

Arizona Field Ornithologists

Field Checklist of the Birds of Gila 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

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 Species, documentation and record submitted and pending acceptance

Ducks, Geese & Swans (Anatidae)

__ Snow Goose	R-w,m
__ Ross's Goose	CA-w,m
__ Greater White-fronted Goose	U-m, R-w
__ Cackling Goose	CA-w,m
__ Canada Goose	C-w
__ Tundra Swan	X-w,m
__ Wood Duck	R-w,m
__ Blue-winged Teal	U-w, C-m
__ Cinnamon Teal	U-w, C-m
__ Northern Shoveler	C-w,m
__ Gadwall	C-w,m
__ Eurasian Wigeon	X-w
__ American Wigeon	C-w,m
__ Mallard	C-p, n
__ Mexican Duck	R-p
__ Northern Pintail	C-w,m
__ Green-winged Teal	C-w,m

__ Canvasback	U-w,m
__ Redhead	C-w,m
__ Ring-necked Duck	C-w,m
__ Greater Scaup	R-w
__ Lesser Scaup	U-w,m
__ Black Scoter	X-w,m
__ Surf Scoter	CA-m
__ White-winged Scoter	X-m
__ Long-tailed Duck	X-w
__ Bufflehead	U-w,m
__ Common Goldeneye	U-w,m
__ Hooded Merganser	R-w,m
__ Common Merganser	U-m,w; R-s,n
__ Red-breasted Merganser	R-w,m
__ Ruddy Duck	C-w,m

Quail (Odontophoridae)

__ Scaled Quail	R-p,l, n
__ Gambel's Quail	C-p, n
__ Montezuma Quail	R-p, n

Partridges, Grouse and Turkey (Phasianidae)

__ Wild Turkey	U-p, n
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Grebes (Podicipedidae)

__ Pied-billed Grebe	C-p, n
__ Horned Grebe	R-w,m
__ Red-necked Grebe	X-w,m
__ Eared Grebe	C-w,m
__ Western Grebe	C-p,m, n
__ Clark's Grebe	C-p,m, n

Pigeons and Doves (Columbidae)

__ Rock Pigeon	C-p, n
__ Band-tailed Pigeon	U-s, n
__ Eurasian Collared-Dove	C-p, n
__ Inca Dove	U-p, n
__ Common Ground Dove	U-p, n
__ Ruddy Ground Dove	X
__ White-winged Dove	C-s,m, n
__ Mourning Dove	C-p, n

Cuckoos, Roadrunners and Anis (Cuculidae)

__ Greater Roadrunner	U-p, n
__ Yellow-billed Cuckoo	U-s, n

Goatsuckers (Caprimulgidae)

__ Lesser Nighthawk	C-s, n
__ Common Nighthawk	U-s, n

__ Common Poorwill	U-s, n
__ Eastern Whip-poor-will*	X
__ Mexican Whip-poor-will	U-s, n

Swifts (Apodidae)

__ Vaux's Swift	U-m
__ White-throated Swift	U-s,w,m, n

Hummingbirds (Trochilidae)

__ Rivoli's Hummingbird	U-s,l R-m, n
__ Black-chinned Hummingbird	C-s,m n
__ Anna's Hummingbird	C-p, n
__ Costa's Hummingbird	C-s, n
__ Calliope Hummingbird	R-m
__ Rufous Hummingbird	U-m
__ Broad-tailed Hummingbird	C-s,m, n
__ Broad-billed Hummingbird	X-s

Rails, Gallinules and Coots (Rallidae)

__ Virginia Rail	U-w,m
__ Sora	U-w,m
__ Common Gallinule	U-p,l, n
__ American Coot	C-p, n
__ Purple Gallinule*	X-m

Cranes (Gruidae)

__ Sandhill Crane	X-w,m
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Stilts and Avocets (Recurvirostridae)

__ Black-necked Stilt	U-s,m
__ American Avocet	U-s,m, n

Plovers (Charadriidae)

__ Black-bellied Plover	X-m
__ American Golden-Plover	X-m
__ Killdeer	C-p, n
__ Semipalmated Plover	U-m
__ Snowy Plover	X-m

Sandpipers and Phalaropes (Scolopacidae)

__ Whimbrel	X-m
__ Long-billed Curlew	U-m
__ Marbled Godwit	U-m
__ Stilt Sandpiper	R-m
__ Sanderling	X-m
__ Dunlin	R-m
__ Baird's Sandpiper	U-m
__ Least Sandpiper	C-w,m
__ Pectoral Sandpiper	U-m

__ Semipalmated Sandpiper	R-m
__ Western Sandpiper	C-m
__ Short-billed Dowitcher	CA-m
__ Long-billed Dowitcher	U-w,m
__ Wilson's Snipe	U-w
__ Spotted Sandpiper	C-w,m R-s, n
__ Solitary Sandpiper	U-m
__ Lesser Yellowlegs	U-m
__ Willet	U-m
__ Greater Yellowlegs	C-w,m
__ Wilson's Phalarope	U-m
__ Red-necked Phalarope	U-m
__ Red Phalarope	X-m

Skuas and Jaegers (Stercorariidae)

__ Pomarine Jaeger*	X-m
__ Parasitic Jaeger*	X-m

Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers (Laridae)

__ Sabine's Gull	CA-m
__ Bonaparte's Gull	U-m
__ Laughing Gull	X-m
__ Franklin's Gull	U-m
__ Heermann's Gull	X,m
__ Ring-billed Gull	C-w,m
__ California Gull	U-w,m
__ Herring Gull	CA-w,m
__ Iceland Gull*	X-m
__ Lesser Black-backed Gull*	X-m
__ Least Tern	X-m
__ Caspian Tern	R-m
__ Black Tern	R-m
__ Common Tern	R-m
__ Forster's Tern	U-m

Tropicbirds (Phaethontidae)

__ Red-billed Tropicbird*	X
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Loons (Gaviidae)

__ Red-throated Loon	X-w,m
__ Common Loon	U-w,m

Storks (Ciconiidae)

__ Wood Stork*	X-m
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Cormorants (Phalacrocoracidae)

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

Pelicans (Pelecanidae)

__ American White Pelican	C-w,m, U-s
__ Brown Pelican	R-w,m,i

Bitterns, Herons and Egrets (Ardeidae)

__ American Bittern	X-w,m
__ Least Bittern	R-p,l
__ Great Blue Heron	C-p, n
__ Great Egret	C-s,w,m
__ Snowy Egret	C-s,w,m
__ Reddish Egret	X-s,m
__ Cattle Egret	U-s,w,m
__ Green Heron	U-s,m, n
__ Black-crowned Night-Heron	U-p, n

Ibises (Threskiornithidae)

__ White-faced Ibis	C-m
__ Roseate Spoonbill	X-s,m

New World Vultures (Cathartidae)

__ Black Vulture	R-s,l
__ Turkey Vulture	C-s,m, n

Osprey (Pandionidae)

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

__ White-tailed Kite	X
__ Golden Eagle	R-p, n
__ Northern Harrier	U-m,w
__ Sharp-shinned Hawk	R-s, U-w,m, n
__ Cooper's Hawk	C-p, n
__ Northern Goshawk	R-p, n
__ Bald Eagle	U-p, n
__ Mississippi Kite	CA-s,m, n
__ Common Black Hawk	U-s,m, n
__ Harris's Hawk	R-p, n
__ Gray Hawk	U-s,l, R-s n
__ Broad-winged Hawk	X-m
__ Short-tailed Hawk	CA-s
__ Swainson's Hawk	U-s,m
__ Zone-tailed Hawk	U-s,m n
__ Red-tailed Hawk	C-p, n
__ Rough-legged Hawk	CA-w,m
__ Ferruginous Hawk	R-w,m

Barn Owls (Tytonidae)

__ Barn Owl	U-p, n
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Typical Owls (Strigidae)

__ Flammulated Owl	U-s, n
__ Western Screech-Owl	C-p, n
__ Great Horned Owl	C-p, n
__ Northern Pygmy-Owl	U-p, n
__ Elf Owl	U-s, n
__ Burrowing Owl	X
__ Spotted Owl	R-p, n
__ Long-eared Owl	R-s,w,m
__ Northern Saw-whet Owl	U-p, n

Quetzals and Trogons (Trogonidae)

__ Elegant Trogon	X
__ Eared Quetzal*	X

Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)

__ Belted Kingfisher	U-m,w, R-s n
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Woodpeckers (Picidae)

__ Lewis's Woodpecker	R-m,w,s
__ Acorn Woodpecker	C-p, n
__ Gila Woodpecker	C-p, n
__ Williamson's Sapsucker	R-s, U-m,w, n
__ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	CA-m,w
__ Red-naped Sapsucker	U-m,w
__ Red-breasted Sapsucker	X-w
__ Am. Three-toed Woodpecker	R-l,i
__ Downy Woodpecker	U-p, n
__ Ladder-backed Woodpecker	C-p, n
__ Hairy Woodpecker	C-p, n
__ Northern Flicker	C-p, n
__ Gilded Flicker	C-p, n

Caracaras and Falcons (Falconidae)

__ American Kestrel	C-p, n
__ Merlin	U-w,m
__ Peregrine Falcon	U-p, n
__ Prairie Falcon	R-p, n

Tyrant Flycatchers (Tyrannidae)

__ Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet	R-s, n
__ Dusky-capped Flycatcher	R-s, n
__ Ash-throated Flycatcher	C-s,m U-w, n
__ Nutting's Flycatcher	X
__ Brown-crested Flycatcher	C-s, n
__ Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher	CA-s,l, n
__ Tropical Kingbird	R-s,l, n
__ Cassin's Kingbird	C-s, U-m n
__ Thick-billed Kingbird	X-m
__ Western Kingbird	C-s,m, n

__ Eastern Kingbird	X-m	__ Cliff Swallow	C-s,m, n	__ American Robin	C-p, n
__ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	X-m	__ Cave Swallow*	X-m	__ Varied Thrush	X-w
__ Olive-sided Flycatcher	U-s,m, n	Chickadees and Titmice (Paridae)		Mockingbirds, Thrashers and Allies (Mimidae)	
__ Greater Pewee	U-s, n	__ Mountain Chickadee	C-p, n	__ Gray Catbird	CA-m
__ Western Wood-Pewee	C-s,m, n	__ Bridled Titmouse	C-p, n	__ Curve-billed Thrasher	C-p, n
__ Willow Flycatcher	U-s,m, n	__ Juniper Titmouse	U-p, n	__ Brown Thrasher	CA-w
__ Hammond's Flycatcher	U-m, R-w	Verdin (Remizidae)		__ Bendire's Thrasher	R-p, n
__ Gray Flycatcher	U-m,s,w, n	__ Verdin	C-p, n	__ Crissal Thrasher	U-p, n
__ Dusky Flycatcher	U-m, R-w	Bushtits (Aegithalidae)		__ Sage Thrasher	U-w,m
__ Pacific-slope Flycatcher	C-m	__ Bushtit	U-p, n	__ Northern Mockingbird	C-p, n
__ Cordilleran Flycatcher	C-s, n	Nuthatches (Sittidae)		Starlings (Sturnidae)	
__ Black Phoebe	C-p, n	__ Red-breasted Nuthatch	U-p, n	__ European Starling	C-p, n
__ Eastern Phoebe	X-w,m	__ White-breasted Nuthatch	C-p, n	Waxwings (Bombycillidae)	
__ Say's Phoebe	C-p, n	__ Pygmy Nuthatch	C-p, n	__ Cedar Waxwing	U-w,m
__ Vermilion Flycatcher	C-s, U-w,m, n	Creepers (Certhiidae)		Silky-flycatchers (Ptiliogonatidae)	
Shrikes (Laniidae)		__ Brown Creeper	U-p, n	__ Phainopepla	C-p, n
__ Loggerhead Shrike	U-p, n	Wrens (Troglodytidae)		Olive Warbler (Peucedramidae)	
Vireos (Vireonidae)		__ Rock Wren	C-p, n	__ Olive Warbler	U-p, n
__ Bell's Vireo	C-s, n	__ Canyon Wren	U-p, n	Old World Sparrows (Passeridae)	
__ Gray Vireo	U-s, n	__ House Wren	C-s, U-w,m, n	__ House Sparrow	C-p, n
__ Hutton's Vireo	U-s,w,m, n	__ Pacific Wren	R-w, CA-s,l, n	Wagtails and Pipits (Motacillidae)	
__ Yellow-throated Vireo	X-m	__ Winter Wren	CA-w	__ American Pipit	U-w,m
__ Cassin's Vireo	U-m, R-w	__ Marsh Wren	U-w,m	__ Sprague's Pipit	X-w,m
__ Plumbeous Vireo	C-s, U-w,m, n	__ Bewick's Wren	C-p, n	Finches and Allies (Fringillidae)	
__ Warbling Vireo	U-s,m, n	__ Cactus Wren	C-p, n	__ Evening Grosbeak	R-w,m,l
Jays, Magpies and Crows (Corvidae)		Gnatcatchers (Poliopitidae)		__ House Finch	C-p, n
__ Pinyon Jay	U-p, n	__ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	C-s,w,m, n	__ Purple Finch	X-w
__ Steller's Jay	C-p, n	__ Black-tailed Gnatcatcher	C-p, n	__ Cassin's Finch	U-w,m
__ Blue Jay*	X	Dippers (Cinclidae)		__ Red Crossbill	U-p,l, n
__ Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay	C-p, n	__ American Dipper	R-w	__ Pine Siskin	C-p, n
__ Mexican Jay	U-p, n	Kinglets (Regulidae)		__ Lesser Goldfinch	C-p, n
__ Clark's Nutcracker	CA-w,m,l	__ Golden-crowned Kinglet	U-w,m, R-s, n	__ Lawrence's Goldfinch	R-w,m,i
__ American Crow	U-p, n	__ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C-w,m, R-s, n	__ American Goldfinch	U-w,m
__ Chihuahuan Raven	R-w,m,l	Thrushes (Turdidae)		Longspurs and Snow Buntings (Calcariidae)	
__ Common Raven	C-p, n	__ Eastern Bluebird	CA-w,i	__ Lapland Longspur	X-m
Larks (Alaudidae)		__ Western Bluebird	C-s, w, m, n	__ Chestnut-collared Longspur	R-w,m
__ Horned Lark	U-m,s,w	__ Mountain Bluebird	U-w,m, R-s	New World Sparrows (Passerellidae)	
Swallows (Hirundinidae)		__ Townsend's Solitaire	U-w,m, R-s, n	__ Rufous-winged Sparrow	R-p,l n
__ Bank Swallow	U-m	__ Swainson's Thrush	U-m	__ Cassin's Sparrow	R-s,m,l, n
__ Tree Swallow	U-m, R-s, n	__ Hermit Thrush	C-w,s,m, n	__ Grasshopper Sparrow	R-w,m
__ Violet-green Swallow	C-s,m, n	__ Rufous-backed Robin	CA-w,i	__ Black-throated Sparrow	C-p, n
__ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	U-s,w,m n				
__ Purple Martin	U-s,m, n				
__ Barn Swallow	C-s,m n				

__ Lark Sparrow	U-s,w,m, n
__ Lark Bunting	R-w,m
__ Chipping Sparrow	C-s,w,m, n
__ Clay-colored Sparrow	R-w,m
__ Black-chinned Sparrow	C-s, n
__ Brewer's Sparrow	U-w,m
__ Fox Sparrow	U-w,m
__ Dark-eyed Junco	C-p, n
__ Yellow-eyed Junco	C-p,l, n
__ White-crowned Sparrow	C-w,m
__ Golden-crowned Sparrow	X-w,m
__ Harris's Sparrow	X-w,m
__ White-throated Sparrow	R-w,m
__ Sagebrush Sparrow	R-w,m
__ Vesper Sparrow	U-w,m
__ Savannah Sparrow	U-w,m
__ Song Sparrow	C-p, n
__ Lincoln's Sparrow	C-w,m
__ Swamp Sparrow	R-w,m
__ Canyon Towhee	C-p, n
__ Abert's Towhee	C-p, n
__ Rufous-crowned Sparrow	C-p, n
__ Green-tailed Towhee	U-w,m, R-s
__ Spotted Towhee	C-p, n

Yellow-breasted Chat (Icteriidae)

__ Yellow-breasted Chat	C-s,m, n
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Blackbirds and Allies (Icteridae)

__ Yellow-headed Blackbird	U-s,w,m
__ Bobolink*	X-n
__ Eastern Meadowlark (<i>liliana</i>)	R-w,m
__ Western Meadowlark	C-w,m, U-s, n
__ Orchard Oriole	X-m
__ Hooded Oriole	C-s, n
__ Bullock's Oriole	C-s, n
__ Baltimore Oriole	X-m
__ Scott's Oriole	U-s, n
__ Red-winged Blackbird	C-p, n
__ Bronzed Cowbird	U-s, n
__ Brown-headed Cowbird	U-p, n
__ Brewer's Blackbird	U-s,w,m, n
__ Common Grackle	X-m,w
__ Great-tailed Grackle	C-p, n

Wood-Warblers (Parulidae)

__ Ovenbird	X-m
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__ Worm-eating Warbler	X-m
__ Northern Waterthrush	R-m
__ Golden-winged Warbler*	X-m
__ Black-and-white Warbler	R-w,m
__ Tennessee Warbler	X-m
__ Orange-crowned Warbler	C-w,m, R-s, n
__ Lucy's Warbler	C-s, n
__ Nashville Warbler	U-m
__ Virginia's Warbler	U-s,m, n
__ MacGillivray's Warbler	C-m, R-s, n
__ Common Yellowthroat	C-p, n
__ Hooded Warbler	CA-s,w,m, n
__ American Redstart	R-w,m
__ Northern Parula	CA-w,m
__ Yellow Warbler	C-s,m, n
__ Chestnut-sided Warbler	X-w,m
__ Palm Warbler	X-w,m
__ Yellow-rumped Warbler	C-w,m, U-s, n
__ Grace's Warbler	C-s, n
__ Black-throated Gray Warbler	C-s,m, R-w, n
__ Townsend's Warbler	U-m, R-w
__ Hermit Warbler	R-m
__ Black-throated Green Warbler*	X
__ Wilson's Warbler	C-m
__ Red-faced Warbler	U-s, n
__ Painted Redstart	C-s, U,m, n

Cardinals, Grosbeaks and Allies (Cardinalidae)

__ Hepatic Tanager	C-s, U-m, n
__ Summer Tanager	C-s, U-m, n
__ Western Tanager	C-s,m, n
__ Northern Cardinal	C-p, n
__ Pyrrhuloxia	R-s,w
__ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	R-m
__ Black-headed Grosbeak	C-s,m, n
__ Blue Grosbeak	C-s,m n
__ Lazuli Bunting	C-m, R-s, n
__ Indigo Bunting	R-s,m, n
__ Varied Bunting	CA-s,l, n
__ Dickcissel	R-m

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