## Birds of the Gila National Forest: A Checklist



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## Using the Checklist

The first column after the species name is an indication of the bird's abundance. Bear in mind, however, that many species are locally distributed and do not range throughout the Gila National Forest which embraces a highly diverse range of elevations and habitats (see below). Thus, the expressions of abundance are to be viewed as *general* indications, and of course only for the habitat(s) favored by the species in question. Abundance also varies seasonally, and often from year-to-year as well. Additionally, actual abundance is often distinct from *detectability*. Some species may be common but secretive and only rarely seen. Others may be numerically sparse, yet highly vocal or otherwise conspicuous. The following designations relate to abundance, not necessarily to frequency of detection. An asterisk (\*) following a species name indicates breeding on the Gila National Forest.

A - Abundant C - Common F - Fairly Common U - Uncommon R - Rare

The second column reflects seasonal status, showing the time of year when the species normally appears in the checklist area:

- P Permanent Resident (present year-round)
- S Summer Resident (present from spring until fall migration) or Summer Visitor (not known to breed on the Gila)
- W Winter Resident (typically from October through March)
- T Transient (present as a migrant in spring and/or fall)
- V Visitant (present at various seasons, often irregularly)

The remaining columns indicate the usual habitat(s) of each species. On the forest, vegetation types range from spruce/fir forest high in the Mogollon Mountains to desert scrub and remnant grassland in the lower Burro Mountains. Small expanses of grassland are scattered in the higher ranges. Generally, ponderosa pine is the dominant species at elevations between 6,000 and 7,000 feet. Somewhat higher, and in many canyons, is a mixed conifer forest typically dominated by Douglas-fir, often with Gambel's oak. Woodlands of piñon pine, juniper and oak, in varying combinations, are present on drier sites throughout the forest. Riparian areas support rich deciduous or coniferous woodland and, locally, small areas of marsh or other open habitats. This great ecological diversity provides for a remarkably varied bird fauna. This checklist includes 166 species known to breed on the Gila, 114 others that are more or less regular nonbreeders, and 57 species considered to be casual (recorded 3-5 times) or accidental (recorded but once or twice).

	Abundance	Residence	ert	Woodland	-Juniper	Pinyon-Juniper	derosa Pine	Spruce-Fir	Grassland	Marsh/Open	id. Riparian	Conif. Riparian
	Abu	Resi	Des	Oak	Oak	Piny	Pon	Spr	Ĭ.	Mar	Dec	S
Loons												
Common Loon	R	Т								•		
Grebes												
Eared Grebe	F	S								•		
Mastana Casha	С	T								•		
Western Grebe Clark's Grebe	F U	T T								•		
Pied-billed Grebe*	С	w								•		
	С	P								•		
Cormorants												
Double-crested Cormorant	U	Т								•	•	
Neotropic Cormorant	R	T								•	•	
Herons and Ibises												
American Bittern	R	Т								•		
Least Bittern	R	T								•		
Great Blue Heron*	F	P								•	•	
<pre>_ Great Egret _ Snowy Egret</pre>	R U	T T								•	•	
Green Heron	R	S										
Black-crowned Night Heron	U	S									•	
White-faced Ibis	U	Т								•		
Vultures												
Turkey Vulture	С	S	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	
Swans, Geese, and Ducks												
_ Snow Goose	U	Т								•		
Ross's Goose	R	Т								•		
Canada Goose		W								•		
Tundra Swan Wood Duck	R	T W								•		
Gadwall		W										
American Wigeon	F	Т								•		
Mallard*	С	Р								•		
Blue-winged Teal*	R	S								•		
	U	T								•		
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	Abundance	Residence	Desert	Oak Woodland	Oak-Juniper	Pinyon-Juniper	Ponderosa Pine	Spruce-Fir	Mt. Grassland	Marsh/Open	Decid. Riparian	Conif. Riparian
Cinnamon Teal*	F	S								•		
Northern Shoveler	F F	T T								•		
Northern Pintail	F	w										
Green-winged Teal*	U	S								•	•	
	С	Т								•		
Canvasback	U	Т								•		
Redhead	U	S								•		
	U	T								•		
Ring-necked Duck	U	S								•		
	F	T								•		
Greater Scaup	R	T								•		
Lesser Scaup		W								•		
Bufflehead Common Goldeneye	F U	T T								•		
Hooded Merganser	R	T										
Common Merganser*	F	P										
Red-breasted Merganser	R	Т										
Ruddy Duck*	U	S										
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Hawks, Eagles, and Falcor	าร											
Osprey*	R	S								•	•	
	U	Т								•	•	
Bald Eagle	R	S		•	•	•	•				•	
	U	W		•	•	•	•				•	
Northern Harrier	R	S										
	U	W	•	•	•	•			•	•	•	
Sharp-shinned Hawk*	Ū	P		•	•	•	•	•			•	•
Cooper's Hawk* Northern Goshawk*	F	P P	•	•	•	•	•				•	
Common Black Hawk*	R F	S		•	•	•	•	•			•	
Swainson's Hawk*	F	S									Ĭ	
Zone-tailed Hawk*	U	S			•	•						
Zono tanoa nawk	U	Т			•	•	•					
Red-tailed Hawk*	С	Р	•		•	•	•				•	
Ferruginous Hawk	U	Т	•			•				•		
-	U	W	•			•				•		
Rough-legged Hawk	R	W								•		
Golden Eagle*	U	Р	•	•	•	•	•			•		
American Kestrel*	F	S	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	
	С	T	•	•	•	•	•	*			•	
	F	W	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	

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Merlin	U	т	•							•	•	
Prairie Falcon* Peregrine Falcon*	U R R	W P S T	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	
Grouse and Relatives												
<ul><li>Ring-necked Pheasant*</li><li>Blue Grouse*</li><li>Wild Turkey*</li></ul>	U U F	P P P				•	•	•			•	
Quail												
<ul><li>Montezuma Quail*</li><li>Scaled Quail*</li><li>Gambel's Quail*</li></ul>	U U C	P P P	•	•	•	•					•	
Rails, Coots and Cranes												
Virginia Rail*	U	S S								•		
Sora* Common Moorhen	U R	T								•		
<ul><li>American Coot*</li><li>Sandhill Crane</li></ul>	C U	P W								•	•	
Plovers												
Black-bellied Plover	R	Т								•		
Semipalmated Plover Killdeer*	R F	T P								•		
Avocets and Stilts												
Black-necked Stilt	R	Т								•		
American Avocet	R	Т								•		
Snipes and Sandpipers												
Greater Yellowlegs	U									•		
Lesser Yellowlegs	U R	T T								•		
<ul><li>Solitary Sandpiper</li><li>Willet</li></ul>	R R	T								•		
Spotted Sandpiper*	F	Т								•		
	R R	S W								•		
Long-billed Curlew	R	T										

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Marbled Godwit     Western Sandpiper     Least Sandpiper     Baird's Sandpiper     Pectoral Sandpiper     Long-billed Dowitcher     Common Snipe     Wilson's Phalarope     Red-necked Sandpiper	R F U R U F U R	T T T T T T T T								•		
Gulls and Terns  — Franklin's Gull  — Bonaparte's Gull  — Ring-billed Gull  — California Gull  — Forster's Tern  — Black Tern	R R U R U R	T T T T T								•	•	
Pigeons and Doves  — Rock Dove* — Band-tailed Pigeon* — White-winged Dove* — Mourning Dove* — Inca Dove — Common Ground Dove	U F U C R W	P S S P V R		•	•	•	•	•		•		•
Cuckoos and Roadrunner  Yellow-billed Cuckoo*  Greater Roadrunner*	s U U	S P	•	•	•	•				•	•	
Owls  Barn Owl* Flammulated Owl* Western Screech Owl* Great Horned Owl* Northern Pygmy Owl* Elf Owl* Burrowing Owl*	U F U F R R	P S P P S S		•			•	•	•			
Spotted Owl* Long-eared Owl*	U R U	P S W	•		•	•	•	•			•	•

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Short-eared owl Northern Saw-whet Owl	R R	T W		•	•	•	•	•				
Nightjars												
Lesser Nighthawk Common Nighthawk* Common Poor-will*	U F C F	S S T S	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	
Whip-poor-will*	r	S			•	•	•	•				
Swifts												
Black Swift White-throated Swift*	R R F	T S <b>S</b>			•	•	•	•			•	
Hummingbirds												
Blue-throated Hummingbird  Magnificent Hummingbird*  Black-chinned Hummingbird*  Anna's Hummingbird  Calliope Hummingbird  Broad-tailed Hummingbird*	R R C R U C	S S T T S	•	•				•				•
Rufous Hummingbird	С	T		•	•	•	•	•			•	•
Kingfishers												
Belted Kingfisher*		T W S					•			•	•	•
Woodpeckers												
Lewis's Woodpecker* Acorn Woodpecker* Gila Woodpecker* Red-naped Sapsucker*	U C R F	S P S S T					•	•			•	
Williamson's Sapsucker*	U	W S W		•	•	•	•	•			•	
<ul> <li>Ladder-backed Woodpecker*</li> <li>Downy Woodpecker*</li> <li>Hairy Woodpecker*</li> </ul>	U U C	P P P	•	•	•	•	•				•	•
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Three-toed Woodpecker* Northern Flicker*	R C	P P		•	•	•	•	•			•	•
Tyrant Flycatchers												
Olive-sided Flycatcher* Greater Pewee* Western Wood Pewee* Willow Flycatcher* Hammond's Flycatcher Dusky Flycatcher Gray Flycatcher* Cordilleran Flycatcher* Black Phoebe* Say's Phoebe* Vermilion Flycatcher* Ash-throated Flycatcher* Brown-crested Flycatcher* Cassin's Kingbird*	F R C R F F F C C C F C R C	S S S S T T S S P P S S S S	•				• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	•		•		•
Western Kingbird*	С	S	•	•	•	•	•				•	
Shrikes												
Loggerhead Shrike	R U U	S T W	•	•	•	•			•	•		
Vireos		_										
Bell's Vireo* Gray Vireo Cassin's Vireo Plumbeous Vireo* Hutton's Vireo* Warbling Vireo*	R R W C U R C C	\$ \$ \$ \$ W \$ T		•	•	•	•				•	•
Corvids												
Steller's Jay* Western Scrub Jay* Mexican Jay* Pinyon Jay* Clark's Nutcracker*	C C C R R	P P P S W		•	•	•	•	•			•	

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American Crow*	F	P									•	
` Chihuahuan Raven		W	•							•		
Common Raven*	С	P		•	•	•	•	•	•		•	
Larks												
Horned Lark*	С	P	•						•	•		
Swallows and Martins												
Purple Martin*	F	S					•				•	
Tree Swallow*	U	Т					•	•			•	•
Violet-green Swallow*	С	S			•	•	•	•			•	•
	С	T				•	•	•			•	•
No. Rough-winged Swallow*	F	S								•	•	
Bank Swallow	R	T								•	•	•
Barn Swallow*	F	T		•	•	•	•			•	•	
Cliff Swallow*	U F	S S		•	•	•	•			•	•	
Tits and Relatives												
Mountain Chickadee*	С	Р										
Bridled Titmouse*	F	Р										
Juniper Titmouse*	F	P			•	•						
Verdin	U	S	•		•						•	
Bushtit*	С	P		•	•	•					•	
Nuthatches and Creepers												
Red-breasted Nuthatch*	F	Р										
White-breasted Nuthatch*	c	P				•	•				•	
Pygmy Nuthatch*	С	P				•	•	•				
Brown Creeper*	F	P					•	•				
Wrens												
Cactus Wren*	U	Р	•									
Rock Wren*	С	P			•	•						
Canyon Wren*	С	Р		•	•	•					•	
Bewick's Wren*	С	P		•	•	•					•	
House Wren*	С	S					•	•			•	•
Winter Wren		W									•	
Marsh Wren	U	W								•	•	

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Dippers American Dipper*	F	Р									•	•
Kinglets and Gnatcatcher  Golden-crowned Kinglet* Ruby-crowned Kinglet*	S F F	P S		•	•		•	•			•	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	C C F	T W S		•	•	•					•	
Thrushes												
Eastern Bluebird Western Bluebird* Mountain Bluebird*	C C F	W P S T		•	•	•	•			•	•	
Townsend's Solitaire*  Swainson's Thrush  Hermit Thrush*  American Robin*	U F R F	W S W T S T W		•	•	•	•	•				•
Mimids  — Gray Catbird — Northern Mockingbird*  — Sage Thrasher  — Curve-billed Thrasher* — Crissal Thrasher*	R F R U U F U	T S W T W P	•	•		•					•	
Starlings European Starling*	U	P									•	
Pipits American Pipit	U F	W T							•	•	•	

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Waxwings and Relatives												
Cedar Waxwing		w										
Cedai waxwiiig	F	T		•		•						
Phainopepla*	Ü	P			•						•	
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Wood Warblers and Relat	tiv	es										
Olive Warbler*	U	Р										
Tennessee Warbler	R	т.									•	
Orange-crowned Warbler*	U	S						•				
	С	Т									•	
Nashville Warbler	U	T			•						•	
Virginia's Warbler*	F	s			•	•					•	
Lucy's Warbler*	F	S									•	
Yellow Warbler*	F	S									•	
Yellow-rumped Warbler*	С	S				•	•	•			•	•
	С	Т				•	•	•			•	•
	U	w				•	•	•			•	•
Black-throated Gray Warbler*	F	S			•	•	•					
_	F	Т			•	•	•				•	
Townsend's Warbler	F	Т				•	•	•			•	•
Hermit Warbler	U	Т					•	•				
Grace's Warbler*	С	S					•	•				
Black-and-white Warbler	R	Т									•	
American Redstart	U	Т									•	•
_ Northern Waterthrush	U	Т									•	•
_ MacGillivray's Warbler*	R	S		•	•	•	•				•	•
	С	Т		•	•	•	•				•	•
Common Yellowthroat*	U	S								•	•	
	С	Т								•	•	
Wilson's Warbler	С	Т		•	•	•					•	•
Red-faced Warbler*	F	S					•	•			•	•
Painted Redstart*	U	S									•	•
Yellow-breasted Chat*	F	S									•	
T												
Tanagers												
Hepatic Tanager*	F	S				•	•				•	•
Summer Tanager*	F	S									•	
Western Tanager*	С	S		•	•	•	•	•			•	•

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Towhees, Sparrows and L	on	gs	pu	rs								
Green-tailed Towhee	С	т			•	•		•			•	•
	R	W			•	•		•			•	•
Spotted Towhee*	С	P		•	•	•	•				•	•
Canyon Towhee*	F	P		•	•	•					•	
Abert's Towhee*	R F	P S				_					•	
Rufous-crowned Sparrow*	r R	s W		•	•	•					•	
Chipping Sparrow*	C	S										
	Α	Т			•							
		w		•	•	•	•	•				
Brewer's Sparrow	С	Т	•	•	•	•	•					
	U	W	•	•	•	•	•					
Black-chinned Sparrow*	U	S		•	•	•						
Vesper Sparrow	F	Т	•						•	•		
	R	S	•						•			
	U	W	•						•	•		
Lark Sparrow*	F	S		•	•	•	•	•	•	•		
Black-throated Sparrow*	U	P	•									
Sage Sparrow	U	W T	•									
Lark Bunting	F	T	•									
Lark builting	R	w								Ī		
Savannah Sparrow	Ü	w	•									
	F	Т	•						•			
Fox Sparrow	R	Т		•	•	•				•	•	•
	R	w		•	•	•				•	•	
Song Sparrow	F	w								•	•	•
Lincoln's Sparrow	U	W								•	•	•
	С	Т		•	•	•				•	•	
Swamp Sparrow	R	W								•	•	
	R	T								•		
_ White-throated Sparrow	R	W		•	•						•	•
Hamista Craman	R	  -		•	•						•	
<ul><li>Harris's Sparrow</li><li>White-crowned Sparrow</li></ul>	R A	T T									•	
writte-crowned sparrow		w			٠	•					•	Ĭ
Golden-crowned Sparrow	W											
Dark-eyed Junco*	С	S			•	•	•	•			•	
	A	Т			•	•	•	•			•	•
	С	w		•	•	•	•	•			•	
Chestnut-collared Longspur	F	w	•						•	•		

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Cardinals, Grosbeaks and	В	un	tin	ıgs								
<ul> <li>Northern Cardinal*</li> <li>Pyrrhuloxia</li> <li>Rose-breasted Grosbeak</li> <li>Black-headed Grosbeak*</li> </ul>	U U R C C	P W T S	•	•	•	•	•				•	
Blue Grosbeak* Lazuli Bunting Indigo Bunting*	U R	S S		•	•	•					•	
Icterids												
Red-winged Blackbird*	F C U	S T W								•	•	
Eastern Meadowlark*	C R	s W	•						•			
Western Meadowlark*	F U	S W	•						•	•		
Yellow-headed Blackbird*	U U	S T								•	•	
Brewer's Blackbird*	C C R	S T W		•	•	•				•	•	
<ul><li>Great-tailed Grackle*</li><li>Bronzed Cowbird*</li></ul>	U R	P S	•		•	•				•	•	
Brown-headed Cowbird*		S W	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	
Hooded Oriole* Bullock's Oriole* Scott's Oriole*	U F U	S S S									•	
Scott s Officie	U	3	•	•	•	•						
Finches												
Cassin's Finch	F F	W T		•	•	•	•				•	
<pre>_ House Finch* _ Red Crossbill* Pine Siskin*</pre>	C F	P P S	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	
— LINE SISKIII	С	T W		•	•	•	•	•				
<ul><li>Lesser Goldfinch*</li><li>American Goldfinch</li></ul>	F F	S W		•	•	•	•	•			•	
Evening Grosbeak*	W	R				•	•			•	•	

## Casual (C) or accidental species on or closely adjacent to the Gila National Forest.

Horned Grebe (C)

American White Pelican

Brown Pelican

Magnificent Frigate-bird

Yellow-crowned Night Heron

Trumpeter Swan Surf Scoter (C)

White-winged Scoter

Black Scoter

White-tailed Kite Mississippi Kite

Gray Hawk

Broad-winged Hawk

Crested Caracara

Mountain Plover

Snowy Plover

Short-billed Dowitcher

American Woodcock

Laughing Gull

Heermann's Gull

Black-billed Cuckoo

Groove-billed Ani

Chimney Swift

White-eared Hummingbird

Costa's Hummingbird Red-headed Woodpecker

Y II II II I C

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

Buff-breasted Flycatcher (formerly)

Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher

Couch's Kingbird Eastern Kingbird

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

Eastern Phoebe (C)

Northern Shrike Yellow-throated Vireo

Red-eyed Vireo

Blue Jay

Veery

Brown Thrasher (C)

Bendire's Thrasher

Blue-winged Warbler

Northern Parula

Cape May Warbler

Chestnut-sided Warbler

Magnolia Warbler

Yellow-throated Warbler

Palm Warbler

Bay-breasted Warbler

Blackpoll Warbler

Worm-eating Warbler

Ovenbird

Hooded Warbler (C)
Dickcissel

Bobolink

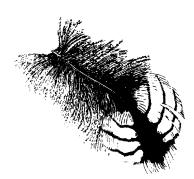
Orchard Oriole

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Painted Bunting

Purple Finch

Lawrence's Goldfinch (C)





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