



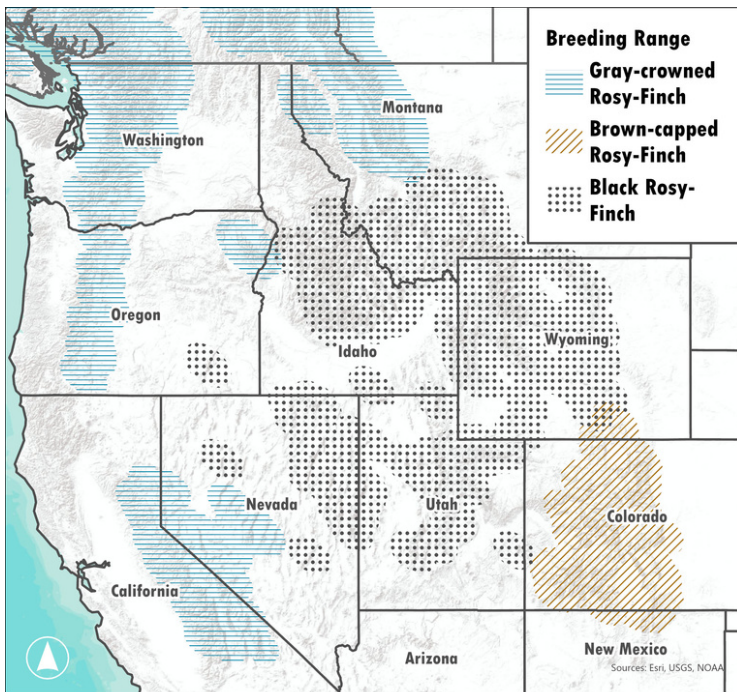
Report Rosy-Finches



If you **work or recreate in the alpine**, the U.S. Forest Service and state fish and wildlife agencies request your observations of rosy-finches. Sightings are uncommon and rosy-finches' breeding range is uncertain in many regions. Familiarize yourself with rosy-finches and report your observations.

The Rosy-Finches

There are three species of rosy-finches in North America. Rosy-finches are 6 inches tall with a wingspan of 13 inches. The species are similar in appearance but all have pink on their wings. Bills may be black or yellow. From June through August, they breed in distinct ranges.



A generalized breeding range of rosy-finches adapted from eBird.org (Fink et al. 2022. <https://doi.org/10.2173/ebirdst.2021>)



Black Rosy-Finch



Brown-capped Rosy-Finch



Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch
(interior and coastal subspecies)



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Habitat Use

During the breeding season, rosy-finches are active in the alpine of high elevation mountains, typically above treeline. They build their nests in rocky, talus slopes or within cliffs. They often forage on seeds and insects gleaned from the ground and around snow fields.

Bird Identification Resources

The Cornell Lab's Merlin App can identify bird songs and calls, including rosy-finches. For use in remote areas without cellular service, we recommend downloading the App's "US: Rocky Mountains" Bird Pack. Recordings can be saved on your smartphone. Sound recordings can be referenced at xeno-canto.org by searching "rosy finch".



Other Alpine Bird Species

There are only a few other bird species that thrive in the alpine. Other species of birds that are not rosy-finches but commonly encountered in the alpine are Clark's Nutcracker, White-crowned Sparrow, American Pipit, Common Raven, and White-throated Swift.

Incidental Rosy-Finch Observation Form

This Form includes data to be collected from each rosy-finch observation. Photos or recordings of rosy-finches are encouraged. Please **return forms by** 1) using the online form using the online form, or 2) emailing this form to your respective state Natural Heritage Databases leads.



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CA: BDB@wildlife.ca.gov
 CO: amy.seglund@state.co.us
 ID: *Submit only via online form*
 NV: contactndnh@heritage.nv.gov
 NM: nhnm@unm.edu

MT: dbachen@mt.gov
 OR: inrdata@pdx.edu
 UT: *Submit only via online form*
 WY: data@wyndd.org

Requested Information

Observer Name		Observer Contact (email or phone)		Observation Date
Species of Rosy-Finch			Number of Rosy-Finches	Type of Observation
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Rosy-Finch <input type="checkbox"/> Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch <input type="checkbox"/> Brown-capped Rosy-Finch <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown species of Rosy-Finch				<input type="checkbox"/> Heard <input type="checkbox"/> Visual
Location Coordinate X	Location Coordinate Y	Coordinate System	Type of Location?	If Location is the Observer, Estimate the Bearing and Distance to Bird
			<input type="checkbox"/> The bird <input type="checkbox"/> The observer	_____° _____meters

Optional Information

Age Class (check all that apply)	Sex	Breeding Status	Leg Bands Observed	Media
<input type="checkbox"/> Adult <input type="checkbox"/> Sub-adult <input type="checkbox"/> Recently fledged bird <input type="checkbox"/> Nestling(s) in nest <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> Nest <input type="checkbox"/> Nest with eggs <input type="checkbox"/> Nest with young <input type="checkbox"/> Adult on nest <input type="checkbox"/> Adult carrying food <input type="checkbox"/> Adult feeding young <input type="checkbox"/> Courtship display <input type="checkbox"/> Singing adult <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> No band observed <input type="checkbox"/> A metal band <input type="checkbox"/> A color band <i>Write in color:</i> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Photo collected <input type="checkbox"/> Audio collected

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