Birds of Saguaro National Park



Mexican Spotted Owl

Whether you are a beginner or a veteran birder, you can find a wondrous variety of birds in Saguaro National Park. From birds that are adapted to the extremes of the desert, to birds that prefer the tall pines of the mountains, over 200 species of birds live in or migrate through the park. Bird watching in unfamiliar territory can be difficult. To take some of the

guesswork out of it, this brochure is provided as a general guide to the birds of Saguaro National Park. Up to date bird lists are available at the visitor centers, as well as staff who can help you plan your birding trip.

Birds of the Desert

What birds will you find among the cacti of Saguaro National Park?
Where can you find them?



Elf Owl

The common birds of the desert are greatly varied. From the roadrunner dashing across a trail, to the diminutive verdin gleaning tiny insects from the branch of an acacia, to Harris' hawks hunting in a family group, birds occupy every niche of the desert scrub habitat.

One of the best ways to find desert birds is by simply getting out there and hiking. Saguaro National Park offers over 75 miles of park trails in desert scrub habitat. Stop frequently to look and listen for birds.

For a less strenuous trip, you might try one of our short, accessible nature trails or a picnic area. Take your bird guide, binoculars and drinking water.

Birds of the Mountains

To those who are more adventurous, or simply have more time, a hike into the Saguaro Wilderness Area in the Rincon Mountain District of the park will open new vistas and different habitats.



Golden Eagle

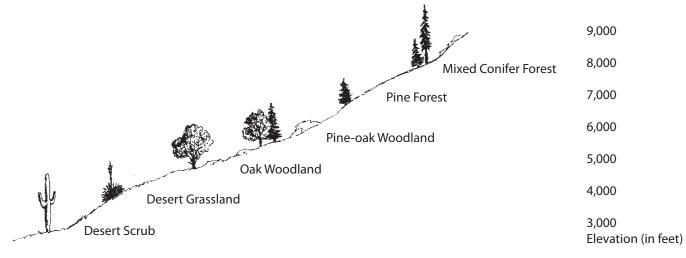
Birds, such as the red-faced warbler, that are seldom seen on the desert floor, may be found with regularity in the grasslands and the forests of the higher elevations. If camping in a wilderness area appeals to you, ask for information at the visitor center.

In the canyons of the park, you may find

the canyon wren. More easily heard than seen, it is distinguished by its tumbling cascade of notes.

The grasslands abound with sparrows, their distinctions often challenging the veteran birder.

High on the mountaintop, peregrine falcons nest among the rocks at Helen's Dome, while the threatened Mexican spotted owl hunts among the ponderosa pines.





Ash-throated Flycatcher

Rincon Mountain District (east)

- 1) A moderate 1.8 mile loop hike begins at the Douglas Spring Trailhead. Just east of the sign-in station, turn south on to the Garwood Trail. Watch for activity, particularly on your left, as various sparrows frequent the area. It is also a good place to find the Lucy's warbler in summer. When you reach the Converse Trail, turn right and proceed to the Wildhorse Trail. Follow the Wildhorse Trail north to Speedway Boulevard. Along the way, watch for birds in the washes. Ash-throated and browncrested flycatchers, Bell's vireos, rufouswinged sparrows and Crissal thrashers may be found here seasonally. Trail maps are available at the visitor center.
- 2) On the north end of the Cactus Forest Drive is the paved, quarter-mile Desert Ecology Trail. One can expect to see several species of birds on this wheelchair accessible trail. Look for rufous-winged sparrow and verdins along the wash. Cooper's hawks are known to frequent the large mesquite trees along the wash as well.
- 3) Another area to check is the Javelina Picnic Area at the south end of the Cactus Forest Drive. Sit down at one of the ramadas and watch the birds around you, but please don't feed them. A quarter-mile hike up the Tanque Verde Ridge Trail from here will take you up to a small canyon where you may find the canyon wren or the black-chinned sparrow.

 Tucson Mountain District (west)

 1) The visitor center at the Tucson Moun-

birding opportunities. Visitors often see ash-throated flycatchers and Say's phoebes hunting insects off the back patio. Cactus wrens and curve-billed thrashers often feed around the building. A short stroll in the cactus garden might reveal a gilded flicker or Gila woodpecker among the saguaros.

- 2) Another excellent birding area starts at the King Canyon Trailhead. As you begin your hike, watch for pyrrhuloxias and phainopeplas along the wash to your left. Continue on to the intersection of Sendero Esperanza and turn to your left. The grassy arroyo below Mam-a-gah picnic area is an excellent place to look for canyon towhees and black-throated sparrows. To complete this 2.4 mile loop hike, return to the parking lot via the Gould mine trail. For additional birding opportunities, continue up to Wasson Peak via the King Canyon and Hugh Norris Trails. For a 7.5 mile loop, return to the trailhead via the Hugh Norris, Sendero Esperanza and Gould Mine Trails.
- 3) The Bajada Loop Road is a six-mile, graded, unpaved road that will give you the feeling of being deep in a desert wilderness. Watch for the very social Harris' hawks along the drive. Secretive rock wrens and verdins may be seen along the hillsides and washes. Look for Gambel's quail along the road.

A Little Quiz

1) Which birds are the architects of the saguaro boot?

tain District offers a surprising number of

4) What tiny, nocturnal hunter lives in saguaro cavities?



Roadrunner

- 2) Which black bird spreads the seeds of desert mistletoe?
- 5) Which cardinal look-alike has a crest and yellow bill?
- 3) Which bird builds a football-shaped nest in cholla cactus?
- 6) Which small yellow-headed bird builds ball-shaped nests?

Answers: 1) Gila woodpeckers and gilded flickers 2) phainopepla 3) cactus wren 4) elf owl 5) pyrrhuloxia 6) verdin

The Rincon Mountain District (RMD) of Saguaro National Park is ecologically diverse—a quality that is reflected in this bird list of over 200 species. The Rincon Mountains are part of the Madrean Archipelago of "Sky Islands," where the Rocky Mountains of the U.S. meet Mexico's Sierra Madre Occidental. The ranges of many subtropical plant and animal species (e.g., sulphur-bellied flycatcher, elegant trogon) reach their northernmost extent here. The RMD also lies at the interface of the Sonoran and Chihuahuan deserts and includes biological elements from both. Biodiversity in this district is further enhanced by an elevational gradient of almost 6,000 feet, from the desert (2,700') to evergreen forests (8,666') atop Mica Mountain.

Six successive biomes occur here, grouped into four habitats (H) for the purposes of this bird list. Sonoran desert (D) is characterized by saguaros and other cacti and perennial shrubs. Woodland/chaparral (WC) includes grasslands, brushlands, and oak and juniper woodlands. Forests (F) include pine and mixed conifer. Associated with water, riparian vegetation (Ri) such as cottonwood and willow, is found in the drainages of each of all these habitats, creating further complexity and diversity.

In this list, season (S) includes year-round residents (Y); summer breeders (S; usually neotropical migrants here between April and August); winter visitors (W) here from November through February; and migrants (M) passing through in spring or fall.

Habitat and season both affect abundance (A). In the right habitat and season, abundant (A) birds are likely to be seen daily and in large numbers. Common (C) birds are likely to be seen daily in fewer numbers. Uncommon birds (U) are seen less frequently but regularly, and rare (R) birds, though usually present, are difficult to find. Occasional (O) birds are transient—found regionally, but not usually present in the park. Accidental (X) birds are far out of their normal range (and may never be seen here again).

Key				
Abundance (A)	Habitat (H)	Season (S)		
A–Abundant	Ri–Riparian	Y–Year-round		
C–Common	D–Desert	S–Summer		
U–Uncommon	WC–Woodland/Chaparral	W–Winter		
R–Rare	F–Forest	M–Migratory		
O–Occasional				
X–Accidental				

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	nallard	0	Ri,D	Υ
TURKE	YS AND QUAIL			
	caled quail	R	D,WC	ΙΥ
	ambel's quail	А	Ri,D,WC	Y
	Iontezuma quail	U	WC	Y
	vild turkey	U	Ri,WC,F	Y
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	reat blue heron	R	Ri,D	ΤΥ
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	lack vulture	0	D,WC	Тм
	urkey vulture	С	Ri,D,WC,F	S
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	sprey	0	D	Тм
	orthern harrier	R	D	W
	narp-shinned hawk	R	Ri,D,WC,F	M
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	ooper's hawk	R	Ri,D,WC,F	Y
	orthern goshawk ommon black-hawk	-	WC,F	+
_		0	Ri,D	M
	arris's hawk	R	D :	Y
	ray hawk	R	Ri	S
	wainson's hawk	R	D,WC	M
	one-tailed hawk	U	Ri,D,WC,F	S
	ed-tailed hawk	С	Ri,D,WC,F	Y
	erruginous hawk	0	D	W
	olden eagle	R	D,WC,F	Y
CRANE				
	andhill crane	0	D	M
PLOVE				_
	illdeer	0	Ri	Y
SANDP				
	ootted sandpiper	0	Ri	M
PIGEON	IS AND DOVES			
	ock pigeon	R	D	Y
b	and-tailed pigeon	U	WC,F	S
E	urasian collared-dove	R	Ri,D	Y
Ir	nca dove	R	Ri,D	Y
	ommon ground-dove	R	Ri,D	S
W	hite-winged dove	А	Ri,D	S
m	nourning dove	А	Ri,D,WC	Y
сиско	OS AND ROADRUNNERS			
y	ellow-billed cuckoo	R	Ri	S
g	reater roadrunner	U	D,WC	Υ
OWLS				
b	arn owl	0	Ri,D	Y
fl	ammulated owl	U	WC,F	S
	vestern screech-owl	U	Ri,D,WC	Y

Common name	Α	Н	S
whiskered screech-owl	U	WC,F	S
great horned owl	U	Ri,D,WC,F	Υ
northern pygmy-owl	R	WC,F	Υ
cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl	0	Ri,D	Υ
elf owl	С	Ri,D,WC	S
burrowing owl	0	D	М
Mexican spotted owl	R	WC,F	Υ
long-eared owl	R	Ri,D,WC,F	М
northern saw-whet owl	U	WC,F	S
SHTHAWKS AND NIGHTJARS			
lesser nighthawk	С	D	S
common nighthawk	0	D	М
common poorwill	С	D,WC	S
Mexican whip-poor-will	U	WC,F	S
IFTS			
Vaux's swift	R	Ri,D	М
white-throated swift	U	D,WC,F	Y
MMINGBIRDS		_,,	
magnificent hummingbird	R	WC,F	S
black-chinned hummingbird	С	Ri,D,WC	S
Anna's hummingbird	С	Ri,D,WC	Y
Costa's hummingbird	U	Ri,D,WC	Y
broad-tailed hummingbird	С	Ri,D,WC,F	S
rufous hummingbird	R	Ri,D,WC,F	M
broad-billed hummingbird	U	Ri,D,WC,I	S
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belted kingfisher	0	Ri	М
ODPECKERS		KI	IVI
	С	Ri,WC	Υ
acorn woodpecker	A	-	Y
Gila woodpecker		Ri,D,WC	<u> </u>
Williamson's sapsucker	R	WC,F	W
red-naped sapsucker	С	Ri,WC,F	Y
ladder-backed woodpecker hairy woodpecker	С	Ri,D,WC WC,F	Y
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Arizona woodpecker	U	Ri,WC	
Arizona woodpecker northern flicker (red-shafted)	U	Ri,D,WC,F	Υ
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willow flycatcher O Ri	S
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Hammond's flycatcher U Ri,D,WC,F	М
gray flycatcher U Ri,D,WC	W
dusky flycatcher R Ri,D,WC,F	М
Pacific-slope flycatcher U Ri,D,WC	М
cordilleran flycatcher C Ri,WC,F	S
buff-breasted flycatcher O WC,F	S
black phoebe U Ri	Υ
Say's phoebe U D,WC	Υ
vermilion flycatcher U Ri,D	S
dusky-capped flycatcher U Ri,WC	S
ash-throated flycatcher A Ri,D,WC	S
brown-crested flycatcher C Ri,D	S
sulphur-bellied flycatcher O WC	S
tropical kingbird O Ri	S
Cassin's kingbird U Ri	S
western kingbird U Ri,D,WC	S
SHRIKES	
loggerhead shrike R D,WC	Υ
VIREOS	-
Bell's vireo C Ri,D	S
gray vireo R D,WC	S
plumbeous vireo C Ri,D,WC,F	S
Cassin's vireo R Ri,D,WC,F	М
Hutton's vireo U Ri,WC	S
warbling vireo U Ri,D,WC	S
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JAYS AND ALLIES	
pinyon jay O WC,F	w
Steller's jay C WC,F	Y
western scrub-jay U WC	Y
Mexican jay C WC,F	Y
Clark's nutcracker O WC,F	W
common raven C Ri,D,WC,F	Y
LARKS	
horned lark O D	М
SWALLOWS	
purple martin C Ri,D	s
tree swallow O Ri,D	M
violet-green swallow U Ri,D,WC,F	S
northern rough-winged swallow R Ri,D	M
cliff swallow R Ri,D	M
barn swallow R Ri,D	M
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CHICKADEES AND TITMICE			
mountain chickadee	С	WC,F	Υ
bridled titmouse	С	Ri,WC,F	Υ
juniper titmouse	R	WC	Υ
VERDINS AND BUSHTITS			
verdin	С	Ri,D	Υ
bushtit	U	Ri,WC	Υ
NUTHATCHES AND CREEPERS			
red-breasted nuthatch	U	WC,F	Υ
white-breasted nuthatch	С	Ri,WC,F	Υ
pygmy nuthatch	С	WC,F	Υ
brown creeper	U	WC,F	Υ
WRENS			
rock wren	С	D,WC	Υ
canyon wren	U	D,WC	Υ
house wren	С	Ri,D,WC,F	S
marsh wren	0	Ri	М
Bewick's wren	С	Ri,D,WC	Υ
cactus wren	Α	D	Υ
KINGLETS AND GNATCATCHERS			
blue-gray gnatcatcher	U	Ri,D,WC	S
black-tailed gnatcatcher	С	D	Υ
ruby-crowned kinglet	С	Ri,D,WC,F	W
THRUSHES AND ALLIES			
eastern bluebird	0	F	S
western bluebird	U	Ri,D,WC,F	Υ
mountain bluebird	0	D,WC,F	W
Townsend's solitaire	0	Ri,WC,F	W
hermit thrush	С	Ri,WC,F	S
American robin	С	Ri,WC,F	S
THRASHERS AND ALLIES			
curve-billed thrasher	С	D,WC	Υ
Bendire's thrasher	0	D	Υ
crissal thrasher	R	Ri,D,WC	Υ
sage thrasher	0	D,WC	W
northern mockingbird	С	Ri,D,WC	Υ
STARLINGS			
European starling	R	Ri,D	Υ
WAXWINGS			
cedar waxwing	R	Ri,D,WC,F	W
SILKY FLYCATCHERS			
phainopepla	С	Ri,D,WC	Υ
WARBLERS			
olive warbler	U	WC,F	S
orange-crowned warbler	U	Ri,D,WC,F	М
Lucy's warbler	Α	Ri,D	S
Nashville warbler	U	Ri,D,WC,F	М
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red-faced warbler		hermit warbler	U	D,WC,F	М
painted redstart		Wilson's warbler	U	Ri,D,WC,F	М
yellow-breasted chat R Ri S SPARROWS AND ALLIES green-tailed towhee U Ri,D,WC M spotted towhee C D,WC,F Y rufous-crowned sparrow U D,WC Y canyon towhee U Ri,D Y rufous-winged sparrow C D,WC M chipping sparrow C Ri,D,WC W Brewer's sparrow A Ri,D,WC W black-chinned sparrow U D,WC Y vesper sparrow R D W lark sparrow U Ri,D,WC W black-throated sparrow C Ri,D,WC W black-throated sparrow U Ri,D,WC W sagebrush sparrow C D,WC Y lark bunting R D W savannah sparrow O D W savannah sparrow O Ri,D M fox sparrow R Ri M Lincoln's sparrow U Ri,D,WC W song sparrow R Ri M Lincoln's sparrow O Ri,D W white-throated sparrow O Ri,D W white-throated sparrow O Ri,D W white-crowned sparrow O Ri,D W white-crowned sparrow O Ri,D W dark-eyed junco C Ri,D,WC W golden-crowned sparrow C Ri,D,WC W yellow-eyed junco C Ri,D,WC,F S summer tanager U Ri,D,WC W carbinate Sparrow C Ri,D,WC,F S summer tanager C Ri,D,WC,F S summer tanager C Ri,D,WC,F S northern cardinal C Ri,D,WC,F S northern cardinal C Ri,D,WC,F S northern cardinal C Ri,D,WC,F S lblue grosbeak C Ri,D,WC,F S		red-faced warbler	С	WC,F	S
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green-tailed towhee		yellow-breasted chat	R	Ri	S
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	indigo bunting	R	Ri,D	S
	varied bunting	U	Ri,D	S
BLA	CKBIRDS AND ALLIES			
	red-winged blackbird	R	Ri,D	W
	eastern meadowlark	0	D	W
	western meadowlark	R	D	W
	yellow-headed blackbird	0	Ri,D	W
	Brewer's blackbird	U	Ri,D	W
	great-tailed grackle	R	Ri,D	Υ
	bronzed cowbird	С	Ri,D,WC	S
	brown-headed cowbird	С	Ri,D,WC	S
	hooded oriole	U	Ri,D,WC	S
	Bullock's oriole	U	Ri,D,WC	S
	Scott's oriole	U	D,WC	S
CAR	DUELINE FINCHES			
	house finch	А	Ri,D,WC	Υ
	Cassin's finch	0	WC,F	W
	red crossbill	R	WC,F	Υ
	pine siskin	U	Ri,D,WC,F	Υ
	lesser goldfinch	С	Ri,D,WC	Υ
	Lawrence's goldfinch	0	Ri,D	W
	evening grosbeak	0	WC,F	W
OLD	WORLD SPARROWS			
	house sparrow	R	D	Υ

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