

This list of the most frequently seen birds at Tonto National Monument is based on previous documentation of abundance (A). Birds are classified as common (C), meaning likely to be seen on a daily basis (in season); uncommon (U), meaning likely to be seen a few times a week; or rare (R), meaning likely to be seen a few times a month (in season and habitat).

Habitats (H) are separated into three categories. Riparian (R) habitats occur in or along the canyon bottom with deciduous riparian vegetation, such as sycamore, walnut, hackberry, and elderberry. Desert scrub (D) habitats include dry uplands and washes with mesquite, saguaro, pricklypear, ocotillo, and paloverde. Chaparral (Ch) includes the park's higher elevations, with Sonoran scrub oak and crucifixion thorn.

The varied habitats of Tonto National Monument make it a vital site for many birds across the seasons (S). Birds that do not migrate are considered year-round residents (Y) and can be seen at any time of year. Summer (S) residents are breeders present during June–August, while winter (W) residents occur from November to February. Migrant (M) birds may be seen from March to May and September to October as they briefly pass through the monument on their way to other habitats.

Key	
Abundance (A)	C—Common
	U—Uncommon
	R—Rare
Habitat (H)	Ri—Riparian
	D—Desert Scrub
	Ch—Chaparral
Season (S)	Y—Year-round
	S—Summer
	W—Winter
	M—Migrant

Photos from top left: cactus wren, verdin, Gila woodpecker, red-tailed hawk, greater roadrunner.

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√	Common name	A	H	S
QUAIL				
	Gambel's quail	C	D,Ch	Y
VULTURES				
	turkey vulture	C	D,Ch	S
RAPTORS				
	sharp-shinned hawk	U	Ri,D,Ch	M
	Cooper's hawk	U	Ri,D	Y
	zone-tailed hawk	R	Ri,D,Ch	S
	red-tailed hawk	U	Ri,D,Ch	Y
FALCONS				
	American kestrel	U	D,Ch	Y
PIGEONS AND DOVES				
	white-winged dove	C	Ri,D,Ch	S
	mourning dove	C	Ri,D,Ch	Y
ROADRUNNERS				
	greater roadrunner	U	D,Ch	Y
OWLS				
	western screech-owl	U	Ri,D	Y
	great horned owl	U	Ri,D,Ch	Y
	elf owl	C	Ri,D	S
GOATSUCKERS				
	lesser nighthawk	U	D,Ch	S
	common poorwill	C	D,Ch	S
SWIFTS				
	white-throated swift	C	D,Ch	Y
HUMMINGBIRDS				
	black-chinned hummingbird	C	Ri,D,Ch	S
	Anna's hummingbird	C	Ri,D,Ch	Y
	Costa's hummingbird	C	D,Ch	Y
	broad-tailed hummingbird	U	Ri,D,Ch	M
	rufous hummingbird	U	D,Ch	M
WOODPECKERS				
	Gila woodpecker	C	Ri,D	Y
	ladder-backed woodpecker	U	Ri,D	Y
	red-naped sapsucker	R	Ri	W
	northern flicker	U	Ri,D,Ch	W,M
	gilded flicker	U	D	Y

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FLYCATCHERS				
	western wood-pewee	U	Ri,D,Ch	M
	Hammond's flycatcher	R	Ri,D	M
	gray flycatcher	U	Ri,D,Ch	W,M
	Pacific-slope flycatcher	U	Ri,D	M
	Say's phoebe	C	D	Y
	ash-throated flycatcher	C	Ri,D,Ch	S
	brown-crested flycatcher	C	Ri,D,Ch	S
	Cassin's kingbird	U	Ri	S
	western kingbird	U	Ri,D,Ch	S
SHRIKES				
	loggerhead shrike	R	D	Y
VIREOS				
	Bell's vireo	C	Ri,D	S
	gray vireo	U	D,Ch	S
	plumbeous vireo	U	Ri,D,Ch	M
	Cassin's vireo	U	Ri,D,Ch	M
	Hutton's vireo	R	Ri,D,Ch	W,M
	warbling vireo	U	Ri,D	M
CORVIDS				
	western scrub-jay	U	D,Ch	W
	common raven	C	Ri,D,Ch	Y
SWALLOWS				
	purple martin	U	D	S
	violet-green swallow	U	D,Ch	M
	northern rough-winged swallow	U	D,Ch	M
	bank swallow	R	D,Ch	M
	cliff swallow	U	D,Ch	M
	barn swallow	U	D,Ch	M
TITMICE				
	bridled titmouse	R	Ri,D,Ch	W
VERDINS AND BUSHTITS				
	verdin	C	Ri,D,Ch	Y
	bushtit	R	Ch	W

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WRENS				
	rock wren	C	D,Ch	Y
	canyon wren	C	D,Ch	Y
	house wren	U	Ri,D,Ch	W,M
	Bewick's wren	U	Ri,D,Ch	Y
	cactus wren	C	D,Ch	Y
KINGLETS AND GNATCATCHERS				
	blue-gray gnatcatcher	C	Ri,D,Ch	S
	black-tailed gnatcatcher	C	D,Ch	Y
	ruby-crowned kinglet	C	Ri,D,Ch	W,M
THRUSHES				
	American robin	R	Ri,D,Ch	M
	hermit thrush	U	Ri,D,Ch	W
	Swainson's thrush	R	Ri	M
MIMIDS AND THRASHERS				
	northern mockingbird	C	Ri,D,Ch	Y
	curve-billed thrasher	C	D,Ch	Y
	crissal thrasher	R	Ri,D,Ch	Y
SILKY FLYCATCHERS				
	phainopepla	C	Ri,D,Ch	Y
WARBLERS				
	orange-crowned warbler	U	Ri,D,Ch	W,M
	Lucy's warbler	C	Ri,D	S
	Nashville warbler	U	Ri,D,Ch	M
	Virginia's warbler	R	Ri,D,Ch	M
	Macgillivray's warbler	U	Ri,D	M
	yellow warbler	R	Ri,D	M
	yellow-rumped warbler	C	Ri,D,Ch	W,M
	black-throated gray warbler	U	Ri,D,Ch	M
	Townsend's warbler	U	Ri,D,Ch	M
	Wilson's warbler	U	Ri,D,Ch	M

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EMBERIZINES				
	green-tailed towhee	C	Ri,D,Ch	W,M
	spotted towhee	U	Ri,Ch	W,M
	rufous-crowned sparrow	C	D,Ch	Y
	canyon towhee	C	D,Ch	Y
	Abert's towhee	U	Ri,D	Y
	chipping sparrow	R	Ri,D,Ch	W,M
	Brewer's sparrow	C	Ri,D,Ch	W,M
	black-chinned sparrow	U	D,Ch	Y
	lark sparrow	R	D	W,M
	black-throated sparrow	C	D,Ch	Y
	white-crowned sparrow	C	Ri,D,Ch	W,M
	dark-eyed junco	U	Ri,Ch	W,M
TANAGERS				
	summer tanager	C	Ri	S
	western tanager	U	Ri,D,Ch	M
CARDINALS AND ALLIES				
	northern cardinal	C	Ri,D	Y
	black-headed grosbeak	U	Ri,D,Ch	M
	blue grosbeak	C	Ri,D,Ch	S
	lazuli bunting	U	Ri,D,Ch	M
	indigo bunting	U	Ri,D	S
ICTERIDS				
	bronzed cowbird	U	Ri,D	S
	brown-headed cowbird	C	Ri,D,Ch	S
	hooded oriole	C	Ri,D	S
	Bullock's oriole	R	Ri,D	M
	Scott's oriole	C	D,Ch	S
CARDUELINE FINCHES				
	house finch	C	Ri,D,Ch	Y
	lesser goldfinch	C	Ri,D,Ch	Y
	pine siskin	R	Ri,Ch	W

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Bird Checklist



The information in this list is based on bird observations, inventories, and surveys at Tonto National Monument. However, especially with changing land use and climate, bird lists are always works in progress. The list is arranged in order by family with common names following the American Ornithologists' Union's Check-list of North American Birds, 7th edition, and its supplements to 2013.