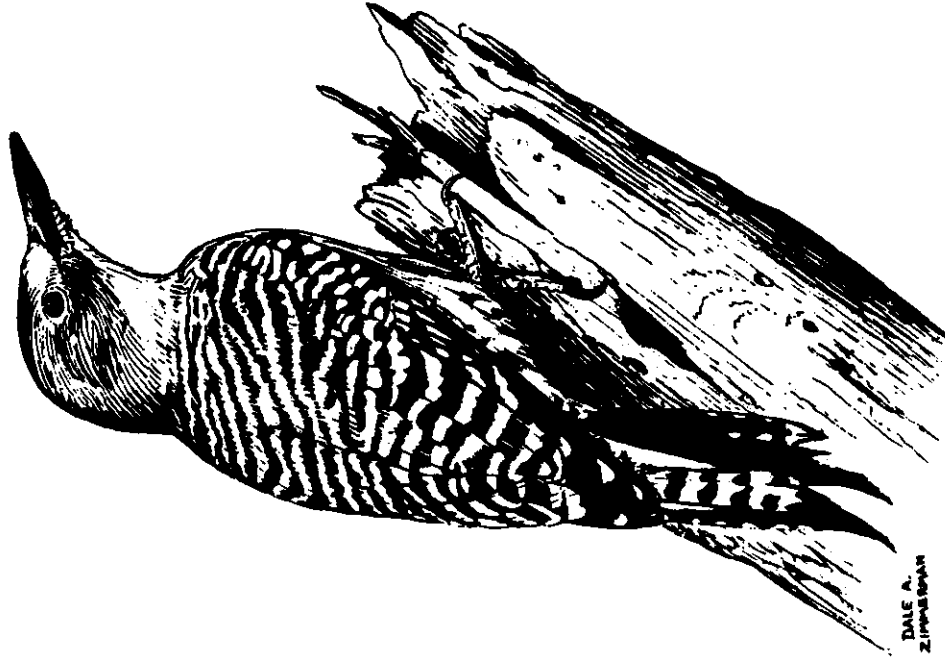


Birds of the Gila National Forest: A Checklist



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Using the Checklist

The first column after the species name is an indication of the bird's abundance. Bear in mind, however, that many species are locally distributed and do not range throughout the Gila National Forest which embraces a highly diverse range of elevations and habitats (see below). Thus, the expressions of abundance are to be viewed as *general* indications, and of course only for the habitat(s) favored by the species in question. Abundance also varies seasonally, and often from year-to-year as well. Additionally, actual abundance is often distinct from *detectability*. Some species may be common but secretive and only rarely seen. Others may be numerically sparse, yet highly vocal or otherwise conspicuous. The following designations relate to abundance, not necessarily to frequency of detection. An asterisk (*) following a species name indicates breeding on the Gila National Forest.

A – Abundant **C – Common**
F – Fairly Common **U – Uncommon**
R – Rare

The second column reflects seasonal status, showing the time of year when the species normally appears in the checklist area:

P – Permanent Resident (present year-round)
S – Summer Resident (present from spring until fall migration) or
W – Winter Visitor (not known to breed on the Gila)
T – Transient (typically from October through March)
V – Visitant (present as a migrant in spring and/or fall)
V – Visitant (present at various seasons, often irregularly)

The remaining columns indicate the usual habitat(s) of each species. On the forest, vegetation types range from spruce/fir forest high in the Mogollon Mountains to the desert scrub and remnant grassland in the lower Burro Mountains. Small expanses of grassland are scattered in the higher ranges. Generally, ponderosa pine is the dominant species at elevations between 6,000 and 7,000 feet. Somewhat higher, and in many canyons, is a mixed conifer forest typically dominated by Douglas fir, often with Gambel's oak. Woodlands of piñon pine, juniper and oak, in varying combinations, are present on drier sites throughout the forest. Riparian areas support rich deciduous or coniferous woodland and, locally small areas of marsh or other open habitats. This great ecological diversity provides for a remarkably varied bird fauna. This checklist includes 166 species known to breed on the Gila, 114 others that are more or less regular non-breeders, and 57 species considered to be casual (recorded 3-5 times) or accidental (recorded but once or twice).

	Abundance	Residence	Desert	Oak Woodland	Oak-Juniper	Pinyon-Juniper	Spruce-Fir	Mt. Grassland	Marsh/Open	Decid. Riparian	Conf. Riparian
Loons											
__ Common Loon	R	T							■		
Grebes											
__ Eared Grebe	F	S							■		
__ Western Grebe	C	T							■		
__ Clark's Grebe	F	T							■		
__ Pied-billed Grebe*	U	T							■		
__ Grebe	C	W							■		
__ Grebe	C	P							■		
Cormorants											
__ Double-crested Cormorant	U	T							■		
__ Neotropic Cormorant	R	T							■		
Hérons and Ibises											
__ American Bittern	R	T							■		
__ Least Bittern	R	T							■		
__ Great Blue Heron*	F	P							■		
__ Great Egret	R	T							■		
__ Snowy Egret	U	T							■		
__ Green Heron	R	S							■		
__ Black-crowned Night Heron	U	S							■		
__ White-faced Ibis	U	T							■		
Vultures											
__ Turkey Vulture	C	S	■	■	■	■		■			
Swans, Geese, and Ducks											
__ Snow Goose	U	T						■			
__ Ross's Goose	R	T						■			
__ Canada Goose	F	W						■			
__ Tundra Swan	R	T						■			
__ Wood Duck	R	W							■		
__ Gadwall	F	W							■		
__ American Wigeon	F	T							■		
__ Mallard*	C	P							■		
__ Blue-winged Teal*	R	S							■		
__ Teal	U	T							■		

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__ Cinnamon Teal*	F	S							■		
__ Northern Shoveler	F	T							■		
__ Northern Pintail	F	T							■		
__ Green-winged Teal*	U	S							■		
__ Canvasback	C	T							■		
__ Redhead	U	T							■		
__ Redhead	U	S							■		
__ Ring-necked Duck	U	T							■		
__ Ring-necked Duck	U	S							■		
__ Greater Scaup	F	T							■		
__ Lesser Scaup	R	T							■		
__ Bufflehead	C	W							■		
__ Common Goldeneye	F	T							■		
__ Hooded Merganser	U	T							■		
__ Common Merganser*	R	T							■		
__ Red-breasted Merganser	F	P							■		
__ Ruddy Duck*	R	T							■		
__ Ruddy Duck*	U	S							■		
Hawks, Eagles, and Falcons											
__ Osprey*	R	S							■		
__ Osprey*	U	T							■		
__ Bald Eagle	R	S		■	■	■					
__ Bald Eagle	U	W		■	■	■					
__ Northern Harrier	R	S									
__ Northern Harrier	U	W	■	■	■	■		■			
__ Sharp-shinned Hawk*	U	P		■	■	■	■				
__ Cooper's Hawk*	F	P	■	■	■	■					
__ Northern Goshawk*	R	P		■	■	■					
__ Common Black Hawk*	F	S									
__ Swainson's Hawk*	F	S	■	■	■	■					
__ Zone-tailed Hawk*	U	S		■	■	■					
__ Zone-tailed Hawk*	U	T		■	■	■					
__ Red-tailed Hawk*	C	P	■	■	■	■					

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___ Ferruginous Hawk	U	T	■		■				■		
___ Rough-legged Hawk	U	W	■		■				■		
___ Golden Eagle*	R	W							■		
___ American Kestrel*	U	P	■	■	■				■		
___ American Kestrel*	F	S	■	■	■					■	
___ Merlin	C	T	■	■	■	*				■	
___ Prairie Falcon*	F	W	■	■	■				■		
___ Peregrine Falcon*	U	T	■						■		
___ Prairie Falcon*	U	W	■								
___ Peregrine Falcon*	U	P	■	■	■						
___ Peregrine Falcon*	R	S	■	■	■					■	
___ Peregrine Falcon*	R	T	■	■	■					■	
Grouse and Relatives											
___ Ring-necked Pheasant*	U	P								■	
___ Blue Grouse*	U	P				■					
___ Wild Turkey*	F	P			■					■	
Quail											
___ Montezuma Quail*	U	P									
___ Scaled Quail*	U	P	■								
___ Gambel's Quail*	C	P		■	■						■
Rails, Coots and Cranes											
___ Virginia Rail*	U	S							■		
___ Sora*	U	S							■		
___ Common Moorhen	R	T							■		
___ American Coot*	C	P							■		
___ Sandhill Crane	U	W							■		
Plovers											
___ Black-bellied Plover	R	T							■		
___ Semipalmated Plover	R	T							■		
___ Killdeer*	F	P							■		
Avocets and Stilts											
___ Black-necked Stilt	R	T							■		
___ American Avocet	R	T							■		
Snipes and Sandpipers											
___ Greater Yellowlegs	U	T							■		
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	U	T							■		

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Snipes and Sandpipers (cont.)											
___ Solitary Sandpiper	R	T							■		
___ Willet	R	T							■		
___ Spotted Sandpiper*	F	T							■		
___ Spotted Sandpiper*	R	S							■		
___ Long-billed Curlew	R	W							■		
___ Marbled Godwit	R	T							■		
___ Western Sandpiper	F	T							■		
___ Least Sandpiper	F	T							■		
___ Baird's Sandpiper	U	T							■		
___ Pectoral Sandpiper	R	T							■		
___ Long-billed Dowitcher	U	T							■		
___ Common Snipe	F	T							■		
___ Wilson's Phalarope	U	T							■		
___ Red-necked Sandpiper	R	T							■		
Gulls and Terns											
___ Franklin's Gull	R	T							■		
___ Bonaparte's Gull	R	T							■		
___ Ring-billed Gull	U	T							■		
___ California Gull	R	T							■		
___ Forster's Tern	U	T							■		
___ Black Tern	R	T							■		
Pigeons and Doves											
___ Rock Dove*	U	P							■		
___ Band-tailed Pigeon*	F	S		■	■	■			■		■
___ White-winged Dove*	U	S		■	■	■			■		■
___ Mourning Dove*	C	P		■	■	■			■		■
___ Inca Dove	R	V							■		
___ Common Ground Dove	W	R							■		
Cuckoos and Roadrunners											
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	U	S								■	
___ Greater Roadrunner*	U	P		■	■	■			■		■

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Owls											
__ Barn Owl*	U	P	■	■	■	■				■	
__ Flamulated Owl*	F	S				■					
__ Western Screech Owl*	U	P		■	■					■	
__ Great Horned Owl*	F	P	■	■	■	■				■	
__ Northern Pygmy Owl*	U	P		■	■						
__ Elf Owl*	R	S		■	■					■	
__ Burrowing Owl*	R	S	■				■				
__ Spotted Owl*	U	P				■					■
__ Long-eared Owl*	R	S	■	■	■					■	■
__ Short-eared owl	U	W	■		■						■
__ Northern Saw-whet Owl	R	W				■					
Nightjars											
__ Lesser Nighthawk	U	S	■							■	
__ Common Nighthawk*	F	S	■	■	■	■	■	■		■	■
	C	T	■	■	■	■	■	■			
__ Common Poor-will*	F	S	■	■	■	■	■	■		■	■
__ Whip-poor-will*	F	S			■	■					
Swifts											
__ Black Swift	R	T		■	■	■	■			■	
	R	S		■	■	■	■				
__ White-throated Swift*	F	S		■	■	■				■	
Hummingbirds											
__ Blue-throated Hummingbird	R	S								■	
__ Magnificent Hummingbird*	R	S		■	■					■	
__ Black-chinned Hummingbird*	C	S	■	■	■	■				■	
__ Anna's Hummingbird	R	T		■	■					■	
__ Calliope Hummingbird	U	T		■	■						
__ Broad-tailed Hummingbird*	C	S		■	■	■				■	
__ Rufous Hummingbird	C	T		■	■					■	
Kingfishers											
__ Belted Kingfisher*	U	T								■	■
	U	W								■	■
	R	S								■	■

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Woodpeckers											
__ Lewis's Woodpecker*	U	S								■	
__ Acorn Woodpecker*	C	P		■	■					■	
__ Gila Woodpecker*	R	S		■	■					■	
__ Red-naped Sapsucker*	F	S		■	■	■				■	
	C	T		■	■					■	
__ Williamson's Sapsucker*	U	S				■					
	R	W				■					
__ Ladder-backed Woodpecker*	U	P	■	■	■					■	
__ Downy Woodpecker*	U	P								■	
__ Hairy Woodpecker*	C	P		■	■	■				■	■
__ Three-toed Woodpecker*	R	P				■					
__ Northern Flicker*	C	P		■	■	■				■	■
Tyrant Flycatchers											
__ Olive-sided Flycatcher*	F	S				■				■	
__ Greater Pewee*	R	S									
__ Western Wood Pewee*	C	S				■				■	■
__ Willow Flycatcher*	R	S								■	■
__ Hammond's Flycatcher	F	T			■						■
__ Dusky Flycatcher	F	T			■	■				■	
__ Gray Flycatcher*	F	S		■	■					■	
__ Cordilleran Flycatcher*	C	S				■				■	■
__ Black Phoebe*	C	P								■	■
__ Say's Phoebe*	C	P		■	■				■		
__ Vermilion Flycatcher*	F	S								■	
__ Ash-throated Flycatcher*	C	S	■	■	■					■	■
__ Brown-crested Flycatcher*	R	S								■	■
__ Cassin's Kingbird*	C	S	■	■	■					■	■
__ Western Kingbird*	C	S	■	■	■					■	■
Shrikes											
__ Loggerhead Shrike	R	S	■	■	■					■	
	U	T	■	■	■					■	
	U	W	■	■	■					■	■

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Vireos											
__ Bell's Vireo*	R	S								■	
__ Gray Vireo	R	S		■	■	■					
__ Cassin's Vireo	W	R		■	■	■				■	
__ Plumbeous Vireo*	C	S		■	■	■	■			■	
__ Hutton's Vireo*	U	S		■	■	■	■			■	
__ Warbling Vireo*	R	W		■	■	■					
__ Cactus Wren*	C	S				■				■	
__ Rock Wren*	C	T				■				■	
Corvids											
__ Steller's Jay*	C	P				■					
__ Western Scrub Jay*	C	P		■	■	■					
__ Mexican Jay*	C	P		■	■					■	
__ Pinyon Jay*	C	P		■		■					
__ Clark's Nutcracker*	R	S				■					
__ American Crow*	R	W			■						
__ Chihuahuan Raven	F	P								■	
__ Common Raven*	U	W	■					■			
__ Common Raven*	C	P		■	■	■		■		■	
Larks											
__ Horned Lark*	C	P	■					■			
Swallows and Martins											
__ Purple Martin*	F	S								■	
__ Tree Swallow*	U	T				■				■	
__ Violet-green Swallow*	C	S		■	■	■				■	
__ No. Rough-winged Swallow*	C	T			■	■				■	
__ No. Rough-winged Swallow*	F	S						■			
__ Bank Swallow*	R	T						■		■	
__ Barn Swallow*	F	T		■	■	■		■		■	
__ Barn Swallow*	U	S		■	■	■		■		■	
__ Cliff Swallow*	F	S		■	■	■		■		■	
Tits and Relatives											
__ Mountain Chickadee*	C	P				■				■	
__ Bridled Titmouse*	F	P		■						■	
__ Juniper Titmouse*	F	P				■				■	
__ Verdin	U	S								■	

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Tits and Relatives (cont.)											
__ Bushy-tit*	C	P		■	■	■				■	
Nuthatches and Creepers											
__ Red-breasted Nuthatch*	F	P				■					
__ White-breasted Nuthatch*	C	P			■					■	
__ Pygmy Nuthatch*	C	P			■	■					
__ Brown Creeper*	F	P				■					
Wrens											
__ Cactus Wren*	U	P	■								
__ Rock Wren*	C	P		■	■						
__ Canyon Wren*	C	P		■	■					■	
__ Bewick's Wren*	C	P		■	■					■	
__ House Wren*	C	S				■				■	
__ Winter Wren	R	W								■	
__ Marsh Wren	U	W						■			
Dippers											
__ American Dipper*	F	P								■	
Kinglets and Gnatcatchers											
__ Golden-crowned Kinglet*	F	P			■	■					
__ Ruby-crowned Kinglet*	F	S		■	■	■				■	
__ Ruby-crowned Kinglet*	F	S		■	■	■				■	
__ Ruby-crowned Kinglet*	C	T		■	■	■				■	
__ Ruby-crowned Kinglet*	C	W		■	■	■				■	
__ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	F	S		■	■	■				■	
Thrushes											
__ Eastern Bluebird	R	W		■	■	■				■	
__ Western Bluebird*	C	P		■	■	■			■		
__ Mountain Bluebird*	C	S		■	■	■			■		
__ Townsend's Solitaire*	F	T		■	■	■					
__ Townsend's Solitaire*	F	W		■	■	■				■	
__ Townsend's Solitaire*	U	S		■	■	■				■	
__ Townsend's Solitaire*	F	W									
__ Swainson's Thrush	R	T								■	
__ Hermit Thrush*	F	S								■	
__ American Robin*	C	S		■	■	■				■	
__ American Robin*	C	T		■	■	■				■	
__ American Robin*	F	W		■	■	■				■	

