
A CHECKLIST OF BIRDS
OF
BANDELIER NATIONAL MONUMENT

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Bandelier National Monument is one of more than 365 National Park Service areas scattered across the United States. The park was established in 1916, and now consists of 32,817 acres (13,281 hectares) in the southeastern part of the Jemez Mountains in north-central New Mexico. In 1976, legislation created the 23,267-acre (9,423-hectare) Bandelier Wilderness area within the park. Habitat varies from near-desert lands at about 5,500 feet near the Rio Grande, through pinyon-juniper woodlands, to ponderosa pine forests, and spruce-fir forest up to approximately 10,000 feet. Canyons with permanent streams, such as Frijoles, support riparian habitat attractive to many migrating birds.

This list was compiled by Stephen M. Fettig using staff and visitor observations, published and unpublished research reports of avian studies at Bandelier since 1970, and comments from Carlyn Jervis, Terrell H. Johnson, Christopher M. Rustay, Roland H. Wauer, and Sartor O. Williams III. Species are listed in accordance with the seventh edition (1998) American Ornithologists' Union (AOU) Checklist of North American Birds.

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A B U N D A N C E

- c****common**: likely to be seen in proper habitat
- u****uncommon**: present, but not certain to be seen in proper habitat
- o****occasional**: present, but only occasionally seen in proper habitat
- r****rare**: present, but rarely observed in proper habitat
- sp****sporadic**: presence and numbers vary between years
- x****accidental**: have been recorded in the park, but their status by season is not known. These species should be reported with supporting details including a photograph, drawing, or tape recording.

S E A S O N A L O C C U R R E N C E

- Spring**March-May
- Summer**June-July
- Fall**August-November
- Winter**December-February

	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL	WINTER
CORMORANTS				
Double-crested Cormorant	o	o	o	
HERONS & EGRETS				
Great Blue Heron	o	o	o	o
Green Heron	x	x	x	x
Black-crowned Night-Heron	x	x	x	x
VULTURES				
Turkey Vulture	c	c	c	
DUCKS & GEESE				
Canada Goose	o		o	c
Gadwall	r		r	u
American Wigeon	r		r	r
Mallard	c	c	c	c
Blue-winged Teal	r			r
Cinnamon Teal	x	x	x	x
Northern Shoveler	o		o	o
Northern Pintail			r	r
Green-winged Teal	u	r	u	c
Ring-necked Duck	r		r	r
Lesser Scaup	o			o
Bufflehead	r			u
Common Goldeneye			r	o
Hooded Merganser			r	r
Common Merganser	r		o	u
EAGLES & HAWKS				
Osprey	r		r	
Bald Eagle	r		r	o
Northern Harrier	r	r	r	o
Sharp-shinned Hawk	o	o	o	o
Cooper's Hawk	o	o	o	
Northern Goshawk	r	r	r	r
Swainson's Hawk	x	x	x	

	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL	WINTER
Zone-tailed Hawk	r	r		
Red-tailed Hawk	u	u	u	u
Ferruginous Hawk	x		x	x
Rough-legged Hawk	x		x	x
Golden Eagle	o	o	o	o
FALCONS				
American Kestrel	u	u	u	r
Merlin	r		r	r
Prairie Falcon	r	r	r	r
Peregrine Falcon	r	r	r	r
PHEASANTS & QUAIL				
Blue Grouse	r	r	r	r
Wild Turkey	r	r	r	r
RAILS & COOTS				
American Coot	r			o
CRANES				
Sandhill Crane	o		o	r
PLOVERS				
Killdeer	x	x	x	x
SANDPIPERS				
Spotted Sandpiper	o	o		
GULLS				
Ring-billed Gull	r		r	r
PIGEONS & DOVES				
Band-tailed Pigeon	o	o	o	
Mourning Dove	c	c	u	r
BARN OWLS				
Barn Owl	x	x	x	x
TYPICAL OWLS				
Flammulated Owl	o	o	o	
Western Screech-Owl	r	r	r	r
Great Horned Owl	u	u	u	u

	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL	WINTER
Northern Pygmy-Owl	o	o	o	o
Spotted Owl	r	r	r	r
Northern Saw-whet Owl	x	x	x	x
NIGHTJARS				
Common Nighthawk	o	o	r	
Common Poorwill	o	o		
Whip-poor-will	x	x	x	x
SWIFTS				
White-throated Swift	c	c	c	
HUMMINGBIRDS				
Black-chinned Hummingbird	u	u	o	
Calliope Hummingbird		r		
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	c	c	o	
Rufous Hummingbird		c	o	
KINGFISHERS				
Belted Kingfisher	o		o	
WOODPECKERS				
Lewis's Woodpecker	o	o	o	o
Acorn Woodpecker	o	o	o	o
Red-naped Sapsucker	u	u	u	r
Williamson's Sapsucker	o	o	o	o
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	x	x	x	x
Downy Woodpecker	r	r	r	r
Hairy Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
Three-toed Woodpecker	sp	sp	sp	sp
Northern Flicker	c	c	c	c
FLYCATCHERS				
Olive-sided Flycatcher	o	r	r	
Western Wood-Pewee	o	c	o	
Willow Flycatcher	r	r	r	
Hammond's Flycatcher	c	c		
Dusky Flycatcher	c	c		

	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL	WINTER
Gray Flycatcher	c	c		
Cordilleran Flycatcher	u	u		
Black Phoebe	x	x	x	
Say's Phoebe	u	u		
Ash-throated Flycatcher	u	c		
Cassin's Kingbird	u	c		
Western Kingbird	x	x	x	
SHRIKES				
Loggerhead Shrike	x	x	x	x
VIREOS				
Gray Vireo	x	x	x	
Plumbeous Vireo	u	c	r	
Warbling Vireo	u	c	r	
JAYS & CROWS				
Gray Jay	x	x	x	x
Steller's Jay	c	c	c	c
Western Scrub-Jay	c	c	c	c
Pinyon Jay	o	u	u	o
Clark's Nutcracker	u	o	u	u
Black-billed Magpie	r		o	
American Crow	r	r	r	o
Common Raven	c	c	c	c
LARKS				
Horned Lark	x		x	x
SWALLOWS				
Tree Swallow	r			
Violet-green Swallow	c	c	o	
Bank Swallow	r			
Cliff Swallow	r	r		
Barn Swallow	r			
CHICKADEES & TITMICE				
Black-capped Chickadee	x	x	x	x

	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL	WINTER
Mountain Chickadee	u	u	u	u
Juniper Titmouse	u	u	u	u
BUSHTITS				
Bushtit	u	u	u	u
NUTHATCHES				
Red-breasted Nuthatch	o	o	o	o
White-breasted Nuthatch	u	u	u	u
Pygmy Nuthatch	c	c	c	c
CREEPERS				
Brown Creeper	o	o	o	o
WRENS				
Rock Wren	c	u	c	
Canyon Wren	c	c	c	c
Bewick's Wren	o	u	o	
House Wren	u	c	o	
DIPPERS				
American Dipper	r	r	r	r
KINGLETS				
Golden-crowned Kinglet	r	r	r	r
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	u	u	u	
GNATCATCHERS				
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	o	u	o	
THRUSHES				
Western Bluebird	c	c	c	o
Mountain Bluebird	u	u	c	o
Townsend's Solitaire	c	u	c	c
Swainson's Thrush	x	x	x	
Hermit Thrush	u	c	u	
American Robin	c	c	c	u
MOCKINGBIRDS				
Gray Catbird	x	x	x	x
Northern Mockingbird	r	u		

	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL	WINTER
STARLINGS				
European Starling	r	r	r	r
WARBLERS				
Orange-crowned Warbler	u	c		
Virginia's Warbler	c	c		
Yellow Warbler	x	x	x	
Yellow-rumped Warbler				
Audubon's	c	c	c	o
Myrtle	r		r	
Black-throated Gray Warbler	u	u		
Townsend's Warbler	o		o	
Grace's Warbler	c	c		
American Redstart	x	x	x	
MacGillivray's Warbler	o	o		
Common Yellowthroat	u	u	u	
Wilson's Warbler	u	r	c	
Yellow-breasted Chat	o	o	o	
TANAGERS				
Hepatic Tanager	o	o	o	
Summer Tanager	x	x	x	
Western Tanager	u	c		
SPARROWS				
Green-tailed Towhee	o	u	o	
Spotted Towhee	c	c	c	c
Canyon Towhee	c	c	c	c
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	x	x	x	x
Chipping Sparrow	c	c	u	
Brewer's Sparrow	x	x	x	
Vesper Sparrow	r		r	
Lark Sparrow	o	c	o	
Lark Bunting	x	x	x	x
Savannah Sparrow	o			

	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL	WINTER
Fox Sparrow	x	x	x	x
Song Sparrow	r		r	
Lincoln's Sparrow	x	x	x	x
White-throated Sparrow	x	x	x	x
White-crowned Sparrow	o		o	r
Dark-eyed Junco				
Oregon	c		c	c
Slate-colored	r		r	
Gray-headed	c	u	u	c
GROSBEAKS & BUNTINGS				
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	x	x	x	
Black-headed Grosbeak	u	c		
Blue Grosbeak	o	u		
Lazuli Bunting	r	r		
Indigo Bunting	r	r		
BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES, & COWBIRDS				
Red-winged Blackbird	u	c	u	
Western Meadowlark	r	r	r	
Yellow-headed Blackbird	x	x	x	
Brewer's Blackbird	x	x	x	x
Brown-headed Cowbird	o	u		
Bullock's Oriole	sp	sp		
FINCHES & GOLDFINCHES				
Pine Grosbeak	x	x	x	x
Cassin's Finch	sp	sp	sp	sp
House Finch	u	o	o	o
Red Crossbill	sp	sp	sp	sp
Pine Siskin	sp	sp	sp	sp
Lesser Goldfinch	o	u		
American Goldfinch			x	x
Evening Grosbeak	sp	sp	sp	sp

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