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A CHECKLIST OF THE BIRDS

OF
BANDELIER NATIONAL MONUMENT

FIFTY CENTS



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Bird life is remarkably varied in the Bandelier area because of the intermingling of habitats and being near the migration routes along the Rio Grande. Habitat varies from desert grasses and shrubs at about 5,300 feet along the Rio Grande, to Pinyon-Juniper Woodland around the campground, through Ponderosa Pine forest and on up to Spruce, Fir and Aspen up to 10,000 feet in the Jemez Mountains. Canyons with permanent streams, like Frijoles, support a deciduous woodland habitat.

We welcome your assistance and observations as these will add to our growing record of the area's bird life. Please report rarities or new species to monument headquarters.

ABUNDANCE

a-Abundant: likely to be seen in large numbers in proper season and habitat

c-Common: frequently seen in small numbers in proper season and habitat

u-Uncommon: may be seen regularly in small numbers in proper season and habitat

o-Occasional: seen irregularly, usually in small numbers, even in proper habitat

r-Rare: present irregularly in a portion of its habitat, seldom seen

SEASONAL OCCURRENCE

SR-Summer Resident

PR-Permanent Resident

W-Winter Visitor

M-Migrant in spring or fall

HABITAT

This listing is for habitat where bird is most commonly found. If no habitat is listed the bird is of widespread occurrence.

Wa-Water areas: Rio Grande or tributary streams

DS-Desert Shrub (Big Sage and Mormon Tea)

PJ-Pinyon-Juniper Forest (elev. 5500-7000 feet)

PSF-Ponderosa Pine, Spruce, Fir (7000 feet and up)

R-Riparian (deciduous vegetation along streams)

C-Cliffs and canyon walls

GEESE & DUCKS

OCCURRENCE	HABITAT
Canada Goose	rM Wa
Snow Goose	rM Wa
Mallard	oPR Wa
Gadwall	rM Wa
Green-winged Teal	rM Wa
Blue-winged Teal	rM Wa
Cinnamon Teal	rM Wa
American Wigeon	rM Wa
Northern Shoveler	rM Wa
Ring-necked Duck	rM Wa
Lesser Scaup	rM Wa
Common Goldeneye	rM Wa
Ruddy Duck	rM Wa
Common Merganser	oM Wa

VULTURES

Turkey Vulture	aSR
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HAWKS, EAGLES, & FALCONS

Northern Harrier (Marsh Hawk)	rM Wa,DS
Northern Goshawk	rPR PSF
Sharp-shinned Hawk	uW
Cooper's Hawk	uSR R,PF,PSF
Swainson's Hawk	rM
+ Zone-tailed Hawk	rSR PSF,PJ
Red-tailed Hawk	cPR
Rough-legged Hawk	rM
Golden Eagle	rPR
Bald Eagle	rW,rM Wa
Prairie Falcon	rPR C
Peregrine Falcon	rPR C
American Kestrel	cSR,rW

TURKEYS

Wild Turkey	rPR PJ,PSF
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GROUSE

Blue Grouse	rPR PSF
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HERONS

Great Blue Heron	rPR Wa
Snowy Egret	rM Wa

CRANES

Whooping Crane	rM Wa
Sandhill Crane	cM Wa

SHOREBIRDS

Killdeer	uPR Wa
Spotted Sandpiper	rM Wa

PIGEONS & DOVES

Band-tailed Pigeon	oSR PSF
Mourning Dove	cSR

ROADRUNNER

Greater Roadrunner	rPR DS
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OWLS

Western Screech-Owl	rPR
Flammulated Owl	rSR oak-pine
Great Horned Owl	uPR
Spotted Owl	rPR PSF
Northern Pygmy Owl	rPR PJ,PSF

GOATSUCKERS

Poorwill	uSR PJ
Common Nighthawk	cSR

SWIFTS

White-throated Swift	aSR C
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	OCCURRENCE	HABITAT
HUMMINGBIRDS		
Black-chinned	oSR	DS,PJ
Broad-tailed	aSR	
Rufous	cM	
Calliope	oSR	DS
KINGFISHERS		
Belted Kingfisher	rM	Wa
WOODPECKERS		
Common Flicker	cPR	
Acorn Woodpecker	oPR	La Mesa Burn
Lewis' Woodpecker	uSR	La Mesa Burn
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	oPR	R
Williamson's Sapsucker	oPR	R,PSF
Hairy Woodpecker	cPR	
Downy Woodpecker	oPR	
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	rPR	DS
Three-toed Woodpecker	rPR	PSF
FLYCATCHERS		
Western Kingbird	rSR	DS
Cassin's Kingbird	rSR	DS,R
Ash-throated Kingbird	uSR	PJ,R
Say's Phoebe	oSR	DS,R
Hammond's Flycatcher	cSR	R,PSF
Dusky Flycatcher	oSR	R,PSF
Gray Flycatcher	oSR	PJ
Western Flycatcher	cSR	PSF,R
Western Wood-Pee-wee	cSR	PJ,PSF,R
Olive-sided Flycatcher	rSR	PSF
LARKS		
Horned Lark	rPR	open fields

	OCCURRENCE	HABITAT
SWALLOWS		
Violet-green	aSR	R
Tree	rM	
Bank	rM	
Rough-winged	uSR	Wa
Barn	rM	
Cliff	rSR	C of Rio
JAYS, MAGPIES & CROWS		
Steller's Jay	cPR	PSF,R
Scrub Jay	cPR	PJ,PSF
Black-billed Magpie	rM	
Common Raven	aPR	
American Crow	rPR	
Pinyon Jay	oPR	PJ
Clark's Nutcracker	oPR	PSF
TITMICE, CHICKADEES & BUSHTITS		
Black-capped Chickadee	rPR	R low elev.
Mountain Chickadee	cPR	R,PSF,PJ
Plain Titmouse	oPR	PJ,R
Bushtit	oPR	PJ
DIPPERS		
American Dipper	rPR	Wa
NUTHATCHES & CREEPERS		
White-breasted Nuthatch	cPR	R,PJ,PSF
Red-breasted Nuthatch	rPR,cM	R,PJ,PSF
Pygmy Nuthatch	cPR	PSF
Brown Creeper	oPR	R,PSF

	OCCURRENCE	HABITAT
WRENS		
House Wren	cSR	
Bewick's Wren	oSR	R
Canyon Wren	uPR	C
Rock Wren	uSR	C
MOCKINGBIRDS & CATBIRD		
Northern Mockingbird	rSR	DS
Gray Catbird	rM	R
THRUSHES & BLUEBIRDS		
American Robin	aSR,oW	
Hermit Thrust	cSR	R,PSF
Western Bluebird	cPR	
Mountain Bluebird	uPR	
Townsend's Solitaire	uSR,cW	
GNATCATCHERS & KINGLETS		
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	uSR	PJ
Black-tailed Gnatcatcher	rSR	DS,PJ
Golden-crowned Kinglet	rM	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	uSR,cM	nests PSF
PIPITS		
Water Pipet	rM	grasslands
WAXWINGS		
Cedar Waxwing	oM,oW	R,PJ
SHRIKES		
Loggerhead Shrike	rPR	
STARLINGS		
European Starling	rPR	
VIREOS		
Gray Vireo	rSR	PJ
Solitary Vireo	cSR	R,PSF
Warbling Vireo	cSR	R

	OCCURRENCE	HABITAT
WOOD WARBLERS		
Orange-crowned Warbler	uSR	R
Virginia's Warbler	cSR	
Yellow Warbler	rSR	R
Yellow-rumped Warbler		
(Audubon's)	cSR,aM	
(Myrtle)	rM	
Black-throated Gray Warbler	rSR	DS
Townsend's Warbler	rM	
Grace's Warbler	uSR	R,PSF
MacGillivray's Warbler	oSR	R
Common Yellowthroat	rM	R
Wilson's Warbler	cM	
BLACKBIRDS & ORIOLES		
Western Meadowlark	rM	DS
Yellow-headed Blackbird	rM	Wa
Red-winged Blackbird	oM	Wa
Northern Oriole (Bullock's)	rM	R
Brewer's Blackbird	rSR	
Brown-headed Cowbird	uSR	
TANAGERS		
Western Tanager	cSR	R,PSF
Hepatic Tanager	uSR	R
GROSBEAKS & BUNTINGS		
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	rM	R
Black-headed Grosbeak	cSR	R
Blue Grosbeak	rSR	along Rio
Evening Grosbeak	uW	
Indigo Bunting	rSR	along Rio
Lazuli Bunting	oSR	along Rio

	OCCURRENCE	HABITAT
FINCHES		
Cassin's Finch	uW	
House Finch	uPR	
Pine Siskin	cPR	PSF
American Goldfinch	rM,rW	R,DS
Lesser Goldfinch	cSR	R
Red Crossbill	oPR	PSF,PJ
SPARROWS		
Green-tailed Towhee	uSR	oak brush in burn
Rufous-sided Towhee	cSR	R
Brown Towhee	cPR	R,PJ,DS
Savannah Sparrow	oSR	grassy areas
Vesper Sparrow	rM	grassy areas
Lark Sparrow	rSR,uM	grassy areas
Black-throated Sparrow	rSR	DS
Dark-eyed Junco		
(Oregon)	cW	
(Slate-colored)	rM	
(Gray-headed)	cPR	nests PSF; winter PJ,DS
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	rM	DS
Chipping Sparrow	cSR	grassy areas
Brewer's Sparrow	rM	
White-crowned Sparrow	oM,rW	
Lincoln's Sparrow	rM	
Song Sparrow	rM	R

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