

GEESE AND DUCKS

___ Canada Goose..... OW - rM
 ___ Wood Duck..... OW - rW
 ___ Cinnamon Teal..... FM,OW - uS,fWM
 ___ Northern Shoveler..... FM,OW - uWWM
 ___ American Wigeon..... OW - uWWM
 ___ Mallard [N]..... OW,FM - fS,cWWM
 ___ Northern Pintail..... OW,FM - rWWM
 ___ Green-winged Teal..... OW,FM - uWWM
 ___ Canvasback..... OW - rWWM
 ___ Redhead..... OWFM - rWWM
 ___ Ring-necked Duck..... OW,FM - uWWM
 ___ Lesser Scaup..... OW - rWWM
 ___ Bufflehead..... OW - uWWM
 ___ Common Goldeneye..... OW - rM
 ___ Common Merganser..... OW - rW
 ___ Red-breasted Merganser..... OW - rM
 ___ Ruddy Duck..... OW,FM - rS,uWWM

NEW WORLD QUAIL

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

TURKEYS AND PARTRIDGES

___ Chukar (I) [N]..... DS - uR

GREBES

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

DOVES AND PIGEONS

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

CUCKOOS

___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo..... RI - xM
 ___ Greater Roadrunner [N]..... DS,RI,AF - fR

NIGHTJARS

___ Lesser Nighthawk [N]..... DS - uS
 ___ Common Poorwill [N]..... DS - fSuW

SWIFTS

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

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
 ___ Calliope Hummingbird..... RI,DS - xSp

RAILS AND COOTS

___ Virginia Rail [N]..... FM - uR
 ___ Sora..... FM - uWWM
 ___ Common Gallinule..... OW,FM - rF
 ___ American Coot [N]..... OW,FM - uW,rS

STILTS AND AVOCETS

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

PLOVERS

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

SANDPIPERS

___ Least Sandpiper..... SH,AF - uM,rW
 ___ Western Sandpiper..... SH,AF - rM
 ___ Long-billed Dowitcher..... SH,AF - rM

___ Wilson's Snipe..... FM,SH,AF - uWWM
 ___ Spotted Sandpiper..... SH - fM,rW
 ___ Greater Yellowlegs..... AF,SH - rMW

GULLS AND TERNS

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

CORMORANTS

___ Double-crested Cormorant..... OW, AE - uM

PELICANS

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

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 - rWWM
 ___ Green Heron..... FM,OW,RI - uWWM
 ___ Black-crowned Night-Heron..... FM,RI - uWWM

IBISES

___ White-faced Ibis..... OW, AE - xSp

VULTURES

___ Turkey Vulture..... AE,RI - cM

OSPREYS, HAWKS, AND EAGLES

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

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

KINGFISHERS

___ Belted Kingfisher..... OW,RI - uS,fM

WOODPECKERS

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

Northern Flicker:

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

FALCONS

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

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

___ Ash-throated Flycatcher [N]..... RI,DS - fS
 ___ Brown-crested Flycatcher [N]..... RI - rS
 ___ Cassin's Kingbird..... RI,AF - uM
 ___ Western Kingbird [N]..... RI,AF,DS - fS

___ 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
 ___ Eastern Phoebe..... RI - xF
 ___ Say's Phoebe [N]..... AF,RI,DS - uS,fW
 ___ Vermilion Flycatcher [N]..... RI,AF - rS

SHRIKES

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

VIREOS

___ White-eyed Vireo..... Ri - xSp
 ___ Bell's Vireo [N]..... RI - cS
 ___ Hutton's Vireo [N]..... RI - rS
 ___ Cassin's Vireo..... RI - fM
 ___ Plumbeous Vireo..... RI - uM,xW
 ___ Warbling Vireo..... RI - cM

JAYS, CROWS, AND RAVENS

___ Steller's Jay..... RI - rFW
 ___ California Scrub-Jay [N]..... DS,RI - uR
 ___ American Crow..... RI - uR
 ___ Common Raven [N]..... RI,,DS,AF - cR

LARKS

___ Horned Lark [N]..... AF - fW,uS

SWALLOWS

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

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 - uR
 ___ Pygmy Nuthatch..... RI - iW

CREEPERS

___ Brown Creeper..... RI - iWM

WRENS

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

GNATCATCHERS

___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher [N]..... RI - uMW,rS
 ___ Black-tailed Gnatcatcher [N]..... DS,RI - uR

DIPPERS

___ American Dipper..... RI - rFW

KINGLETS

___ Golden-crowned Kinglet..... RI - iMW
 ___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet..... RI,,DS - cWM

SYLVIID WARBLERS

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

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

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

STARLINGS

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

___ Cedar Waxwing	RI - uWM
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SILKY FLYCATCHERS

___ Phainopepla [N]	RI,DS - fS,cWM
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OLD WORLD SPARROWS

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

___ American Pipit	AF - uW
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FINCHES

___ Evening Grosbeak	RI - xF
___ House Finch [N]	RI,DS - cR
___ Purple Finch	RI - rWM
___ Cassin's Finch	RI - rW
___ 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

SPARROWS AND TOWHEES

___ Black-throated Sparrow [N]	DS - cR
___ Lark Sparrow [N]	RI,AF,DS - uR
___ Chipping Sparrow	AF,RI,DS - fM,uW
___ Black-chinned Sparrow [N]	DS - rS
___ Brewer's Sparrow	DS,AF - uMW
___ Fox Sparrow	RI - uM,rW
___ 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
___ White-crowned Sparrow	RI,DS,AF - cWM
___ Golden-crowned Sparrow	RI - uWM
___ Harris's Sparrow	RI - xW
___ White-throated Sparrow	RI - xW
___ Sagebrush/Bell's Sparrow	DS - uW
___ Vesper Sparrow	AF - uMW
___ Savannah Sparrow	AF - fWM
___ Song Sparrow [N]	RI - cR
___ Lincoln's Sparrow	RI - fM,uW
___ Abert's Towhee	RI - rM
___ California Towhee [N]	RI,DS - fR
___ Rufous-crowned Sparrow [N]	DS - uR
___ Green-tailed Towhee	RI - rM
___ Spotted Towhee [N]	RI,DS - fR

YELLOW-BREASTED CHATS

___ Yellow-breasted Chat [N]	RI - fS
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BLACKBIRDS AND ORIOLES

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

WOOD-WARBLERS

___ Black-and-white Warbler	RI - xSp
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	RI - cM,rW
___ Nashville Warbler	RI - fM
___ MacGillivray's Warbler	RI - fM
___ Common Yellowthroat [N]	RI,FM - fSM,uW
___ American Redstart	RI - xF
___ Northern Parula	RI - xSp
___ Blackburnian Warbler	RI - xF
___ Yellow Warbler [N]	RI - cM,fS
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler	RI - xF
___ Blackpoll Warbler	RI - xF
___ 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
___ Wilson's Warbler	RI - cM

TANAGERS, GROSBEAKS, AND BUNTINGS

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

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
WHITewater CANYON**

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DATE _____ TIME _____

OBSERVERS _____

WEATHER _____

Welcome to Whitewater Canyon. This list includes 235 species of birds which have been seen in the canyon between Interstate 10 and Red Dome. Taxonomy and nomenclature follows the American Ornithologists' Union's *Checklist of North American Birds* (7th Edition) and its supplements.

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)

ABUNDANCE:

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

SEASONALITY AND BREEDING:

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