

This list of the approximately 115 most common native birds of Casa Grande Ruins National Monument is based on previous documentation of abundance (A). The list is separated into five 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 are likely to be seen on a monthly basis. Rare (R) birds occur in the park a few times a year. Occasional (O) birds may occur in the park just once every few years.

Casa Grande Ruins National Monument is a relatively homogenous desert landscape containing vegetation such as mesquite, saltbush, and annual plants. Many of the plants are affected by human interactions with the landscape, such as watering and surrounding agriculture and residential development. With these alterations, the local area has become prime habitat for non-native birds as well as the natives noted on this list.

Arizona's diverse environment provides vital habitats for birds across the seasons (S). Birds that do not migrate are considered Year-round (Y) residents and can be seen at any time of year. Summer (S) residents are at the park roughly during June–August. 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 way to other habitats.

Key	
Abundance (A)	A—Abundant
	C—Common
	U—Uncommon
	R—Rare
	O—Occasional
Season (S)	Y—Year-round
	S—Summer
	W—Winter
	M—Migratory

Photos clockwise from top left: cactus wren, black-chinned hummingbird, western tanager, red-tailed hawk, greater roadrunner. All photos ©Robert Shantz except cactus wren, ©Greg Lavaty.

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√	Common Name	A	S
DUCKS			
	Mallard	R	M
QUAIL			
	Gambel's quail	C	Y
HERONS AND EGRETS			
	Great blue heron	R	M
	Great egret	O	M
IBISES			
	White-faced ibis	R	M
VULTURES			
	Turkey vulture	C	S
HAWKS			
	Northern harrier	R	W
	Sharp-shinned hawk	R	M
	Cooper's hawk	U	Y
	Harris's hawk	O	M
	Swainson's hawk	R	M
	Zone-tailed hawk	R	M
	Red-tailed hawk	C	Y
	Ferruginous hawk	O	W
CRANES			
	Sandhill crane	O	W
STILTS			
	Black-necked stilt	O	M
PLOVERS			
	Killdeer	U	Y
PIGEONS AND DOVES			
	White-winged dove	A	S
	Mourning dove	A	Y
	Inca dove	R	W
	Common ground-dove	O	M
ROADRUNNERS			
	Greater roadrunner	C	Y
OWLS			
	Barn owl	O	M
	Western screech-owl	R	Y
	Great horned owl	U	Y
	Elf owl	O	M

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GOATSUCKERS			
	Lesser nighthawk	C	S
SWIFTS			
	White-throated swift	R	M
HUMMINGBIRDS			
	Black-chinned hummingbird	C	S
	Anna's hummingbird	C	Y
	Costa's hummingbird	U	Y
WOODPECKERS			
	Gila woodpecker	C	Y
	Ladder-backed woodpecker	O	M
	Northern flicker	R	W
	Gilded flicker	U	Y
FALCONS			
	American kestrel	U	Y
	Merlin	R	M
	Peregrine falcon	O	M
	Prairie falcon	O	M
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS			
	Western wood-pewee	R	M
	Hammond's flycatcher	O	M
	Gray flycatcher	U	M
	Black phoebe	O	M
	Say's phoebe	R	Y
	Vermilion flycatcher	O	M
	Ash-throated flycatcher	C	S
	Brown-crested flycatcher	U	S
	Cassin's kingbird	R	M
	Western kingbird	U	S
SHRIKES			
	Loggerhead shrike	O	W
CORVIDS			
	Common raven	C	Y
LARKS			
	Horned lark	R	W

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SWALLOWERS			
	Tree swallow	R	M
	Violet-green swallow	R	M
	Northern rough-winged swallow	U	M
	Bank swallow	U	M
	Cliff swallow	U	M
	Barn swallow	U	M
VERDINS			
	Verdin	C	Y
WRENS			
	Rock wren	O	Y
	Bewick's wren	O	M
	Cactus wren	U	Y
KINGLETS AND GNATCATCHERS			
	Blue-gray gnatcatcher	R	M
	Black-tailed gnatcatcher	C	Y
	Ruby-crowned kinglet	C	M
MIMIDS AND THRASHERS			
	Curve-billed thrasher	C	Y
	Bendire's thrasher	O	W
	Crissal thrasher	O	W
	Northern mockingbird	C	Y
PIPITS			
	American pipit	R	M
SILKY FLYCATCHERS			
	Phainopepla	C	Y
WARBLERS			
	Orange-crowned warbler	R	M
	Lucy's warbler	C	S
	Nashville warbler	R	M
	Virginia's warbler	O	M
	Macgillivray's warbler	O	M
	Yellow warbler	O	M
	Yellow-rumped warbler	C	W

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	Black-throated gray warbler	R	M
	Wilson's warbler	U	M
EMBERIZINES			
	Green-tailed towhee	R	M
	Canyon towhee	R	Y
	Rufous-winged sparrow	O	M
	Chipping sparrow	R	W
	Brewer's sparrow	A	W
	Vesper sparrow	R	W
	Lark sparrow	R	W
	Black-throated sparrow	U	Y
	Lark bunting	R	W
	Lincoln's sparrow	O	W
	White-crowned sparrow	A	W
TANAGERS			
	Western tanager	R	M
CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND BUNTINGS			
	Northern cardinal	R	Y
	Pyrrhuloxia	R	Y
	Lazuli bunting	R	M
ICTERIDS			
	Red-winged blackbird	A	W
	Western meadowlark	R	W
	Yellow-headed blackbird	A	W
	Brewer's blackbird	A	W
	Great-tailed grackle	A	Y
	Bronzed cowbird	U	S
	Brown-headed cowbird	C	S
	Hooded oriole	R	M
	Bullock's oriole	R	M
FINCHES			
	House finch	A	Y
	Lesser goldfinch	C	Y

The information in this list is based on bird observations, inventories, and surveys at Casa Grande Ruins 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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