

This list of the approximately 100 most common birds of Chiricahua National Monument is based on previous documentation of abundance (A) and separated into three categories. Abundant (A) birds are likely to be seen daily and in large numbers, while common (C) birds may be seen daily as a solitary bird or in smaller groups. Uncommon (U) birds are more rare, and likely to be seen on a monthly basis.

Habitats (H) are separated into four categories. Riparian (R) birds can be found in or along water bodies that include riparian vegetation, such as rush-filled temperate marshlands. Grassland (G) habitats include the grassy vegetation native to drier settings, such as grammas and some mixed desert scrub. Woodland/Chaparral (WC) areas include short trees, such as Sonoran scrub oak and manzanita, while Forest (F) consists of upper-elevation evergreen trees, such as pines and other conifers.

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 can 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 monument on their way to other habitats.

Key	
Abundance (A)	A—Abundant C—Common U—Uncommon
Habitat (H)	R—Riparian G—Grassland WC—Woodlands/Chaparral F—Forest
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	H	S
TURKEY AND QUAIL				
	Gambel's quail	C	R,G,WC	Y
	Montezuma quail	U	R,G,WC,F	Y
	wild turkey	U	R,G,WC,F	Y
VULTURES				
	turkey vulture	C	R,G,WC,F	S
HAWKS				
	Cooper's hawk	U	R,G,WC,F	Y
	red-tailed hawk	C	R,G,WC,F	Y
PIGEONS AND DOVES				
	band-tailed pigeon	U	W,F	S
	Eurasian collared-dove	C	R,G,WC	Y
	white-winged dove	C	R,G,WC	S
	mourning dove	C	R,G,WC,F	Y
ROADRUNNERS				
	greater roadrunner	U	G,W	Y
OWLS				
	flammulated owl	U	R,W,F	S
	western screech-owl	U	R,G,WC	Y
	whiskered screech-owl	U	R,W,F	S
	elf owl	U	R,W	S
GOATSUCKERS				
	common poorwill	C	G,W	S
	Mexican whip-poor-will	C	R,W,F	S
SWIFTS				
	white-throated swift	C	G,W,F	Y
HUMMINGBIRDS				
	magnificent hummingbird	U	R,W,F	S
	blue-throated hummingbird	U	R,W,F	S
	black-chinned hummingbird	C	R,G,WC	S
	Anna's hummingbird	U	R,G,WC,F	Y
	broad-tailed hummingbird	C	R,G,WC,F	S
WOODPECKERS				
	acorn woodpecker	C	R,W,F	Y
	red-naped sapsucker	U	R,W,F	W
	hairy woodpecker	C	R,W,F	Y
	Arizona woodpecker	C	W,F	Y

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	northern flicker	C	R,W,F	Y
	red-shafted flicker	C	R,W,F	Y
FALCONS				
	American kestrel	U	R,G	Y
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS				
	western wood-pewee	C	R,W	S
	gray flycatcher	U	R,W,F	M
	Pacific-slope flycatcher	U	R,W	M
	cordilleran flycatcher	U	R,W,F	S
	dusky-capped flycatcher	C	R,W	S
	ash-throated flycatcher	C	R,W	S
	brown-crested flycatcher	C	R,W	S
	Cassin's kingbird	C	R,G,WC,F	S
	western kingbird	C	R,G	S
VIREOS				
	plumbeous vireo	C	R,W,F	S
	Cassin's vireo	U	R,W	M
	Hutton's vireo	C	R,W,F	S
	warbling vireo	U	R,W,F	M
CORVIDS				
	Steller's jay	U	W,F	Y
	Mexican jay	C	R,G,WC,F	Y
	Chihuahuan raven	U	R,G,WC	Y
	common raven	C	R,G,WC,F	Y
SWALLOWS				
	violet-green swallow	C	R,G,WC,F	S
CHICKADEES AND TITMICE				
	Mexican chickadee	U	R,W,F	Y
	bridled titmouse	C	R,W,F	Y
	juniper titmouse	U	R,W	Y
VERDINS AND BUSHTITS				
	verdin	U	R,G	Y
	bushtit	C	R,W	Y
NUTHATCHES AND CREEPERS				
	white-breasted nuthatch	U	R,W,F	Y
	pygmy nuthatch	U	W,F	Y
	brown creeper	U	R,W,F	Y

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WRENS				
	rock wren	U	G,W,F	Y
	canyon wren	U	G,W,F	Y
	house wren	C	R,W,F	S
	Bewick's wren	C	R,W	Y
	cactus wren	U	G	Y
KINGLETS AND GNATCATCHERS				
	blue-gray gnatcatcher	C	W	S
	ruby-crowned kinglet	C	R,W,F	M
THRUSHES				
	western bluebird	U	R,W,F	Y
	hermit thrush	C	R,W,F	Y
	American robin	C	R,W,F	S
MIMIDS AND THRASHERS				
	northern mockingbird	U	R,G,WC	Y
	curve-billed thrasher	U	G	Y
SILKY FLYCATCHERS				
	phainopepla	U	R,G,WC	Y
WARBLERS				
	orange-crowned warbler	U	R,G,WC,F	M
	Nashville warbler	U	R,W,F	M
	Virginia's warbler	U	R,W,F	S
	yellow-rumped warbler	A	R,W,F	Y
	Audubon's warbler	C	R,G,WC,F	Y
	Grace's warbler	U	R,W,F	S
	black-throated gray warbler	C	R,W,F	S
	Townsend's warbler	U	R,W,F	M
	Wilson's warbler	U	R,W,F	M
	red-faced warbler	U	R,W,F	S
	painted redstart	C	R,W,F	Y

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EMBERIZINES				
	green-tailed towhee	U	R,G,WC	W
	spotted towhee	C	R,W,F	Y
	rufous-crowned sparrow	U	G,W	Y
	canyon towhee	U	G,W	Y
	chipping sparrow	A	R,G,WC	W
	Brewer's sparrow	C	R,G	W
	white-crowned sparrow	A	R,G,WC	W
	dark-eyed junco	A	R,W,F	W
	yellow-eyed junco	C	R,W,F	Y
TANAGERS				
	hepatic tanager	U	R,W,F	S
	summer tanager	U	R,W	S
	western tanager	C	R,G,WC,F	S
GROSBEAKS				
	black-headed grosbeak	C	R,G,WC,F	S
	blue grosbeak	U	G	S
ICTERIDS				
	brown-headed cowbird	U	R,G,WC,F	Y
	Scott's oriole	C	R,G,WC,F	S
FINCHES				
	house finch	C	R,G,WC,F	Y
	pine siskin	U	R,W,F	Y
	lesser goldfinch	C	R,G,WC,F	Y

The information in this list is based on bird observations, inventories, and surveys at Chiricahua 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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