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## 6 rare swans sighted

DUGWAY, Tooele County — Six rare trumpeter swans were spotted at Fish Springs National Wildlife Refuge on Utah's West Desert recently, says the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Only about 1,060 of the birds are alive, but this is a considerable comeback since the late 1920s when they numbered about 100.

The swans were spotted by Ruth Shea, a naturalist who is following their migration rough through parts of Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington.

Shea is searching for some missing birds, but the swans that had been wintered at Snake Rocks in Montana and Wyoming were sighted at Fish

Springs are the first trumpeter swans she has encountered since leaving Montana, said a Fish and Wildlife Service official.

But none of those sighted were the missing swans, because none had neck bands.

Swans with neck bands are sighted, and information should be furnished to the Patuxent Wildlife Research Station, Laurel, Md., or the nearest U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service unit. said Rolf H. Kraft, refuge manager at Fish Springs.

In addition to the six trumpeters, Fish Springs Refuge presently has 58 whistling swans.

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