his list of the most common birds of Montezuma Castle National Monument is based on previous documentation of abundance (A). In suitable habitat and season, birds on this list are likely to be seen daily. Birds classified as abundant (A) are likely to be counted in larger numbers than those classified as common (C).

Habitats (H) are separated into three categories. Riparian (Ri) habitats are characterized by riparian vegetation, such as Arizona sycamore and green ash. Desert scrub (D) habitats include vegetation native to a drier setting, such as mesquite, creosote, and crucifixion thorn. Wetland (W) habitats are found in or near the rush-filled marsh edges of Montezuma Well.

The varied habitats of Montezuma Castle National Monument make it a vital site for many birds. Birds that do not migrate are considered to be year-round (Y) residents and can be seen at any time of year. Summer (S) residents are at the monument roughly during June–August, while Winter (W) residents occur during colder times of year. Migratory (M) birds may be seen from March to May and September to October as they briefly pass through the mounument on their way to other habitats. Year-round and summer residents are typically breeding birds.

Key	
Abundance (A)	A—Abundant
	C—Common
Habitat (H)	D—Desert Scrub
	Ri—Riparian
	We—Wetlands
Season (S)	Y—Year-round
	S—Summer
	W—Winter
	M—Migratory

Photos clockwise from top left: cactus wren, verdin, Gila woodpecker, red-tailed hawk, greater roadrunner. All photos ©Robert Shantz except cactus wren, ©Greg Lavaty.

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The information in this list is based on bird observations, inventories, and surveys at Montezuma Castle National Monument. However, especially with changing land use and climate, bird lists are always works in progress. The list is arranged in order by family with common names following the American Ornithologists' Union's Check-list of North American Birds, 7th edition, and its supplements to 2013.

√ Common name	Α	Н	S
DUCKS AND GEESE			
wood duck	С	Ri,We	Υ
mallard	С	Ri,We	Υ
common merganser	С	Ri,We	Υ
QUAIL			
Gambel's quail	Α	D	Y
HERONS			
great blue heron	С	Ri,We	Υ
VULTURES			
turkey vulture	Α	Ri,D	S
RAPTORS			
Cooper's hawk	С	Ri,D	Υ
common black-hawk	С	Ri	S
zone-tailed hawk	С	Ri	S
red-tailed hawk	Α	Ri,D	Υ
SANDPIPERS			
spotted sandpiper	С	Ri,We	Υ
DOVES			
white-winged dove	Α	Ri,D	S
mourning dove	Α	Ri,D	Υ
CUCKOOS AND ALLIES			
yellow-billed cuckoo	С	Ri	S
greater roadrunner	С	D	Υ
OWLS			
western screech-owl	С	Ri,D	Υ
great horned owl	С	Ri,D	Υ
GOATSUCKERS			
lesser nighthawk	С	D	S
common nighthawk	С	D	S
common poorwill	С	D	S
SWIFTS			
white-throated swift	С	Ri,D	Υ
HUMMINGBIRDS			
black-chinned hummingbird	Α	Ri,D	S
Anna's hummingbird	С	Ri,D	Υ
broad-tailed hummingbird	С	Ri,D	М
WOODPECKERS AND ALLIES		-	1
Gila woodpecker	Α	Ri,D	Υ

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VERDINS AND BUSHTITS				
verdin	Α	Ri,D	Υ	
bushtit	Α	Ri	Υ	
NUTHATCHES				
white-breasted nuthatch	С	Ri	Υ	
WRENS				
rock wren	c	D	Υ	
canyon wren	C	D	Y	
house wren	С	Ri	W	
Bewick's wren	Α	Ri,D	Υ	
cactus wren	С	D	Υ	
KINGLETS AND GNATCATCHERS				
blue-gray gnatcatcher	С	Ri,D	S	
black-tailed gnatcatcher	С	D	Υ	
ruby-crowned kinglet	Α	Ri,D	W	
THRUSHES				
hermit thrush	С	Ri	W	
American robin	С	Ri,D	М	
THRASHERS				
northern mockingbird	Α	Ri,D	Υ	
curve-billed thrasher	С	D	Υ	
crissal thrasher	С	Ri,D	Υ	
STARLINGS				
European starling	С	Ri,D	Υ	
SILKY FLYCATCHERS				
phainopepla	A	Ri,D	Υ	
WARBLERS				
orange-crowned warbler	С	Ri,D	М	
Lucy's warbler	Α	Ri,D	S	
Nashville warbler	С	Ri,D	М	
Virginia's warbler	С	Ri,D	М	
Macgillivray's warbler	С	Ri,D	М	
yellow warbler	Α	Ri	S	
Audubon's warbler	Α	Ri	W	
black-throated gray warbler	С	Ri	М	
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Wilson's warbler	C	Ri,D Ri,D	M	

√ Common name	Α	Н	S
EMBERIZINES			
green-tailed towhee	С	Ri,D	W
spotted towhee	С	Ri	W
rufous-crowned sparrow	Α	D	Υ
canyon towhee	Α	D	Υ
Abert's towhee	Α	Ri	Υ
chipping sparrow	Α	Ri,D	Υ
Brewer's sparrow	Α	Ri,D	W
black-chinned sparrow	С	D	Υ
lark sparrow	С	Ri,D	Υ
black-throated sparrow	С	D	Υ
song sparrow	С	Ri	Υ
Lincoln's sparrow	С	Ri	W
white-crowned sparrow	Α	Ri,D	W
dark-eyed junco	С	Ri,D	W
TANAGERS			
hepatic tanager	С	Ri	S
summer tanager	Α	Ri	S
western tanager	С	Ri,D	М
CARDINALS AND ALLIES			
northern cardinal	Α	Ri,D	Υ
black-headed grosbeak	С	Ri	М
blue grosbeak	С	Ri,D	S
lazuli bunting	С	Ri,D	S
ICTERIDS			
red-winged blackbird	С	Ri	М
Brewer's blackbird	С	Ri,We	Υ
great-tailed grackle	Α	Ri,D	Υ
bronzed cowbird	С	Ri,D	S
brown-headed cowbird	Α	Ri,D	Υ
hooded oriole	Α	Ri,D	S
Bullock's oriole	Α	Ri,D	S
Scott's oriole	С	Ri,D	S
FINCHES AND ALLIES			
house finch	Α	Ri,D	Υ
pine siskin	С	Ri	W
lesser goldfinch	Α	Ri,D	Υ

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