

# Arizona Field Ornithologists

## Field Checklist of the Birds of Pinal County



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### Key

**C** Common – present in large numbers in proper habitat and season; usually seen

**U** Uncommon – present in small numbers in proper habitat and season; not always seen

**R** Rare – occurs annually, but infrequently or very locally distributed

**CA Casual** – does not occur annually; greater than 5 records

**X Extremely Rare** – out of range; 5 or fewer records

**EX Extirpated**—previously bred or presumed to have bred in county

**p** permanent resident

**s** summer resident

**w** winter resident

**m** migrant

**n** has bred in the county

**i** irregular—not predictable in occurrence

**l** local

\*Arizona Bird Committee Review Species

\*\* ABC review pending

### Ducks, Geese, & Swans (Anatidae)

__Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	CA, n
__Fulvous Whistling-Duck*	X
__Snow Goose	U-w,m
__Ross's Goose	R-w,m
__Greater White-fronted Goose	U-m
__Cackling Goose	X
__Canada Goose	U-w,m
__Trumpeter Swan*	X
__Tundra Swan	X
__Wood Duck	R-w,m
__Blue-winged Teal	U-m
__Cinnamon Teal	C-w,m, n
__Northern Shoveler	C-w,m
__Gadwall	C-w,m
__Eurasian Wigeon	CA-w
__American Wigeon	C-w,m
__Mallard	C-p, n
__Mexican Duck	U-p, n

__Northern Pintail	C-w,m
__Green-winged Teal	C-w,m
__Canvasback	U-w,m
__Redhead	U-w,m, n
__Ring-necked Duck	C-w,m
__Greater Scaup	R-w
__Lesser Scaup	U-w,m
__Surf Scoter	CA-m
__White-winged Scoter	X-m
__Long-tailed Duck	X-m
__Bufflehead	U-m,w
__Common Goldeneye	R-m,w
__Hooded Merganser	R-w,m
__Common Merganser	U-w,m
__Red-breasted Merganser	CA-w,m
__Ruddy Duck	C-w,m, n

### Quail (Odontophoridae)

__Scaled Quail	CA-p
__Gambel's Quail	C-p, n
__Montezuma Quail	CA-p

### Partridges, Grouse, and Turkey (Phasianidae)

__Wild Turkey	U-p,l, n
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### Grebes (Podicipedidae)

__Least Grebe	X
__Pied-billed Grebe	C-p, n
__Horned Grebe	Ca-m
__Red-necked Grebe	X-m
__Eared Grebe	C-w,m
__Western Grebe	C-p,m
__Clark's Grebe	U-p,m

### Pigeons and Doves (Columbidae)

__Rock Pigeon	C-p, n
__Band-tailed Pigeon	CA-m
__Eurasian Collared-Dove	C-p, n
__Inca Dove	U-p, n
__Common Ground Dove	U-p, n
__Ruddy Ground Dove	R-w, CA-s, n
__White-winged Dove	C-s, U-w, n
__Mourning Dove	C-p, n

### Cuckoos, Roadrunners, and Anis (Cuculidae)

__Groove-billed Ani	X
__Greater Roadrunner	C-p, n
__Yellow-billed Cuckoo	R-s, n

### Goatsuckers (Caprimulgidae)

__Lesser Nighthawk	C-s, n
__Common Nighthawk	X-m
__Common Poorwill	U-s, n
__Buff-collared Nightjar	CA-s, n

### Swifts (Apodidae)

__Black Swift*	X-m
__Vaux's Swift	R-m
__White-throated Swift	C-s; U-w, n

### Hummingbirds (Trochilidae)

__Rivoli's Hummingbird	CA
__Black-chinned Hummingbird	C-s,m n
__Anna's Hummingbird	C-p, n
__Costa's Hummingbird	U-p, n
__Calliope Hummingbird	R-m
__Rufous Hummingbird	U-m
__Allen's Hummingbird	X
__Broad-tailed Hummingbird	U-m
__Broad-billed Hummingbird	C-p, n
__Violet-crowned Hummingbird	X

### Rails, Gallinules and Coots (Rallidae)

__Ridgway's Rail	CA-m
__Virginia Rail	R-p, n
__Sora	U-w,m, n
__Common Gallinule	U-p, n
__American Coot	C-p, n
__Purple Gallinule*	X

### Cranes (Gruidae)

__Sandhill Crane	R-w,m
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### Stilts and Avocets (Recurvirostridae)

__Black-necked Stilt	C-p, n
__American Avocet	C-s, U-w, n

### Plovers (Charadriidae)

__Black-bellied Plover	R-m
__American Golden-Plover	X
__Pacific Golden-Plover*	X
__Killdeer	C-p, n
__Semipalmated Plover	U-m
__Mountain Plover	U-w,l
__Snowy Plover	R-m

### Jacanas (Jacanidae)

__Northern Jacana*	X
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**Sandpipers and Phalaropes (Scolopacidae)**

__ Upland Sandpiper*	X
__ Whimbrel	CA-m
__ Long-billed Curlew	U-w,m
__ Hudsonian Godwit*	X-m
__ Marbled Godwit	R-m
__ Ruddy Turnstone*	X
__ Red Knot*	X
__ Ruff*	X
__ Sharp-tailed Sandpiper*	X
__ Stilt Sandpiper	R-m
__ Sanderling	R-m
__ Dunlin	R-m
__ Baird's Sandpiper	U-m
__ Least Sandpiper	C-w,m
__ White-rumped Sandpiper*	X
__ Buff-breasted Sandpiper*	X
__ Pectoral Sandpiper	U-m
__ Semipalmated Sandpiper	R-m
__ Western Sandpiper	C-m
__ Short-billed Dowitcher	R-m
__ Long-billed Dowitcher	U-w,m
__ Wilson's Snipe	U-w,m
__ Spotted Sandpiper	C-w,m
__ Solitary Sandpiper	U-m
__ Lesser Yellowlegs	U-m
__ Willet	U-m
__ Greater Yellowlegs	C-w,m
__ Wilson's Phalarope	C-m
__ Red-necked Phalarope	U-m
__ Red Phalarope	CA-m

**Skuas and Jaegers (Stercorariidae)**

__ Pomarine Jaeger*	X
__ Parasitic Jaeger*	X

**Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers (Laridae)**

__ Black-legged Kittiwake*	X
__ Sabine's Gull	CA-m
__ Bonaparte's Gull	U-m
__ Laughing Gull	X
__ Franklin's Gull	U-m
__ Heermann's Gull	CA-i
__ Ring-billed Gull	U-m,w
__ California Gull	R-m
__ American Herring Gull	R-m
__ Lesser Black-backed Gull*	X

__ Iceland Gull*	X
__ Least Tern	CA-m
__ Caspian Tern	R-m
__ Black Tern	R-m
__ Common Tern	X
__ Arctic Tern*	X
__ Forster's Tern	U-m
__ Elegant Tern*	X
__ Black Skimmer*	X

**Loons (Gaviidae)**

__ Common Loon	CA-m
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**Storm-Petrels (Hydrobatidae)**

__ Wedge-rumped Storm-Petrel*	X
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**Storks (Ciconiidae)**

__ Wood Stork*	X
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**Frigatebirds (Fregatidae)**

__ Magnificent Frigatebird*	X
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**Cormorants (Phalacrocoracidae)**

__ Neotropic Cormorant	C-p, n
__ Double-crested Cormorant	C-p, n

**Pelicans (Pelecanidae)**

__ American White Pelican	C-m
__ Brown Pelican	U-i

**Bitterns, Herons and Egrets (Ardeidae)**

__ Least Bittern	R-s, n
__ American Bittern	Ca
__ Little Blue Heron	X
__ Tricolored Heron	CA
__ Reddish Egret	CA-m
__ Snowy Egret	U-s,m
__ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron*	X
__ Black-crowned Night-Heron	C-p
__ Green Heron	U-s
__ Great Egret	C-s,m, n
__ Western Cattle Egret	U-m, n
__ Great Blue Heron	C-p, n

**Ibises (Threskiornithidae)**

__ White Ibis*	X
__ Glossy Ibis*	X
__ White-faced Ibis	C-m
__ Roseate Spoonbill	CA-m

**New World Vultures (Cathartidae)**

__ Black Vulture	U-p, n
__ Turkey Vulture	C-s,m, n

**Osprey (Pandionidae)**

__ Osprey	U-w,m
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**Kites, Eagles and Hawks (Accipitridae)**

__ White-tailed Kite	R-i, n
__ Swallow-tailed Kite*	X
__ Golden Eagle	R-p, n
__ Northern Harrier	C-w
__ Sharp-shinned Hawk	U-w
__ Cooper's Hawk	C-p, n
__ American Goshawk	CA-m
__ Bald Eagle	R-p, n
__ Mississippi Kite	CA-s, n
__ Common Black Hawk	U-s-n
__ Harris's Hawk	C-p, n
__ White-tailed Hawk*	EX, n
__ Gray Hawk	U-s, n
__ Red-shouldered Hawk	X
__ Broad-winged Hawk	CA-m
__ Swainson's Hawk	C-m, U-s, n
__ Zone-tailed Hawk	U-s, n
__ Red-tailed Hawk	C-p, n
__ <i>Harlan's</i>	R-w
__ Rough-legged Hawk	R-w
__ Ferruginous Hawk	U-w

**Barn Owls (Tytonidae)**

__ American Barn Owl	R-p, n
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**Typical Owls (Strigidae)**

__ Flammulated Owl	X
__ Whiskered Screech-Owl	CA-p,l
__ Western Screech-Owl	C-p, n
__ Great Horned Owl	C-p, n
__ Northern Pygmy-Owl	CA-p,l n
__ Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl	X, n
__ Elf Owl	C-s,l n
__ Burrowing Owl	C-p, n
__ Spotted Owl	CA-p,l
__ Long-eared Owl	CA-p, n
__ Short-eared Owl	X
__ Northern Saw-whet Owl	X

**Quetzals and Trogons (Trogonidae)**

__Elegant Trogon	X	__Western Wood-Pewee	C-s,m, n	__Tree Swallow	C-m
<b>Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)</b>		__Willow Flycatcher	U-s,m, n	__Violet-green Swallow	C-m, n
__Belted Kingfisher	U-m	__Hammond's Flycatcher	U-m	__Northern Rough-winged Swallow	C-s,m, n
<b>Woodpeckers (Picidae)</b>		__Gray Flycatcher	U-m	__Purple Martin	C-s, n
__Lewis's Woodpecker	R-w	__Dusky Flycatcher	U-m	__Barn Swallow	C-s,m, n
__Acorn Woodpecker	C-p,l n	__Western Flycatcher	R-m	__Cliff Swallow	C-s,m, n
__Gila Woodpecker	C-p, n	__Black Phoebe	C-p, n	__Cave Swallow*	X
__Williamson's Sapsucker	CA-w,m	__Eastern Phoebe	R, w,m	<b>Bushtits (Aegithalidae)</b>	
__Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	R-w,m	__Say's Phoebe	C-p, n	__Bushtit	U-p, n
__Red-naped Sapsucker	U-w,m	__Vermilion Flycatcher	C-p,m, n	<b>Kinglets (Regulidae)</b>	
__Red-breasted Sapsucker	X	<b>Vireos (Vireonidae)</b>		__Golden-crowned Kinglet	CA-w
__Ladder-backed Woodpecker	C-p, n	__White-eyed Vireo	X	__Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C-w,m
__Hairy Woodpecker	R-p, n	__Bell's Vireo	C-s, n	<b>Waxwings (Bombycillidae)</b>	
__Arizona Woodpecker	R-p,l n	__Gray Vireo	U-s,l n	__Cedar Waxwing	R-w,i
__Northern Flicker	C-w,m	__Hutton's Vireo	U-s, R-w, n	<b>Silky-flycatchers (Ptiliognatidae)</b>	
__ <i>Yellow-shafted</i>	R-m	__Yellow-throated Vireo	X	__Phainopepla	C-w, U-s, n
__Gilded Flicker	U-p, n	__Cassin's Vireo	U-m	<b>Nuthatches (Sittidae)</b>	
<b>Caracaras and Falcons (Falconidae)</b>		__Plumbeous Vireo	C-s, U-w, n	__Red-breasted Nuthatch	R-w
__Crested Caracara	U-p,l, n	__Philadelphia Vireo*	X	__White-breasted Nuthatch	C-p, n
__American Kestrel	C-p, n	__Warbling Vireo	U-m,s	__Pygmy Nuthatch	X
__Merlin	U-w	__Red-eyed Vireo	X	<b>Creepers (Certhiidae)</b>	
__Peregrine Falcon	U-p, n	__Yellow-green Vireo*	X	__Brown Creeper	R-w
__Prairie Falcon	U-p, n	<b>Shrikes (Laniidae)</b>		<b>Gnatcatchers (Poliptilidae)</b>	
<b>Parrots (Psittacidae)</b>		__Loggerhead Shrike	C-p, n	__Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	C-w,w, n
__Rosy-faced Lovebird	R-p,l n	<b>Jays, Magpies and Crows (Corvidae)</b>		__Black-tailed Gnatcatcher	C-p, n
<b>Becards (Tityridae)</b>		__Pinyon Jay	X	<b>Wrens (Troglodytidae)</b>	
__Rose-throated Becard	X	__Steller's Jay	R-w	__Rock Wren	C-p, n
<b>Tyrant Flycatchers (Tyrannidae)</b>		__Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay	C-p, n	__Canyon Wren	C-p, n
__Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet	U-s,R-w, n	__Mexican Jay	R-p,l n	__Northern House Wren	U-m,w
__Dusky-capped Flycatcher	R-s,m, n	__Clark's Nutcracker	X	__Pacific Wren	R-w
__Ash-throated Flycatcher	C-s, R-w, n	__American Crow	CA-i	__Winter Wren	CA-w
__Brown-crested Flycatcher	C-s, n	__Chihuahuan Raven	R-p, n	__Marsh Wren	C-w,m
__Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher	X	__Common Raven	C-p, n	__Carolina Wren*	X
__Tropical Kingbird	U-s, n	<b>Verdin (Remizidae)</b>		__Bewick's Wren	C-p, n
__Cassin's Kingbird	C-s, n	__Verdin	C-p, n	__Cactus Wren	C-p, n
__Thick-billed Kingbird	R-s, n	<b>Chickadees and Titmice (Paridae)</b>		<b>Mockingbirds, Thrashers and Allies (Mimidae)</b>	
__Western Kingbird	C-s,m, n	__Mountain Chickadee	CA-w	__Blue Mockingbird*	X
__Eastern Kingbird	X	__Bridled Titmouse	C-p, n	__Gray Catbird	CA-i
__Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	X	__Juniper Titmouse	U-p,l n	__Curve-billed Thrasher	C-p, n
__Tufted Flycatcher*	X	<b>Larks (Alaudidae)</b>		__Brown Thrasher	CA-w
__Olive-sided Flycatcher	U-m	__Horned Lark	C-p	__Bendire's Thrasher	C-p, n
__Greater Pewee	CA	<b>Swallows (Hirundinidae)</b>		__LeConte's Thrasher	CA-l n
		__Bank Swallow	U-m		

__Crissal Thrasher	C-p, n	__Rufous-winged Sparrow	U-p, n	__Bronzed Cowbird	R-s, n
__Sage Thrasher	U-w,m	__Botteri's Sparrow	R-s,l, n	__Brown-headed Cowbird	C-w, F-s, n
__Northern Mockingbird	C-p, n	__Cassin's Sparrow	U-s, n	__Rusty Blackbird*	X
<b>Starlings (Sturnidae)</b>		__Grasshopper Sparrow	CA-m	__Brewer's Blackbird	C-w
__European Starling	C-p, n	__Five-striped Sparrow	X	__Common Grackle	X
<b>Dippers (Cinclidae)</b>		__Black-throated Sparrow	C-p, n	__Great-tailed Grackle	C-p, n
__American Dipper	CA-w,l	__Lark Sparrow	C-w,m	<b>Wood-Warblers (Parulidae)</b>	
<b>Thrushes (Turdidae)</b>		__Lark Bunting	C-w,i	__Ovenbird	X
__Eastern Bluebird	X	__Chipping Sparrow	C-w,m	__Worm-eating Warbler	X
__Western Bluebird	C-w, m	__Clay-colored Sparrow	R-m	__Louisiana Waterthrush	CA
__Mountain Bluebird	U-w,i	__Black-chinned Sparrow	U-p, n	__Northern Waterthrush	R-m
__Townsend's Solitaire	U-w	__Brewer's Sparrow	C-m,w	__Golden-winged Warbler*	X
__Veery*	X	__Fox Sparrow	R-w,m	__Blue-winged Warbler*	X
__Gray-cheeked Thrush**	X	__Dark-eyed Junco	C-w	__Black-and-white Warbler	CA-m
__Swainson's Thrush	CA-m	__Yellow-eyed Junco	R-w,l	__Prothonotary Warbler	X
__Hermit Thrush	C-w,m	__White-crowned Sparrow	C-m,w	__Tennessee Warbler	CA
__Wood Thrush*	X	__Golden-crowned Sparrow	CA-w	__Orange-crowned Warbler	C-w,m
__Rufous-backed Robin	R-w	__Harris's Sparrow	CA-m	__Lucy's Warbler	C-s, n
__American Robin	U-w	__White-throated Sparrow	R-w,m	__Nashville Warbler	R-m
__Varied Thrush	CA-w	__Sagebrush Sparrow	U-w	__Virginia's Warbler	R-m
<b>Olive Warbler (Peucedramidae)</b>		__Bell's Sparrow	X	__MacGillivray's Warbler	U-m,s
__Olive Warbler	R-w	__Vesper Sparrow	C-w,m	__Kentucky Warbler	X
<b>Old World Sparrows (Passeridae)</b>		__Savannah Sparrow	C-w,m	__Common Yellowthroat	C-s, R-w, n
__House Sparrow	C-p, n	__Song Sparrow	C-p, n	__Hooded Warbler	X
<b>Wagtails and Pipits (Motacillidae)</b>		__Lincoln's Sparrow	U-w,m	__American Redstart	CA-m
__American Pipit	C-w	__Swamp Sparrow	CA-w,m	__Cape May Warbler*	X
__Sprague's Pipit	CA-w	__Canyon Towhee	C-p, n	__Northern Parula	CA-m
<b>Finches and Allies (Fringillidae)</b>		__Abert's Towhee	C-p, n	__Magnolia Warbler	X
__Evening Grosbeak	CA-i	__Rufous-crowned Sparrow	U-p,l, n	__Bay-breasted Warbler*	X
__House Finch	C-p, n	__Green-tailed Towhee	U-w,m	__Blackburnian Warbler	X
__Purple Finch*	CA	__Spotted Towhee	C-p, n	__Yellow Warbler	C-s,m, n
__Cassin's Finch	CA-w	<b>Yellow-breasted Chat (Icteriidae)</b>		__Chestnut-sided Warbler	CA
__Red Crossbill	CA-w,i	__Yellow-breasted Chat	C-s, n	__Blackpoll Warbler	X
__Pine Siskin	R-w,m	<b>Blackbirds and Allies (Icteridae)</b>		__Black-throated Blue Warbler	CA
__Lesser Goldfinch	C-p, n	__Yellow-headed Blackbird	C-w,m, R-s, n	__Palm Warbler	CA-m
__Lawrence's Goldfinch	R-i, n	__Bobolink*	CA-m	__Yellow-rumped Warbler	C-w,m
__American Goldfinch	R-w	__Chihuahuan Meadowlark	R-w	__Yellow-throated Warbler	X
<b>Longspurs and Snow Buntings (Calcariidae)</b>		__Western Meadowlark	C-w, R-s, n	__Grace's Warbler	R-s,l, n
__Lapland Longspur	CA-w	__Orchard Oriole	CA-w,m	__Black-throated Gray Warbler	C-s,m, n
__Chestnut-collared Longspur	CA-w	__Hooded Oriole	C-s, n	__Townsend's Warbler	R-m
__Thick-billed Longspur	CA-w	__Streak-backed Oriole	CA, n	__Hermit Warbler	R-m
<b>New World Sparrows (Passerellidae)</b>		__Bullock's Oriole	C-s, n	__Black-throated Green Warbler	X
		__Baltimore Oriole	X	__Canada Warbler*	X
		__Scott's Oriole	C-s, n	__Wilson's Warbler	C-m
		__Red-winged Blackbird	C-s,w,m n	__Red-faced Warbler	CA-m
				__Painted Redstart	R-p, n

**Cardinals, Grosbeaks and Allies (Cardinalidae)**

__Hepatic Tanager	R-s,l n
__Summer Tanager	C-s, n
__Scarlet Tanager	X
__Western Tanager	C-m, n
__Northern Cardinal	C-p, n
__Pyrrhuloxia	C-p, n
__Yellow Grosbeak**	X
__Rose-breasted Grosbeak	CA-m
__Black-headed Grosbeak	C-s,m, n
__Blue Grosbeak	C-s, n
__Lazuli Bunting	C-m
__Indigo Bunting	CA-m,s n
__Varied Bunting	R-s, n
__Painted Bunting	R-m
__Dickcissel	CA-m,i

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