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:

AF = Agricultural fields & human habitations
AE = Aerial (birds seen flying overhead)
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
(I) = Introduced species