



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Birds

Buenos Aires

National Wildlife Refuge

How to Use Your Checklist

This list is in accordance with the 7th edition (1998) A.O.U. checklist and the 48th Supplement (July 2007). This guide is arranged by habitat to help locate some of the more than 330 species of birds recorded on the refuge.

Key

- R - Resident, may be found year round.
- W - Winter Visitor (may include early fall and/or late spring)
- M - Migration, spring and/or fall
- S - Summer, may be migrating through the refuge.
- ◆ - Only a few records
- - Breeding records for refuge

Italics = Threatened or Endangered Status

Arivaca Cienega (AC)

A 1-1/4 mile loop meanders through a seasonal wetland and groves of mesquite and hackberry trees.

Arivaca Creek (Ck)

A 1-1/4 mile loop follows the seasonal stream under mesquite trees and majestic cottonwoods. Mustang Trail leaves the Creek Trail for a steep hike up El Cerro.

Brown Canyon (BC)

The canyon is open by guided walk only. Call for a schedule or to make reservations.

Semidesert Grasslands (Gr)

Most of the refuge is an extensive grassland with mesquite trees. Many southwestern birds can be sighted near the headquarters visitor center. (HQ).

Wetlands (Wt)

In wet years, shorebirds and waterfowl may be seen in the grasslands at dirt tanks, natural wetlands, and the Aguirre Lake area.

Join a Tour or Take a Class

Call 520/823-4251 x 116 for tour and program information or reservations for Brown Canyon walks and workshops. Free guided bird walks start at 8:00 am at Arivaca Cienega, November through April; no reservations needed.

Ducks, Geese, and Swans

	AC	Ck	BC	Gr	HQ	Wt
Black-bel. Whistling-Duck •	S	S			S	
Gr. White-fronted Goose ◆					M	
Snow Goose ◆		W			M	
Canada Goose ◆		W			W	
Wood Duck ◆		W	W			
Gadwall		W			W	
Eurasian Wigeon ◆		W			W	
American Wigeon		W			W	
Mallard •		R			R	
Blue-winged Teal		M			M	
Cinnamon Teal •		R			R	
Northern Shoveler		W			W	
Northern Pintail		W			W	
Garganey ◆					M	
Green-winged Teal		W			W	
Canvasback ◆					W	
Redhead		W			W	
Ring-necked Duck		W			W	
Lesser Scaup		W			M	
Surf Scoter ◆					M	
Long-tailed Duck ◆					W	
Bufflehead		W			W	
Common Goldeneye ◆					W	

	AC	Ck	BC	Gr	HQ	Wt
Hooded Merganser ◆						W
Common Merganser						W
Red-breasted Merganser ◆						W
Ruddy Duck		S				R
New World Quail						
Scaled Quail •		R		R	R	R
Gambel's Quail •		R	R	R	R	R
N. Bobwhite (<i>Masked</i>) •					R	R
Montezuma Quail •				R	R	
Grebes						
Pied-billed Grebe		R				R
Eared Grebe						M
Western Grebe ◆						W
Pelicans						
American White Pelican ◆						M
Brown Pelican ◆						S
Cormorants						
Neotropic Cormorant ◆		S				
Double-crested Cormorant						S
Frigatebirds						
Magnificent Frigatebird ◆		M	M			
Herons, Bitterns, and Allies						
American Bittern ◆		W				
Least Bittern ◆		M				
Great Blue Heron •		R	R			R
Great Egret		W				M
Snowy Egret		M				M
Little Blue Heron ◆						M
Cattle Egret		M				M
Green Heron		S				S
Black-cr. Night-Heron •		S				S
Ibis						
White-faced Ibis		S				M
Vultures						
Black Vulture		S	S		S	S
Turkey Vulture		R	R	R	R	R
Hawks, Kites, Eagles, and Allies						
Osprey ◆		M	M			M
White-tailed Kite •		S		S	S	S
Northern Harrier		W		W	W	W
Sharp-shinned Hawk		W	W	W	W	W
Cooper's Hawk •		R	R	R	R	R
Northern Goshawk ◆		M		M		
Common Black-Hawk		M	M			M
Harris's Hawk		W	W			W
Red-shouldered Hawk ◆		M	M			
Gray Hawk •		S	S	S		
Swainson's Hawk •		S		S	S	S
Zone-tailed Hawk •		S	S	S	M	S
Red-tailed Hawk •		R	R	R	R	R
Ferruginous Hawk		W		W	W	W
Rough-legged Hawk		M		W	W	W
Golden Eagle •		W	W	R	W	W
Caracaras and Falcons						
Crested Caracara ◆				R	R	
American Kestrel •		R	R	R	R	R
Merlin		W		W	W	W
<i>Aplomado Falcon</i>						
Peregrine Falcon		W	M		S	W
Prairie Falcon		R	R		W	W
Rails, Gallinules, and Coots						
Virginia Rail •		R				
Sora •		R	M			S
Common Moorhen •		R				
American Coot •		R	M			R
Cranes						
Sandhill Crane ◆						W

Plovers

	AC	Ck	BC	Gr	HQ	Wt
Semipalmated Plover						M
Killdeer •		R	R			R
Stilts and Avocets						
Black-necked Stilt			M			M
American Avocet						M
Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies						
Spotted Sandpiper			M			M
Solitary Sandpiper			M			M
Greater Yellowlegs			W			W
Willet			M			M
Lesser Yellowlegs						M
Long-billed Curlew						M
Marbled Godwit ◆						M
Western Sandpiper						M
Least Sandpiper						M
Wh.-rumped Sandpiper ◆						M
Baird's Sandpiper ◆						M
Pectoral Sandpiper ◆						M
Long-billed Dowitcher						M
Wilson's Snipe			W	M		M
Wilson's Phalarope						M
Red-necked Phalarope ◆						M
Red Phalarope ◆						M
Gulls and Terns						
Bonaparte's Gull ◆						M
Heermann's Gull ◆						M
Ring-billed Gull			W			W
Sabine's Gull ◆						M
<i>Least Tern</i> ◆			M			M
Black Tern ◆						M
Forster's Tern ◆						M
Pigeons and Doves						
Rock Pigeon			R			
Band-tailed Pigeon			S			S
Eurasian Collared-Dove			R			R
White-winged Dove •		W	S	S	S	S
Mourning Dove •		R	R	R	R	R
Inca Dove			R			W
Common Ground-Dove •		R	R	S	S	R
Ruddy Ground-Dove ◆		W	W			
Cuckoos, Roadrunners, and Anis						
Yellow-billed Cuckoo •		S	S	S	S	S
Greater Roadrunner •		R	R	R	R	R
Groove-billed Ani ◆		M				M
Barn Owls						
Barn Owl •		R	R	S	R	R
Typical Owls						
Western Screech-Owl •		R	R	R	R	R
Whiskered Screech-Owl •			S	S		
Great Horned Owl •		R	R	R	R	R
Northern Pygmy-Owl ◆						S
Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl ◆◆						R
Elf Owl •			S	S		
Burrowing Owl						M
Long-eared Owl ◆◆						W
Short-eared Owl						W
Northern Saw-whet Owl ◆		W				
Goatsuckers						
Lesser Nighthawk •		S	S	S	S	S
Common Nighthawk •		S	S	S	S	S
Common Poorwill •		S	S	S	S	S
Buff-collared Nightjar •			S	S	S	
Whip-poor-will •						S
Swifts						
Vaux's Swift		M	M	M	M	M
White-throated Swift •		S	S	S	W	M

	AC	Ck	BC	Gr	HQ	Wt		AC	Ck	BC	Gr	HQ	Wt		AC	Ck	BC	Gr	HQ	Wt	
Hummingbirds							Titmice								Tanagers						
Broad-bl. Hummingbird •	S	S	S	S			Bridled Titmouse •	W	W	R					Hepatic Tanager •				S		M
Violet-cr. Hummingbird ◆				S	S		Verdin							Summer Tanager •	S	S	S				
Blue-thr. Hummingbird ◆	M		M		M		Verdin •	R	R	R	R	R	R	Western Tanager •	M	M	S	M	M		
Magnificent Hummingbird ◆			M				Bushits							Sparrows and Allies							
Black-ch. Hummingbird •	S	S	S	S	S	S	Bushitit				R	R		Green-tailed Towhee	W	W	W	W	W	W	
Anna's Hummingbird •	W	W	R		W	W	Nuthatches							Spotted Towhee •	W	W	R				
Costa's Hummingbird •	S	S	S	S	S	S	Red-breasted Nuthatch ◆				W	W		Canyon Towhee •	R	R	R	R	R	R	
Calliope Hummingbird ◆			M				White-breasted Nuthatch •	R	R	R				Abert's Towhee •	R	R	R				
Broad-tl. Hummingbird	M	M	M		M		Creepers							Rufous-winged Sparrow •	R	R	R	R	R		
Rufous Hummingbird	M		M	M	M		Brown Creeper ◆				W			Cassin's Sparrow •	R	R	R	R	R	R	
Allen's Hummingbird			M	M	M		Wrens							Botteri's Sparrow •					S	S	
Trogon							Cactus Wren •	R	R	R	R	R	R	Rufous-crowned Sparrow •	R	R	R	R	R		
Elegant Trogon ◆	M		M				Rock Wren •	W	R	R	R			Five-striped Sparrow ◆			W	W			
Kingfishers							Canyon Wren •	W		R				Chipping Sparrow	W	W	W	W	W	W	
Belted Kingfisher	R	M			M		Bewick's Wren •	R	R	R	R	R	R	Clay-colored Sparrow ◆	W			W			
Green Kingfisher ◆	W	W					House Wren	W	W	R	W	S		Brewer's Sparrow	W	W	W	W	W	W	
Woodpeckers							Winter Wren			W				Black-chinned Sparrow				R		W	
Lewis's Woodpecker ◆	M	M	M				Marsh Wren	W	W					Vesper Sparrow	W	W	W	W	W	W	
Acorn Woodpecker •			R				Kinglets							Lark Sparrow •	R	R	R	R	R	R	
Gila Woodpecker •	R	R	R	R	R	R	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	W	W	W	W	W		Black-throated Sparrow •	R	R	R	R	R	R	
Williamson's Sapsucker ◆			M		W		Gnatcatchers							Sage Sparrow ◆					W		
Red-naped Sapsucker	W	W	W		W		Blue-gray Gnatcatcher •	W	R	R	R			Lark Bunting	W		W	W	W	W	
Red-br. Sapsucker ◆	W	M					Black-tailed Gnatcatcher •	W	R	R	R			Savannah Sparrow	W	W		W	W	W	
Ladder-b. Woodpecker •	R	R	R	R	R	R	Black-cap. Gnatcatcher •				S			Grasshopper Sparrow •	R	R		R	R	R	
Arizona Woodpecker			R				Thrushes							Baird's Sparrow						W	W
N. (Red-shafted) Flicker •	R	R	R	R	R	R	Eastern Bluebird ◆	W						Fox Sparrow ◆	W		W				
Gilded Flicker	R	R	W		R		Western Bluebird	W	W	W	W			Song Sparrow •	R	R			R	R	
Tyrant Flycatchers							Mountain Bluebird	W	W	W	W	W		Lincoln's Sparrow	W	W	W	W	W	W	
N. Beardless-Tyrannulet •	S	S	S	S			Townsend's Solitaire ◆	W	W	M	W			Swamp Sparrow	W						
Olive-sided Flycatcher			M				Swainson's Thrush	M	M	M		M		White-throated Sparrow	W	M			M		
Western Wood-Pewee •	S	S	R	M			Hermit Thrush	W	W	W		W		White-crowned Sparrow	W	W	W	W	W	W	
Willow Flycatcher	M	M	M	M		M	Rufous-backed Robin ◆				W	W		Golden-cr. Sparrow ◆		M	W				
Willow (SW) Flycatcher	M	M	M	M		M	American Robin	W	W	W	W	W		Dark-eyed Junco	W	W	W		W		
Hammond's Flycatcher	M	M					Varied Thrush ◆				W			Yellow-eyed Junco ◆					W		
Gray Flycatcher	W	W	W	W	W	W	Mockingbirds and Thrashers							Chestnut-col. Longspur ◆						W	
Dusky Flycatcher	W	W	W	M	W		Northern Mockingbird •	R	R	R	R	R	R	Cardinals and Allies							
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	S	S					Sage Thrasher	W			W	W		Northern Cardinal •	R	R	R	R	R	R	
Cordilleran Flycatcher	S	S	M				Brown Thrasher ◆				M			Pyrrhuloxia •	R	R	R	R	R	R	
Buff-br. Flycatcher ◆			M				Bendire's Thrasher				S	W	R	W	S						
Black Phoebe •	R	R	R	R	R	R	Curve-billed Thrasher •	R	R	R	R	R	R	Rose-breasted Grosbeak ◆	S	S	S				
Eastern Phoebe ◆	W	W					Crisall Thrasher •	R	R	R	R	R	R	Black-headed Grosbeak •	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Say's Phoebe •	R	R	R	R	R	R	Starlings							Blue Grosbeak •	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Vermilion Flycatcher •	R	R	R	R	R	R	European Starling •	R	R	R		R		Lazuli Bunting	M	M	M	M	M	M	
Dusky-capped Flycatcher •	S	S	S	S	M		Pipits							Indigo Bunting •		S	S				
Ash-throated Flycatcher •	S	S	S	S	S	M	American Pipit	W	W	W	W		M	Varied Bunting •	S	S	S		S		
Brown-crested Flycatcher •	S	S	S				Sprague's Pipit ◆					W		Painted Bunting ◆		M					
Sulphur-bel. Flycatcher •			S				Waxwings							Dickeissel ◆	M	W	M				
Tropical Kingbird •	S	S					Cedar Waxwing	W	W	M	M	M		Blackbirds							
Cassin's Kingbird •	S	S	S	S	S	S	Silky-flycatchers							Red-winged Blackbird •	R						S
Thick-billed Kingbird •	S	S	S				Phainopepla •	R	R	R	R	R		Eastern Meadowlark •	R	R	W	R	R	R	
Western Kingbird •	S	S	M	S	S	S	Wood-Warblers							Western Meadowlark	R		S	R	R	R	
Scissor-tld. Flycatcher ◆				M			Blue-winged Warbler ◆				M			Yellow-headed Blackbird	W						W
Rose-throated Becard ◆			S				Orange-crowned Warbler	M	M	W	M		M	Rusty Blackbird ◆	W				W		
Shrikes							Nashville Warbler	M	M	M				Brewer's Blackbird	W	W		W	W	W	
Loggerhead Shrike •	R	W		R	R	R	Virginia's Warbler	M		M				Great-tailed Grackle •	R	R	R		R	R	
Vireos							Lucy's Warbler •	S	S	S	S	S	S	Bronzed Cowbird •	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Bell's Vireo •	S	S	S	S	S	S	Northern Parula ◆				M			Brown-headed Cowbird •	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Plumbeous Vireo •	M	M	S				Yellow Warbler •	S	S	S		M		Hooded Oriole •	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Cassin's Vireo	M	M					Yellow-r. Warbler (Aud.)	W	W	M	W	W	W	Streak-backed Oriole ◆	W						
Hutton's Vireo •	W	W	R				Yellow-r. Warbler (Myr.)	M	M	M	M	M	M	Bullock's Oriole •	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Warbling Vireo	M	M	M		M		Black-thr. Gray Warbler	M		S				Scott's Oriole •			S	S			
Crows and Jays							Black-thr. Green Warbler ◆				M			Finches and Allies							
Steller's Jay ◆			W	W		W	Townsend's Warbler	M	M	M				Cassin's Finch ◆	W	W	W	W	W		
Western Scrub-Jay			R				Hermit Warbler	M	M	M		M		House Finch •	R	R	R	R	R	R	
Mexican Jay •			R				Grace's Warbler ◆				M			Red Crossbill ◆			W				
Pinyon Jay ◆	M						Palm Warbler ◆	M				M	M	Pine Siskin	W		W		M		
Clark's Nutcracker ◆				M		M	Black-and-white Warbler ◆				M			Lesser Goldfinch •	R	R	R	R	R	R	
Chihuahuan Raven •	R	R	R	R	R	R	American Redstart ◆	M		M				Lawrence's Goldfinch ◆	W	W	M	W			
Common Raven •	R	R	R	R	R	R	Prothonotary Warbler ◆						M	American Goldfinch ◆	W	W					
Larks							Ovenbird ◆				M	M		Evening Grosbeak ◆					M		
Horned Lark •			M		R	R	Northern Waterthrush	M	M					Old World Sparrows							
Swallows							MacGillivray's Warbler	M	M	M		M		House Sparrow •		R	R				R
Purple Martin	S			S		S	Common Yellowthroat •	R	R			W		Habitat Abbreviations							
Tree Swallow	M				M		Hooded Warbler ◆				M			AC = Arivaca Cienega							
Violet-green Swallow	M	M	M	M	M		Wilson's Warbler	M	M	M	M	M	M	Ck = Arivaca Creek							
N. Rough-winged •	M	M		S	S	S	Red-faced Warbler ◆				S			BC = Brown Canyon							
Bank Swallow ◆	M				M		Painted Redstart •	M	M	R	M			Gr = Semidesert Grasslands							
Cliff Swallow •	S		M		S	S	Rufous-capped Warbler ◆	M						Wt = Wetlands							
Barn Swallow •	S	S		S	S	S	Yellow-breasted Chat •	S	S	S	S	M									

To report rare birds or hear about sightings, call the Southeast Arizona Rare Bird Alert at 520/798-1005.