

Hood River County, Oregon



Hood River County Birding Locations

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If you have only a short time in our county, try these locations first!			
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County Seat: Hood River

County Size: 534 square miles

High Elevation : Mt. Hood (11,239 ft.)

Rarities : American Black Duck, Tufted Duck, Smew, Broad-winged Hawk, Gyrfalcon, Parasitic Jaeger, Marbled Murrelet, Ancient Murrelet, Snowy Owl, Gray Catbird, Northern Mockingbird, Blackpoll Warbler, Pine Grosbeak, White-winged Crossbill

Top County Lister : David Anderson (221)

Year List Record : John Gatchet 2010 (200)

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COLUMBIA RIVER AREA

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geographic coordinates 45°38'28.7"N 121°55'40.0"W

([45.641295, -121.927778](#))

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Eagle Creek Loop \(Trail\)](#)

Location: To reach this location from I-84 east-bound, take exit 41 and stay to the right. Cross the old rock bridge and begin birding up the slope. This road starts in Multnomah County and goes into HR after 4/10 of a mile. It goes about 2 miles and dead-ends.

Habitat and Birds: This road travels through mixed forest along Eagle Creek. Look for Barrow's Goldeneye, Common Goldeneye, Common Merganser, Osprey, Bald Eagle, Belted Kingfisher, woodpeckers, Western Screech-Owl, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Swainson's Thrush, Winter Wren, and Red-breasted Nuthatch just to name a few.

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geographic coordinates 45°40'13.8"N 121°53'36.0"W

([45.670508, -121.893346](#))

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Cascade Locks \(Oregon Side\)](#)

Location, Habitat, and Birds: Located about 3 miles east of Bonneville Dam on the Columbia River, Cascade Locks is in the NW corner of Hood River County. The proximity to the river provides birders with good possibilities for good birding. Tufted Duck was found here in 1995. Check out the [Cascade Locks Marine Park](#). The surrounding hills south of town can be very productive for passerines and Band-tailed Pigeons. Try a short drive up Dry Creek Road (from Central Cascade Locks, take SW Cascade Avenue toward the freeway. Stay left to SW Ruckel Street. Cross under the freeway, turn right and you will be on Dry Creek Road). Another good road to bird is Herman Cr. Road. Follow the directions to Government Cove and continue on with Herman Creek Road.

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geographic coordinates 45°41'09.8"N 121°51'18.2"W
([45.686064, -121.855049](#))

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Government Cove](#)

Location, Habitat, and Birds: From exit 44 on I-84 at Cascade Locks, travel east on the frontage road that parallels the freeway. Turn left on NW Forest Lane and go over the freeway. Take the first right after passing over the freeway (Industrial Park Way) and explore this whole area. Return to the frontage road by passing back over the freeway and continue on east on the frontage road. Shortly, you will come to Herman Creek Road. Take this road back over the freeway to view the cove. This location is most famous for a Smew sighting but more expected species would include several duck species including Barrow's Goldeneye, Common and Pacific Loon, Horned and Western Grebe, several gull species, and migrating passerines.

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geographic coordinates 45°41'23.4"N 121°46'13.3"W
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Location: From I-84 east or westbound, take exit #51, Wyeth and travel west on Herman Creek Road 1/4 mile. Bird along Wyeth/Herman Creek Road. Cross under the freeway for views of the Columbia River and water birds.

Habitat and Birds: Birds seen in this area include Bufflehead, Common Goldeneye, Hooded Merganser, Pied-billed Grebe, Western Grebe, Horned Grebe, Bald Eagle, Western Scrub-Jay, migrating passerines.

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geographic coordinates 45°41'57.2"N 121°40'04.1"W
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[Park Map & Brochure](#)

[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Viento State Park](#)

Location, Habitat, and Birds: Go to [Oregon Birding Trails Website](#). Choose the Cascades Birding Trail. Click on the Trail Guide and choose the Mt Hood Loop Guide. Section 5.

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geographic coordinates 45°42'39.6"N 121°33'12.4"W
([45.711003, -121.553446](#))

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[Columbia Gorge Hotel Website](#)

Location, Habitat, and Birds: From eastbound I-84, take Exit 62 onto US Route 30. Turn left at the top of the ramp onto Cascade Avenue. Cross I-84 and turn left onto Westcliff Drive. The Columbia Gorge Hotel is at 4000 Westcliff Drive, on the right side of the road. If coming from The Dalles, take exit 62 and turn right onto Cascade Avenue, then follow the directions above to the hotel. All of the distances once leaving the freeway are short – just 0.1 or 0.2 mi. Birders may park in the hotel’s parking lot for birding, but please be considerate and do not use parking spaces near the hotel’s entrance. You may want to try the restaurant, though, after exhausting the birding possibilities. On both sides of the hotel there are paved paths along the river. Waterfowl congregate in the quiet waters just below the hotel during the winter season. Scaup can be particularly abundant in this area. The lush gardens provide good habitat for passerines at any season. The waterfall behind the hotel adds an interesting feature to the stop. Pileated Woodpecker may be found at times in larger trees surrounding the hotel grounds.

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geographic coordinates 45 42' 53" N 121 30' 49" W

The Hook - ([45.716922, -121.525523](#))

Port Marina Park - ([45.712415, -121.506627](#))

The Spit - ([45.715138, -121.504467](#))

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for "The Hook" on the Hood River Waterfront](#) (more eBird data needed for this location)

[Hood River Attractions](#)

Location, Habitat, and Birds: A bird list from this city includes 14 species of duck (including the famous Black Duck in 2000), grebes (Western, Clark's, Pied, Horned, and Eared), most of the known shorebirds to visit Oregon waters, ditto for the gulls, Western Scrub-Jay, Eurasian Collared-Dove, Purple Martin, resident songbirds and many species of migrating passerines. There is a **walking tour map for downtown Hood River** that you can get from the Visitor's Center, which has some great birds & new trails, including the staircase where you see & hear oak-associates – even in winter!

Indian Creek Trail (Hood River) [return to the top](#)

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geo. coordinates - 12th St. Trailhead - [45.696859, -121.523805](#)

geo. coordinates – Devon Crt. Trailhead - [45.695578, -121.528882](#)

geo. coordinates – College Trailhead - [45.695452, -121.526323](#)

geo. coordinates – Alameda West Trailhead - [45.681270, -121.552320](#)

geo. coordinates – High School Trailhead - [45.685641, -121.547873](#)

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[Trail Information](#)

[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Indian Creek Trail in Hood River](#)

Location, Habitat, and Birds: This city trail system follows Indian Creek on the south side of Hood River. It runs from 2nd Street on the east end to Barrett Park on the east end. It is broken into 3 sections and **is not** continuous. One section goes from 2nd and Hazel to 12th St. Another section runs from Columbia Gorge Community College to a section of private land. A third section goes from the Hood River Valley High School south to Barrett Park. Riparian species are the attractions here. In summer, look for Downy Woodpecker, Western Wood-pewee, Bewick's Wren, Common Yellowthroat, swallows, Black-headed Grosbeak, Bullock's Oriole and many others. In winter, look for Black-capped Chickadees, California Scrub-jays, California Quail, Ring-necked Pheasant, Wood Duck, American Dipper and wintering sparrows. Many species are possible in migration.

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geographic coordinates 45°42'12.8"N 121°29'14.5"W
([45.703559, -121.487366](#))

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Location, Habitat, and Birds: Go to [Oregon Birding Trails Website](#). Choose the Cascades Birding Trail. Click on the Trail Guide and choose the Mt Hood Loop Guide. Section 7.

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geographic coordinates 45°41'02.9"N 121°24'06.2"W
([45.684140, -121.401707](#))

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Location, Habitat, and Birds: Go to [Oregon Birding Trails Website](#). Choose the Cascades Birding Trail. Click on the Trail Guide and choose the Mt Hood Loop Guide. Section 8.

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geographic coordinates 45°40'56.6"N 121°24'29.1"W
([45.682391, -121.408082](#))

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Location, Habitat, and Birds: Go to [Oregon Birding Trails Website](#). Choose the Cascades Birding Trail. Click on the Trail Guide and choose the Mt Hood Loop Guide. Section 9.

MID-COUNTY SITES

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geographic coordinates 45°39'03.5"N 121°33'38.1"W
([45.650976, -121.560587](#))

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Tucker County Park](#)

Location, Habitat, and Birds: Go to [Oregon Birding Trails Website](#). Choose the Cascades Birding Trail. Click on the Trail Guide and choose the Mt Hood Loop Guide. Section 10.

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geographic coordinates 45°31'10.9"N 121°35'57.2"W
([45.51969, -121.59921](#))

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Location: From 12th Street in Hood River, travel south to the edge of town. 12th becomes Hwy 281. Take 281 south for 16 miles to Parkdale. From Parkdale, take Baseline Dr. east to the Old Parkdale Road. Turn right on Old Parkdale and then make a left on FR 16. Take this road to the fish hatchery ([45.523817, -121.621714](#)) and up into the forest for some good clear cut birding.

Habitat and Birds: This community is nestled at the foot of Mt. Hood. Birds seen here in past visits include Common Merganser, Barrow's Goldeneye, Cooper's Hawk, Band-tailed Pigeon, N.Pygmy-Owl, N. Saw-whet Owl, Barred Owl, Vaux's Swift, Calliope Hummingbird, Belted Kingfisher, Red-breasted Sapsucker, Pileated Woodpecker, Dusky Flycatcher, Hammond's Flycatcher, "Western" Flycatcher, Cassin's Vireo, Clark's Nutcracker, Tree Swallow, Chestnut-sided Chickadee, Bushtit, Brown Creeper, Winter Wren, Varied Thrush, Swainson's Thrush, Hermit Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Townsend's Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Cassin's Finch, and Red Crossbill.

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geographic coordinates 45°30'58.1"N 121°34'08.2"W
([45.51615, -121.56895](#))

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Toll Bridge County Park](#) (more eBird data needed for this location)

[Camping Guide Toll Bridge County Park](#)

Location, Habitat, and Birds: Go to [Oregon Birding Trails Website](#). Choose the Cascades Birding Trail. Click on the Trail Guide and choose the Mt Hood Loop Guide. Section 11.

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geographic coordinates 45°27'27.1"N 121°39'49.6"W
([45.457515, -121.663788](#))

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Laurance Lake](#)

Location, Habitat, and Birds: There are not many lakes in Hood River County so take note of this location. From Parkdale, head south on Clear Creek Road for 2.8 miles. Turn right on Laurance Lake Drive and go SW for another 4.2 miles to the lake. Mountain species meet waterfowl at this location. In the fall, there is a chance for Surf Scoter and Hooded Merganser. Osprey, woodpeckers, Pacific Wren, Bald Eagle, Steller's Jay, American Dipper and more.

MOUNT HOOD AREA

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geographic coordinates 45°29'34.1"N 121°49'08.3"W
([45.492804](#), [-121.818962](#))

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Lost Lake \(Hood River County\)](#)

Lost Lake Resort Website

Location: From Hood River, take Hwy 281 SW for 11 miles to the community of Dee. From Dee, take Lost Lake Road about 15 miles to the lake.

Habitat and Birds: This beautiful mountain lake at the base of Mt. Hood is surrounded by mixed forest of mostly Douglas fir. Birds you might see here include Barrow's Goldeneye, Common Merganser, Sooty Grouse, Green Heron, Spotted Sandpiper, woodpeckers (Hairy, Black-backed, American Three-toed, Pileated), Gray Jay, Clark's Nutcracker, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Townsend's Solitaire, Swainson's Thrush, Varied Thrush, warblers (Hermit, MacGillivray's, Wilson's), and Red Crossbill.

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geographic coordinates 45°23'46.6"N 121°34'16.3"W
([45.396274](#), [-121.571187](#))

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Location, Habitat, and Birds: Go to [Oregon Birding Trails Website](#). Choose the Cascades Birding Trail. Click on the Trail Guide and choose the Mt Hood Loop Guide. Section 13.

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geographic coordinates 45°19'35.9"N 121°38'18.0"W
([45.326624, -121.638345](#))

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Location, Habitat, and Birds: Go to [Oregon Birding Trails Website](#). Choose the Cascades Birding Trail. Click on the Trail Guide and choose the Mt Hood Loop Guide. Section 14.

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geographic coordinates 45°23'39.4"N 121°32'34.6"W
([45.394275, -121.542937](#))

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Location, Habitat, and Birds: This is a high elevation forest road with several hiking trails associated with it. ***This area should not be birded until the snow melts and roads are passible.*** There are several ways to get to this forest road. **(Option 1)** From Hood River, take OR 35 south for 26 miles (past Tamanawas Trailhead). Turn left on NF 44 (Brooks Meadow Rd.) near the Little John Snow Park. Go NE 3.8 miles to Lookout Mt Road near Clinger Spring Campground. Bird the road south at your liesure. **(Option 2)** From the jct. of Hwy 26 and Hwy 35 near Government Camp, take Hwy 35 north for 12.9 miles. Turn right on NF 44 (Brooks Meadow Rd.) near the Little John Snow Park. Go NE 3.8 miles to Lookout Mt Road near Clinger Spring Campground. **(Option 3)** From Dufur on Hwy 197, take the Dufur Valley Road (closed in winter) west for 23 miles to Lookout Mt Road. Forest species like Sooty Grouse, Mountain Quail, Hermit Warbler, Cassin's Finch and Townsend's Solitaire are the main attractions here.

Devil's Half Acre Meadow [return to the top](#)

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geographic coordinates 45°16'25.9"N 121°40'44.8"W
([45.273854, -121.679121](#))

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Devil's Half Acre](#)

Location, Habitat, and Birds: Go to [Oregon Birding Trails Website](#). Choose the Cascades Birding Trail. Click on the Trail Guide and choose the Mt Hood Loop Guide. Section 16.

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geographic coordinates 45°15'47.4"N 121°35'33.2"W
([45.26316, -121.59256](#))

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Bonney Butte](#)

Location, Habitat, and Birds: From Government Camp travel east on Hwy. 26, then take Hwy. 35 north towards Hood River. After 4.5 miles you will cross the White River; just past the river you will see the White River East Snow Park. Turn right (south) here and head down paved Forest Service (FS) road 48. Go 7 miles down FS 48 and turn left onto FS road 4890, which is marked after you turn onto it. Go 3.75 miles and turn left onto FS road 4891, following signs to Bonney Meadows. This rough 4-mile stretch will take you to Bonney Meadows Campground; take advantage of the outhouse here as it is the only one in the area. Continue past Bonney Meadows Campground to a gated spur road on the left. Park here and hike up the spur road about 0.25 mile to the observation point at the summit of Bonney Butte. Sun and wind can be intense on the butte, so plan and dress accordingly. Go to the [Oregon Birding Trails Website](#). Choose the Cascades Birding Trail. Click on the Trail Guide and choose the Mt Hood Loop Guide. Section 15. [Portland Audubon Important Birding Area](#)