

List of Birds on the Arizona Strip

This checklist of birds known or suspected to occur on the Arizona Strip is provided for your interest and enjoyment. Information for this list was compiled by wildlife biologists from the Arizona Strip BLM Field Office. The list represents the best available knowledge to date. Please Contact Us to report unusual sightings or provide additions or corrections to the list.

How to Use This List

Take this list along with you when you go bird watching. Bring a pair of binoculars and good birding field guide that includes color drawings or photographs of the species. Mark in the first column as you observe a particular species in the field. Birds are grouped by families and are listed according to the sequence used by the American Ornithologist Union.

Species Abundance and Residency

The column to the right of the common name is labeled with an **A** to indicate the relative abundance of a bird species on the Arizona Strip relative to other species. To the right of the species abundance notation is a column labeled with an **R** to indicate the time of year the species is most likely to be observed here on the Arizona Strip. Abundance and habitat codes are as follows:

Abundance Codes:	Residency Codes:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A=Abundant• C=Common• U=Uncommon• L=Local• R=Rare• S=Spotty• Ac=Accidental• N=No Record	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sp=Spring; Birds spend time on the Arizona Strip early in the season, but do not breed here• Su=Summer; Birds probably breed on the Arizona Strip• W=Winter; Birds overwinter on the Arizona Strip• P=Permanent; Birds may be found on the Arizona Strip year-round• M=Migratory; Birds typically only pass through or over the Arizona Strip• G=Grassland

Habitat Used

All of the columns to the right of the abundance and residency codes are habitat types typically used by the species. Habitat codes include the following:

Codes	Habitat Type
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• G• S• M• P• PJ• D• A• R	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grassland• Sagebrush• Mountain Shrub• Ponderosa Pine• Pinyon-Juniper• Desert Shrub• Aquatic• Riparian

A Note About Neotropical Migratory Birds

Neotropical migrant (NTM) landbirds are species that breed primarily in the United States and Canada and then migrate to Central or South America to escape the cold North American winters. These small brightly colored birds, often only a few grams in weight, are able to make annual trips of many thousands of miles through harsh and unforgiving conditions, often to return to the same tree or bush year after year. These species have become the subject of considerable concern as their numbers plummet, a result of the loss of habitat at both ends of their migration. Efforts to reverse this downtrend in neotropical migratory birds has been a primary focus of wildlife biologists and ornithologists in the Americas for the past five years.

This checklist denotes neotropical migrant landbirds by placing the letters NTM following the common name and a letter indicating to which class the species belongs. The classes are:

NTM-A: species that breed in North America and spend their nonbreeding period primarily south of the United States.

NTM-B: species that breed and winter extensively in North America, although some populations winter south of the United States.

NTM-C: species whose breeding range is primarily south of the U.S. - Mexican border, and enter the United States only periodically or accidentally.

GULLS and TERNS		A	R	G	S	M	P	PJ	D	A	R
Franklin's Gull	U	Su								x	
Bonaparte's Gull	R	M								x	
Ring-billed Gull	C	W								x	
California Gull	C	P								x	
Herring Gull	R	W								x	
Caspian Tern	U	Su								x	
Common Tern	U	M								x	
Forster's Tern	C	Su								x	
Black Tern	R	Su								x	

PIGEONS and DOVES		A	R	G	S	M	P	PJ	D	A	R
Rock Dove	U	P	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Band-tailed Pigeon (NTM-A)	U	Su			x	x					
White-winged Dove (NTM-C)	U	Su							x		x
Mourning Dove (NTM-B)	A	P	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x
Inca Dove	R	Su							x		

CUCKOOS and ROADRUNNERS		A	R	G	S	M	P	PJ	D	A	R
Yellow-billed Cuckoo (NTM-A)	R	Su									x
Greater Roadrunner	C	P	x	x				x	x		x

OWLS		A	R	G	S	M	P	PJ	D	A	R
Common Barn-Owl	R	P		x				x	x		x
Flammulated Owl (NTM-A)	R	P			x	x					
Western Screech Owl	U	P		x		x	x	x	x		x
Great Horned Owl	A	P	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x
Northern Pygmy Owl	R	P			x	x	x				
Elf Owl (NTM-C)	R	P			x	x	x	x			
Burrowing Owl (NTM-A)	U	Su	x	x					x		
Spotted Owl (Mexican)	R	W			x	x	x				x
Long-eared Owl (NTM-B)	U	P		x		x	x	x			x
Short-eared Owl (NTM-B)	R	T	x						x		
Northern Saw-whet Owl	U	P					x	x			

	OLD WORLD WARBLERS and THRUSHES	A	R	G	S	M	P	PJ	D	A	R
	Golden-crowned Kinglet	R	P			x	x	x			
	Ruby-crowned Kinglet (NTM-B)	C	Su			x	x	x			
	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (NTM-A)	C	Su			x	x	x	x		x
	Black-tailed Gnatcatcher	U	P						x		
	Western Bluebird (NTM-B)	C	Su		x	x	x	x			
	Mountain Bluebird (NTM-B)	U	Su			x	x	x			
	Townsend's Solitaire (NTM-B)	U	Su		x	x	x	x	x		
	Hermit Thrush (NTM-B)	R	Su			x	x	x			
	American Robin (NTM-B)	C	Su	x		x	x	x			x

	MIMIC THRUSHES	A	R	G	S	M	P	PJ	D	A	R
	Gray Catbird (NTM-A)	U	Su			x		x	x		x
	Northern Mockingbird (NTM-B)	C	Su	x	x	x		x	x		x
	Sage Thrasher (NTM-B)	R	P		x				x		
	Bendire's Thrasher (NTM-B)	U	P	x	x	x		x	x		
	Crissal Thrasher	R	P		x	x		x			x
	LeConte's Thrasher	U	P		x				x		

	PIPITS	A	R	G	S	M	P	PJ	D	A	R
	American Pipit (NTM-B)	R	Su							x	x

	WAXWINGS	A	R	G	S	M	P	PJ	D	A	R
	Bohemian Waxwing	R	W				x	x			
	Cedar Waxwing (NTM-B)	R	W				x	x			x

	SILKY-FLYCATCHERS	A	R	G	S	M	P	PJ	D	A	R
	Phainopepla (NTM-A)	U	P			x			x		x

	SHRIKES	A	R	G	S	M	P	PJ	D	A	R
	Northern Shrike	R	Su		x	x		x	x		
	Loggerhead Shrike (NTM-B)	C	Su	x	x			x	x		x

	STARLINGS	A	R	G	S	M	P	PJ	D	A	R
	European Starling	A	W	x	x	x	x	x	x		x

	VIREOS	A	R	G	S	M	P	PJ	D	A	R
	Bell's Vireo (NTM-A)	R	Su						x		x
	Gray Vireo (NTM-A)	U	Su				x	x	x		
	Solitary Vireo (NTM-A)	U	Su				x	x			x
	Warbling Vireo (NTM-A)	U	Su					x			x

	WOOD WARBLERS	A	R	G	S	M	P	PJ	D	A	R
	Orange-crowned Warbler (NTM-A)	R	Su		x	x	x	x	x		x
	Virginia's Warbler (NTM-A)	R	Su			x	x	x			
	Lucy's Warbler (NTM-C)	C	Su						x		x
	Yellow Warbler (NTM-A)	A	Su			x	x	x	x		x
	Magnolia Warbler (NTM-A)	Ac	Su				x				
	Yellow-rumped Warbler (NTM-B)	C	Su			x	x	x			x
	Black-throated Gray Warbler (NTM-A)	U	Su			x	x	x			
	Townsend's Warbler (NTM-A)	R	M				x	x			
	Hermit Warbler (NTM-A)	R	Su				x				
	Grace's Warbler (NTM-A)	C	Su				x	x			
	Black-and-white Warbler (NTM-A)	R	M				x	x			
	American Redstart (NTM-A)	R	M			x					x
	MacGillivray's Warbler (NTM-A)	U	Su	x		x	x	x			x
	Common Yellowthroat (NTM-A)	R	Su		x	x			x		x
	Wilson's Warbler (NTM-A)	U	M		x	x	x	x	x		x
	Painted Redstart (NTM-C)	R	M			x	x	x			x
	Yellow-breasted Chat (NTM-A)	R	M				x	x			x

	TANAGERS	A	R	G	S	M	P	PJ	D	A	R
	Hepatic Tanager (NTM-A)	R	Su			x	x	x			
	Summer Tanagers (NTM-A)	R	Su						x		x
	Western Tanager (NTM-A)	C	Su			x	x	x	x		x

	CARDINALS and Their Allies	A	R	G	S	M	P	PJ	D	A	R
	Pyrrhuloxia	R	M						x		x
	Black-headed Grosbeak (NTM-A)	C	Su			x	x	x			x
	Blue Grosbeak (NTM-A)	U	Su								x
	Lazuli Bunting (NTM-A)	U	Su			x	x				x
	Indigo Bunting (NTM-A)	R	M								x

	NEW WORLD SPARROWS and Their Allies	A	R	G	S	M	P	PJ	D	A	R
	Green-tailed Towhee (NTM-A)	U	Su			x	x	x			x
	Rufous-sided Towhee (NTM-B)	C	S			x	x	x			x
	Canyon Towhee	R	P		x	x		x	x		
	Abert's Towhee	R	Su						x		x
	Cassin's Sparrow (NTM-B)	R	Su	x	x						
	Rufous-crowned Sparrow	U	Su						x		x
	Chipping Sparrow (NTM-A)	C	P	x	x	x	x	x	x		x
	Brewer's Sparrow (NTM-A)	C	Su	x	x	x			x		
	Black-chinned Sparrow (NTM-A)	R	Su		x	x			x		
	Vesper Sparrow (NTM-B)	U	Su	x	x				x		
	Lark Sparrow (NTM-A)	C	Su	x	x				x		x
	Black-throated Sparrow (NTM-B)	A	Su	x	x	x		x	x		x
	Sage Sparrow (NTM-B)	U	Su	x	x	x		x	x		
	Lark Bunting (NTM-A)	R	Su		x	x			x		
	Savannah Sparrow (NTM-B)	U	Su	x	x	x			x		x
	Fox Sparrow (NTM-B)	R	M	x		x			x		x
	Song Sparrow (NTM-B)	U	Su	x	x	x			x		x
	Lincoln's Sparrow (NTM-A)	R	M								x
	Swamp Sparrow (NTM-B)	N	W								x
	White-throated Sparrow (NTM-B)	R	W	x	x			x	x		
	Golden-crowned Sparrow	R	M	x	x	x			x		
	White-crowned Sparrow (NTM-B)	C	W	x	x	x			x		x
	Harris' Sparrow	U	W				x	x			
	Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored)(NTM-B)	C	P			x	x	x			
	Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon)(NTM-B)	C	Su				x	x			
	Dark-eyed Junco (Gray-headed)(NTM-B)	U	P				x				

	NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS and ORIOLES	A	R	G	S	M	P	PJ	D	A	R
	Red-winged Blackbird (NTM-B)	R	Su								
	Western Meadowlark (NTM-B)	C	Su	x	x	x			x		
	Yellow-headed Blackbird (NTM-A)	R	Su								x
	Rusty Blackbird	R	M								x
	Brewer's Blackbird (NTM-B)	C	Su	x	x	x	x	x	x		x
	Brown-headed Cowbird (NTM-B)	C	Su	x	x	x		x	x		x
	Hooded Oriole (NTM-A)	U	Su								x
	Northern Oriole (NTM-A)	U	Su			x		x			x
	Scott's Oriole (NTM-A)	U	Su	x	x	x		x	x		x

	FINCHES	A	R	G	S	M	P	PJ	D	A	R
	Pine Grosbeak	R	M				x				
	Purple Finch (NTM-B)	R	Su	x	x	x		x	x		
	Cassin's Finch (NTM-B)	R	Su		x	x	x				
	House Finch	C	P	x	x	x		x	x		x
	Red Crossbill	R	Su				x				
	Pine Siskin (NTM-B)	U	Su				x	x			
	Lesser Goldfinch (NTM-B)	U	P			x	x				
	American Goldfinch (NTM-B)	R	P				x	x			x
	Evening Grosbeak	U	W			x	x	x			

	OLD WORLD SPARROWS	A	R	G	S	M	P	PJ	D	A	R
	House Sparrow	U	P	x	x						x