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7. Key Pittman WMA



Boundaries and Ownership

West: T 4 S, R 60 E, S 27 and T 5 S, R 60 E, S 3 and 10

South: T 5 S, R 60 E, S 10 and 11

East: T 5 S, R 60 E, S 2 and 11

North: T 4 S, R 60 E, S 23

NDOW manages all 1,334 acres.

Focal Species

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| Pied-billed Grebe | Northern Pintail |
| Red-winged Blackbird | |
| Eared Grebe | Ruddy Duck |
| Great Blue Heron | Spotted Sandpiper |
| White-faced Ibis | Ring-billed Gull |
| Tundra Swan | California Gull |
| Canada Goose | Forester's Tern |
| Northern Shoveler | Marsh Wren |
| Gadwall | Common Yellowthroat |

Location of Type I Habitat

Nesbitt Lake

Frenchy Lake (when water is available)

Location of Type II Habitat

Private Lands throughout Pahranaagat Valley

Access and Visibility

The site is about 2 1/2 hours north of Las Vegas. Most areas are easily accessed due to WMA but access to private lands with Type II habitat needs to be obtained. Bird visibility is generally good, and birds can be identified across the whole lake from one shoreline.

Past and Current Surveys

Historical bi-monthly waterfowl surveys by NDOW.

Some recent documentation of spring and summer occurrence and breeding status of waterbirds, shorebirds and other birds (NDOW 1999-2002)

Potential Survey Methods***Description***

Ground surveys are likely the best strategy for this site, because access roads provide great view points of the lakes and wetlands, which are also small enough that most birds can be seen without much problem.

Selection bias

None, except possibly in some Type II habitat due to private lands.

Measurement error and bias

Visibility can be obstructed by emergent vegetation, but otherwise no unusual sources of error or bias.

Pilot Studies Needed

None.

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