BITTER END BIRDS

Some birds you are likely to see in Bitter End Marina, Bayview and Farragut State Park



COMMON LOON Gavia immer



HORNED GREBE Podiceps auritus (Breeding colors golden ear tufts and chestnut neck)



RED-NECKED GREBE Podiceps grisegena (Breeding colors red neck, bill yellow at base)







CANADA GOOSE Branta canadensis (Loud honkers, leave droppings everywhere)





MALLARD Anas platyrhynchos (Female in flight, white stripe above and below wide blue wing band)



REDHEAD Aythya americana



COMMON GOLDENEYE Bucephala clangula (Male has greenish head and round white patch between bill and eye, female's head brown)







BARROW'S GOLDENEYE Bucephala islandica (Male has purplish head and crescent-shaped white patch between bill and eye, female's head brown like Common Goldeneye, bill may turn yellow in breeding season)







BUFFLEHEAD Bucephala albeola (Male has large white head patch. Female has small white cheek patch)



AMERICAN COMMON MERGANSER Mergus merganser ssp. americanus (Female's head brown, male's head greenish. Red beaks. Fish-eating divers)







RED-BREASTED MERGANSER *Mergus serrator*







HOODED MERGANSER Lophodytes cucullatus (Male has expandable hood. Female with crayfish)







CALIFORNIA GULL Larus californicus (Red spot behind black spot on tip of lower bill)







RING-BILLED GULL Larus delawarensis (Yellow bill & legs, no red on bill tip, black ring around bill tip)





GREAT BLUE HERON Ardea herodias





BLACK-NECKED STILT Himantopus mexicanus





SPOTTED SANDPIPER Actitis macularius (Nests on beaches)





CALIFORNIA QUAIL Callipepla californica ("Comma-shaped" plume on crown of head)





WILD TURKEY Meleagris gallopavo (Hanging beard on male's breast)



RED-TAILED HAWK Buteo jamaicensis





NORTHERN BALD EAGLE Haliaeetus leucocephalus (Young has scattered white under wings (inset) and can be confused with young Golden Eagle. Young lacks white head and tail of adult. Numerous in December, catching Kokanee)



GOLDEN EAGLE Aquila chrysaetos (Dark head and breast. Young, pictured above, has white patches under wings behind its dark shoulders)







OSPREY Pandion haliaetus (White breast and throat, eye stripe, frequently seen fishing in lake)





TURKEY VULTURE Cathartes aura (Head red, naked)



BELTED KINGFISHER

Megaceryle alcyon







RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD Selasphorus rufus (Adult male has flashing red bib)





CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRD Stellula calliope (Male has flashing red striped bib)



BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD Archilochus alexandri (Male has flashing purple bib)



PILEATED WOODPECKER Dryocopus pileatus (male's brow is red in front of eye)



RED-SHAFTED FLICKER Colaptes auratus (Underside of wings salmon color, male has red cheek patch)



WESTERN WOOD-PEWEE

EASTERN KINGBIRD Tyrannus tyrannus



VIOLET-GREEN SWALLOW Tachycineta thalassina (White extends above eye, back green-black, white rump patches show in flight)





TREE SWALLOW Tachycineta bicolor

(White doesn't extend above eye,







BARN SWALLOW Hirundo rustica (Forked "swallow tail" conspicuous in flight)





COMMON RAVEN Corvus corax (Larger than crow, heavier bill, back of tail rounded or "V" shaped in flight)



AMERICAN CROW Corvus brachyrhynchos (Tail square in back)



MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE Poecile gambeli (White eyebrow, gray back)



BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE Poecile atricapillus (Black above eye, gray back)



CHESTNUT-BACKED **CHICKADEE** Poecile rufescens (Black above eye, rusty back)





RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH Sitta canadensis



Myadestes townsendi (White eye ring)



GRAY CATBIRD Dumetella carolinensis (Black cap, red under rump & tail margin, cat-like "mew" call)





AMERICAN ROBIN Turdus migratorius



WESTERN BLUEBIRD Sialia mexicana (Nests spring & summer at Farragut State Park)



MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD Sialia currucoides (Idaho St. Bird, Nests spring & summer at Farragut State Park)



EUROPEAN STARLING Sturnus vulgaris





BOHEMIAN WAXWING Bombycilla garrulus (Red under rump)



AUDUBON'S WARBLER
Setophaga coronata ssp. auduboni







YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus







BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD Molothrus ater



CHIPPING SPARROW Spizella passerina









DARK-EYED JUNCO Junco hyemalis









HOUSE FINCH Haemorhous mexicanus

CASSIN'S FINCH
Haemorhous cassinii







AMERICAN GOLDFINCH Spinus tristis







PINE SISKIN Spinus pinus

HOUSE SPARROW

Passer domesticus

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