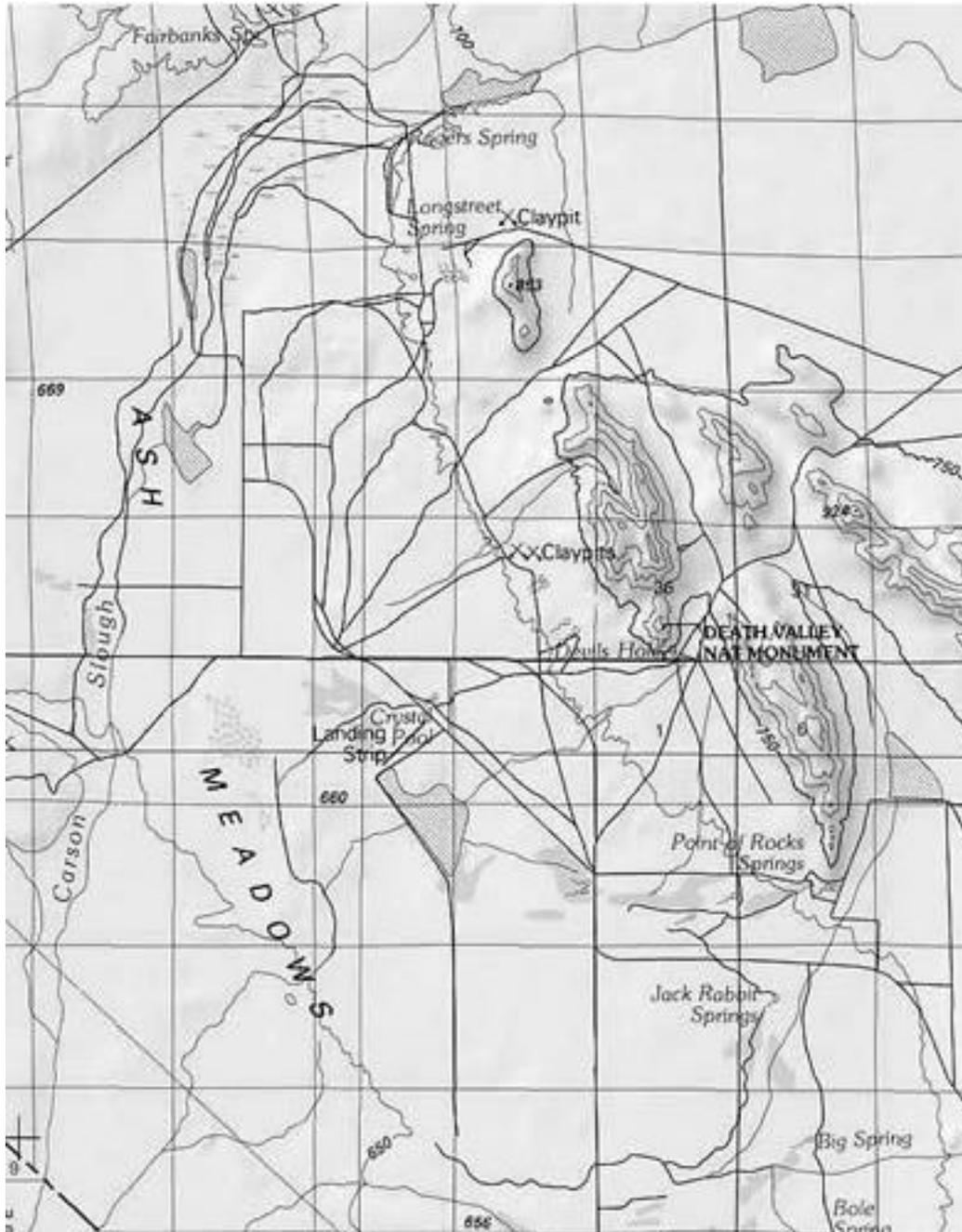


2. Ash Meadows NWR



Boundaries and Ownership

West: T 17 S, R 50 E, S 19 and 30

South: T 18 S, R 50 E, S 25 and 26, T 18 S R 51 E, S 30

East: T 18 S, R 51 E, S 8, 17, and 20

North: T 17 S, R 50 E, S 9

Ownership is divided among FWS (NWR area), BLM, private (American Land Conservancy and several small entities) and NPS (at Devils Hole spring).

Focal Species

White-faced Ibis	Western Grebe
Snowy Egret	Black-crowned Night Heron
Great Egret	American Avocet
Green Heron	Black-necked Stilt
Black Tern	American Bittern
Clark's Grebe	Least Bittern
Great Blue Heron	

Location of Type I Habitat

Peterson Reservoir
Horseshoe Reservoir
Lower and Crystal Reservoir

Location of Type II Habitat

Carson Slough, Point of Rocks Spring

Access and Visibility

Ash Meadows is about 2 hours northwest of Las Vegas and about ½ hour from Pahrump. Most sites have good access and bird visibility except for Carson Slough, which has only foot access and limited visibility due to emergent vegetation.

Past and Current Surveys

Site has been surveyed sporadically from the ground for waterfowl and shorebirds. Not known to be included in statewide aerial surveys.

Potential Survey Methods

Description

Three survey methods are feasible (aerial, ground, canoe), but ground surveys may be the most realistic approach, because most sites are small and open with good access roads.

Selection bias

None, except at Carson Slough where access may be limited by logistics and in areas that are private.

Measurement error and bias

No unusual sources of error and bias, but secretive marshbirds may be underrepresented in visual surveys.

Pilot Studies Needed

None

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