsport). Take Sparrow Park Road to its end at the beach (about 4 miles and good birding along the way). Go down the beach (south) for about 1
mile and look for two posts that mark a trail. Follow this trail another 1.5 miles to the river and its mud flats. You either need a 4WD or ATV to get here or a 1.5 hour walk each way. The small creek just south of where you enter the beach is a roost spot for gulls and some shorebirds. The area south of the trail and in the deflation plain sometimes has wintering swans. Horned larks have been found in migration also. The area is very "birdable" by boat putting in at Gardiner or Winchester Bay. There are some nice mudflats only reachable by boat. Matt’s Flats is a local name. It was named by local birders for Matt Hunter so that name won’t be found on any map. The obvious draw here is shorebirds but gulls and sea ducks are viewable here too. The beach gives you access to the north jetty which is about 5 miles south.

**Dawson and Stowe Marsh Restoration Area/Smith River Road**

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**geographic coordinates** 43°44'14.6"N 124°03'46.9"W

(43.737382, -124.063020)

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**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** Go to the [Oregon Birding Trails Website](#). Choose the Oregon Coast Birding Trail. Click on the South Coast tab and go to section 101. From the junction of Hwys 101 and 126 in Florence, go 20.6 miles south. From the junction of Highways 101 and 38 in Reedsport, go north on 101 about 0.8 miles to Lower Smith River Road. Go right on L. Smith River Road. As you cross the bridge coming out of Reedsport, there is a Double-crested Cormorant rookery just NW of the bridge. Go another 0.5 miles and you will see Stables Road. There are tidal ponds and mudflats here that can be very birdy during high tides. It's worth checking this area at any tide. Back on the Smith River Road, watch for periodic mudflats that will hold gulls and shorebirds. Pull over and check them out as you work your way out to Stowe Marsh. Just before the old mill, there is a group of trees on the right where Band-tailed Pigeon are known to congregate. At 3.2 miles from Hwy 101, turn right on South Side Road and cross the bridge to Dawson and Stowe Marsh Restoration Area. Don't forget to check out the town of Gardiner during high tide. Sometimes shorebirds rest at puddles and muddy areas here. Birds in this area include Purple Martin, Marsh Wren, waterfowl, swallows, Yellow Warbler, and rails.
Coast Range  return to the top
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geographic coordinates  NF 41 - 43°43'09.0"N 124°01'13.1"W
(43.719162, -124.020300)

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Location, Habitat, and Birds: The best way to see the coast range in Douglas County is to take a Forest Service Road that lies between the Smith and Umpqua Rivers. From the junction of Highways 101 and 38 in Reedsport, go north on Hwy 101 for 0.8 miles to Lower Smith River Road. Go right (east) on Lower Smith River Road for 3.2 miles to South Side Road. Turn and cross the river. Follow Road 119 until it turns into FS Rd. 41. This gravel road takes you over a ridge through mixed aged forest and ends up at Wells Creek on Hwy 38. This will give you many miles to experience the coast range and its wide variety of birds.

Reedsport Duck Pond  return to the top
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geographic coordinates  43°41'49.1"N 124°06'51.5"W
(43.696976, -124.114307)

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Location, Habitat, and Birds: From Highways 101 and 38 in Reedsport, go south on Hwy 101 0.6 MILE to just before the bridge that crosses Scholfield Creek. The pond is on the east side of the road and the access road is just before the bridge. You can continue past this pond to the boat landing and you might find some loons or ducks as well. Green Heron, Mallard, wigeon, American Coot, Northern Pintail, Gadwall, and warblers can be found here. (Source: Oregon Birds, Issue 18, Hunter & Sawyer)

Umpqua Discovery Center  return to the top
DeLorme (copyright 2001) Pg 32  C-4 DeLorme (copyright 2008) Pg 45  D-6
geographic coordinates  43°42'17.8"N 124°05'43.7"W
(43.70494, -124.09548)

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eBird Hotspot Checklist for Umpqua Discovery Center
Location, Habitat, and Birds: Go to the Oregon Birding Trails Website
Choose the Oregon Coast Birding Trail. Click on the South Coast tab and go to section 102.

**Reedsport Dump and Scholfield Road**
DeLorme (copyright 2001) Pg 40 C-1 DeLorme (copyright 2008) Pg 45 D-7
**geographic coordinates** 43°41'17.8"N 124°04'04.0"W
**(43.688279, -124.067770)**

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**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** To reach Scholfield Road and the subsequent transfer station, take Hwy 38 east out of Reedsport. Travel about 2.2 miles from Hwy 101 and turn right onto Scholfield Road. The transfer station is only about .4 miles down this road. Since this site has changed from a dump to a transfer station, it has become less attractive to birds. Continue on Scholfield Road and bird for as long as you have time. This road winds its way up into the foothills of the coast range and can be pretty birdy. Walker Creek Road and Schofield Ridge Road are side trips that can be productive. *(Source: Oregon Birds, Issue 18, Hunter & Sawyer)*

**Umpqua R. Between Reedsport and Scottsburg**
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**geographic coordinates** 43°39'03.2"N 123°50'03.5"W
**(43.650879, -123.834308)**

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**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** From Reedsport, take Hwy 38 east along the river. Large rafts of scaup and other ducks rest here. Look for Bald Eagles in the winter and stop frequently to search the marshy areas for various species. There are a couple of small parks along the way including **Dean Creek**, Umpqua State Park **43.653446, -123.909619** and Scottsburg Park **43.651541, -123.851021**. *(Source: Oregon Birds, Issue 18, Hunter & Sawyer)*

**Dean Creek**
DeLorme (copyright 2001) Pg 40 C-1 DeLorme (copyright 2008) Pg 45 D-7
**geographic coordinates** 43°41'43.8"N 124°02'20.6"W
**(43.695505, -124.039060)**
**eBird Hotspot Checklist for Dean Creek Elk Viewing Area**

**Location:** Take Hwy 38 east from Reedsport 3.7 miles to the main parking area; elk viewing area runs along Hwy 38 for about 4 miles with several pull-offs.

**Habitat and Birds:** Habitat: river, wet fields. Birds: Bald Eagle, Red-shouldered Hawk, White-tailed Kite, Greater Scaup, other waterfowl, swallows, shorebirds, marsh birds. Best birding: Aug-May.

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**Winchester Bay**

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**geographic coordinates** 43°40'32.2"N 124°10'46.0"W

(43.675604, -124.179443)

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**eBird Hotspot Checklist for Winchester Bay**

**Location:** From Hwy 38 in Reedsport, take Hwy 101 south 4.3 miles to Winchester Bay. Go right on Salmon Harbor Drive 1.9 miles, and turn right on paved road to access beach and jetty. Best birding is from the jetty. Go back along Salmon Harbor Drive to Ork Rock Rd; turn left and view the harbor and bay wherever possible. Several other small roads lead to viewing areas. Habitat and Birds: Habitat: ocean, beach, river, conifers, boat basin, jetty rocks. Birds: Alcids (Pigeon Guillemot nests at the crab dock), gulls, terns, Bald Eagle, Osprey, waterfowl, Wrentit, cormorants, grebes. Best birding: Aug-Apr.

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**SUTHERLIN AREA**

**Mildred Kanipe Memorial County Park**

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**geographic coordinates** 43°28'58.6"N 123°13'17.5"W

(43.482944, -123.221539)

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**eBird Hotspot Checklist for Mildred Kanipe MCP**

**Location:** From I-5 going north, take exit 138 and head east 1.5 miles to Oakland. At the stop sign turn left on 1st Street. Go 0.15 miles and turn right on Oak Street, which turns into Driver Valley Road (County Road [CR] 22). Follow this road 3.9 miles to Elkhead Road (CR 50). There is a pond on the left before the junction that usually holds some waterfowl. Bear left on
Elkhead Road. At 0.7 miles there is a pull-off on the right where you can view a small private wetland. At 2.6 miles is the first entrance to Kanipe Ranch on the left, which is used mainly for horse trailer parking. The main entrance is another 0.4 miles (MP 3.0) on the left.

**Habitat and Birds:** The park is open for horses March 15-Oct.31, and all year for general use. This 1100 acre former ranch includes a variety of open and wooded habitats. The topography is generally rolling hills and contains 450 acres of pasture, 650 acres of woods with meadows, a couple of intermittent streams with sparse patches of riparian habitat, and a small pond. There are quite a few horse and hiking trails and some old ranch roads to walk. Some ranch animals may still graze parts of the ranch. The flock of peacocks by the entrance can be a noise nuisance. Birds found here include Western Bluebird, Lazuli Bunting, White-breasted Nuthatch, Pileated Woodpecker, Bullock's Oriole, Cassin's Vireo, Western Tanager, and Western Meadowlark. Lewis's Woodpecker can usually be found near the caretaker's house. A pair of Red-eyed Vireos once nested in the oak riparian area.

**Ford's Pond**  
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**geographic coordinates**  
43°23'25.4"N 123°21'42.0"W  
(43.390376, -123.361674)  

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Ford's Pond](#)

**Location:** Take I-5 exit 136 in Sutherlin and drive west for 1.3 miles on Hwy 138 to Church Rd. Turn left on Church Rd for 0.2 miles. Park at pull-off; good place to scope from. Also check out the small pond on the east side of Church Rd (local name is Chevy Pond). This location has recently been rescued from development by the City of Sutherland. Not long ago, it was scheduled to be replaced by a housing project. The city has since rescued this popular birding location and made it part of its park system. Future plans include a mowed path around the pond, a new parking area on Church Rd. and a station where bird reports can be made.

**Habitat and Birds:** Habitat: large pond, small marshy pond, brush. Birds: waterfowl, raptors, rails, nesting Tricolored Blackbirds (historically), Black Phoebe, variety of passerines. Best birding: Sept-Apr.
Cooper Creek and Plat I Reservoirs

Location: Cooper Creek Reservoir- From I-5 exit 136 in Sutherlin, go east on Central Ave 3.3 miles to South Side Rd (Douglas County Rd 120); turn right, go 0.8 miles, birding the fields on either side, and turn left at the Cooper Creek Rd/Reservoir sign. Paved roads with pull-offs overlook the reservoir. The shallow upper end of the reservoir is the most productive; to reach it, go left at the fork and drive 1.9 miles to the end of the road. Plat I Reservoir - From I-5 exit 136 in Sutherlin, go east on Central Ave 4.2 miles to Plat I Rd (Douglas County Rd 70); turn right, go 0.6 miles and turn left on unpaved road to reservoir. Continue past the caretaker’s house to the turnaround where there is a good view of the marshy end of the reservoir. There are other pull-offs along the reservoir off of County Rd 70.

Habitat and Birds: Cooper Creek Reservoir- Habitat: Open water, mixed conifer/hardwood forest, and marsh. Birds: Green-winged Teal, Cinnamon Teal, both wigeon, Ring-necked Duck, Wood Duck, Bufflehead, Northern Pintail, Steller’s Jay, Western Tanager, Black-headed Grosbeak, Purple Martins. Best birding: Oct-June. Plat I Reservoir - Habitat: open water, marsh on east end, brushy meadows. The water level is lowered significantly in the winter. Birds: Great Egret, Great Blue Heron and a variety of shorebirds feed when the water is low. Bald Eagle, Osprey, Peregrine Falcon, Red-shouldered Hawk and White-tailed Kite can be seen in the stand of dead trees on the other side of the lake; nearby are white nest gourds for Purple Martins. Western Bluebirds, warblers, sparrows, swallows, Green-winged Teal, Northern Pintail. Best birding: Sept-May

ROSEBURG SITES
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eBird Hotspot Checklist for Whistler's Bend Park

**Location:** From I-5 exit 124 in Roseburg follow the signs for Hwy 138 east toward Glide. Go 12 miles and turn left on Whistler’s Bend Park Rd. Drive 2.6 miles and turn left on South Bank Rd; go 0.5 miles to a pond (PRIVATE PROPERTY, BIRD FROM ROAD) on the left. Return to the intersection with Whistler’s Bend Park Rd and turn left into the park. Heavy use by disc golfers can disturb birding (or the other way around;-).

**Habitat and Birds:** Habitat: pond, meadow and mixed riparian forest along a bend in the North Umpqua River. Birds: diving and dabbling ducks, Western Bluebird, Varied Thrush, Brown Creeper, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Pileated Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Common Merganser, Spotted Sandpiper, Great Blue Heron, Bald Eagle and other raptors. Best birding: Nov-Feb, May.

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eBird Hotspot Checklist for North Bank HMA

**Location:** From I-5 exit 129 north of Roseburg, turn left (north) on Hwy 99 for about 1.8 miles. At the North Bank Rd/Glide sign, turn right and go 5.3 miles to the west entrance of NBHMA. Another 6.6 miles takes you to the east entrance; map and message board are here. This area is 6581 acres with 40 miles of walking trails. Motorized vehicles are restricted; walk the old roads. Hunting is allowed at certain times. Horseback riding is also allowed. The east entrance gate is open Fri-Mon otherwise you must walk from the gate. The east entrance road goes about a mile to a parking area.

Umpqua Community College Campus

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geographic coordinates 43°17'16.9"N 123°19'49.1"W
(43.288021, -123.330300)

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Campus Map & Directions

Location: From I-5 exit 129 north of Roseburg, turn left (north) on Hwy 99 and go a short distance to College Rd; turn right and drive 1 mile to the college. Park and start from any point at a sidewalk. Map available at the Administration Building on weekdays. Sidewalks completely circle campus. The fields and hill north of tennis courts are good for migrants and sparrows; also take the path down to the river. Best habitat is along edges of the campus.

Habitat and Birds:
Habitat: grassy parkland, river, riparian, oak groves.

Stewart Park

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geographic coordinates 43°13'37.8"N 123°22'15.5"W
(43.22716, -123.37097)

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eBird Hotspot Checklist for Stewart Park

Location: From I-5 exit 125 in Roseburg, go west 0.3 miles on Garden Valley Blvd to the 4th stoplight; turn left on NW Goetz St just past the Fred Meyer supermarket to pond parking. Habitat: two ponds, river, riparian, paths, grassy parkland, golf course, mixed hardwood/conifer. Several trails are present including a small nature trail behind the north pond. A three mile loop path (many walkers on trail during main part of day) returns to the starting point. There are several other trails that connect to parks to the east and south across the river. Popular with local birders is the loop trail that connects to Gaddis Park under the freeway. Since this is a city area, be aware that it is used by locals with somewhat dubious intentions. Most times they are passive.

Habitat and Birds:
River Forks Park

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**eBird Hotspot Checklist for River Forks Park**

**Location:** From I-5 exit 125 in Roseburg go west on Garden Valley Blvd 4.6 miles. Turn left on Old Garden Valley Rd and go 1.6 miles to River Forks Park Rd; turn left into the park.

**Habitat and Birds:** Habitat: river, riparian, grassy parkland, mixed hardwood/conifer, at the confluence of the North and South Umpqua Rivers. The park is busy during the summer. Birds: Great Egret, Great Blue Heron, Common Merganser, Bald Eagle, Belted Kingfisher, Spotted Sandpiper, active Osprey nest on a utility pole, a variety of passerines, including American and Lesser Goldfinch, Hutton’s Vireo, Black-headed Grosbeak, Red-breasted Sapsucker and Cedar Waxwing. Best birding: Apr-June.

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Melrose (Driving Route)

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**Location:** From I-5 exit 124 in Roseburg take Harvard Ave (which will become Old Melrose) west 2.6 miles to the Great Blue Heron rookery across the South Umpqua River. Continue 2.6 miles to T-intersection with Melrose Rd; turn left and go 2 miles to Melqua Rd. Turn right and continue 10 miles to Hubbard Creek Rd; turn right and go 8 miles to I-5 at Sutherlin (restroom at Umpqua Landing). Make a stop at Ford’s Pond.

**Habitat and Birds:** Habitat: mixed hardwood/conifer, river, fields. Birds: Bald Eagle, Osprey, Peregrine Falcon, Northern Shrike, Wood Duck, mergansers, Western Kingbird, Wrentit, Lazuli Bunting, Western Meadowlark, Golden-crowned Sparrow. Best birding: Nov-Feb, May-June.

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Lookingglass (Driving Route)

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**Location:** From I-5 exit 124 = 43.213932, -123.355489
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**Location:** From I-5 exit 124 in Roseburg, go west on Harvard Ave 1.6 miles to Lookingglass Rd; turn left and go 6 miles to T-intersection; turn left for 0.3 miles and turn right on Coos Bay Wagon Rd. Go 1.3 miles to Dairy Loop Rd, turn left. Continue 2.8 miles around Dairy Loop; go straight at the T-intersection with Lookingglass Rd for 2.2 miles to Happy Valley Rd. Follow this road 3.8 miles to the bridge across the South Umpqua River; very little traffic, wide shoulders for walking; restroom at the Happy Valley boat launch.


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**CANYONVILLE AREA**

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**Ben Irving Reservoir (Berry Creek Reservoir)**

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**geographic coordinates** 43°02'57.5"N 123°34'00.4"W

(43.049311, -123.566789)

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**Location:** From I-5 take 119 exit (Hwy 42) west about 13.3 miles (MP 63.8). Turn left on Benedict Road for 1.2 miles. Go right on Ireland Road for 0.9 miles. Turn left on Berry Creek Road. At 1.3 miles there is a large pull-off where you can scope the upper end of the lake. The road follows the lake another 1.2 miles where it ends at the boat ramp. There is a small picnic area before the boat ramp.

**Habitat and Birds:** This is a narrow reservoir. The dam area cannot be viewed without a boat. The best area is the upper end where plenty of waterfowl and Double-crested Cormorants hang out. The surrounding area has conifer/hardwood mixed forest sprinkled among the ranchland. There are some low-traffic country roads (such as Olalla Road) in the area you can explore after you finish the reservoir.
**Myrtle Creek (Driving Route)**  
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**Location:** From I-5 exit 108 in Myrtle Creek go 0.7 miles to the junction of 1st Ave and Main St. This is the start point for the rest of the tour. There are a series of small parks, most with a riparian component along the park edges best birded during spring migration. Millsite Park: turn right on 1st Ave, one short block to park. Evergreen and Creek-side Parks: follow signs by going left on 1st Ave, right on Johnson St and then right on Cedar St to Evergreen Park; nice stand of trees. Continue around the park to exit. Left on Howland St, left on Pine St, right on Oak St to Creek-side Park. Sewage pond and golf course: from start point continue on Main St 0.2 miles to Riverside Drive. Left on Riverside Drive 0.2 miles to Days Creek Cutoff Rd; follow this road 0.9 miles to pond on right. Bird the creek-side vegetation at the pull-offs along this road. Return to Riverside Drive and turn right; continue to Neal Lane and turn right; follow signs to golf course. Pioneer Cemetery: continue 0.4 miles south from start point on Main St to Pioneer Way; right on Pioneer Way to cemetery (very narrow road); hilltop stand of mixed hardwoods and conifers.  
**Habitat and Birds:** Habitat: river, riparian, forest, grassland, ponds. Birds: waterfowl winter and spring, Hermit Thrush, Yellow-breasted Chat, Black Phoebe, Western Bluebird, Western Meadowlark, sparrows, raptors. Best birding: May-June

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**Canyonville**  
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**Location:** At I-5 exit 99 South at Canyonville go left under the freeway and right on Main St. past the casino 1 mile; turn left on Third St (County Hwy 1) for 1.2 miles to Canyonville Park Rd; turn left for 0.3 miles to the river (42.939682, -123.265175). Return to Third St, go left for 0.2 miles to Herbert's Pond on left (42.936633, -123.257753). To get to Stanton County Park return to exit 99 and go straight on Gazely Bridge Rd 0.1 miles and then left on Stanton Park Rd for 0.4 miles; turn right into the park (42.946435, -123.292911).  
**Habitat and Birds:** Habitat: pond with trail, brush, farmland, river, riparian, mixed hardwood and conifer. Birds: riverine birds, Green Heron, Spotted

**Galesville Reservoir**  [return to the top](#)
DeLorme (copyright 2001) Pg 27 B-7  DeLorme (copyright 2008) Pg 60 B-5  
**geographic coordinates**  42°50'57.3"N 123°09'32.2"W  
([42.849244, -123.158957](#))  
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**Location:** From I-5 take exit 88 (CR 36) east. At .1 mile there is a pond and blackberry patch just off CR 36 on Creek Road that should be checked out. Tiny Longfibre County Park is at 4.2 miles on CR36. At 7.3 miles you reach the dam and the first overlook. The road follows the lake for 3.5 miles. The small boat landing is the last public access point. There are numerous pull-outs and a campground and picnic area along the way.  

**Habitat and Birds:** This is a large reservoir with many snags. Best time is spring and early summer. Water levels are lowered in winter providing some shorebird habitat. The surrounding area has mixed multi-aged hardwood/conifer forest. Several roads in the area access the low and mid-elevations on BLM and Forest Service lands. Rock Wren has occurred several times during spring, near the rock pit by the dam. Wrentit, Nashville Warbler, Anna’s Hummingbird, and Black-throated Gray Warbler reside in the drier areas. All of the swallow species and Purple Martin are around in early summer. Double-crested Cormorants and Osprey are regulars here. The forest roads provide a good selection of passerines and woodpeckers.

**Cow Creek Loop**  (Driving Route about 41 miles)  [return to the top](#)
DeLorme (copyright 2001) Pg 26 B-4  DeLorme (copyright 2008) Pg 53 A,B-1,2,3,4  
**geographic coordinates**  I-5 Exit 88 Azalea-Glendale Road  
42°47'57.7"N 123°15'21.1"W  ([42.799359, -123.255869](#))  
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**Location:** At I-5 exit 88 south of Canyonville go right (southwest) on Azalea-Glendale Rd for 10.2 miles. Go right 0.2 miles on North Rueben Rd and turn right on Rueben Rd; after another 4.3 miles it turns into Cow Creek Rd; go 6.4 miles to Skull Creek Recreation Area which is 0.2 miles off of road to left and has camping and restrooms but no water. Go left after 3.8 miles; another 16.1 miles takes you to Island Creek day use area with picnic
tables and restrooms; go on 2.8 miles to a small marsh; go 7.1 miles to return to I-5 at Tri-City. Paved loop follows Cow Creek National Back Country Byway for much of the way; numerous options for exploring gravel forest roads in the middle portion of route; BLM map available.

**Habitat and Birds:** Habitat: ranchland on both ends of route with several small ponds, river, interspersed public and private forestlands of mixed hardwood and conifer stands. Birds: riverine birds, forest passerines, dabbling ducks, Nashville, Black-throated Gray and Hermit Warbler, Cassin’s and Hutton’s Vireo, Pacific-slope Flycatcher, Swainson’s Thrush, Wrentit. Best birding: May-June.

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**CASCADE MOUNTAINS AREA**

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**Susan Creek Falls**

DeLorme (copyright 2001) Pg 36 B-1 DeLorme (copyright 2008) Pg 54 B-3

**geographic coordinates** 43°17'55.9"N 122°54'20.5"W

((43.29886, -122.90569))

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**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** Go to the [Oregon Birding Trails Website](#). Choose the Cascades Birding Trail. Click on the Trail Guide and choose the Crater Lake Loop Guide. Section 137. **Be careful when looking at the Crater Lake Loop Map on the Cascades Birding Trail website. Sites 135 and 137 are unintentionally switched on that map. We've been informed that this will be remedied with the next printing of that document.** Consult our Google map if you are confused.

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**Panther-Emile Loop**

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**geographic coordinates** FR 4714 43°18'20.8"N 122°40'38.9"W

((43.30578, -122.67746))

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**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** The route is mainly on Forest Service land with a little bit of BLM and private forest land. It passes thru multi-aged Douglas fir predominated forests. The elevation ranges from about 1300’ to 4300’. The higher elevations are open from mid June to mid Nov. The best months to visit are May- July. The other months can be quite dull. Eight
species of owls have been encountered on this route over the years. Since these are Forest Service roads that are mainly gravel, it is best to stay on the main roads. The spur roads are poorly maintained but still could be walked or biked. A Forest Service map is a necessity since other maps both paper and electronic are very inaccurate. The Apple Creek campground at one end and the Coolwater campground at the other end are open during the summer. There are several primitive camps along the route which are usually empty except during hunting season.

If you spent a June weekend on this route, you should be able to get most of the Westside forest birds. The huge area of willows up top has a great potential for new discoveries since it is basically unbirded. I only know of 2 people that have ever birded many of these areas.

DIRECTIONS:
From Roseburg take 138 East 43.5 miles to Forest Road (FR) 4714 (This is 27.5 miles east from the Little River Bridge in Glide). Turn right on 4714 (Panther Creek Road) at Apple Creek CG. There is a restroom at the North Umpqua Trail-Panther Trailhead just across the bridge

SIDE TRIP #1 APPLE FIRE LOOP  (43.302860, -122.680850)
Follow 4714 for 0.2 mile, veer left on FR4720 (Calf Ridge Rd).At 0.8 mile, at the junction of 005 and 4720 you start a 22 mile loop (4720 to 760 to 005) through the Apple Fire of 2002. This loop is frequently blocked by slides or downed trees. Even if you can only drive a few miles each way, you gain access to good birding in this huge fire area. The area is filled with large snags.

Once you are done with the fire, go back to the 4714 rd. and follow the paved road all the way to the top, even though the road number changes to 330 at 6.0 miles. At 9.9 miles, turn right on FR 2703; where the pavement ends (Lookout Mountain Rd). This is the road you take all the way down to Little River Rd. if you don’t want to investigate any of the other side trips. At 1.2 miles on 2703, bear left to remain on 2703 at the 600 spur junction.

You are now entering the huge area known as Willow Flats; which has interspersed forest and willow openings and a willow-lined riparian area. Emile Sump (primitive camp) is 0.3 miles from the 600 junction on 2703. Emile Shelter (primitive camp) at 0.9 miles from the 600 junction. The willow infested riparian area along Emile Creek parallels 2703 for about 1.7 miles.
SIDE TRIP #2 WILLOW FLATS SUMP (43.252431, -122.796085)
At 1.8 miles from the 600 junction go right on FR4711. Follow 4711 .2 mile then go right on 4711-750. At 1.2 miles, turn right on 835 (2nd 835 entrance) The first 835 rd. can be quite rough with deep water in road. Follow 835 .2 mile to Willow Flats Sump (toilet and primitive camp). Return to 4711.

SIDE TRIP #3 MOOSE MEADOWS (local name, not on any map (43.252869, -122.808649)
From the junction of 2703 and 4711, turn right on 4711. At the 750 and 4711 junction stay left on 4711. The meadows start 0.1 mile from the 750 junction and run for about 0.7 mile. There are many other roads that meander around Willow Flats but some aren’t very good. Fabulous roadside show of wildflowers. The 4711 rd. (very steep) will take you back to Hwy 138 at Wright Cr. if you so choose.

SIDE TRIP #4 GROTTO FALLS (43.24839, -122.8238)
From 2703 and 4711, go 3.2 miles on 2703 and take a sharp right on 2703-150. Go 2.1 miles to Grotto Falls (toilet). The falls is a .25 mile hike. A black swift was seen there a couple of times at dusk. On the 150 rd., you get spectacular views of Thunder Ridge and Emile Creek Canyon. Return to main road (2703) and continue 4.4 miles down to Little River Road at Coolwater CG. Turn right on Little River Road and go 16.5 miles to Hwy 138 in Glide.

Illahee Flats return to the top
DeLorme (copyright 2001) Pg 36 B-4 DeLorme (copyright 2008) Pg 55 B-6 geographic coordinates 43°17'40.4"N 122°35'00.5"W (43.294552, -122.583480)
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Location, Habitat, and Birds: Go to the Oregon Birding Trails Website. Choose the Cascades Birding Trail. Click on the Trail Guide and choose the Crater Lake Loop Guide. Section 135.
Big Camas Loop (Driving Route) return to the top
DeLorme (copyright 2001) Pg 37 C-5 DeLorme (copyright 2008) Pg 55 C-7
gеographic coordinates 43°17'29.8"N 122°32'45.0"W
(43.291616, -122.545831)

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Location, Habitat, and Birds: Go to the Oregon Birding Trails Website. Choose the Cascades Birding Trail. Click on the Trail Guide and choose the Crater Lake Loop Guide. Section 138. Due to snow, Big Camas Loop east(top)half is closed Dec-April

Toketee Lake  return to the top
DeLorme (copyright 2001) Pg 37 B-5 DeLorme (copyright 2008) Pg 55 B-7
gеographic coordinates 43°16'02.3"N 122°25'11.2"W
(43.267307, -122.419781)

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eBird Hotspot Checklist for Toketee Lake
Location: From I-5 exit 124 in Roseburg follow the signs for Hwy 138 east 59 miles, turn left on Forest Rd 34 (Toketee Rigdon Rd). At 0.2 miles stay left at the fork (right fork goes to the Toketee Ranger Station). Go 0.3 miles to Toketee Lake Dam; road follows the lakeshore with several pull-offs. Go 0.9 miles to campground road and boat landing at east end of lake with access to several trails and a small, birdy peninsula; forest recreation pass is required. Habitat and Birds: Habitat: lake, river, riparian, marshy pond (other side of FR 34), mixed conifer. Birds: Bald Eagle, Osprey, Willow Flycatcher, both goldeneyes, waterfowl, forest passerines. Best birding: May-June, Sept-Oct.

Thorn Prairie  return to the top
DeLorme (copyright 2001) Pg 37 B-6 DeLorme (copyright 2008) Pg 55 B-8
gеographic coordinates 43°18'08.6"N 122°20'16.0"W
(43.302376, -122.337768)

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eBird Hotspot Checklist for Thorn Prairie
Location: Free of snow [May - November] From I-5 exit 124 in Roseburg follow the signs for Hwy 138 east 59 miles, turn left on Forest Rd 34 (Toketee Rigdon Rd). At 0.2 miles stay left at the fork (right fork goes to the Toketee Ranger Station). Go 0.3 miles to Toketee Lake Dam (see #12). Go 1.9 miles
and turn right on FR 3401 (gravel road); go approximately 4.2 miles to where Thorn Prairie begins and continues for about 2 miles.

**Habitat and Birds:** Habitat: unique eastside Cascade vegetation, white thornbrush, lodgepole pine, mixed conifer. Birds: best place in county for Calliope Hummingbird and Green-tailed Towhee, also Dusky Flycatcher, woodpeckers, forest passerines. Best birding: May-July.

**Toolbox Meadows**

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**geographic coordinates** 43°16'17.1"N 122°11'54.8"W

((43.271405, -122.198562))

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**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** Go to the [Oregon Birding Trails Website](https://www.oregonbirdingtrails.org/). Choose the Cascades Birding Trail. Click on the Trail Guide and choose the Crater Lake Loop Guide. Section 143. Due to snow, Toolbox Meadows is closed Dec-mid June

**Stump Lake and Mowich Park (Driving Route)**

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**geographic coordinates** 43°14'47.9"N 122°16'55.1"W

((43.246650, -122.281977))

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**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** Note: Watch for milepost 67.25 on Hwy 138 for the Stump Lake turnoff. Go to the [Oregon Birding Trails Website](https://www.oregonbirdingtrails.org/). Choose the Cascades Birding Trail. Click on the Trail Guide and choose the Crater Lake Loop Guide. Section142. Due to snow, Mowich Park is closed Dec-May

**Lemolo Lake**

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**geographic coordinates** 43°19'08.1"N 122°11'33.5"W

((43.31468, -122.18582))

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eBird Hotspot Checklist for Lemolo Lake

**Location:** From the junction of Highways 230 & 138 near Diamond Lake, go
10.3 miles north on Hwy 138 and take a right on FR 2610 (This road is also called Basket Butte Road). Go 4.0 miles to the Poole Creek boat launch and another 0.8 miles to the lodge. A road circles the lake with numerous pull-offs and campgrounds. The boat ramp is good for scoping the whole lake. On the east end, the North Umpqua River enters the lake and is bordered by a marshy riparian area. The 2612 road parallels the river for a couple miles passing springs. Going north on the 700 road takes you up Kelsay Mountain to an old fire area. You can either loop around on this road to road 60 (Windgo Pass Road) or connect with the 60 road at east end of the 2614 road. The 60 road will give you access to the higher mountain species up near the pass.

**Habitat and Birds:** Habitat: open water, wet meadow and mixed conifer. Birds: grebes, mergansers, goldeneyes, Bufflehead, Lesser Scaup, Osprey, Bald Eagle, Mountain Chickadee, Western Tanager, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Lewis’s Woodpecker, Townsend’s Solitaire, Western Wood-Pewee, Cassin’s Finch, warblers. Best birding: May-July, Sept-Oct.

### Diamond Lake

**DeLorme (copyright 2001) Pg 37 C-7 DeLorme (copyright 2008) Pg 55 D-10**

**geographic coordinates**

**Diamond Lake Lodge** 43°10'35.9"N 122°08'16.2"W
(43.176630, -122.137837)

**Sewer Ponds** 43°11'00.2"N 122°08'19.8"W
(43.183384, -122.138826)

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**eBird Hotspot Checklist for Diamond Lake**

**Location:** From I-5 exit 124 in Roseburg follow the signs for Hwy 138 east 80 miles to Diamond Lake. The lake (ice-covered December through mid-April) is circled by a paved road and a trail. The best birding areas are the campgrounds, boat launches, parking areas and the South Shore Picnic Area including the paved path from the parking lot south along the wet meadow to several small lakes; forest recreation pass is required. There is limited access to the Diamond Lake Sewer Ponds. From the lodge, make your way back out to NF 4795. Turn left (north) and travel 0.6 miles to Diamond Lake Loop. Turn left and go a short distance to a red cinder parking area. Park here and walk west along the two track road to the ponds. Walk along the outside of the fence to view all ponds.

**Habitat and Birds:** Habitat: open water, wet meadow and mixed conifer. Birds: grebes, mergansers, goldeneyes, gulls, Lesser Scaup, Osprey, Bald Eagle, Cinnamon Teal, Mountain Chickadee, Western Tanager, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Lewis’s Woodpecker, Townsend’s Solitaire, Western Wood-Pewee,
Cassin’s Finch, warblers. Best birding: May-July, Sept-Oct. Diamond Lake Sewage Ponds: These are only accessible with permission and a key from the Forest Service at Toketee Ranger Station. Some viewing can be done outside the fence. It is north of Diamond Lake near the tubing hill. The ponds (at least during the 1980s) supported breeding Barrow’s Goldeneye, Mallard, and Wood Duck, with single breeding records for Bufflehead and Ruddy Duck. The portion between the main ponds, which by 1995 had grown in with lodgepole pine saplings, was in the '80s a barren, grass-dotted opening which attracted hordes of Savannah Sparrows, American Pipits, and with them, Oregon’s 2nd and 5th Chestnut-collared Longspurs. The pond on the west side had nesting Wilson’s Phalaropes and many migrant shorebirds, among them Semipalmated Sandpiper, Willet, Red-necked Phalarope, and Long-billed Curlew. Snowy Egret, Loggerhead Shrike, Bank Swallow, and Lark, Vesper, Grasshopper, Chipping, and Brewer’s Sparrows have also been seen here (all D. Fix or D. Fix and D. Irons). A June 29th record of Solitary Sandpiper is the earliest report of an apparent fall migrant in the state, and the site also provided a late September Swamp Sparrow. Northern Goshawk is possible any time of year, and Black-backed Woodpeckers breed in the mixed conifer forest dominated by Shasta red fir beyond the fenced area. While there, turn around and put glasses on the summit of Mt. Thielsen—sometimes people are standing on top. In August and September the dikes are ablaze with fireweed, particularly beautiful when seen backlit in late afternoon.

**Hemlock Lake**  [return to the top]
DeLorme (copyright 2001) Pg 36 C-3 DeLorme (copyright 2008) Pg 54 D-4
geographic coordinates 43°11’ 23” N 122° 42’ 09” W (43.18978, -122.7032)

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**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** Go to the [Oregon Birding Trails Website](#). Choose the Cascades Birding Trail. Click on the Trail Guide and choose the Crater Lake Loop Guide. Section 136. Hemlock Lake closed from snow Dec-May.

**South Umpqua Falls**  [return to the top]
DeLorme (copyright 2001) Pg 36 D-3 DeLorme (copyright 2008) Pg 54 E-5
geographic coordinates 43°03'18.8"N 122°41'11.0"W (43.055209, -122.686382)
Location, Habitat, and Birds: Go to the Oregon Birding Trails Website. Choose the Cascades Birding Trail. Click on the Trail Guide and choose the Crater Lake Loop Guide. Section 146.

Carmen Lake
DeLorme (copyright 2001) Pg 36 C-4 DeLorme (copyright 2008) Pg 55 D-6
geographic coordinates 43°07'03.4"N 122°35'05.8"W
(43.117598, -122.584955)

Rabbit Ears and Hershberger Mountain Access
DeLorme (copyright 2001) Pg 29 A-5 DeLorme (copyright 2008) Pg 55 F-7
geographic coordinates (THESE ACCESS COORDINATES ARE ACTUALLY IN JACKSON COUNTY. RABBIT EARS AND HERSHERBERG MOUNTAIN ARE BOTH ON THE SOUTHERN EDGE OF DOUGLAS COUNTY.) Hershberger Mnt = 43.03589, -122.45515. Rabbit Ears = 43.00853, -122.44228.

Lost Creek at Highway Falls
DeLorme (copyright 2001) Pg 37 D-6 DeLorme (copyright 2008) Pg 55 E-8
geographic coordinates 43°02'10.5"N 122°21'49.6"W
(43.03627, -122.36495)

Tiller Ranger Station
geographic coordinates 42°55'36.4"N 122°57'02.6"W
(42.92679, -122.95072)
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**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** Go to the [Oregon Birding Trails Website](http://example.com). Choose the Cascades Birding Trail. Click on the Trail Guide and choose the Crater Lake Loop Guide. Section 145.