

This list of 115 birds most likely to be observed at Montezuma Castle NM is based upon previous documentation of abundance (A). Birds are classified as common or uncommon, common (C) being likely to be seen on a daily basis (in season) and uncommon (U) being slightly more rare. Breeding birds are also noted (\*).

Habitats (H) are separated into three categories. Riparian (R) birds can be found in or along water bodies that include riparian vegetation, such as cottonwoods and willows. Birds found in Desert Scrub (S) habitats include vegetation native to a drier setting, such as mesquite, creosote, cholla, and other shrubby desert plants. Wetlands (W) habitat is classified as saturated land, such as river floodplains or marshes.

The welcoming waters of Montezuma Castle NM make it a vital site for many migrating birds. Birds that do not migrate are considered permanent (P) 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 at various times as they briefly pass through the monument on their trek to other habitats.

Key	
<b>Abundance (A)</b>	C—Common U—Uncommon
<b>Habitat (H)</b>	R—Riparian S—Desert Scrub W—Wetlands
<b>Season (S)</b>	S—Summer P—Permanent M—Migratory W—Winter
<b>*Breeding</b>	

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From top left: cactus wren, black-chinned hummingbird, vermilion flycatcher, ruby-crowned kinglet, northern flicker.

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√	Bird	A	H	S
<b>BITTERNS, HERONS AND EGRETS</b>				
	Great blue heron*	U	RW	P
<b>CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS AND BUNTINGS</b>				
	Northern cardinal*	C	RS	P
	Black-headed grosbeak	U	R	M
	Blue grosbeak*	U	RS	S
	Lazuli bunting*	U	RS	S
<b>CARDUELINE FINCHES</b>				
	House finch*	C	RS	P
	Pine siskin	U	R	W
	Lesser goldfinch*	C	RS	P
<b>CHICKADEES AND TITMICE</b>				
	Bridled titmouse*	U	R	P
<b>CORVIDS</b>				
	Common raven*	C	RS	P
<b>CUCKOOS AND ROADRUNNERS</b>				
	Yellow-billed cuckoo*	U	R	S
	Greater roadrunner*	U	S	P
<b>DUCKS AND GEESE</b>				
	Common merganser*	U	RW	P
	Mallard*	U	RW	P
	Wood duck*	U	RW	P
<b>EMBERIZINES</b>				
	Canyon towhee*	C	S	P
	Abert's towhee*	C	R	P
	Green-tailed towhee	U	RS	W
	Lark sparrow*	U	RS	P
	Rufous-crowned sparrow*	C	S	P
	Black-throated sparrow*	U	S	P
	Dark-eyed junco	U	RS	W
	Chipping sparrow*	C	RS	P
	Brewer's sparrow	C	RS	W
	Black-chinned sparrow*	U	S	P
	White-crowned sparrow	C	RS	W
	Lincoln's sparrow	U	R	W
	Song sparrow	U	R	P
	Spotted towhee	U	R	W

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<b>HUMMINGBIRDS</b>				
	Black-chinned hummingbird*	C	RS	S
	Anna's hummingbird*	U	RS	P
	Broad-tailed hummingbird	U	RS	M
<b>ICTERIDS</b>				
	Red-winged blackbird	U	R	M
	Hooded oriole*	C	RS	S
	Scott's oriole*	U	RS	S
	Brewer's blackbird	U	RW	P
	Great-tailed grackle	C	RS	P
	Brown-headed cowbird*	C	RS	P
	Bronzed cowbird*	U	RS	S
	Bullock's oriole*	C	RS	S
<b>KINGLETS AND GNATCATCHERS</b>				
	Blue-gray gnatcatcher*	U	RS	S
	Black-tailed gnatcatcher*	U	S	P
	Ruby-crowned kinglet	C	RS	W
<b>MIMIDS AND THRASHERS</b>				
	Northern mockingbird*	C	RS	P
	Curve-billed thrasher*	U	S	P
	Crissal thrasher*	U	RS	P
<b>NIGHTHAWKS AND NIGHTJARS</b>				
	Common nighthawk*	U	S	S
	Lesser nighthawk*	U	S	S
	Common poorwill*	U	S	S
<b>NUTHATCHES AND CREEPERS</b>				
	White-breasted nuthatch*	U	R	P
<b>OWLS</b>				
	Great horned owl*	U	RS	P
	Western screech-owl*	U	RS	P
<b>PIGEONS AND DOVES</b>				
	White-winged dove*	C	RS	S
	Mourning dove*	C	RS	P
<b>RAPTORS</b>				
	Cooper's hawk*	U	RS	P
	Red-tailed hawk*	C	RS	P
	Zone-tailed hawk*	U	R	S

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	Common black-hawk*	U	R	S
	American kestrel*	U	RS	P
<b>VIREOS</b>				
	Hutton's vireo	U	R	M
	Bell's vireo*	U	R	S
	Warbling vireo	U	R	M
	Plumbeous vireo	U	RS	M
<b>VULTURES AND STORKS</b>				
	Turkey vulture*	C	RS	S
<b>WARBLERS</b>				
	Orange-crowned warbler	U	RS	M
	Nashville warbler	U	RS	M
	Virginia's warbler	U	RS	M
	Lucy's warbler*	C	RS	S
	Yellow warbler*	C	R	S
	Yellow-rumped warbler	C	R	W
	Black-throated gray warbler	U	R	M
	Townsend's warbler	U	RS	M
	MacGillivray's warbler	U	RS	M
	Yellow-breasted chat*	U	R	S
	Wilson's warbler	U	RS	M
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>				
	Northern flicker*	C	RS	W
	Gila woodpecker*	C	RS	P
	Red-naped sapsucker	U	R	W
	Ladder-backed woodpecker*	C	RS	P
<b>WRENS</b>				
	House wren	U	R	W
	Bewick's wren*	C	RS	P
	Cactus wren*	U	S	P
	Canyon wren*	U	S	P
	Rock wren*	U	S	P
<b>SANDPIPERS AND SHOREBIRDS</b>				
	Spotted sandpiper*	U	RW	P
<b>SHRIKES</b>				
	Loggerhead shrike*	U	S	P

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<b>SILKY FLYCATCHERS</b>				
	Phainopepla*	C	RS	P
<b>STARLINGS</b>				
	European starling*	U	RS	P
<b>SWALLOWS</b>				
	Violet-green swallow	U	RW	M
	Tree swallow	U	RW	M
	Bank swallow	U	RW	M
	Northern rough-winged swallow*	C	RS	S
	Barn swallow	U	RSW	M
	Cliff swallow*	C	RS	S
<b>SWIFTS</b>				
	White-throated swift*	U	RS	P
<b>TANAGERS</b>				
	Western tanager	U	RS	M
	Summer tanager*	C	R	S
<b>THRUSHES</b>				
	American robin	U	RS	M
	Hermit thrush	U	R	W
<b>TURKEYS AND QUAIL</b>				
	Gambel's quail*	C	S	P
<b>TYRANT FLYCATCHERS</b>				
	Western kingbird*	C	R	S
	Cassin's kingbird*	C	R	S
	Brown-crested flycatcher*	C	RS	S
	Ash-throated flycatcher*	C	RS	S
	Black phoebe*	U	RW	P
	Say's phoebe*	U	R	P
	Dusky flycatcher	U	RS	M
	Gray flycatcher	U	RS	M
	Pacific-slope flycatcher	U	R	M
	Western wood-pewee*	U	R	S
	Vermilion flycatcher*	U	R	S
	Hammond's flycatcher	U	RS	M
<b>VERDINS AND BUSHTITS</b>				
	Verdin*	C	RS	P
	Bushtit*	C	R	P

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