

Arizona Field Ornithologists

Field Checklist of the Birds of Yuma County



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Burrowing Owl. Photo: Steven Prager

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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

l local

*Arizona Bird Committee Review Species

Ducks, Geese & Swans (Anatidae)

__ Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	X
__ Fulvous Whistling-Duck*	X
__ Snow Goose	U-w,m
__ Ross's Goose	R-w,m
__ Brant*	X
__ Greater White-fronted Goose	U-m
__ Cackling Goose	X
__ Canada Goose	U-w,m
__ Tundra Swan	X
__ Wood Duck	R-s,w,m
__ Blue-winged Teal	U-m,w
__ Cinnamon Teal	C-p,n
__ Northern Shoveler	C-w,m
__ Gadwall	C-w,m R-n
__ Eurasian Wigeon	X
__ American Wigeon	C-w,m
__ Mallard	C-p,n
__ Mexican Duck	R-w,m
__ 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,m
__ Lesser Scaup	C-w,m
__ Surf Scoter	CA
__ White-winged Scoter	X
__ Black Scoter	X
__ Long-tailed Duck	X
__ Bufflehead	C-w,m
__ Common Goldeneye	U-w,m
__ Barrow's Goldeneye	X
__ Hooded Merganser	U-w,m
__ Common Merganser	U-w,m
__ Red-breasted Merganser	U-w,m
__ Ruddy Duck	C-w,m,n

New World Quail (Odontophoridae)

__ Gambel's Quail	C-p,n
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Partridges, Grouse and Turkey (Phasianidae)

__ Ring-necked Pheasant	R-p,n
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Grebes (Podicipedidae)

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

Pigeons and Doves (Columbidae)

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

Cuckoos, Roadrunners and Anis (Cuculidae)

__ Groove-billed Ani*	X
__ Yellow-billed Cuckoo	R-s
__ Greater Roadrunner	C-p,n

Goatsuckers (Caprimulgidae)

__ Lesser Nighthawk	C-s,m,n
__ Common Poorwill	U-p,n

Swifts (Apodidae)

__ Black Swift*	X
__ White-throated Swift	U-p,n
__ Vaux's Swift	U-m

Hummingbirds (Trochilidae)

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

Cranes (Gruidae)

__ Sandhill Crane	R-w,m
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Rails, Gallinules and Coots (Rallidae)

__ Ridgway's Rail	U-p,n
__ Virginia Rail	C-p,n
__ Sora	C-w,m
__ Common Gallinule	C-p,n
__ American Coot	C-p,n
__ Black Rail	R-p,n,l

Stilts and Avocets (Recurvirostridae)

__ Black-necked Stilt	C-p,n
__ American Avocet	U-p,m

Plovers (Charadriidae)

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

Jacanas (Jacanidae)

__ Northern Jacana*	X
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Sandpipers and Phalaropes (Scolopacidae)

__ Upland Sandpiper*	X
__ Whimbrel	U-m
__ Long-billed Curlew	C-m,w
__ Hudsonian Godwit*	X
__ Marbled Godwit	R-m
__ Ruddy Turnstone*	CA
__ Black Turnstone*	X
__ Red Knot*	X

__ Ruff*	X
__ Sharp-Tailed Sandpiper*	X
__ Stilt Sandpiper	R-m
__ Sanderling	R-m
__ Dunlin	U-m R-w
__ Baird's Sandpiper	U-m
__ Least Sandpiper	C-w,m
__ White-rumped Sandpiper*	X
__ Pectoral Sandpiper	U-m
__ Semipalmated Sandpiper	R-m
__ Western Sandpiper	C-m R-w
__ Short-billed Dowitcher	R-m
__ Long-billed Dowitcher	C-m U-w
__ Wilson's Snipe	C-w,m
__ Spotted Sandpiper	C-w,m
__ Solitary Sandpiper	U-m
__ Lesser Yellowlegs	U-m R-w
__ Willet	U-m
__ Greater Yellowlegs	C-w,m
__ Wilson's Phalarope	C-m
__ Red-necked Phalarope	U-m
__ Red Phalarope	X

Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers (Laridae)

__ Least Tern	CA
__ Gull-billed Tern*	X
__ Caspian Tern	U-w,m
__ Black Tern	U-m
__ Common Tern	R-m
__ Forster's Tern	C-m R-w
__ Elegant Tern*	X
__ Black Skimmer*	X
__ Black-legged Kittiwake*	X
__ Sabine's Gull	CA
__ Bonaparte's Gull	U-m R-w
__ Laughing Gull	X
__ Franklin's Gull	R-m
__ Heermann's Gull	X
__ Ring-billed Gull	C-w,m
__ California Gull	U-w,m
__ American Herring Gull	R-w,m
__ Iceland Gull*	X
__ Glaucous-winged Gull*	X
__ Glaucous Gull*	X

Tropicbirds (Phaethontidae)

__ Red-billed Tropicbird*	X
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Loons (Gaviidae)

__ Red-throated Loon	CA
__ Pacific Loon	CA
__ Common Loon	U-w,m

Albatrosses (Diomedidae)

__ Laysan Albatross*	X
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Shearwaters and Petrels (Procellariidae)

__ Hawaiian Petrel*	X
__ Sooty Shearwater*	X

Storks (Ciconiidae)

__ Wood Stork*	CA
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Frigatebirds (Fregatidae)

__ Magnificent Frigatebird*	CA
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Boobies and Gannets (Sulidae)

__ Blue-footed Booby*	X
__ Cocos Booby*	X

Cormorants (Phalacrocoracidae)

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

Ibises (Threskiornithidae)

__ White Ibis*	X
__ Glossy Ibis*	CA
__ White-faced Ibis	C-p,n
__ Roseate Spoonbill	CA

Pelicans (Pelecanidae)

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

Bitterns, Herons and Egrets (Ardeidae)

__ Least Bittern	C-p,n
__ American Bittern	R-w,m
__ Little Blue Heron	X
__ Tricolored Heron	X
__ Reddish Egret	CA
__ Snowy Egret	C-p,n
__ Yellow-crowned Night Heron*	X
__ Black-crowned Night Heron	C-p,n
__ Green Heron	C-p,n
__ Great Egret	C-p,n
__ Western Cattle-Egret	C-p,n
__ Great Blue Heron	C-p,n

New World Vultures (Cathartidae)

__ Black Vulture	R-p,l
__ Turkey Vulture	C-p,n

Osprey (Pandionidae)

__ Osprey	C-w,m
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Kites, Eagles and Hawks (Accipitridae)

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

Barn Owls (Tytonidae)

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

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

Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)

__ Belted Kingfisher	C-w,m
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Woodpeckers (Picidae)

__ Lewis's Woodpecker	CA-i
__ Acorn Woodpecker	X
__ Gila Woodpecker	C-p,n
__ Williamson's Sapsucker	X
__ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	CA
__ Red-naped Sapsucker	U-w,m

__ Red-breasted Sapsucker	CA
__ Ladder-backed Woodpecker	C-p,n
__ Northern Flicker	C-w,m
__ Gilded Flicker	U-p,n

Caracaras and Falcons (Falconidae)

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

Tyrant Flycatchers (Tyrannidae)

__ Dusky-capped Flycatcher	X
__ Ash-throated Flycatcher	C-s,m,n R-w
__ Brown-crested Flycatcher	R-s,m,n
__ Tropical Kingbird	X
__ Couch's Kingbird*	X
__ Cassin's Kingbird	CA
__ Thick-billed Kingbird	CA
__ Western Kingbird	C-s,m,n
__ Eastern Kingbird	X
__ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	X
__ Olive-sided Flycatcher	U-m
__ Greater Pewee	X
__ Western Wood-Pewee	C-m
__ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher*	X
__ Willow Flycatcher	C-m
__ Least Flycatcher*	X
__ Hammond's Flycatcher	U-m
__ Gray Flycatcher	U-m R-w
__ Dusky Flycatcher	CA
__ Western Flycatcher	C-m
__ Black Phoebe	C-p,n
__ Eastern Phoebe	CA
__ Say's Phoebe	C-p,n
__ Vermilion Flycatcher	C-p,n

Vireos (Vireonidae)

__ White-eyed Vireo	X
__ Bell's Vireo	U-s,m,n
__ Gray Vireo	R-w,m
__ Hutton's Vireo	X
__ Yellow-throated Vireo	X
__ Cassin's Vireo	U-m R-w
__ Plumbeous Vireo	U-m R-w
__ Western Warbling-Vireo	C-m
__ Red-eyed Vireo	X

Shrikes (Laniidae)

__ Loggerhead Shrike	C-p,n
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Jays, Magpies and Crows (Corvidae)

__ Pinyon Jay	X
__ Steller's Jay	X
__ California Scrub-Jay*	X
__ Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay	X
__ Clark's Nutcracker	X
__ American Crow	X
__ Common Raven	C-p,n

Verdin (Remizidae)

Verdin	C-p,n
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Larks (Alaudidae)

__ Horned Lark	C-p,n
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Swallows (Hirundinidae)

__ Bank Swallow	U-m
__ Tree Swallow	C-m,w
__ Violet-green Swallow	R-m
__ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	C-p,n
__ Purple Martin	X
__ Barn Swallow	C-m R-s,w
__ Cliff Swallow	C-m,s,n X-w

Kinglets (Regulidae)

__ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C-w,m
__ Golden-crowned Kinglet	X

Waxwings (Bombycillidae)

__ Cedar Waxwing	U-w,m
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Silky-flycatchers (Ptiliogonatidae)

__ Phainopepla	C-w,m,n
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Nuthatches (Sittidae)

__ Red-breasted Nuthatch	CA-i
__ White-breasted Nuthatch	X
__ Pygmy Nuthatch	X

Creepers (Certhiidae)

__ Brown Creeper	X
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Gnatcatchers (Polioptilidae)

__ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	C-w,m R-s,n
__ Black-tailed Gnatcatcher	C-p,n

Wrens (Troglodytidae)

__ Rock Wren	C-p,n
__ Canyon Wren	U-p,n,l

__ Cactus Wren	C-p,n
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__ Bewick's Wren	R-w,m
__ Northern House Wren	U-w,m
__ Pacific Wren	X
__ Winter Wren	X
__ Marsh Wren	C

Mockingbirds, Thrashers and Allies (Mimidae)

__ Gray Catbird	X
__ Curve-billed Thrasher	U-p,n
__ Brown Thrasher	X
__ Bendire's Thrasher	R-p,n
__ LeConte's Thrasher	U-p,n,l
__ Crissal Thrasher	C-p,n
__ Sage Thrasher	U-w,m
__ Northern Mockingbird	C-p,n

Starlings (Sturnidae)

__ European Starling	C-p,n
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Thrushes (Turdidae)

__ Western Bluebird	CA-i
__ Mountain Bluebird	CA-i
__ Townsend's Solitaire	CA-i
__ Swainson's Thrush	U-m
__ Hermit Thrush	U-w,m
__ Wood Thrush*	X
__ Rufous-backed Robin	CA
__ American Robin	U-w,m X-s
__ Varied Thrush	CA-w,i

Old World Sparrows (Passeridae)

__ House Sparrow	C-p,n
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Wagtails and Pipits (Motacillidae)

__ American Pipit	C-w,m
__ Sprague's Pipit	X

Finches and Allies (Fringillidae)

__ Evening Grosbeak	X
__ House Finch	C-p,n
__ Purple Finch	X
__ Cassin's Finch	CA
__ Red Crossbill	X
__ Pine Siskin	R-w,m,i
__ Lesser Goldfinch	C-p,n
__ Lawrence's Goldfinch	R-n,i
__ American Goldfinch	R-w,m

Longspurs and Snow Buntings (Calcariidae)

__ Lapland Longspur	X
__ Chestnut-collared Longspur	X
__ Thick-billed Longspur	X

New World Sparrows (Passerellidae)

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

Yellow-breasted Chat (Icteriidae)

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

__ Yellow-headed Blackbird	C-p,n
__ Bobolink*	CA
__ Chihuahuan Meadowlark	CA
__ Western Meadowlark	C-p,n
__ Orchard Oriole	CA
__ Hooded Oriole	U-m,s,n
__ Streak-backed Oriole	X
__ Bullock's Oriole	C-m,s,n
__ Baltimore Oriole	X
__ Scott's Oriole	U-m,s,n,l

__ Red-winged Blackbird	C-p,n
__ Bronzed Cowbird	R-s,n
__ Brown-headed Cowbird	C-p,n
__ Rusty Blackbird*	X
__ Brewer's Blackbird	U-w,m
__ Common Grackle*	X
__ Great-tailed Grackle	C-p,n

Wood-Warblers (Parulidae)

__ Ovenbird	X
__ Worm-eating Warbler	X
__ Northern Waterthrush	CA
__ Golden-winged Warbler*	X
__ Blue-winged Warbler*	X
__ Black-and-white Warbler	R-w,m
__ Prothonotary Warbler*	X
__ Tennessee Warbler	X
__ Orange-crowned Warbler	C-w,m
__ Lucy's Warbler	U-s,m,n
__ Nashville Warbler	C-m R-w
__ Virginia's Warbler	X
__ MacGillivray's Warbler	U-m
__ Kentucky Warbler*	X
__ Common Yellowthroat	C-p,n
__ Hooded Warbler	X
__ American Redstart	R-w,m
__ Cape May Warbler*	X
__ Northern Parula	CA
__ Magnolia Warbler	X
__ Bay-breasted Warbler*	X
__ Yellow Warbler	C-p,n R-w
__ Chestnut-sided Warbler	X
__ Blackpoll Warbler	X
__ Black-throated Blue Warbler	X
__ Palm Warbler	CA
__ Yellow-rumped Warbler	C-w,m
__ Yellow-throated Warbler	X
__ Black-throated Gray Warbler	C-m R-w
__ Townsend's Warbler	C-m
__ Hermit Warbler	U-m
__ Canada Warbler*	X
__ Wilson's Warbler	C-m R-w
__ Painted Redstart	X

Cardinals, Grosbeaks and Allies (Cardinalidae)

__ Hepatic Tanager	X
__ Summer Tanager	U-m,s,n,l

__ Scarlet Tanager	X
__ Western Tanager	C-m
__ Northern Cardinal	CA
__ Pyrrhuloxia	CA
__ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	CA
__ Black-headed Grosbeak	C-m
__ Blue Grosbeak	C-m,s,n
__ Lazuli Bunting	C-m
__ Indigo Bunting	CA-n,l
__ Painted Bunting	CA
__ Dickcissel	CA

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