

Southeast Utah Group

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Arches National Park
Canyonlands National Park
Hovenweep National Monument
Natural Bridges National Monument

Birds

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		Relative Abundance/ Seasonal Status (Breeding)	Park
LOONS - Gaviidae:			
Common Loon	<i>Gavia immer</i>	R/T	ABC
GREBES - Podicipedidae:			
Eared Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	O/T	AB
Western Grebe	<i>Aechmophorus occidentalis</i>	O/T	AB
Pied-billed Grebe	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	R/W	ABC
Horned Grebe	<i>Podiceps auritus</i>	R/W	BC
PELICANS - Pelecanidae:			
American White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>	U/T	BC
Double-crested Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i>	U/S	B
HERONS & EGRETS - Ardeidae:			
Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>	U/P (B)	ABC
Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>	R/T	AC
Little Blue Heron	<i>Egretta caerulea</i>	Acc./	AB
Black-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticora</i>	R/T	ABC
Green-backed Heron	<i>Butorides striatus</i>	R/T	BC
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	R/T	BC
American Bittern	<i>Botaurus lentiginosus</i>	C/S	B
IBISES - Threskiornithidae:			
White-faced Ibis	<i>Plegadis chihi</i>	R/T	AC
SWANS, GEESE, & DUCKS - Anatidae:			
Tundra (Whistling) Swan	<i>Cygnus columbianus</i>	*O/T	AB
Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	U/T	AC
Green-winged Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	U/T	AC
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	U/P (B?)	AC
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	*R/T	AC
Blue-winged Teal	<i>Anas discors</i>	*O/T	AC
Cinnamon Teal	<i>Anas cyanoptera</i>	R/T	AC
Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	U/W	C
Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	*R/T	AC
American Wigeon	<i>Anas americana</i>	O/T	AC
Ring-necked Duck	<i>Aythya collaris</i>	U/W	C
Lesser Scaup	<i>Aythya affinis</i>	R/T	C
Common Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>	R/T	AC
Barrow's Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala islandica</i>	R/T	C
Bufflehead	<i>Bucephala albeola</i>	R/W	C

Common Merganser	<i>Mergus merganser</i>	R/T	AC
NEW WORLD VULTURES - Cathartidae:			
Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	C/S	ABCH
OSPREY, HARRIERS, HAWKS, & EAGLES - Accipitridae:			
Osprey	<i>Pandion hahæetus</i>	R/T	AC
Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	U/W	ABCH
Northern Harrier (Marsh Hawk)	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	C/W	ABCH
Sharp-shinned Hawk	<i>Accipiter striatus</i>	U/T	ABCH
Cooper's Hawk	<i>Accipiter cooperli</i>	U/S (B)	ABCH
Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis.</i>	R/T (B)	ABCH
Swainson's Hawk	<i>Buteo swainsoni</i>	O/T	AC
Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	C/P (B)	ABCH
Ferruginous Hawk	<i>Buteo regalis</i>	O/T	ABCH
Rough-legged Hawk	<i>Buteo lagopus</i>	R/W	AC
Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	U/P (B)	ABCH
FALCONS - Falconidae:			
American Kestrel (Sparrow Hawk)	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	C/S (B)	ABCH
Merlin (Pigeon Hawk)	<i>Falco columbaris</i>	O/T	ABC
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	R/T	ABCH
Prairie Falcon	<i>Falco mexicanus</i>	U/P (B)	ABCH
QUAILS & PHEASANTS - Phasianidae:			
Chukar	<i>Alectoris chukar</i>	U/P (B)	AC
Ring-necked Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	*U/P	AC H
Sage Grouse	<i>Centrocercus urophasianus</i>	R/P	C H
Gambel's Quail	<i>Callipepla gambelii</i>	U/P (B)	ABCH
Wild Turkey	<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	U	A
RAILS, GALLINULES, & COOTS - Rallidae:			
Virginia Rail	<i>Rallus limicola</i>	*O/T	AC
Sora	<i>Porzana carolina</i>	R/S	AC
American Coot	<i>Fulica americana</i>	*U/S	AC
Sandhill Crane	<i>Grus canadensis</i>	R/T	C
PLOVERS - Charadriidae:			
Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	U/S (B?)	ABCH
SANDPIPERS - Scolopacidae:			
Black-necked Stilt	<i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>	R/T	C
American Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra americana</i>	R/T	C
Greater Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>	R/T	C
Solitary Sandpiper	<i>Tringa solitaria</i>	R/T	AC
Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularia</i>	U/S (B)	AC
Long-billed Curlew	<i>Numenius americanus</i>	O/T	A
Willet	<i>Catoptrophorus semipalmatus</i>	U/T	C
Least Sandpiper	<i>Calidris minutilla</i>	O/T	A
Long-billed Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus scolopaceus</i>	*O/T	AC
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	O/T	A

GULLS, TERNS, AND ALCIDS - Laridae:

Franklin's Gull	<i>Larus pipixcan</i>	R/T	C
Ring-billed Gull	<i>Larus delewarensis</i>	R/W	C
California Gull	<i>Larus californicus</i>	R/T	C
Forster's Tern	<i>Sterna forsteri</i>	R/T	C
PIGEONS & DOVES - Columbidae:			
Rock Dove (Domestic Pigeon)	<i>Columba livia</i>	O/T	ABCH
Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>	C/S (B)	ABCH
TYPICAL OWLS - Strigidae:			
Flammulated Owl	<i>Otus flammeolus</i>	Acc./	AC
Western Screech-Owl	<i>Otus kennicottii</i>	R/S (B?)	AC
Great Horned Owl	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>	C/P (B)	ABCH
Northern Pygmy-Owl	<i>Glaucidium gnoma</i>	R/T	C
Burrowing Owl	<i>Athene cunicularia</i>	O/T	AC
Spotted Owl	<i>Strix occidentalis</i>	U/P	C
Long-eared Owl	<i>Asio otus</i>	R/P (B)	AC
Short-eared Owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i>	O/T	A
Northern Saw-whet Owl	<i>Aegolius acadicus</i>	*O/T	AC
NIGHTHAWKS & POORWILLS - Caprimulgidae:			
Lesser Nighthawk	<i>Chordeiles acutipennis</i>	R/T	C
Common Nighthawk	<i>Chordeiles minor</i>	U/S	ABCH
Common Poorwill	<i>Phalaenoptilus nuttallii</i>	U/T	ABCH
SWIFTS - Apodidae:			
White-throated Swift	<i>Aeronautes saxatalis</i>	C/S (B)	ABCH
HUMMINGBIRDS - Trochilidae:			
Black-chinned Hummingbird	<i>Archilochus alexandri</i>	C/S (B)	ABCH
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	<i>Selasphorus platycercus</i>	U/T	ABCH
Rufous Hummingbird	<i>Selasphorus rufus</i>	R/T	ABCH
KINGFISHERS - Aicedinidae:			
Belted Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle alcyon</i>	R/P	AC
WOODPECKERS - Picidae:			
Lewis' Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes lewis</i>	O/T	ABC
Red-naped Sapsucker	<i>Sphyrapicus nuchalis</i>	U/T	A
Williamson's Sapsucker	<i>Sphyrapicus thyroideus</i>	Acc./	AC
Downy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides pubescens</i>	U/T	ABCH
Hairy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides villosus</i>	U/P (B)	ABCH
Northern (Red-shafted) Flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	U/P (B)	ABCH
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS - Tyrannidae:			
Olive-sided Flycatcher	<i>Contopus borealis</i>	R/T	C
Western Wood-pewee	<i>Contopus sordidulus</i>	R/T	ABC
Willow Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax traillii</i>	R/S (B?)	AC
Hammond's Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax hammondi</i>	R/T	AC
Dusky Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax oberholser</i>	O/T (B?)	ABCH
Gray Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax wrightii</i>	R/T (B?)	ABCH
Western Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax difficilis</i>	O/T	AC
Black Phoebe	<i>Sayornis nigricans</i>	R/S	C
Say's Phoebe	<i>Sayornis saya</i>	C/S (B)	ABCH

Ash-throated Flycatcher
Cassin's Kingbird
Western Kingbird
Eastern Kingbird

Myiarchus cinerascens
Tyrannus vociferans
Tyrannus verticalis
Tyrannus tyrannus

C/S (B)	ABCH
R/T (B)	AC
C/S (B)	ABCH
*O/T	A

LARKS - Alaudidae:

Horned Lark	<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>	C/P (B)	ABCH
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SWALLOWS - Hirundinidae:

Tree Swallow	<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>	R/T	ABCH
Violet-green Swallow	<i>Tachycineta thalassina</i>	C/S (B)	ABCH
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>	R/T	AC
Bank Swallow	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	O/T	AC
Cliff Swallow	<i>Hirundo pyrrhonota</i>	U/S (B)	ABCH
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	U/T (B?)	AC

JAYS, MAGPIES, & CROWS - Corvidae:

Grey Jay	<i>Perisoreus canadensis</i>	R/T	ABCH
Steller's Jay	<i>Cyanocitta stelleri</i>	O/	ABCH
Scrub Jay	<i>Aphelocoma coerulescens</i>	C/P (B)	ABCH
Pinyon Jay	<i>Gymnorhinus cyanocephalus</i>	C/P	ABCH
Clark's Nutcracker	<i>Nucifraga columbiana</i>	O/W	ABCH
Black-billed Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	U/P (B)	ABCH
American Crow	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	O/T	ABCH
Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	C/P (B)	ABCH

CHICKADEES & TITMICE - Paridae:

Black-capped Chickadee	<i>Parus atricapillus</i>	C/W (B)	ABCH
Mountain Chickadee	<i>Parus gambeli</i>	U/W	ABCH
Plain Titmouse	<i>Parus inornatus</i>	C/P (B)	ABCH

BUSHTITS - Aegithalidae:

Bushtit	<i>Psaltriparus minimus</i>	C/P (B)	ABCH
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NUTHATCHES - Sittidae:

Red-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta canadensis</i>	R/T	ABCH
White-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>	O/T	ABCH

CREEPERS - Cinclidae:

Brown Creeper	<i>Certhia americana</i>	R/T	ABCH
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WRENS - Troglodytidae:

Rock Wren	<i>Salpinctes obsoletus</i>	C/P (B)	ABCH
Canyon Wren	<i>Catherpes mexicanus</i>	C/P (B)	ABCH
Bewick's Wren	<i>Thryomanes bewickii</i>	C/P (B)	ABCH
House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	U/T	ABCH
Marsh Wren	<i>Cistothorus palustris</i>	R/T	ABCH

DIPPERS - Cinclidae:

American Dipper	<i>Cinclus mexicanus</i>	R/P	ABC
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KINGLETS & GNATCATCHERS - Sylviinae:

Golden-crowned Kinglet	<i>Regulus satrapa</i>	O/T	ABCH
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<i>Regulus calendula</i>	U/T	ABCH
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	<i>Polioptila caerulea</i>	C/S (B)	ABCH
Black-tailed Gnatcatcher	<i>Polioptila melanura</i>	R/S	C

BLUEBIRDS, SOLITAIRES & THRUSHES - Turdinae:

Western Bluebird	<i>Sialia mexicana</i>	O/T (B)	ABCH
Mountain Bluebird	<i>Sialia currucoides</i>	C/P (B)	ABCH
Townsend's Solitaire	<i>Myadestes townsendi</i>	R/T	ABC
Hermit Thrush	<i>Catharus guttatus</i>	R/T	ABC
American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	U/P (B)	ABCH

MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS - Mimidae:

Northern Mockingbird	<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>	U/S (B?)	ABCH
Sage Thrasher	<i>Oreoscoptes montanus</i>	R/T	AC
Brown Thrasher	<i>Toxostoma rufum</i>	O/T	ABCH
Bendire's Thrasher	<i>Toxostoma bendirei</i>	O/T	AC

PIPITS - Motacillidae:

Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>	R/T	A
American Pipit	<i>Anthus rubescens</i>	R/P	C

WAXWINGS - Bombycillidae:

Cedar Waxwing	<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>	O/T	ABC
Phainopepla	<i>Phainopepla nitens</i>	O/T	C

SHRIKES - Laniidae:

Northern Shrike	<i>Lanius excubitor</i>	R/W	ABCH
Loggerhead Shrike	<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>	C/P (B)	ABCH

STARLINGS - Sturnidae:

European Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	U/T	ABCH
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VIREOS - Vireonidae:

Gray Vireo	<i>Vireo vicinior</i>	U/S (B)	ABCH
Solitary Vireo	<i>Vireo solitarius</i>	U/T (B)	ABCH
Warbling Vireo	<i>Vireo gilvus</i>	C/T (B?)	ABCH

WOOD WARBLERS - Parulinae:

Orange-crowned Warbler	<i>Vermivora celata</i>	C/T	AC
Nashville Warbler	<i>Vermivora ruficapilla</i>	R/T	AC
Virginia's Warbler	<i>Vermivora virginiae</i>	C/T	AC
Lucy's Warbler	<i>Vermivora luciae</i>	U/S	ABCH
Yellow Warbler	<i>Dendrocia petechia</i>	C/T	AC
Yellow-rumped Warbler	<i>Dendrocia coronata</i> – 2 races:		
"Myrtle Warbler"		O/T	AC
"Audubon's Warbler"		C/T	AC
Black-throated Gray Warbler	<i>Dendrocia nigrescens</i>	C/T	AC
Townsend's Warbler	<i>Dendrocia townsendi</i>	O/T	AC
American Redstart	<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	O/T	A
MacGillivray's Warbler	<i>Oporonis tolmiei</i>	U/T	ABCH
Northern Waterthrush	<i>Seiurus noveboracensis</i>	R/T	C
Common Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>	U/S (B?)	ABCH
Wilson's Warbler	<i>Wilsonia pusilla</i>	C/T	AC
Yellow-breasted Chat	<i>Icteria virens</i>	C/S (B?)	ABC

TANAGERS - Thraupinae:

Western Tanager	<i>Piranga ludoviciana</i>	C/T	ACH
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GROSBEAKS & BUNTINGS - Cardinalinae:

Rose-breasted Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>	R/T	A
Black-headed Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus melanocephalus</i>	C/T	AC
Blue Grosbeak	<i>Guiraca caerulea</i>	C/S (B)	AC
Lazuli Bunting	<i>Passerina amoena</i>	C/S (B)	AC
Indigo Bunting	<i>Passerina cyanea</i>	R/T	AC

TOWHEES, SPARROWS & JUNCOS - Emberizinae:

Green-tailed Towhee	<i>Pipilo chlorurus</i>	C/T	AC
Spotted Towhee	<i>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</i>	U/T	ABCH
American Tree Sparrow	<i>Spizella arborea</i>		R/W A
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	<i>Aimophila carpalis</i>	R/T	C
Chipping Sparrow	<i>Spizella passerina</i>	C/T	ABCH
Brewer's Sparrow	<i>Spizella breweri</i>	C/T	ABCH
Vesper Sparrow	<i>Pooecetes gramineus</i>	C/T	AC
Lark Sparrow	<i>Chondestes grammacus</i>	CT	ABCH
Black-throated Sparrow	<i>Amphispiza bilineata</i>	C/S (B)	ABCH
Sage Sparrow	<i>Amphispiza belli</i>	C/S (B)	ABCH
Lark Bunting	<i>Calamospiza melanocorys</i>	O/T	A
Savannah Sparrow	<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>	O/T	AC
Song Sparrow	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>	U/W	AC
Lincoln's Sparrow	<i>Melospiza lincolni</i>	U/W	AC
Swamp Sparrow	<i>Melospiza georgiana</i>	R/T	A
White-throated Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia albicollis</i>	O/T	A
Golden-crowned Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia atricapilla</i>	O/W	A
White-crowned Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>	C/W	ABCH
Harris' Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia querula</i>	O/W	A
Dark-eyed Junco	<i>Junco hyemalis</i> - 3 races:		
"Slate-colored Junco"		R/W	ABCH
"Oregon Junco"		C/W	ABCH
"Gray-headed Junco"		C/T	ABCH

MEADOWLARKS, BLACKBIRDS, & ORIOLES - Icterinae:

Red-winged Blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	U/S (B)	AC
Western Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella neglecta</i>	U/S (B?)	ABCH
Yellow-headed Blackbird	<i>Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus</i>	R/T	AC
Brewer's Blackbird	<i>Euphagus cyanocephalus</i>	U/T	ABCH
Brown-headed Cowbird	<i>Molothrus ater</i>	C/S (B)	AC
Northern (Bullock's) Oriole	<i>Icterus galbula</i>	U/S (B)	AC
Scott's Oriole	<i>Icterus parisorum</i>	U/S (B)	AC

FINCHES, REDPOLLS, SISKINS, & GOLDFINCHES - Fringillidae:

Rosy Finch	<i>Leucosticte arctoa</i> - 2 races:		
"Gray-crowned Rosy Finch"		C/W	ABCH
"Black Rosy Finch"		C/W	ABCH
Purple Finch	<i>Carpodacus purpureus</i>	R/T	ABCH
Cassin's Finch	<i>Carpodacus cassinii</i>	O/T	ABCH
House Finch	<i>Carpodacus mexicanus</i>	C/P (B)	AC
Common Redpoll	<i>Carduelis flammea</i>	O/W	A
Pine Siskin	<i>Carduelis pinus</i>	U/W	AC
Lesser Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis psaltria</i>	O/T	ABCH

American Goldfinch

Carduelis tristis

C/W

ABCH

WEAVER FINCHES - Passeridae:

House (English) Sparrow

Passer domesticus

R/T

ABCH

NOTE: Names and the sequence of names, families, and subfamilies, follow the Sixth Edition of the American Ornithologists' Union Check-list of North American Birds. Where new names differ from long-established names, the older names are given in parentheses. Several birds that were formerly considered full species are now considered subspecies (geographical races), but of course they remain easily recognizable in the field. In such cases, if more than one race has been recorded in the park, they are listed separately following the new species name, but they are not included in the total number of full species.

RELATIVE ABUNDANCE

C = Common: Occurs regularly, often in numbers; easily found in proper season and habitat.

U = Uncommon: Occurs more or less regularly, but generally in small numbers; usually found in proper season and habitat.

R = Rare: Three to six records total; unusual, but to be looked for each year; may be more common than the few records indicate.

O = Occasional: One or two records total; highly unusual, but not necessarily out of range; to be expected again.

Acc. = Accidental: One record only; out of range; not to be expected again.

SEASONAL STATUS

P = Permanent Resident: Present throughout the year. Generally implies nesting, but this not confirmed for all.

S = Summer Resident: Present only during the warmer months, and migrating elsewhere for the winter. Generally implies nesting, but this not confirmed for all.

W = Winter Visitant: Present only during the cooler months of the year, and migrating elsewhere for the summer.

T = Transient (through Migrant): Passes through the park in spring and fall migration, but does not remain to breed or to winter.

* = Recorded on lands or waters immediately adjacent to the park boundary, usually within ½-mile of the park, but as yet unrecorded within the park.

BREEDING

(B) = Known to breed in the park area, based on observation of nest building, nests with eggs, young in nests, or adults with dependent, very recently fledged young.

(B?) = Probably breeds, based on presence of adults throughout the usual nesting season, often singing and/or defending territories, but firm evidence of nesting is lacking.

LOCATIONS: A = Arches NP, B = Natural Bridges NM, C = Canyonlands NP, H = Hovenweep NM

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