

Field Checklist of the Birds of Glen Canyon National Recreation Area

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KEY

STATUS

W= winter resident (lower case = secondarily so)

M =migrant (lower case = secondarily so)

S = summer resident (lower case= secondarily so)

Y= year around resident

*= breeding confirmed

(*)= breeding suspected

C= casual

Esc= escaped

Exp= experimental population

HABITAT

R = riparian

A = aquatic (lake, ponds and rivers)

D = desertscrub (blackbrush, shadscale, sagebrush etc.)

P = pinyon-juniper woodland

T = talus and cliffs

W = widespread

H = human developed

ABUNDANCE

A = abundant, in large numbers

C = common , always seen but not in large numbers

FC = fairly common, very small numbers or not always seen

U = uncommon, seldom seen but not a surprise

S = sparse, always a surprise but not out of normal range

X = accidental, stray not to be wholly expected again

	Status	Habitat	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall
VESPER SPARROW	M	D		C	U	C
LARK SPARROW	S*	D,P		C	C	F
BLACK-THROATED SPARROW	S*,w	D	S	A	A	S
SAGE SPARROW	W,y*	D	F	F	F	F
LARK BUNTING	M,w	D	S	S	S	S
SAVANNAH SPARROW	M	D	S	C	C	C
GRASSHOPPER SPARROW	C	R				X
FOX SPARROW	C	R		S		S
SONG SPARROW	W	R	C	C		C
LINCOLN'S SPARROW	M,w	R	U	C		C
SWAMP SPARROW	M,W	R	S	S		
WHITE-THROATED SPARROW	W	R,h	S	S		S
HARRIS'S SPARROW	W	H	S	S		S
WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW	W,m	R,D	A	A	S	A
GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW	C	R	S			
DARK-EYED JUNCO	W	R,D,P	A	A		A
GROSBEAKS AND ALLIES						
ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK	M	R		S	S	S
BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK	S*	R		C	C	C
BLUE GROSBEAK	S*	R		C	C	C
LAZULI BUNTING	M,s*?	R		C	C	C
INDIGO BUNTING	S	R		S	S	S
MEADOWLARKS, BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES						
DICKCISSEL	M	H		S		S
BOBOLINK	M	H		S		S
RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD	Y*	R	C	C	C	C
WESTERN MEADOWLARK	M	D	F	F	F	F
YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD	M	R		C	C	C
BREWER'S BLACKBIRD	M,w	R	F	C	F	C
COMMON GRACKLE	S,M	R	S			
GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE	Y*	R,H	C	C	C	C
BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD	M,s	W		C	C	C
HOODED ORIOLE	S*	H		U	U	
BALTIMORE ORIOLE	C	R				X
BULLOCK'S ORIOLE	M,S*	R,H		C	C	C

SCOTT'S ORIOLE	S*	P			U	
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CEDAR WAXWING	M,w	R		F		F
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WOOD-WARBLED						
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PHAINOPEPLA	S	R		U		
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TENNESSEE WARBLER	M	R		X		
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ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER	M,w	R,P	S	F	S	C
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NASHVILLE WARBLER	M	R,P			U	U
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VIRGINIA'S WARBLER	M,s*	R,P		C	C	C
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LUCY'S WARBLER	S*	R		C	C	
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NORTHERN PARULA	M	R				X
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YELLOW WARBLER	M,s*	R		C	C	C
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BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER	M	H				S
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YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER	M,W	R,P	C	C	U	C
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BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER	S*,m	P,r		C	C	U
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TOWNSEND'S WARBLER	M	P		S		F
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HERMIT WARBLER	M	P				S
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PRAIRIE WARBLER	C	H	X			X
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BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER	C	P			X	
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AMERICAN REDSTART	C	R		S	S	
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PROTHONOTARY WARBLER	C	R		X		
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WORM-EATING WARBLER	C	R		X		
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NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH	M	R		U		
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MACGILLIVRAY'S WARBLER	M	R		U	F	F
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COMMON YELLOWTHROAT	M,s*	R		C	C	C
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WILSON'S WARBLER	M	R,P		C	C	C
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YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT	S*	R		C	C	F
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TANAGERS						
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SUMMER TANAGER	S	R		S	S	
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SCARLET TANAGER	C	R		X	X	
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WESTERN TANAGER	M	R,P		C	C	C
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TOWHEES, SPARROWS, JUNCOES						
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GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE	M,c-w	D	X	F	F	C
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SPOTTED TOWHEE	W,s*	P,R	C	C	C	C
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RUFIOUS-CROWNED SPARROW	Y*	T,D	F	F	F	F
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AMERICAN TREE SPARROW	W	R				S
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CHIPPING SPARROW	M,s*	P,D		C	C	C
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CLAY-COLORED SPARROW	M	R,D		S		S
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BREWER'S SPARROW	M,w	D	S	C	C	C
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LOONS						
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PACIFIC LOON	W	A	S	S		S
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COMMON LOON	W	A	F	F	S	F
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YELLOW-BILLED LOON	W	A	S	S		
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GREBES						
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PIED-BILLED GREBE	W	A	F	F	U	F
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HORNED GREBE	W	A	F	F	U	F
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RED-NECKED GREBE	W	A	S	S		
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EARED GREBE	W,m	A	C	C	C	C
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WESTERN GREBE	W,m	A	A	C	C	A
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CLARK'S GREBE	M	A		U	U	U
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PELICANS						
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AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN	M,c-w	A	S	F	F	F
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BROWN PELICAN	C	A		S	S	
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CORMORANTS						
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DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT	W,m	A	U	U	S	U
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BITTERN AND HERONS						
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GREAT BLUE HERON	W,m,s*	A	C	C	F	F
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GREAT EGRET	M	A		S		
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SNOWY EGRET	M	A		C	C	C
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CATTLE EGRET	M	A		F		F
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GREEN HERON	M,s	A		U	U	
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BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON	M	A		F	F	F
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IBISES						
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WHITE-FACED IBIS	M	A	X	C	C	C
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ROSEATE SPOONBILL	M	A		S	S	
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AMERICAN VULTURES						
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TURKEY VULTURE	S,m	W	C	C	C	
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CONDORS						
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CALIFORNIA CONDOR	exp	W	S	S	S	S
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SWANS, GEESE, AND DUCKS						
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GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE	W,M	A	S			S
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SNOW GOOSE	W,M	A	S			S
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ROSS'S GOOSE	W,M	A	S	S		
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CANADA GOOSE	W,M	A	C	C	S	C
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TUNDRA SWAN	M	A	U			U
TRUMPETER SWAN	M	A	X			

FERRUGINOUS HAWK	M	D			S	
ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK	M	D		S		S

	Status	Habitat	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall
WOOD DUCK	M	A	U	U	S	S
GADWALL	W,M	A	C	C	F	C
EURASIAN WIGEON	W	A	S	S		
AMERICAN WIGEON	W,M	A	A	A	F	A
MALLARD	Y*	A	C	C	C	C
BLUE-WINGED TEAL	M	A	S	F	C	C
CINNAMON TEAL	M	A	S	C	C	C
NORTHERN SHOVELER	M,w	A	C	C	C	C
NORTHERN PINTAIL	M,w	A	C	C	F	F
GREEN-WINGED TEAL	M,W	A	C	C	F	C
CANVASBACK	M,w	A	U	U	S	U
REDHEAD	M,w	A	C	C	U	C
RING-NECKED DUCK	M,W	A	C	C	F	C
GREATER SCAUP	W,m	A	F	F		?
LESSER SCAUP	W,M	A	C	C	F	C
SURF SCOTER	M,w	A	S	S	S	S
WHITE-WINGED SCOTER	M	A	S	S		
LONG-TAILED DUCK	W	A	S	S		S
BUFFLEHEAD	M,W	A	C	C	S	C
COMMON GOLDENEYE	W,m,s	A	A	A	S	C
BARROW'S GOLDENEYE	W	A	C	C	X	C
HOODED MERGANSER	M,w	A	U	U		U
COMMON MERGANSER	W,m,s*	AA	C	C	F	C
RED-BREASTED MERGANSER	W,m	A	F	F		F
RUDDY DUCK	M,w,s	A	U	C	F	C
EAGLES AND HAWKS						
OSPREY	M,s,w*	A,w	S	F	U	F
BALD EAGLE	W,m	A	C	F		C
NORTHERN HARRIER	W,m	D	C	C	S	C
SHARP-SHINNED HAWK	M,w,s*	P,R	F	F	U	C
COOPER'S HAWK	M,w,s*	P,R	F	F	F	F
NORTHERN GOSHAWK	M	P	S			
RED-SHOULDERED HAWK	C	H			X	X
SWAINSON'S HAWK	M	D		S		S
RED-TAILED HAWK	Y*	W	C	C	C	C

	Status	Habitat	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall
NUTHATCHES						
RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH	W	P		S	S	S
WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH	Y*	P	C	C	C	C
CREEPERS						
BROWN CREEPER	M	P,R		S		S
WRENS						
ROCK WREN	S*,w	T	C	C	C	C
CANYON WREN	Y*	T	C	C	C	C
BEWICK'S WREN	Y*	P,R	C	C	C	C
HOUSE WREN	M	R		C	C	C
WINTER WREN	W	R	S			S
MARSH WREN						
W	W	R	F	F		F
DIPPERS						
AMERICAN DIPPER	M,y	A	U	U		U
KINGLETS, GNATCATCHERS, SOLITAIRES, THRUSHES						
GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET	M,W	P,R	S			S
RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET	M,W	P,R	C	C	S	C
BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER	S*w	P,R	S	C	C	C
BLACK-TAILED GNATCATCHER	C	R	X			
WESTERN BLUEBIRD	M,w,s*	P	C	C	C	C
MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD	Y	P	C	C	C	C
TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE	W	P			U	U
HERMIT THRUSH	M	P,R	S	U		
AMERICAN ROBIN	M,s*	P,R	C	C	U	C
GRAY CATBIRD	M	H			S	S
MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS						
NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD	S*?	D,P	S	C	C	
SAGE THRASHER	M	D	F	F	F	
BROWN THRASHER	M	R				S
CRISSAL THRASHER	W-c	H	X			
STARLINGS						
EUROPEAN STARLING	M,y*	H	C	C	C	C
PIPITS						
AMERICAN PIPIT	M,w	A	C	C	X	C

WAXWINGS						
BOHEMIAN WAXWING	W,m	R	S	S		

BUSHTITS						
BUSHTIT	Y*,w	P,R	C	C	C	C

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ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER	S*	R,P		C	C	S
CASSIN'S KINGBIRD	S*	P		C	C	F
WESTERN KINGBIRD	M,s*	R		F	F	F
EASTERN KINGBIRD	M	R			S	
SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER	M	D			X	
LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE	Y*	D	C	C	C	C
NORTHERN SHRIKE	W	D,R	U	U		U

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GOLDEN EAGLE	Y*	W	C	C	C	C
FALCONS						
AMERICAN KESTREL	S*,w	W	F	C	C	C
MERLIN	W	D	U	U		U
PEREGRINE FALCON	S*,w	W	U	C	C	C
PRAIRIE FALCON	S,M	W	U	U	U	U

VIREOS						
WHITE-EYED VIREO	C	R			X	
BELL'S VIREO	S	R		S	S	
GRAY VIREO	S*?	P		C	C	
PLUMBEOUS VIREO	M,s*	P,R		C	C	F
CASSIN'S VIREO	M	P		S		
WARBLING VIREO	M	R		C	C	C
RED-EYED VIREO	C	R				X

PARTRIDGES, GROUSE, TURKEYS, QUAIL						
WILD TURKEY	C	R		X		
CHUKAR	Y*	T,D,P	U	U	U	U

JAYS, MAGPIES AND CROWS						
BLUE JAY	C	H				X
WESTERN SCRUB-JAY	Y*	P,r	C	C	C	C
PINYON JAY	Y*	P	C	C	C	C
CLARK'S HUTCRACKER	W	P			S	
COMMON RAVEN	Y*	W	A	A	A	A

RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS						
VIRGINIA RAIL	M	A	U	U		
SORA	M	A		U		U
COMMON MOORHEN	M	A			X	
AMERICAN COOT	Y*	A	A	C	C	C

LARKS						
HORNED LARK	W,s*?	D	A	A	A	A
PURPLE MARTIN	M	R			X	

CRANES						
SANDHILL CRANE	M	A				S

SWALLOWS						
TREE SWALLOW	M	W	X	C	C	C
VIOLET-GREEN SWALLOW	M,S*	W		C	C	C
NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW	M	W		C	C	C
BANK SWALLOW	M	W		C	C	C
CLIFF SWALLOW	M,s*	W		C	C	C
BARN SWALLOW	M	W		C	C	C

PLOVERS						
BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER	M	A		S		
AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER	?	?		?		
SNOWY PLOVER	M	A			S	
SEMPALMATED PLOVER	M	A		U	U	U
KILLDEER	S*,w	A	C	C	C	C

TITMICE						
MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE	W,s*	P	C	C	C	C
JUNIPER TITMOUSE	Y*	P	C	C	C	C

STILTS AND AVOCETS						
BLACK-NECKED STILT	M	A		F	U	F
AMERICAN AVOCET	M,s*	A		C	C	C

SANDPIPERS AND PHALAROPES						
LESSER YELLOWLEGS	M	A		C	C	C
GREATER YELLOWLEGS	M	A		F	F	F
SOLITARY SANDPIPER	M	A		U	C	C
WILLET	M	A		F	F	F
SPOTTED SANDPIPER	M,s*	A		C	C	C
LONG-BILLED CURLEW	M	A		U	U	U
MARBLLED GODWIT	M	A		C	S	S

	RUDDY TURNSTONE	?	?	?	?	?	?
	SANDERLING	M	A		S	S	S
	SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER	M	A		S	S	S

	GREATER ROADRUNNER	Y	D	U	U	U	U
	TYPICAL OWLS						
	GREAT HORNED OWL	Y*	W	C	C	C	C

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WESTERN SANDPIPER	M	A		C	C	C
LEAST SANDPIPER	M,w	A	S	C	C	C
BAIRD'S SANDPIPER	M	A			C	C
PECTORAL SANDPIPER	M	A		X	C	C
DUNLIN	M	A				S
STILT SANDPIPER	M	A		X	U	U
SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER	M	A				S
LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER	M	A		C	C	C
COMMON SNIPE	M,w	A	F	C	F	C
WILSON'S PHALAROPE	M	A		C	C	C
RED-NECKED PHALAROPE	M	A		F		F
RED PHALAROPE	M	A				S

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NORTHERN PYGMY-OWL	M,W?	P			U	U
BURROWING OWL	S*	D		U	U	U
SPOTTED OWL	Y*	P,T	S	S	S	S
LONG-EARED OWL	Y*?	P,R	U	U	U	U

GOATSUCKERS						
LESSER NIGHTHAWK	S*?	D,H		U	U	
COMMON NIGHTHAWK	S,m	P,D		F	F	F
COMMON POORWILL	S*?	P		U	U	U

GULLS AND TERNS						
FRANKLIN'S GULL	M	A		C		
BONAPARTE'S GULL	M	A		F		F
MEW GULL	M	A	X			X
RING-BILLED GULL	M,W	A	C	C	C	C
CALIFORNIA GULL	M	A	C	C	U	U
HERRING GULL	M	A	S	S		S
YELLOW-FOOTED GULL	C	A		X		
SABINE'S GULL	M	A				S
CASPIAN TERN	M	A		S		S
COMMON TERN	M	A		S		S
FORSTER'S TERN	M	A		F		F
BLACK TERN	M	A		U		U

SWIFTS						
WHITE-THROATED SWIFT	S*	T		C	C	C

HUMMINGBIRDS						
BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD	S*	R,p		C	C	C
COSTA'S HUMMINGBIRD	C	R		S		
CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRD	M	R				S
BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD	M,s*	P		F	U	F
RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD	M	P			C	C

KINGFISHERS						
BELTED KINGFISHER	M,w	A	U	C	F	C

PIGEONS AND DOVES						
ROCK DOVE	M	H	C	C	C	C
WHITE-WINGED DOVE	M	H		S	S	S
MOURNING DOVE	S*,w	W	U	C	C	C
INCA DOVE	W	H	S	S		S
BUDGER-IGAR	ESC	H			S	

CUCKOOS, ROADRUNNERS AND ANIS						
YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO	S	R			S	

WOODPECKERS						
LEWIS'S WOODPECKER	M	H	S			
ACORN WOODPECKER	M	H			X	
WILLIAMSON'S SAPSUCKER	M	P				S
YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER	W	R	S			S
RED-NAPED SAPSUCKER	W,M	R	U	C		C
HAIRY WOODPECKER	M,s*	P,R	F	F	F	F
NORTHERN FLICKER	M,s*	P,R	C	C	F	C

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS						
OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER	M	P,R		U	U	
WESTERN WOOD-PEWEE	M,s*?	P,R		C	C	C
WILLOW FLYCATCHER	M,s*	R		S	F	F
HAMMOND'S FLYCATCHER	M	P,R		F		F
GRAY FLYCATCHER	M,s*	P,R		C	C	
DUSKY FLYCATCHER	M,s*	P,R		C	C	C

	CORDILLERAN FLYCATCHER	M	R		F	F	
	BLACK PHOEBE	S*,w	R	S	F	F	F
	SAY'S PHOEBE	S*,w	W	F	C	C	C
	VERMILION FLYCATCHER	M	R	S	S	S	S

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FINCHES AND ALLIES						
	GRAY-CROWNED ROSY-FINCH	W	T	S		
	BLACK ROSY-FINCH	W	T	U	U	U
	CASSIN'S FINCH	W	P		S	S
	HOUSE FINCH	Y*	R,P,H	C	C	C
	RED CROSSBILL	Y*	P		S	S
	PINE SISKIN	W	R,P		U	U
	LESSER GOLDFINCH	S*	R,H	S	C	C
	AMERICAN GOLDFINCH	W	R	F	F	X
	EVENING GROSBEAK	W	P	S	S	S
OLD WORLD SPARROWS						
	HOUSE SPARROW	Y*	H	C	C	C

To report unusual sightings, or for further information, contact:

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This checklist includes the species of birds presently known to have occurred in Glen Canyon National Recreation Area or nearby developed areas. The abundance and habitat symbols suggest when, where, and how readily a bird can usually be found.

The surprising number of species on this list is due in part to the large size of the recreation area (over 1.2 million acres) and to the variety of habitat types. Desert scrublands, lush streamside vegetation, pinyon-juniper woodlands, and vast areas of steep, rocky terrain all occur here. And there is water - Lake Powell and its side canyons, the Colorado and San Juan Rivers, and numerous springs and seeps.

Much of the recreation area has been largely unexplored by birders. Many of Lake Powell's side canyons remain a mystery, as do the pinyon-juniper woodlands, sagebrush flats, and extensive grasslands of the Hans Flat area. For combined productivity and accessibility, however, Lees Ferry is Glen Canyon's premier birding location. Here is the only readily accessible riparian (streamside) habitat along the Colorado River for over 150 miles in either direction. Lonely Dell Ranch, also at Lees Ferry, is famous for its spring and fall migrants. From late fall through winter, the boat launch area is *the* spot from which to observe waterfowl.