









BIRDS OF THE CARRIZO PLAIN NATIONAL MONUMENT

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INTRODUCTION

The Carrizo Plain National Monument presents the birder with a unique opportunity. First: it presents a preserved and protected sample of an endangered habitat that formerly was found throughout the San Joaquin Valley. Second: because of its distance from major cities, the CPNM is visited by relatively few birders. There are still many gaps in our knowledge about the occurrence and distribution of a number of bird species. Thus we ask for your help! **Please share your sightings with us** by mailing field notes of your sightings of species not on the list, those listed as casual or rare, or those sightings that are outside of the expected season (complete lists are also welcome). cacarrizo@ca.blm.gov

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HABITAT CODES

These codes suggest habitats in which species are likely to be found, generally in the order of preference for that species. Some things to consider: There is often much overlapping of habitats. Some birds accept a variety of habitats, yet others are very specific to a habitat. Post-breeding and in migration many species utilize a great variety of unexpected habitats.

A = Alkaline-loving shrubs (low areas of basin)

B = In or around Barns or Buildings

F = Usually seen in Flight; aerial.

H = Hilly grasslands.

J = Juniper-oak woodlands.

Oaks = Oaks nearby essential.

R = Rocky cliffs or outcroppings.

S = Saltbush-ephedra scrub.

T = Tall Trees (i.e. cottonwood, elm, eucalyptus).

V = Valley floor grasslands.

W = On, or at edge of, Water.

SPECIES CODES:

(.....) = No Recent Records (since 1985);

* = Breeding confirmed or strongly presumed;

IR = Irregular or irruptive, often due to rainfall & lake levels.

ABUNDANCE:

EXAMPLE 2 COMMON: nearly always occurs in appropriate habitats, usually in large to moderate numbers.

UNCOMMON: usually occurs in appropriate habitats in moderate to small numbers.

= **RARE:** expected in appropriate habitats, but in very small numbers.

---- = **CASUAL:** limited records; may be absent in some years, but some pattern of occurrence is evident.

• = **INDIVIDUAL RECORD:** generally a single-bird, single-sighting.

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Habitat
DUCKS - GEESE Greater White-fronted Goose Snow Goose Brant Canada Goose IR Gadwall IR American Wigeon Mallard * IR Cinnamon Teal (*) IR Northern Shoveler (*) IR Northern Pintail (*) IR	•			•	•					1		•	WV WV W W W W W W
Green-winged Teal (*)IR Bufflehead Ruddy Duck (*) IR CHUKAR - QUAIL Chukar * California Quail *		•											W W H JSH
Mountain Quail * LOON - GREBE Common Loon Eared Grebe IR PELICAN American White Pelican HERONS - EGRETS				-									y w w
Great Egret Snowy Egret Cattle Egret Green Heron Black-crowned Night-heron White-faced Ibis				 -	-	1			•				W W W W

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Habitat
VULTURE - CONDOR Turkey Vulture *													F
(California Condor) KITE - HAWK - EAGLE													F
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Osprey				•									FW FVS
White-tailed Kite * IR		_											
Bald Eagle	Ī	•									•	-	FVIIC
Northern Harrier *													FVHS
Sharp-shinned Hawk					-						Γ	1	FTJ FTJ
Cooper's Hawk * Swainson's Hawk IR													FIJ
Red-tailed Hawk *			_										FVSJ
													VF
Ferruginous Hawk					•					T-			FVSJ
Rough-legged Hawk Golden Eagle *													FVTR
American Kestrel *													TBVS
Merlin													FVS
Peregrine Falcon													FVTR
Prairie Falcon *													VTR
SORA- COOT- CRANE													VIII
Sora (*) IR			l					L	<u>.</u>		L.,		W
(Common Moorhen)													W
American Coot * IR		L	l		L			L			ļ.,		W
Sandhill Crane IR	L		L.							L			WF
SHOREBIRDS	Γ	Γ	_							[Γ.		**1
Black-bellied Plover IR			ļ		 								W
Snowy Plover				١.									W
Semipalmated Plover				١.									W
Killdeer *					L.,	,	l	L.,	<u>.</u>			Ц	WA
Mountain Plover IR			L							L_			V
Black-necked Stilt * IR			[L	l_				.				w

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American Avocet * IR											Ī		W
Greater Yellowlegs IR	-				ŀ								W
Lesser Yellowlegs IR			-		ŀ								W
Spotted Sandpiper IR		-											W
Whimbrel IR			-		ŀ								W
Long-billed Curlew				-						-	4		WVF
Western Sandpiper IR			-		ŀ								W
Least Sandpiper IR					-								W
Dunlin													W
Long-billed Dowitcher IR													W
Wilson's Snipe IR				-									W
Wilson's Phalarope IR													W
(Red-necked Phalarope)					•								W
GULLS - TERNS													
California Gull IR				-									W
Caspian Tern IR						-	•						WF
PIGEONS - DOVES													
Rock [Feral] Pigeon *									\vdash		_		VTB
Eurasian Collared-Dove													В
Mourning Dove *													VTSJ
CUCKOO - ROADRUN.													
Yellow-billed Cuckoo								ŀ					
Greater Roadrunner *													VHSJ
OWLS													
Barn Owl *									H				TB
Western Screech Owl *					<u></u>			<u></u>					J
Great Horned Owl *												Н	JT
Northern Pygmy Owl													J
Burrowing Owl *													V
Long-eared Owl *									<u> </u>	-			JT
Short-eared Owl *										-			AVS

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GOATSUCKERS													
Lesser Nighthawk *			•	-						-			F
Common Poorwill *													J
SWIFTS													
Vaux's Swift IR					-								F
White-throated Swift *			-					-					FR
HUMMINGBIRDS													
Black-chinned Hummmingbird													FTJ
Anna's Hummingbird *			-										FTJB
Costa's Hummingbird *													FJ
Calliope Hummingbird IR													FJ
Rufous Hummingbird													FTJB
KINGFISHER													
Belted Kingfisher				-									W
WOODPECKERS													
Lewis's Woodpecker									•	-			Т
Acorn Woodpecker				•									TJ
Williamson's Sapsucker	-												TJ
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker.												•	TJ
Red-breasted Sapsucker													TJ
Nuttall's Woodpecker *												Н	TOaks
White-headed Wood.									•				T
Northern Flicker *													JT
FLYCATCHERS													
Western Wood Pewee						-				-			JT
Willow Flycatcher									-				T
Hammond's Flycatcher													JTS
Gray Flycatcher					-								JS
Pacific-slope Flycatcher			-	-	-				- -	-			Oaks
Black Phoebe *									_		 		ТВ
Say's Phoebe *				-						-			TJSB

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Habitat
Ash-throated Fly. *				_				-	-				J
Cassin's Kingbird					ŀ	!							
Western Kingbird *			-					-					TBJV
SHRIKES & VIREOS													
Loggerhead Shrike *													SAV
Cassin's Vireo				-									J
Hutton's Vireo					-								Oaks
Warbling Vireo			-	_	H			-					JT
CORVIDS													
Western Scrub Jay *	-												JT
Pinyon Jay									١.				
Yellow-billed Magpie													BTV
American Crow				-						-	-		VB
Common Raven *													VTJ
LARK													
Horned Lark *													VH
SWALLOWS													
Tree Swallow		ļ	-								-		F
Violet-green Swallow *		•-		_	_		_						FR
No.Rough-winged Sw. *			-										F
Cliff Swallow *			┝╼		_		_		ŀ				FBR
Barn Swallow			-										FB
CHICKADEES-ALLIES													
Mountain Chickadee									-	-			Т
Oak Titmouse *													Oaks
Bushtit *	\vdash		\vdash		\vdash	\vdash		-					JS
NUTHATCH													
Whtbreasted Nuthatch *					ļ						ļ		Т
WRENS													
Rock Wren *					_								R
Canyon Wren	ŀ												R

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Bewick's Wren *													JSB
House Wren *			-		-	٠.							TJB
Marsh Wren	ŀ	-	-										W
KINGLET - GNATCATCHER													
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	-		-						-		-	H	TJS
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher *									_				SJ
BLUEBIRD - THRUSH													
Western Bluebird *										-		Н	JSVT
Mountain Bluebird IR	H		-	-					-	-			V
Townsend's Solitaire										-			
Swainson's Thrush					- -					-			TJ
Hermit Thrush					-				-		_	Н	J
American Robin *	-				-							Н	TJ
Varied Thrush IR	-											١.	TJ
WRENTIT													
Wrentit *	-											H	J
Gray Catbird											-		
THRASHERS - ALLIES													
Northern Mockingbird *													ST
Sage Thrasher IR	-	-	-						-	-		-	AS
California Thrasher *													JS
LeConte's Thrasher * IR												H	S
STARLING													
European Starling *	-												BT
PIPIT - WAXWING													
American Pipit	-			-					-	-			VH
Cedar Waxwing IR										-			Т
Phainopepla *					┣-							Н	J
WARBLER - CHAT													
Orange-crowned W.	ŀ		-		├ •			-		_			TJS
Nashville Warbler				_									JS

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Yellow Warbler				_				-					TJS
Black-throated Blue W.													
Yellow-rumped Warbler					ŀ				-	-			TJS
Black-throated Gray W.				_				-	-				JT
Townsend's Warbler				-	L							-	TJ
Hermit Warbler													TJ
Blackpoll Warbler									•				TJ
MacGillivray's Warbler				-	-			-					TJ
Common Yellowthroat			-		-					-			WAS
Wilson's Warbler					_					-			TJS
Yellow-breasted Chat TANAGER									•				
Western Tanager				-	H		-			-			TJ
SPARROWS - ALLIES													
Spotted Towhee *			H										JS
California Towhee *													JS
Rufous-crowned Sparrow								-	-				HR
Chipping Sparrow	-		-	_								٠.	JTV
Clay-colored Sparrow									-				
Brewer's Sparrow *	-			_									S
Black-chinned Sparrow *			•	- =									S
Vesper Sparrow									- 8				VH
Lark Sparrow *													SJVH
Black-throated Sparrow *		-		•									S
Sage Sparrow *													SA
Lark Bunting											-		V
Savannah Sparrow				-						Н			VH
Grasshopper Sparrow * IR					\vdash				-				Н
Fox Sparrow									-	—			J
Song Sparrow													WA

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Lincoln's Sparrow				-					-				SJV
Harris's Sparrow													V
White-crowned Sparrow				-					4	H			SJV
Golden-crowned Sparrow			-	_	-				-			Н	SJV
Dark-eyed Junco					-							H	J
McCown's Longspur	-												V
Lapland Longspur IR			-							-			V
GROSBEAK- BUNTING													
Black-headed Grosbeak*				-					_	- =			J
Blue Grosbeak					-								SJ
Lazuli Bunting				-					-				SJ
BLACKBIRDS - ALLIES													
Red-winged Blackbird *IR						H			-				WV
Tri-colored Blackbird * IR									-				WV
Western Meadowlark *													SVH
Yellow-headed Blackbird. IR					-						-		WV
Brewer's Blackbird *		-				-				-			VSJB
Great-tailed Grackle													TB
Brown-headed Cowbird*													BV
Hooded Oriole				-	-								
Bullock's Oriole *			-										TJ
Scott's Oriole *							_						J
FINCHES													
House Finch *													TBJV
Pine Siskin										٠.	-		
Lesser Goldfinch * IR					_						- -		VHT
Lawrence's Goldfinch* IR		ļ	-				.	-			ļ		JH
American Goldfinch												Н	VT
House Sparrow *		-	\vdash									Н	BT