

This list of the approximately 100 most common birds of Chiricahua National Monument is based on previous documentation of abundance (A) and separated into three categories. Abundant (A) birds are likely to be seen daily and in large numbers, while common (C) birds may be seen daily as a solitary bird or in smaller groups. Uncommon (U) birds are more rare, and likely to be seen on a monthly basis.

Habitats (H) are separated into four categories. Riparian (R) birds can be found in or along water bodies that include riparian vegetation, such as rush-filled temperate marshlands. Grassland (G) habitats include the grassy vegetation native to drier settings, such as grammas and some mixed desert scrub. Woodland/Chaparral (WC) areas include short trees, such as Sonoran scrub oak and manzanita, while Forest (F) consists of upper-elevation evergreen trees, such as pines and other conifers.

The varied habitats of southern Arizona provide a vital environment for birds across the seasons (S). Birds that do not migrate are considered Year-round (Y) residents and can be seen at any time of year. Summer (S) residents are at the park roughly during June–August, while Winter (W) residents occur during colder times of year. Migratory (M) birds may be seen at various times as they briefly pass through the monument on their way to other habitats.

| Key | |
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| Abundance (A) | A—Abundant C—Common U—Uncommon |
| Habitat (H) | R—Riparian G—Grassland WC—Woodlands/Chaparral F—Forest |
| Season (S) | Y—Year-round S—Summer W—Winter M—Migratory |

Photos clockwise from top left: cactus wren, black-chinned hummingbird, western tanager, red-tailed hawk, greater roadrunner. All photos ©Robert Shantz except cactus wren, ©Greg Lavaty.

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| √ | Common Name | A | H | S |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|---|----------|---|
| TURKEY AND QUAIL | | | | |
| | Gambel's quail | C | R,G,WC | Y |
| | Montezuma quail | U | R,G,WC,F | Y |
| | wild turkey | U | R,G,WC,F | Y |
| VULTURES | | | | |
| | turkey vulture | C | R,G,WC,F | S |
| HAWKS | | | | |
| | Cooper's hawk | U | R,G,WC,F | Y |
| | red-tailed hawk | C | R,G,WC,F | Y |
| PIGEONS AND DOVES | | | | |
| | band-tailed pigeon | U | W,F | S |
| | Eurasian collared-dove | C | R,G,WC | Y |
| | white-winged dove | C | R,G,WC | S |
| | mourning dove | C | R,G,WC,F | Y |
| ROADRUNNERS | | | | |
| | greater roadrunner | U | G,W | Y |
| OWLS | | | | |
| | flammulated owl | U | R,W,F | S |
| | western screech-owl | U | R,G,WC | Y |
| | whiskered screech-owl | U | R,W,F | S |
| | elf owl | U | R,W | S |
| GOATSUCKERS | | | | |
| | common poorwill | C | G,W | S |
| | Mexican whip-poor-will | C | R,W,F | S |
| SWIFTS | | | | |
| | white-throated swift | C | G,W,F | Y |
| HUMMINGBIRDS | | | | |
| | magnificent hummingbird | U | R,W,F | S |
| | blue-throated hummingbird | U | R,W,F | S |
| | black-chinned hummingbird | C | R,G,WC | S |
| | Anna's hummingbird | U | R,G,WC,F | Y |
| | broad-tailed hummingbird | C | R,G,WC,F | S |
| WOODPECKERS | | | | |
| | acorn woodpecker | C | R,W,F | Y |
| | red-naped sapsucker | U | R,W,F | W |
| | hairy woodpecker | C | R,W,F | Y |
| | Arizona woodpecker | C | W,F | Y |

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| | northern flicker | C | R,W,F | Y |
| | red-shafted flicker | C | R,W,F | Y |
| FALCONS | | | | |
| | American kestrel | U | R,G | Y |
| TYRANT FLYCATCHERS | | | | |
| | western wood-pewee | C | R,W | S |
| | gray flycatcher | U | R,W,F | M |
| | Pacific-slope flycatcher | U | R,W | M |
| | cordilleran flycatcher | U | R,W,F | S |
| | dusky-capped flycatcher | C | R,W | S |
| | ash-throated flycatcher | C | R,W | S |
| | brown-crested flycatcher | C | R,W | S |
| | Cassin's kingbird | C | R,G,WC,F | S |
| | western kingbird | C | R,G | S |
| VIREOS | | | | |
| | plumbeous vireo | C | R,W,F | S |
| | Cassin's vireo | U | R,W | M |
| | Hutton's vireo | C | R,W,F | S |
| | warbling vireo | U | R,W,F | M |
| CORVIDS | | | | |
| | Steller's jay | U | W,F | Y |
| | Mexican jay | C | R,G,WC,F | Y |
| | Chihuahuan raven | U | R,G,WC | Y |
| | common raven | C | R,G,WC,F | Y |
| SWALLOWS | | | | |
| | violet-green swallow | C | R,G,WC,F | S |
| CHICKADEES AND TITMICE | | | | |
| | Mexican chickadee | U | R,W,F | Y |
| | bridled titmouse | C | R,W,F | Y |
| | juniper titmouse | U | R,W | Y |
| VERDINS AND BUSHTITS | | | | |
| | verdin | U | R,G | Y |
| | bushtit | C | R,W | Y |
| NUTHATCHES AND CREEPERS | | | | |
| | white-breasted nuthatch | U | R,W,F | Y |
| | pygmy nuthatch | U | W,F | Y |
| | brown creeper | U | R,W,F | Y |

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| WRENS | | | | |
| | rock wren | U | G,W,F | Y |
| | canyon wren | U | G,W,F | Y |
| | house wren | C | R,W,F | S |
| | Bewick's wren | C | R,W | Y |
| | cactus wren | U | G | Y |
| KINGLETS AND GNATCATCHERS | | | | |
| | blue-gray gnatcatcher | C | W | S |
| | ruby-crowned kinglet | C | R,W,F | M |
| THRUSHES | | | | |
| | western bluebird | U | R,W,F | Y |
| | hermit thrush | C | R,W,F | Y |
| | American robin | C | R,W,F | S |
| MIMIDS AND THRASHERS | | | | |
| | northern mockingbird | U | R,G,WC | Y |
| | curve-billed thrasher | U | G | Y |
| SILKY FLYCATCHERS | | | | |
| | phainopepla | U | R,G,WC | Y |
| WARBLERS | | | | |
| | orange-crowned warbler | U | R,G,WC,F | M |
| | Nashville warbler | U | R,W,F | M |
| | Virginia's warbler | U | R,W,F | S |
| | yellow-rumped warbler | A | R,W,F | Y |
| | Audubon's warbler | C | R,G,WC,F | Y |
| | Grace's warbler | U | R,W,F | S |
| | black-throated gray warbler | C | R,W,F | S |
| | Townsend's warbler | U | R,W,F | M |
| | Wilson's warbler | U | R,W,F | M |
| | red-faced warbler | U | R,W,F | S |
| | painted redstart | C | R,W,F | Y |

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| EMBERIZINES | | | | |
| | green-tailed towhee | U | R,G,WC | W |
| | spotted towhee | C | R,W,F | Y |
| | rufous-crowned sparrow | U | G,W | Y |
| | canyon towhee | U | G,W | Y |
| | chipping sparrow | A | R,G,WC | W |
| | Brewer's sparrow | C | R,G | W |
| | white-crowned sparrow | A | R,G,WC | W |
| | dark-eyed junco | A | R,W,F | W |
| | yellow-eyed junco | C | R,W,F | Y |
| TANAGERS | | | | |
| | hepatic tanager | U | R,W,F | S |
| | summer tanager | U | R,W | S |
| | western tanager | C | R,G,WC,F | S |
| GROSBEAKS | | | | |
| | black-headed grosbeak | C | R,G,WC,F | S |
| | blue grosbeak | U | G | S |
| ICTERIDS | | | | |
| | brown-headed cowbird | U | R,G,WC,F | Y |
| | Scott's oriole | C | R,G,WC,F | S |
| FINCHES | | | | |
| | house finch | C | R,G,WC,F | Y |
| | pine siskin | U | R,W,F | Y |
| | lesser goldfinch | C | R,G,WC,F | Y |

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



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