

This list of the approximately 140 most common birds of Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument is based on previous documentation of abundance (A) and separated into four categories. Abundant (A) birds are likely to be seen daily and in large numbers. Common (C) birds may be seen daily as a solitary bird or in smaller groups. Uncommon (U) birds may be seen intermittently or at certain times of the year, and rare (R) birds are seen as migrants, flyovers, or in limited areas.

Habitats (H) are separated into four categories. Riparian (R) birds can be found in vegetation associated with rivers, such as honey mesquite. Desert (D) habitats include shrubs, such as creosote, while wetlands (We) consist of mixed rushes and cattails. Woodland/Chaparral (WC) habitats are also common on the monument. They may include trees, such as oaks and junipers.

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 may 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.

| Key | |
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| Abundance (A) | A—Abundant C—Common U—Uncommon R—Rare |
| Habitat (H) | R—Riparian D—Desert We—Wetland WC—Woodlands/Chaparral |
| Season (S) | Y—Year-round S—Summer W—Winter M—Migratory |
| *Species likely to be seen only at Quitobaquito | |

| √ | Common name | A | H | S |
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| DUCKS AND GEESE | | | | |
| | mallard* | R | We | Y |
| | green-winged teal* | R | We | W |
| | ring-necked duck* | R | We | W |
| | ruddy duck* | R | We | W |
| QUAIL | | | | |
| | Gambel's quail | A | Ri,D,WC | Y |
| GREBES | | | | |
| | pied-billed grebe* | R | We | M |
| BITTERNS, HERONS AND EGRETS | | | | |
| | great blue heron* | R | Ri,D,We | M |
| VULTURES | | | | |
| | black vulture | R | D | S |
| | turkey vulture | C | Ri,D,WC | S |
| RAPTORS | | | | |
| | northern harrier | R | D | M |
| | sharp-shinned hawk | U | Ri,D,WC | M |
| | Cooper's hawk | U | Ri,D,WC | Y |
| | Harris's hawk | U | Ri,D | Y |
| | Swainson's hawk | U | D | M |
| | zone-tailed hawk | R | Ri,D,WC | M |
| | red-tailed hawk | C | Ri,D,WC | Y |
| | golden eagle | R | D,WC | Y |
| RAILS AND COOTS | | | | |
| | American coot* | R | We | M |
| PLOVERS | | | | |
| | killdeer | R | Ri,D,We | Y |
| PIGEONS AND DOVES | | | | |
| | rock pigeon | R | D | Y |
| | Eurasian collared-dove | R | Ri,D,WC | Y |
| | Inca dove | R | Ri,D | Y |
| | common ground-dove | U | Ri,D | S |
| | white-winged dove | A | Ri,D,WC | S |
| | mourning dove | A | Ri,D,WC | Y |
| ROADRUNNERS | | | | |
| | greater roadrunner | C | D,WC | Y |
| OWLS | | | | |
| | barn owl | R | Ri,D | Y |
| | western screech-owl | U | Ri,D,WC | Y |
| | great horned owl | U | Ri,D,WC | Y |

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| | ferruginous pygmy-owl | R | Ri,D | Y |
| | elf owl | C | Ri,D,WC | S |
| | burrowing owl | R | Ri,D | S |
| NIGHTHAWKS AND NIGHTJARS | | | | |
| | lesser nighthawk | C | Ri,D | S |
| | common poorwill | C | D,WC | S |
| SWIFTS | | | | |
| | Vaux's swift | R | Ri,D,We | M |
| | white-throated swift | U | Ri,D,WC,We | Y |
| HUMMINGBIRDS | | | | |
| | black-chinned hummingbird | C | Ri,D,WC | S |
| | Anna's hummingbird | U | Ri,D,WC | Y |
| | Costa's hummingbird | C | Ri,D | Y |
| | rufous hummingbird | U | Ri,D,WC | M |
| WOODPECKERS | | | | |
| | Gila woodpecker | A | Ri,D | Y |
| | red-naped sapsucker | R | WC | W |
| | ladder-backed woodpecker | C | Ri,D,WC | Y |
| | northern flicker | U | Ri,D,WC | W |
| | gilded flicker | C | Ri,D | Y |
| FALCONS | | | | |
| | crested caracara | R | Ri,D | Y |
| | American kestrel | U | Ri,D,WC | Y |
| | peregrine falcon | R | D,WC | S |
| | prairie falcon | R | D,WC | Y |
| TYRANT FLYCATCHERS | | | | |
| | olive-sided flycatcher | R | Ri,D,WC | M |
| | western wood-pewee | U | Ri,D,WC | M |
| | Hammond's flycatcher | R | Ri,D,WC | M |
| | gray flycatcher | U | Ri,D,WC | M |
| | Pacific-slope flycatcher | U | Ri,D,WC | M |
| | black phoebe | R | Ri,We | Y |
| | Say's phoebe | U | Ri,D | Y |
| | vermillion flycatcher | U | Ri,D,We | Y |
| | ash-throated flycatcher | A | Ri,D,WC | S |
| | brown-crested flycatcher | C | Ri,D,WC | S |
| | western kingbird | U | Ri,D,WC | S |

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| SHRIKES | | | | |
| | loggerhead shrike | U | Ri,D | Y |
| VIREOS | | | | |
| | Bell's vireo | U | Ri,D | S |
| | gray vireo | R | Ri,D,WC | M |
| | warbling vireo | U | Ri,D,WC | M |
| CORVIDS | | | | |
| | common raven | C | Ri,D,WC | Y |
| LARKS | | | | |
| | horned lark | R | D,We | W |
| SWALLOWS | | | | |
| | purple martin | U | Ri,D,We | S |
| | tree swallow | R | Ri,D,We | M |
| | violet-green swallow | U | Ri,D,WC,We | M |
| | northern rough-winged swallow | U | Ri,D | M |
| | bank swallow | R | Ri,D | M |
| | cliff swallow | U | Ri,D | M |
| | barn swallow | U | Ri,D | M |
| VERDINS AND BUSHTITS | | | | |
| | verdin | C | Ri,D | Y |
| WRENS | | | | |
| | rock wren | U | D,WC | Y |
| | canyon wren | U | D,WC | Y |
| | house wren | R | Ri,D,WC | M |
| | cactus wren | C | D | Y |
| KINGLETS AND GNATCATCHERS | | | | |
| | blue-gray gnatcatcher | R | Ri,D,WC | Y |
| | black-tailed gnatcatcher | C | D | Y |
| | ruby-crowned kinglet | C | Ri,D,WC | W |
| THRUSHES | | | | |
| | hermit thrush | U | Ri,D,WC | W |
| | American robin | R | Ri,D,WC | M |
| MIMIDS AND THRASHERS | | | | |
| | curve-billed thrasher | C | Ri,D | Y |
| | Bendire's thrasher | R | D | Y |
| | Le Conte's thrasher | R | D | Y |
| | crissal thrasher | U | Ri,D | Y |
| | sage thrasher | R | D | W |
| | northern mockingbird | C | Ri,D,WC | Y |

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| STARLINGS | | | | |
| | European starling | R | Ri,D | Y |
| PIPITS | | | | |
| | American pipit | R | We | M |
| SILKY FLYCATCHERS | | | | |
| | phainopepla | C | Ri,D,WC | Y |
| WARBLERS | | | | |
| | orange-crowned warbler | U | Ri,D,WC | M |
| | Lucy's warbler | C | Ri,D | S |
| | Nashville warbler | U | Ri,D,WC | M |
| | Macgillivray's warbler | R | Ri,D,We | M |
| | common yellowthroat* | R | Ri,D,We | M |
| | yellow warbler | R | Ri,D | M |
| | yellow-rumped warbler | C | Ri,D | W |
| | black-throated gray warbler | U | Ri,D,WC | M |
| | Townsend's warbler | R | Ri,D,WC | M |
| | hermit warbler | R | Ri,D,WC | M |
| | Wilson's warbler | U | Ri,D,WC | M |
| EMBERIZINES | | | | |
| | green-tailed towhee | U | Ri,D,WC | W |
| | spotted towhee | R | Ri,D,WC | W |
| | rufous-crowned sparrow | U | D,WC | Y |
| | canyon towhee | C | D,WC | Y |
| | chipping sparrow | R | Ri,D,WC | W |
| | sagebrush sparrow | U | D | W |
| | Brewer's sparrow | A | Ri,D | W |
| | black-chinned sparrow | R | D,WC | Y |
| | vesper sparrow | R | Ri,D | W |
| | lark sparrow | U | Ri,D | W |
| | black-throated sparrow | C | D | Y |
| | lark bunting | U | D | W |
| | Savannah sparrow | R | D | M |
| | Lincoln's sparrow | U | Ri,D,We | W |
| | white-crowned sparrow | A | Ri,D,WC | W |
| | dark-eyed junco | R | Ri,D,WC | W |

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| CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS AND BUNTINGS | | | | |
| | western tanager | C | Ri,D,WC | M |
| | northern cardinal | C | Ri,D | Y |
| | pyrrhuloxia | C | Ri,D | Y |
| | black-headed grosbeak | C | Ri,D,WC | M |
| | blue grosbeak | R | Ri,D | S |
| | lazuli bunting | R | Ri,D,WC,We | M |
| | varied bunting | U | Ri,D | S |
| ICTERIDS | | | | |
| | red-winged blackbird | R | Ri,D,We | W |
| | western meadowlark | U | D | W |
| | yellow-headed blackbird | R | Ri,D,We | W |
| | Brewer's blackbird | R | Ri,D,We | W |
| | great-tailed grackle | U | Ri,D | Y |
| | bronzed cowbird | C | Ri,D | S |
| | brown-headed cowbird | C | Ri,D,WC | S |
| | hooded oriole | U | Ri,D | M |
| | Bullock's oriole | U | Ri,D | M |
| | Scott's oriole | C | Ri,D,WC | S |
| CARDUELINE FINCHES | | | | |
| | house finch | C | Ri,D,WC | Y |
| | pine siskin | R | Ri,D,WC | W |
| | lesser goldfinch | C | Ri,D,WC,We | Y |
| | Lawrence's goldfinch | R | Ri,D,We | W |
| OLD WORLD SPARROWS | | | | |
| | house sparrow | R | D | Y |

Notes

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The information in this list is based on bird observations, inventories, and surveys at Organ Pipe Cactus 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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