

MOCKINGBIRDS, THRASHERS

Mockingbird—CP
 LeConte's Thrasher—UP
 Sage Thrasher—FS

ROBIN, THRUSHES, BLUEBIRDS, SOLITAIRE

Robin—AP
 Varied Thrush—acc
 Hermit Thrush—US, Mt
 Swainson's Thrush—RM
 Western Bluebird—CP
 Mountain Bluebird—CP
 Townsend's Solitaire—UP

GNATCATCHERS, KINGLET

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher—UP
 Black-tailed Gnatcatcher—RP
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet—AW, UP

WATER PIPIT—AW, UP

CEDAR WAXWING—FW

PHAINOPEPLA—UP

LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE—FP

STARLING—AW

VIREOS

Bell's Vireo—RS
 Gray Vireo—RS, Mt
 Solitary Vireo—so
 Warbling Vireo—UM

WARBLERS

Orange-crowned Warbler—UP
 Nashville Warbler—RM
 Yellow Warbler—FP
 Myrtle Warbler—so
 Audubon's Warbler—AP
 Black-throated Gray Warbler—UP
 Townsend's Warbler—acc
 MacGillivray's Warbler—RM
 Yellowthroat—UP
 Yellow-breasted Chat—UM
 Wilson's Warbler—UM
 American Redstart—RM

HOUSE SPARROW—CP, residences

MEADOWLARK, BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES

Western Meadowlark—AP
 Yellow-headed Blackbird—CS
 Redwinged Blackbird—FP
 Tricolored Blackbird—acc
 Hooded Oriole—RS
 Scott's Oriole—US, Mt
 Bullock's Oriole—CS
 Brewer's Blackbird—CP
 Brown-headed Cowbird—FS

WESTERN Tanager—CS

GROSBEAKS, FINCHES, SPARROWS

Blackheaded Grosbeak—US
 Blue Grosbeak—RS
 Indigo Bunting—acc
 Lazuli Bunting—US
 Evening Grosbeak—UM
 Purple Finch—UP
 Cassin's Finch—RP, Mt
 House Finch—AP
 Pine Siskin—RP, Mt
 American Goldfinch—CP
 Lesser Goldfinch—FP
 Red Crossbill—UM, spor
 Green-tailed Towhee—US, Mt
 Rufous-sided Towhee—UP
 Savannah Sparrow—UW
 Vesper Sparrow—UW
 Lark Sparrow—UW
 Black-throated Sparrow—UP
 Sage Sparrow—AP
 Slate-colored Junco—UW
 Oregon Junco—CP
 Gray-headed Junco—RS, Mt
 Chipping Sparrow—RP
 Brewer's Sparrow—FP
 Black-chinned Sparrow—RS, Mt
 Harris' Sparrow—UW
 White-crowned Sparrow—CW
 Golden-crowned Sparrow—RW
 White-throated Sparrow—acc
 Fox Sparrow—RS, Mt
 Lincoln's Sparrow—UW
 Song Sparrow—AW, UP

LIST 2

White-tailed Kite
 Zone-tailed Hawk
 Duck Hawk
 Mountain Plover
 Buff-breasted Sandpiper
 Marbled Godwit
 Ring-billed Gull
 Black Tern
 Black Swift
 Purple Martin
 Steller's Jay
 Curve-bill Thrasher
 Crissal Thrasher
 Black-and-White Warbler
 Pink-sided Junco

Other observations:

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**CHECK-LIST OF BIRDS
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This list comprises those birds seen throughout the 3,000 square miles of Death Valley National Monument. Habitat varies from the extreme desert of the lower sonoran life zone found on the valley floor, to the sub-alpine conditions found on the highest peak of the mountains surrounding the valley. Elevations range from —282 feet (below sea level) near Badwater, to 11,049 feet, the summit of Telescope Peak.

The names used are those in the fifth edition of the Check-list of North American Birds, published by the American Ornithologists Union. Subspecific names have not been used because of the extreme difficulty of recognizing subspecies in the field.

ABBREVIATIONS:

- A—Abundant:** greatest relative numbers.
- acc.—Accidental:** not recorded more than a few times, but more than once.
- aer.—Aerial:** observed in flight over any habitat.
- C—Common:** next below abundant in relative numbers.
- F—Fairly common:** next below common in relative numbers.
- M—Migrant:** usually observed in spring and/or fall.
- Mt—Mountains:** seen in the higher portions of the monument, above 3,000 feet.
- P—Permanent resident:** the species, but not necessarily the individual, remains all year around.
- R—Rare:** lowest relative numbers, but still regular in occurrence.
- S—Summer visitant:** arriving as early as February and may remain as late as October.
- spor—Sporadic:** some years present and some years absent.
- so—Single occurrence:** Species collected but single occurrences by sight record only are recorded in list 2.
- U—Uncommon:** next above rare in relative numbers.
- W—Winter visitant:** may arrive as early as August and may remain as late as May.

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DATE _____ OBSERVER _____

WEATHER _____ TIME _____

LIST 1

LOONS

Common Loon—acc
Arctic Loon—acc

GREBES

Eared Grebe—UM
Western Grebe—RM
Pied-Billed Grebe—RM

WHITE PELICAN—acc

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT—acc

HERONS, EGRETS, BITTERNS

Great Blue Heron—acc
Green Heron—UM
Common Egret—CM
Snowy Egret—RM
Black-crowned Night Heron—RM
Least Bittern—RS
American Bittern—RM

IBISES

Wood Ibis—acc
White-faced Ibis—acc

WHISTLING SWAN—acc

GEESE, DUCKS

Canada Goose—CM
White-fronted Goose—UM
Snow Goose—acc
Mallard—FW
Gadwall—RW
Pintail—UW
Green-winged Teal—CW
Blue-winged Teal—RM
Cinnamon Teal—FM
American Widgeon—CW
Shoveller—FW
Wood Duck—acc
Redhead—RM
Ring-necked Duck—so
Canvasback—RM
Greater Scaup Duck—UW
Lesser Scaup Duck—UW
Common Goldeneye—UM
Bufflehead—UM, spor
Ruddy Duck—FM
Common Merganser—UM
Red-breasted Merganser—acc

TURKEY VULTURE—CS

HAWKS, EAGLES OSPREY, FALCONS

Sharp-shinned Hawk—UP, aer
Cooper's Hawk—FP, aer
Red-tailed Hawk—AP, aer
Swainson's Hawk—UM, aer, spor
Ferruginous Hawk—acc
Golden Eagle—UP, aer
Bald Eagle—acc, aer
Marsh Hawk—UP, aer
Osprey—RM, aer
Prairie Falcon—FP, aer
Sparrow Hawk—UP, aer

PARTRIDGE, QUAIL

California Quail—RP, Mt
Gambel's Quail—CP
Mountain Quail—RP, Mt
Chukar Partridge—FP, Mt

RAILS, GALLINULE, COOT

Virginia Rail—RW
Sora—RM
Common Gallinule—RM
American Coot—CW

PLOVERS, SANDPIPERS

Killdeer—AW
Common Snipe—CW
Spotted Sandpiper—acc
Solitary Sandpiper—RM
Greater Yellowlegs—UM
Least Sandpiper—acc
Long-billed Dowitcher—acc

AVOCET, STILT

American Avocet—CM
Black-necked Stilt—UM

PHALAROPES

Red Phalarope—acc
Wilson's Phalarope—RM
Northern Phalarope—RM

GULLS

California Gull—acc
Bonaparte's Gull—acc

DOVES

Rock Dove—acc
White-winged Dove—RS
Mourning Dove—FP

CUCKOO, ROADRUNNER

Yellow-billed Cuckoo—acc
Roadrunner—UP

OWLS

Screech Owl—RP
Great Horned Owl—UP
Pygmy Owl—acc
Burrowing Owl—RP
Long-eared Owl—acc
Short-eared Owl—RP
Saw-whet Owl—acc

POORWILL, NIGHTHAWKS

Poorwill—UP
Common Nighthawk—CS
Lesser Nighthawk—so

SWIFTS

Vaux's Swift—RM
White-throated Swift—FP

HUMMINGBIRDS

Black-chinned Hummingbird—acc
Costa's Hummingbird—UP
Broad-tailed Hummingbird—RS
Rufous Hummingbird—RM

BELTED KINGFISHER—RM

WOODPECKERS, FLICKERS, SAPSUCKERS

Yellow-shafted Flicker—RW
Red-shafted Flicker—AW, US
Lewis' Woodpecker—FW, spor
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker—UP
Williamson's Sapsucker—RP, Mt
Hairy Woodpecker—RP, Mt

KINGBIRDS, FLYCATCHERS, PHOEBES

Eastern Kingbird—acc
Western Kingbird—RS
Cassin's Kingbird—RS
Ash-throated Flycatcher—CS
Black Phoebe—CP
Say's Phoebe—AP
Traill's Flycatcher—US, Mt
Hammond's Flycatcher—acc
Gray Flycatcher—US
Western Wood Pewee—RM
Olive-sided Flycatcher—RM
Vermillion Flycatcher—acc

HORNED LARK—UP

SWALLOWS

Violet-green Swallow—RP
Tree Swallow—FP, spor
Rough-winged Swallow—CS
Barn Swallow—RM
Cliff Swallow—UM

JAYS, MAGPIE, CROW, NUTCRACKER

Scrub Jay—UP
Black-billed Magpie—acc
Common Raven—AP
Common Crow—RP
Pinon Jay—FP, Mt
Clark's Nutcracker—FP, Mt

CHICKADEE, TITMOUSE, VERDIN

Mountain Chickadee—FP, Mt
Plain Titmouse—UP, Mt
Verdin—FP
Common Bush-tit—UP, Mt

NUTHATCHES

White-breasted Nuthatch—UP, Mt
Red-breasted Nuthatch—acc

WRENS

House Wren—UM
Bewick's Wren—CP
Long-billed Marsh Wren—FW
Canon Wren—UP
Rock Wren—AP