



A Junior Rangers Guide to the Birds at Bandelier



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Turkey Vulture



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Turkey Vultures spend most of their time soaring through the woodlands of New Mexico

looking for dead animals to feast on. They are the only bird in New Mexico that smell for their food, because their eyesight isn't very good.

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Cooper's Hawk

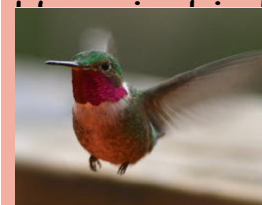


Photo: Bob Walker

The Coopers Hawk will spend most of its time in the air watching for prey.

The Cooper's Hawk likes to eat small birds and woodland animals.

Broad-tailed Hummingbird



Keep an eye out for these beautiful birds. Broad-tailed Hummingbirds can each weigh about 3 grams, which is the same weight as 3 paper clips. Broad-tailed Hummingbirds eat nectar and sweetened water

Photo: Gowri Srinivasan

Mountain Chickadee



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A Mountain Chickadee may be small, but it is not afraid to come close to a

human. These birds enjoy eating small insects and scraps of human food.

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Bushtit



Photo: Betsy Matsubara

Bushtits are song birds that fly between

shrubs. You will most likely find them in flocks. Bushtits like to eat insects and spiders.

Western Tanager



Photo: Bob Walker

The Western Tanager shows beautiful

colors such as red, orange, yellow, white, and black. Although these birds are stunning, only the males get to wear the red crowns

Chipping Sparrow



Photo: Mouser Williams

Chipping Sparrows like to eat seeds instead of

insects or other birds. They live in the spring, woodlands and suburbs of New Mexico.

Lesser Goldfinch



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These beautiful birds live in open woodlands. They mostly eat sunflower seeds, but they like

to eat coffee beans and sometimes elderberry seeds. Photo: Hari Viswanathan

Acorn Woodpecker



Acorn Woodpeckers are bark foragers. They peck on small insects that live in the trees.

They store nuts in individually drilled holes called granaries. The acorns are jammed in so tight that even squirrels can't pry them out. Photo: Bob Walker

Northern Flicker



Unlike the Acorn Woodpecker, the Northern Flicker is a ground forager.

They eat insects, mainly ants. The Northern Flicker has an unusually long tongue, and it uses it to go through the dirt to find ants. Photo: Hari Viswanathan

Western Bluebird



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Western Bluebirds are fly catchers who perch and wait for their food. They feed on insects

and berries. They live in the open woodlands, but they will nest in boxes that are left on the streets.

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American Robin



The American Robin is very lucky because it can live up to 14 years. The American Robin

is a ground forager and its favorite food is insects. Even though these birds migrate, they spend most of their winter in breeding range. Photo: Bob Walker

Canyon Wren



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These ambitious birds live in the high mountains. They like to nest on cliffs and eat insects. The

Canyon Wren's song is like beautiful magical whistles when it tries to get attention from humans.

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Test your knowledge!

(answers at the Visitor Center)

About how many paper clips can a Broad-tailed Hummingbird weigh?

- 4 paper clips
- 2 paper clips
- 3 paper clips

How many colors does the male Western Tanager wear?

- 7 colors
- 5 colors
- 3 colors

What kind of forager is an Acorn Woodpecker?

- Bark
- Ground
- Scanning