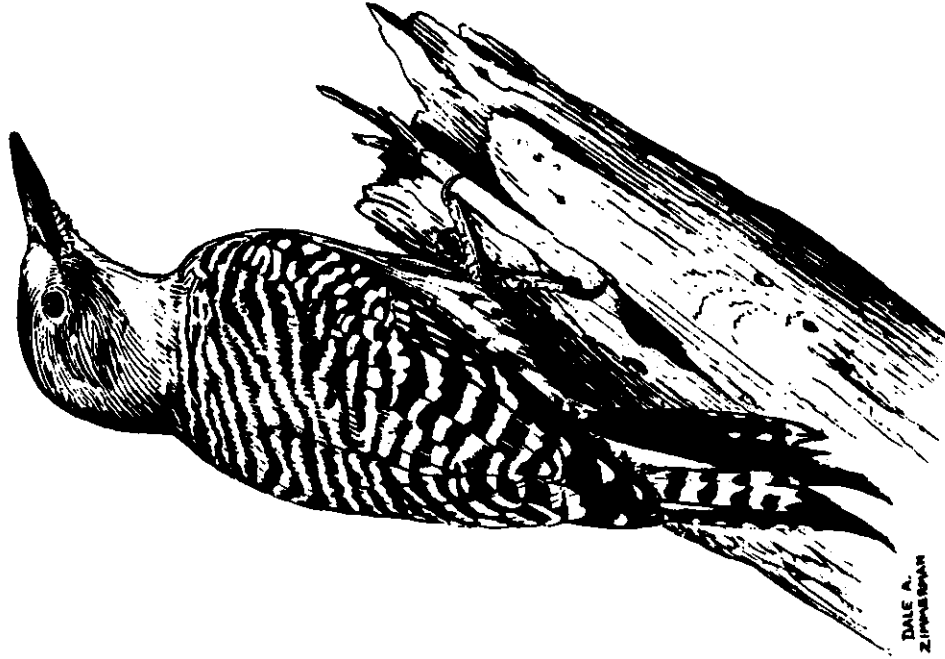


# Birds of the Gila National Forest: A Checklist



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## Using the Checklist

The first column after the species name is an indication of the bird's abundance. Bear in mind, however, that many species are locally distributed and do not range throughout the Gila National Forest which embraces a highly diverse range of elevations and habitats (see below). Thus, the expressions of abundance are to be viewed as *general* indications, and of course only for the habitat(s) favored by the species in question. Abundance also varies seasonally, and often from year-to-year as well. Additionally, actual abundance is often distinct from *detectability*. Some species may be common but secretive and only rarely seen. Others may be numerically sparse, yet highly vocal or otherwise conspicuous. The following designations relate to abundance, not necessarily to frequency of detection. An asterisk (\*) following a species name indicates breeding on the Gila National Forest.

**A – Abundant**                      **C – Common**  
**F – Fairly Common**                **U – Uncommon**  
**R – Rare**

The second column reflects seasonal status, showing the time of year when the species normally appears in the checklist area:

**P – Permanent Resident** (present year-round)  
**S – Summer Resident** (present from spring until fall migration) or  
**W – Winter Visitor** (not known to breed on the Gila)  
**T – Transient** (typically from October through March)  
**V – Visitant** (present as a migrant in spring and/or fall)  
**V – Visitant** (present at various seasons, often irregularly)

The remaining columns indicate the usual habitat(s) of each species. On the forest, vegetation types range from spruce/fir forest high in the Mogollon Mountains to the desert scrub and remnant grassland in the lower Burro Mountains. Small expanses of grassland are scattered in the higher ranges. Generally, ponderosa pine is the dominant species at elevations between 6,000 and 7,000 feet. Somewhat higher, and in many canyons, is a mixed conifer forest typically dominated by Douglas fir, often with Gambel's oak. Woodlands of piñon pine, juniper and oak, in varying combinations, are present on drier sites throughout the forest. Riparian areas support rich deciduous or coniferous woodland and, locally small areas of marsh or other open habitats. This great ecological diversity provides for a remarkably varied bird fauna. This checklist includes 166 species known to breed on the Gila, 114 others that are more or less regular non-breeders, and 57 species considered to be casual (recorded 3-5 times) or accidental (recorded but once or twice).

	Abundance	Residence	Desert	Oak Woodland	Oak-Juniper	Pinyon-Juniper	Spruce-Fir	Mt. Grassland	Marsh/Open	Decid. Riparian	Conf. Riparian
<b>Loons</b>											
___ Common Loon	R	T							■		
<b>Grebes</b>											
___ Eared Grebe	F	S							■		
___ Western Grebe	C	T							■		
___ Clark's Grebe	F	T							■		
___ Pied-billed Grebe*	U	T							■		
___ Grebe	C	W							■		
___ Grebe	C	P							■		
<b>Cormorants</b>											
___ Double-crested Cormorant	U	T							■		
___ Neotropic Cormorant	R	T							■		
Hérons and Ibises											
___ American Bittern	R	T							■		
___ Least Bittern	R	T							■		
___ Great Blue Heron*	F	P							■		
___ Great Egret	R	T							■		
___ Snowy Egret	U	T							■		
___ Green Heron	R	S							■		
___ Black-crowned Night Heron	U	S							■		
___ White-faced Ibis	U	T							■		
<b>Vultures</b>											
___ Turkey Vulture	C	S	■	■	■	■		■		■	
<b>Swans, Geese, and Ducks</b>											
___ Snow Goose	U	T						■			
___ Ross's Goose	R	T						■			
___ Canada Goose	F	W						■			
___ Tundra Swan	R	T						■			
___ Wood Duck	R	W							■		
___ Gadwall	F	W							■		
___ American Wigeon	F	T							■		
___ Mallard*	C	P							■		
___ Blue-winged Teal*	R	S							■		
___ Teal	U	T							■		

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___ Cinnamon Teal*	F	S							■		
___ Northern Shoveler	F	T							■		
___ Northern Pintail	F	T							■		
___ Green-winged Teal*	U	S							■		
___ Canvasback	C	T							■		
___ Redhead	U	T							■		
___ Redhead	U	S							■		
___ Ring-necked Duck	U	T							■		
___ Ring-necked Duck	U	S							■		
___ Greater Scaup	F	T							■		
___ Lesser Scaup	R	T							■		
___ Bufflehead	C	W							■		
___ Common Goldeneye	F	T							■		
___ Hooded Merganser	U	T							■		
___ Hooded Merganser	R	T							■		
___ Common Merganser*	F	P							■		
___ Red-breasted Merganser	R	T							■		
___ Ruddy Duck*	U	S							■		
<b>Hawks, Eagles, and Falcons</b>											
___ Osprey*	R	S							■		
___ Bald Eagle	U	T							■		
___ Bald Eagle	R	S		■	■	■					
___ Northern Harrier	U	W		■	■	■					
___ Northern Harrier	R	S		■	■	■					
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk*	U	W	■	■	■	■		■			
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk*	U	P		■	■	■	■				
___ Cooper's Hawk*	F	P	■	■	■	■					
___ Northern Goshawk*	R	P		■	■	■					
___ Common Black Hawk*	F	S		■	■	■					
___ Swainson's Hawk*	F	S	■	■	■	■					
___ Zone-tailed Hawk*	U	S		■	■	■					
___ Zone-tailed Hawk*	U	T		■	■	■					
___ Red-tailed Hawk*	C	P	■	■	■	■					

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___ Ferruginous Hawk	U	T	■		■				■		
___ Rough-legged Hawk	U	W	■		■				■		
___ Golden Eagle*	R	W							■		
___ American Kestrel*	U	P	■	■	■				■		
___ American Kestrel*	F	S	■	■	■					■	
___ Merlin	C	T	■	■	■	*				■	
___ Prairie Falcon*	F	W	■	■	■	■			■		
___ Peregrine Falcon*	U	T	■						■		
___ Prairie Falcon*	U	W	■							■	
___ Peregrine Falcon*	U	P	■	■	■						
___ Peregrine Falcon*	R	S	■	■	■	■				■	
___ Peregrine Falcon*	R	T	■	■	■	■				■	
<b>Grouse and Relatives</b>											
___ Ring-necked Pheasant*	U	P								■	
___ Blue Grouse*	U	P				■					
___ Wild Turkey*	F	P			■					■	
<b>Quail</b>											
___ Montezuma Quail*	U	P									
___ Scaled Quail*	U	P	■								
___ Gambel's Quail*	C	P		■	■						■
<b>Rails, Coots and Cranes</b>											
___ Virginia Rail*	U	S							■		
___ Sora*	U	S							■		
___ Common Moorhen	R	T							■		
___ American Coot*	C	P							■		
___ Sandhill Crane	U	W							■		
<b>Plovers</b>											
___ Black-bellied Plover	R	T							■		
___ Semipalmated Plover	R	T							■		
___ Killdeer*	F	P							■		
<b>Avocets and Stilts</b>											
___ Black-necked Stilt	R	T							■		
___ American Avocet	R	T							■		
<b>Snipes and Sandpipers</b>											
___ Greater Yellowlegs	U	T							■		
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	U	T							■		

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<b>Snipes and Sandpipers (cont.)</b>											
___ Solitary Sandpiper	R	T							■		
___ Willet	R	T							■		
___ Spotted Sandpiper*	F	T							■		
___ Spotted Sandpiper*	R	S							■		
___ Long-billed Curlew	R	W							■		
___ Marbled Godwit	R	T							■		
___ Western Sandpiper	F	T							■		
___ Least Sandpiper	F	T							■		
___ Baird's Sandpiper	U	T							■		
___ Pectoral Sandpiper	R	T							■		
___ Long-billed Dowitcher	U	T							■		
___ Common Snipe	F	T							■		
___ Wilson's Phalarope	U	T							■		
___ Red-necked Sandpiper	R	T							■		
<b>Gulls and Terns</b>											
___ Franklin's Gull	R	T							■		
___ Bonaparte's Gull	R	T							■		
___ Ring-billed Gull	U	T							■		
___ California Gull	R	T							■		
___ Forster's Tern	U	T							■		
___ Black Tern	R	T							■		
<b>Pigeons and Doves</b>											
___ Rock Dove*	U	P							■		
___ Band-tailed Pigeon*	F	S		■	■	■			■		■
___ White-winged Dove*	U	S		■	■	■			■		■
___ Mourning Dove*	C	P		■	■	■			■		■
___ Inca Dove	R	V							■		
___ Common Ground Dove	W	R							■		
<b>Cuckoos and Roadrunners</b>											
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	U	S								■	
___ Greater Roadrunner*	U	P		■	■	■			■		■

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<b>Owls</b>	U	P	■	■	■	■					
__ Barn Owl*		P	■	■	■	■				■	
__ Flamulated Owl*	F	S				■					
__ Western Screech Owl*	U	P		■	■					■	
__ Great Horned Owl*	F	P	■	■	■	■				■	
__ Northern Pygmy Owl*	U	P		■	■						
__ Elf Owl*	R	S		■	■					■	
__ Burrowing Owl*	R	S	■				■				
__ Spotted Owl*	U	P				■					■
__ Long-eared Owl*	R	S	■	■	■					■	■
__ Short-eared owl	U	W	■		■						■
__ Northern Saw-whet Owl	R	W			■						
<b>Nightjars</b>											
__ Lesser Nighthawk	U	S	■							■	
__ Common Nighthawk*	F	S	■	■	■	■	■	■		■	■
	C	T	■	■	■	■	■	■			
__ Common Poor-will*	F	S	■	■	■	■	■	■		■	■
__ Whip-poor-will*	F	S			■	■					
<b>Swifts</b>											
__ Black Swift	R	T		■	■	■	■			■	
	R	S		■	■	■	■				
__ White-throated Swift*	F	S		■	■	■				■	
<b>Hummingbirds</b>											
__ Blue-throated Hummingbird	R	S								■	
__ Magnificent Hummingbird*	R	S		■	■					■	
__ Black-chinned Hummingbird*	C	S	■	■	■					■	
__ Anna's Hummingbird	R	T		■	■					■	
__ Calliope Hummingbird	U	T		■	■						
__ Broad-tailed Hummingbird*	C	S		■	■					■	
__ Rufous Hummingbird	C	T		■	■					■	
<b>Kingfishers</b>											
__ Belted Kingfisher*	U	T							■	■	■
	U	W							■	■	■
	R	S							■	■	■

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<b>Woodpeckers</b>											
__ Lewis's Woodpecker*	U	S								■	
__ Acorn Woodpecker*	C	P		■	■					■	
__ Gila Woodpecker*	R	S		■	■					■	
__ Red-naped Sapsucker*	F	S		■	■	■				■	
	C	T		■	■	■				■	
__ R	R	W		■	■	■				■	
__ Williamson's Sapsucker*	U	S				■					
	R	W				■					
__ Ladder-backed Woodpecker*	U	P	■	■	■					■	
__ Downy Woodpecker*	U	P								■	
__ Hairy Woodpecker*	C	P		■	■	■				■	■
__ Three-toed Woodpecker*	R	P				■					
__ Northern Flicker*	C	P		■	■	■				■	■
<b>Tyrant Flycatchers</b>											
__ Olive-sided Flycatcher*	F	S				■				■	
__ Greater Pewee*	R	S				■					
__ Western Wood Pewee*	C	S				■				■	■
__ Willow Flycatcher*	R	S								■	■
__ Hammond's Flycatcher	F	T			■						■
__ Dusky Flycatcher	F	T			■	■				■	
__ Gray Flycatcher*	F	S		■	■					■	
__ Cordilleran Flycatcher*	C	S				■				■	■
__ Black Phoebe*	C	P								■	■
__ Say's Phoebe*	C	P		■	■				■		
__ Vermilion Flycatcher*	F	S								■	
__ Ash-throated Flycatcher*	C	S	■	■	■					■	■
__ Brown-crested Flycatcher*	R	S								■	■
__ Cassin's Kingbird*	C	S	■	■	■					■	■
__ Western Kingbird*	C	S	■	■	■					■	■
<b>Shrikes</b>											
__ Loggerhead Shrike	R	S	■	■	■					■	
	U	T	■	■	■					■	
	U	W	■	■	■					■	■

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<b>Vireos</b>											
__ Bell's Vireo*	R	S								■	
__ Gray Vireo	R	S		■	■	■					
__ Cassin's Vireo	W	R		■	■	■				■	
__ Plumbeous Vireo*	C	S		■	■	■	■			■	
__ Hutton's Vireo*	U	S		■	■	■	■			■	
__ Warbling Vireo*	R	W		■	■	■					
__ Cactus Wren*	C	S				■				■	
__ Rock Wren*	C	T				■				■	
<b>Corvids</b>											
__ Steller's Jay*	C	P				■					
__ Western Scrub Jay*	C	P		■	■						
__ Mexican Jay*	C	P		■	■					■	
__ Pinyon Jay*	C	P		■		■					
__ Clark's Nutcracker*	R	S				■					
__ American Crow*	R	W			■						
__ Chihuahuan Raven	F	P								■	
__ Common Raven*	U	W	■					■			
__ Common Raven*	C	P		■	■	■				■	
<b>Larks</b>											
__ Horned Lark*	C	P	■					■			
<b>Swallows and Martins</b>											
__ Purple Martin*	F	S								■	
__ Tree Swallow*	U	T				■				■	
__ Violet-green Swallow*	C	S		■	■	■				■	
__ No. Rough-winged Swallow*	C	T			■	■				■	
__ No. Rough-winged Swallow*	F	S						■			
__ Bank Swallow*	R	T						■		■	
__ Barn Swallow*	F	T		■	■	■		■		■	
__ Barn Swallow*	U	S		■	■	■		■		■	
__ Cliff Swallow*	F	S		■	■	■		■		■	
<b>Tits and Relatives</b>											
__ Mountain Chickadee*	C	P				■				■	
__ Bridled Titmouse*	F	P		■						■	
__ Juniper Titmouse*	F	P			■					■	
__ Verdin	U	S								■	

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<b>Tits and Relatives (cont.)</b>											
__ Bushy-tit*	C	P		■	■	■					
<b>Nuthatches and Creepers</b>											
__ Red-breasted Nuthatch*	F	P				■					
__ White-breasted Nuthatch*	C	P			■					■	
__ Pygmy Nuthatch*	C	P			■	■					
__ Brown Creeper*	F	P				■					
<b>Wrens</b>											
__ Cactus Wren*	U	P	■								
__ Rock Wren*	C	P		■	■						
__ Canyon Wren*	C	P		■	■					■	
__ Bewick's Wren*	C	P		■	■					■	
__ House Wren*	C	S				■				■	
__ Winter Wren	R	W								■	
__ Marsh Wren	U	W						■			
<b>Dippers</b>											
__ American Dipper*	F	P								■	
<b>Kinglets and Gnatcatchers</b>											
__ Golden-crowned Kinglet*	F	P			■	■					
__ Ruby-crowned Kinglet*	F	S		■	■	■				■	
__ Ruby-crowned Kinglet*	F	S		■	■	■				■	
__ Ruby-crowned Kinglet*	C	T		■	■	■				■	
__ Ruby-crowned Kinglet*	C	W		■	■	■				■	
__ Ruby-crowned Kinglet*	F	S		■	■	■				■	
__ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*											
<b>Thrushes</b>											
__ Eastern Bluebird	R	W		■	■	■				■	
__ Western Bluebird*	C	P		■	■	■			■		
__ Mountain Bluebird*	C	S		■	■	■			■		
__ Townsend's Solitaire*	F	T		■	■	■					
__ Townsend's Solitaire*	F	W		■	■	■					
__ Townsend's Solitaire*	U	S		■	■	■				■	
__ Townsend's Solitaire*	F	W		■	■	■				■	
__ Swainson's Thrush	R	T									
__ Hermit Thrush*	F	S				■				■	
__ American Robin*	C	S		■	■	■				■	
__ American Robin*	C	T		■	■	■				■	
__ American Robin*	F	W		■	■	■				■	

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<b>Mimids</b>											
___ Gray Catbird	R	T			■						
___ Northern Mockingbird*	F	S	■		■						
___ Sage Thrasher	R	W	■		■						
___ Curve-billed Thrasher*	U	T		■	■						
___ Crissal Thrasher*	U	W		■	■						
<b>Starlings</b>											
___ European Starling*	U	P								■	
<b>Pipits</b>											
___ American Pipit	U	W					■	■		■	
<b>Waxwings and Relatives</b>											
___ Cedar Waxwing	U	W		■	■					■	
___ Phainopepla*	F	T		■	■						
<b>Wood Warblers and Relatives</b>											
___ Olive Warbler*	U	P			■		■				
___ Tennessee Warbler	R	T								■	
___ Orange-crowned Warbler*	U	S					■				
___ Nashville Warbler	C	T		■	■		■			■	
___ Virginia's Warbler*	U	T		■	■					■	
___ Lucy's Warbler*	F	S		■	■					■	
___ Yellow Warbler*	F	S								■	
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler*	C	S			■		■			■	
___ Black-throated Gray Warbler*	C	T			■		■			■	
___ Townsend's Warbler	F	T			■					■	
___ Hermit Warbler	U	T					■				
___ Grace's Warbler*	C	S					■				
___ Black-and-white Warbler	R	T								■	
___ American Redstart	U	T								■	■

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<b>Wood Warblers &amp; Relatives(cont).</b>												
___ Northern Waterthrush	U	T									■	
___ MacGillivray's Warbler*	R	S		■	■						■	
___ Common Yellowthroat*	C	T		■	■						■	
___ Wilson's Warbler	C	T						■				
___ Red-faced Warbler*	F	S		■	■						■	
___ Painted Redstart*	U	S									■	
___ Yellow-breasted Chat*	F	S									■	
<b>Tanagers</b>												
___ Hepatic Tanager*	F	S			■						■	
___ Summer Tanager*	F	S									■	
___ Western Tanager*	C	S		■	■						■	
<b>Towhees, Sparrows, Longspurs</b>												
___ Green-tailed Towhee	C	T			■			■			■	
___ Spotted Towhee*	R	W			■			■			■	
___ Canyon Towhee*	C	P		■	■						■	
___ Abert's Towhee*	F	P		■	■						■	
___ Rufous-crowned Sparrow*	R	P									■	
___ Chipping Sparrow*	C	S		■	■						■	
___ Brewer's Sparrow	A	T		■	■						■	
___ Black-chinned Sparrow*	U	W		■	■						■	
___ Vesper Sparrow	F	T		■	■						■	
___ Lark Sparrow*	U	W		■	■						■	
___ Black-throated Sparrow*	F	S		■	■						■	
___ Sage Sparrow	U	P		■	■						■	
	U	W		■	■						■	
	U	T		■	■						■	



