

This list of the approximately 100 most common birds of Fort Bowie National Historic Site 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 Arizona walnut. Desert (D) habitats include shrubs, such as creosote and mesquite, while Grassland (G) species include shrubs heavily intermixed with desert grasses. Woodland/Chaparral (WC) areas include short trees, such as oaks and manzanita.

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 park on their way to other habitats.

Key	
Abundance (A)	A—Abundant C—Common U—Uncommon
Habitat (H)	R—Riparian D—Desert G—Grassland WC—Woodlands/Chaparral
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
QUAIL				
	scaled quail	U	D,G	Y
	Gambel's quail	C	R,D,G,WC	Y
VULTURE				
	turkey vulture	C	R,D,G,WC	S
HAWKS				
	northern harrier	U	D,G,WC	W
	Cooper's hawk	U	R,D,G,WC	Y
	Swainson's hawk	U	D,G	S
	zone-tailed hawk	U	R,D,G,WC	S
	red-tailed hawk	C	R,D,G,WC	Y
PIGEONS AND DOVES				
	white-winged dove	C	R,D,G,WC	S
	mourning dove	C	R,D,G,WC	Y
	common ground-dove	U	R,D,G	S
CUCKOOS AND ROADRUNNERS				
	greater roadrunner	U	R,D,G,WC	Y
OWLS				
	western screech-owl	U	R,D,G,WC	Y
GOATSUCKERS				
	common poorwill	C	D,G,WC	S
SWIFTS				
	white-throated swift	U	R,D,G,WC	Y
HUMMINGBIRDS				
	black-chinned hummingbird	C	R,D,G,WC	S
	Anna's hummingbird	U	R,D,G,WC	Y
	broad-tailed hummingbird	C	R,D,G,WC	M
	broad-billed hummingbird	U	R,D	S
WOODPECKERS				
	acorn woodpecker	U	R,G,WC	Y
	ladder-backed woodpecker	U	R,D,G,WC	Y
FALCONS				
	American kestrel	U	R,D,G,WC	Y
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS				
	western wood-pewee	U	R,G,WC	M
	gray flycatcher	U	R,D,G,WC	M

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	Pacific-slope flycatcher	U	R,WC	M
	Say's phoebe	U	D,G	Y
	ash-throated flycatcher	C	R,D,G,WC	S
	Cassin's kingbird	C	R,D,G,WC	S
	western kingbird	C	R,D,G,WC	S
VIREOS				
	Bell's vireo	U	R,D,G	S
	gray vireo	U	R,G,WC	S
	warbling vireo	U	R,G,WC	M
CORVIDS				
	western scrub-jay	U	D,G,WC	Y
	Chihuahuan raven	U	R,D,G,WC	Y
	common raven	C	R,D,G,WC	Y
SWALLOWS				
	violet-green swallow	U	R,D,G,WC	M
	barn swallow	U	R,D,G,WC	M
TITMICE				
	bridled titmouse	U	R,G,WC	Y
VERDINS AND BUSHTITS				
	verdin	U	R,D,G	Y
	bushtit	U	R,G,WC	Y
WRENS				
	rock wren	U	D,G,WC	Y
	canyon wren	U	DWC	Y
	house wren	U	R,G,WC	W
	Bewick's wren	C	R,D,G,WC	Y
	cactus wren	C	D,G	Y
KINGLETS AND GNATCATCHERS				
	blue-gray gnatcatcher	U	D,G,WC	S
	ruby-crowned kinglet	C	R,D,G,WC	M
THRUSHES				
	hermit thrush	U	R,G,WC	W
MIMIDS AND THRASHERS				
	northern mockingbird	C	R,D,G,WC	Y
	curve-billed thrasher	C	D,G	Y
	crissal thrasher	U	R,D	Y

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SILKY FLYCATCHERS				
	phainopepla	U	R,D,G,WC	Y
WARBLERS				
	orange-crowned warbler	U	R,D,G,WC	M
	Lucy's warbler	C	R,D,G,WC	S
	Nashville warbler	U	R,D,G,WC	M
	yellow-rumped warbler	A	R,G	W
	Audubon's warbler	C	R,G,WC	M
	black-throated gray warbler	U	R,D,G,WC	M
	Townsend's warbler	U	R,G,WC	M
	Wilson's warbler	U	R,D,G,WC	M
EMBERIZINES				
	green-tailed towhee	U	R,D,G,WC	W
	spotted towhee	U	R,G,WC	W
	rufous-crowned sparrow	U	D,G,WC	Y
	canyon towhee	C	R,D,G,WC	Y
	chipping sparrow	C	R,D,G,WC	W
	Brewer's sparrow	A	R,D,G,WC	W
	black-throated sparrow	U	D,G	Y
	lark bunting	U	D,G	W
	white-crowned sparrow	A	R,D,G,WC	W
	dark-eyed junco	C	R,G,WC	W

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TANAGERS				
	summer tanager	U	R	S
	western tanager	C	R,D,G,WC	M
CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND BUNTINGS				
	northern cardinal	U	R,D,G	Y
	black-headed grosbeak	C	R,D,G,WC	M
	blue grosbeak	C	R,D,G	S
ICTERIDS				
	bronzed cowbird	U	R,D,G,WC	S
	brown-headed cowbird	U	R,D,G,WC	S
	Scott's oriole	C	D,G,WC	S
FINCHES				
	house finch	C	R,D,G,WC	Y
	lesser goldfinch	C	R,D,G,WC	Y

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Bird Checklist



The information in this list is based on bird observations, inventories, and surveys at Fort Bowie National Historic Site. 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.