

GEESE AND DUCKS

___ Canada Goose OW - rM
 ___ Green-winged Teal..... OW,FM - uWM
 ___ Mallard OW,FM - fS,cWM
 ___ Northern Pintail OW,FM - rWM
 ___ Cinnamon Teal..... FM,OW - uS,fWM
 ___ Northern Shoveler FM,OW - uWM
 ___ American Wigeon OW - uWM
 ___ Canvasback OW - rWM
 ___ Redhead..... OWFM - rWM
 ___ Ring-necked Duck..... OW,FM - uWM
 ___ Lesser Scaup OW - rWM
 ___ Bufflehead OW - uWM
 ___ Red-breasted Merganser OW - rM
 ___ Ruddy Duck..... OW,FM - rS,uWM

TURKEYS AND PARTRIDGES

___ Chukar (I) [N] DS - uR

NEW WORLD QUAIL

___ Gambel's Quail [N] DS -fR
 ___ California Quail [N] RI,DS - fR
 ___ Mountain Quail [N] RI,DS - uR

GREBES

___ Pied-billed Grebe OW - rM
 ___ Clark's Grebe OW - rM

PELICANS

___ American White Pelican OW, AE - rM
 ___ Brown Pelican OW, AE - xM

CORMORANTS

___ Double-crested Cormorant OW, AE - uM

HERONS AND EGRETS

___ Great Blue Heron FM,OW - uS,fWM
 ___ Great Egret FM,OW - uS,fWM
 ___ Snowy Egret..... FM,OW - uS,fWM
 ___ Cattle Egret AF - rWM
 ___ Green Heron FM,OW,RI - uWM
 ___ Black-crowned Night-Heron FM,RI - uWM

VULTURES

___ Turkey Vulture AE,RI - cM

HAWKS AND EAGLES

___ Osprey..... OW - uWM
 ___ White-tailed Kite RI,FM - rS
 ___ Northern Harrier AF,FM - uWM
 ___ Sharp-shinned Hawk..... RI, DS - cWM
 ___ Cooper's Hawk [N] RI, DS - uS,cWM
 ___ Red-shouldered Hawk..... RI -uSM
 ___ Red-tailed Hawk [N] AF,RI,DS - cR
 ___ Ferruginous Hawk AF,DS - rW
 ___ Golden Eagle [N]..... AE,AF - fR

FALCONS

___ American Kestrel [N] AF,RI,DS - uS,fWM
 ___ Merlin AF,DS - rWM
 ___ Peregrine Falcon..... AE,FM,AF - rM
 ___ Prairie Falcon [N] AF,DS - uS,fW

RAILS AND COOTS

___ Virginia Rail [N] FM - uR
 ___ Sora..... FM - uM,rW
 ___ American Coot [N]..... OW,FM - uW,rS

PLOVERS

___ Killdeer [N]..... AF,SH - uR

STILTS AND AVOCETS

___ Black-necked Stilt AF,SH - rM
 ___ American Avocet..... AF,SH - rM

SANDPIPERS

___ Greater Yellowlegs..... AF,SH -rMW
 ___ Spotted Sandpiper SH - fM,rW
 ___ Western Sandpiper SH,AF - rM
 ___ Least Sandpiper..... SH,AF - uM,rW
 ___ Long-billed Dowitcher SH,AF - rM
 ___ Wilson's Snipe FM,SH,AF - uWM

GULLS AND TERNS

___ Ring-billed Gull..... OW, AF,AE - uWM
 ___ California Gull OW,AF,AE - uWM
 ___ Herring Gull..... OW,AE - rWM
 ___ Caspian Tern OW,AE - rM
 ___ Forster's Tern..... OW,AE - rM

DOVES AND PIGEONS

___ Rock Pigeon (I) [N] AF - rR
 ___ Eurasian Collared-Dove (I) AF,RI - uR
 ___ Spotted Dove (I) [N] AF,RI - eR
 ___ Band-tailed Pigeon..... RI - rS
 ___ White-winged Dove..... DS,RI - rW
 ___ Mourning Dove [N]..... RI,DS, AF - cR
 ___ Common Ground-Dove..... AF - xF

CUCKOOS

___ Greater Roadrunner [N] DS,RI,AF - fR

OWLS

___ Barn Owl [N]..... RI,AF - fR
 ___ Western Screech-Owl [N] RI - fR
 ___ Great Horned Owl [N] RI,AF,DS - cR
 ___ Burrowing Owl [N] AF - uR
 ___ Long-eared Owl [N]..... RI - rM

NIGHTJARS

___ Lesser Nighthawk [N] DS - uS
 ___ Common Poorwill [N] DS - fS

SWIFTS

___ Vaux's Swift AE - fM
 ___ White-throated Swift [N] AE - cS

HUMMINGBIRDS

___ Black-chinned Hummingbird [N] RI - cMS
 ___ Anna's Hummingbird [N] RI,DS - cMS,fW
 ___ Costa's Hummingbird [N] DS,RI - cMS,uW
 ___ Broad-tailed Hummingbird RI,DS - xSp
 ___ Rufous Hummingbird RI,DS - cM

KINGFISHERS

___ Belted Kingfisher OW,RI - uS,fM

WOODPECKERS

___ Lewis' Woodpecker RI - rWM
 ___ Acorn Woodpecker RI - rM
 ___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker RI - xM
 ___ Red-naped Sapsucker RI - uWM
 ___ Red-breasted Sapsucker RI - uWM
 ___ Ladder-backed Woodpecker [N] DS,RI - uR
 ___ Nuttall's Woodpecker [N]..... RI - cR

Northern Flicker:

___ "Yellow-shafted" Flicker RI - rMW
 ___ "Red-shafted" Flicker [N] RI,DS - fS,cWM

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

___ Olive-sided Flycatcher RI - uM
 ___ Western Wood-Pewee RI - cM
 ___ Willow Flycatcher RI - cM

___ Hammond's Flycatcher RI - fSp,uF
 ___ Gray Flycatcher RI,DS - uM
 ___ Dusky Flycatcher RI - uM
 ___ Pacific-slope Flycatcher..... RI - cM
 ___ Black Phoebe [N] RI,OW - cR
 ___ Say's Phoebe [N] AF,RI,DS - uS,fW
 ___ Vermilion Flycatcher RI,AF - rS
 ___ Ash-throated Flycatcher [N] RI,DS - fS
 ___ Brown-crested Flycatcher [N] RI - uS
 ___ Cassin's Kingbird RI,AF - uM
 ___ Western Kingbird [N] RI,AF,DS - fS

SHRIKES

___ Loggerhead Shrike [N] DS,RI,AF - uS,fW

VIREOS

___ White-eyed Vireo RI - xSp
 ___ Bell's Vireo..... RI - rSM
 ___ Plumbeous Vireo RI - uM,xW
 ___ Cassin's Vireo RI - fM
 ___ Warbling Vireo RI - cM

RAVENS, CROWS, AND JAYS

___ Steller's Jay RI - rF
 ___ Western Scrub-Jay [N] DS,RI - fR
 ___ American Crow RI - uR
 ___ Common Raven [N] RI,,DS,AF - cR

LARKS

___ Horned Lark [N] AF - fW,uS

SWALLOWS

___ Tree Swallow AE - cM
 ___ Violet-green Swallow AE - cM
 ___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow [N] ... AE - cM,fS
 ___ Bank Swallow AE - uM
 ___ Cliff Swallow [N]..... AE,RI, - cMS
 ___ Barn Swallow AE - cM

TITMICE AND CHICKADEES

___ Mountain Chickadee RI - iWM
 ___ Oak Titmouse DS - rWM

VERDINS

___ Verdin [N]..... DS,RI - uR

BUSHTITS

___ Bushtit [N] RI,DS - cR

NUTHATCHES

___ Red-breasted Nuthatch RI - iWM
 ___ White-breasted Nuthatch [N] RI - fR
 ___ Pygmy Nuthatch RI - iW

CREEPERS

___ Brown Creeper RI - iWM

WRENS

___ Cactus Wren [N] DS - uR
 ___ Rock Wren [N] DS - fR
 ___ Canyon Wren [N] DS - uR
 ___ Bewick's Wren [N] RI,DS - cR
 ___ House Wren [N] RI - cS,uW
 ___ Winter Wren RI - rWM
 ___ Marsh Wren [N] FM,RI - fS,uW

DIPPERS

___ American Dipper RI - rF

KINGLETS

___ Golden-crowned Kinglet RI - iWM
 ___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet RI,,DS - cWM

GNATCATCHERS

___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher RI - uM,rW

THRUSHES

___ Western Bluebird..... RI,AF - fWM
___ Mountain Bluebird AF - rW
___ Townsend's Solitaire RI - rWM
___ Swainson's Thrush RI - cSp,uF
___ Hermit Thrush RI - fM,uW
___ American Robin [N]..... RI - uS,fMW
___ Varied Thrush..... RI - rWM

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS

___ Northern Mockingbird [N] ,RI,DS - cR
___ Sage Thrasher DS - uM
___ Bendire's Thrasher DS - xSp
___ California Thrasher [N] RI,DS - fR
___ Le Conte's Thrasher [N] DS - rR

STARLINGS

___ European Starling (I) [N] RI,,AF - cR

PIPITS

___ American Pipit AF - uW

WAXWINGS

___ Cedar Waxwing RI - uWM

SILKY FLYCATCHERS

___ Phainopepla [N]..... RI,DS - uS,cWM

WOOD-WARBLERS

___ Orange-crowned Warbler RI - cM,rW
___ Nashville Warbler RI - fM
___ Yellow Warbler [N] RI - cM,fS
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler RI - xF
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler:
___ "Audubon's" Warbler RI - cMW
___ "Myrtle" Warbler R, - rMW
___ Black-throated Gray Warbler RI - cM
___ Townsend's Warbler..... RI - fM
___ Hermit Warbler RI - uM
___ Blackburnian Warbler RI - xF
___ Blackpoll Warbler RI - xF
___ American Redstart RI - xF
___ MacGillivray's Warbler..... RI - fM
___ Common Yellowthroat [N] RI,FM - fSM,uW
___ Wilson's Warbler RI - cM
___ Yellow-breasted Chat [N] RI - uS

TANAGERS

___ Summer Tanager [N]..... RI - uS
___ Western Tanager RI - cM

TOWHEES AND SPARROWS

___ Green-tailed Towhee..... RI - rM
___ Spotted Towhee [N] RI,DS - fR
___ California Towhee [N]..... RI,DS - fR
___ Rufous-crowned Sparrow[N] DS - uR
___ Chipping Sparrow..... AF,RI,DS - fM,uW
___ Brewer's Sparrow DS,AF - uMW
___ Black-chinned Sparrow [N]..... DS - rS
___ Vesper Sparrow AF - uMW
___ Lark Sparrow [N] RI,AF,DS - uR
___ Black-throated Sparrow [N] DS - cR
___ Sage Sparrow DS - uW
___ Savannah Sparrow..... AF - fWM
___ Fox Sparrow RI - uM,rW
___ Song Sparrow [N]..... RI - cR

___ Lincoln's Sparrow..... RI - fM,uW
___ White-throated Sparrow RI - xW
___ Harris's Sparrow RI - xW
___ White-crowned Sparrow RI,DS,AF - cWM
___ Golden-crowned Sparrow RI - uWM
___ Dark-eyed Junco:
___ "Oregon" Junco RI,,AF - uWM
___ "Slate-colored" Junco RI,,AF - rWM
___ "Pink-sided" Junco RI,,AF - xWM
___ "Gray-headed" Junco RI,,AF - rWM

GROSBEAKS AND BUNTINGS

___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak RI - xSp
___ Black-headed Grosbeak RI - cM
___ Blue Grosbeak [N]..... RI - uS
___ Lazuli Bunting RI - fM
___ Indigo Bunting RI - rM

BLACKBIRDS AND ORIOLES

___ Red-winged Blackbird [N] FM,RI,AF - uR
___ Western Meadowlark [N]..... AF - uS,fWM
___ Yellow-headed Blackbird FM,AF - rM
___ Brewer's Blackbird [N]..... ,RI,AF - cR
___ Great-tailed Grackle [N] FM - uR
___ Brown-headed Cowbird [N] RI,AF - cS,uW
___ Hooded Oriole [N] RI - fS
___ Bullock's Oriole [N]..... RI - fS
___ Scott's Oriole [N] DS - uSW

FINCHES

___ Purple Finch RI - rWM
___ Cassin's Finch RI - rW
___ House Finch [N] RI,DS - cR
___ Red Crossbill..... RI - iFW
___ Pine Siskin RI,DS,AF - iWM
___ Lesser Goldfinch [N] RI,,DS - cR
___ Lawrence's Goldfinch [N] RI, - uSM,rW
___ American Goldfinch..... RI - uWM
___ Evening Grosbeak RI - xF

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

___ House Sparrow (I) [N] ,RI,DS,AF - cR

Please help to keep this list up-to-date by reporting any rare, casual, or accidental species, or those not appearing on the list, to Whitewater Preserve personnel (760-325-7222), Stephen J. Myers (stephenmyers@earthlink.net), or Kurt Leuschner (kleuschner@collegeofthedesert.edu).



**CHECKLIST OF THE BIRDS OF
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OBSERVERS _____

WEATHER _____

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Habitat, abundance, and seasonality codes are defined as follows:

HABITATS:

- AE = Aerial** (birds seen flying overhead)
- AF = Agricultural fields & human habitations**
- DS = Desert scrub**, including Creosote Bush scrub, Mesquite thickets
- FM = Freshwater marsh**
- OW = Open water** (ponds, lakes)
- RI = Riparian** forest and woodland
- SH = Shoreline** (edges of ponds and lakes)

- c = common**; nearly always encountered in appropriate habitat, usually in high numbers
- f = fairly common**; usually encountered in appropriate habitat, usually in moderate numbers
- u = uncommon**; occasionally encountered in appropriate habitat, usually in low numbers
- r = rare**; rarely encountered, due to scarcity and/or difficulty of detection
- x = casual or accidental**; not normally expected to occur in the area; this includes species for which there is only one or a few records
- i = irregular**; occurrence is irregular, sporadic, or irruptive. May be common, uncommon, or absent in a given year.
- e = extirpated**; formerly nested in area

- R = year-round resident** **S = summer visitor**
- W = winter visitor** **M = migrant**
- Sp = Spring migrant** **F = Fall migrant**
- [N] = known or suspected to nest**
- (I) = Introduced species**