

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Havasu

National Wildlife Refuge

Birds



Welcome to Birding at Havasu National Wildlife Refuge

Havasu National Wildlife Refuge encompasses 37,515 acres adjacent to the Colorado River. Topock Marsh, Topock Gorge, and the Havasu Wilderness constitute the three major portions of the refuge. Habitat varies from cattail-bulrush back waters and shrubby riparian lowlands to steep cactus-strewn cliffs and mountains. Due to the southerly location of the refuge it is primarily a wintering area and stopover point for migrating birds.

This list was developed using refuge observations and studies reported since 1940. An excellent source for additional information on birds of the area is *Birds of the Lower Colorado River Valley* by Rosenberg et al. and published by the University of Arizona Press (1991). The 297 species are listed in accordance with the 7th edition (1998) A.O.U. checklist and the 42nd Supplement to the AOU Checklist (July 2000).

How to use your checklist

If you should find an unlisted or rare species during your visit, please contact the Refuge staff and provide a description. The refuge birds do not recognize traditional calendar seasons, therefore, season designations for species are intended as general guidelines.

Summer statuses indicated for many non-breeding species of shorebirds, terns, flycatchers, vireos, swallows, warblers, tanagers, and grosbeaks actually refers to fall migration, which begins in July and August for these groups.

Occurrence

Symbols used in this list are defined as follows:

Sp Spring March - May

S Summer June - August

F Fall September - November

W Winter December - February

* - Nests locally

Federally Endangered or Threatened Species are listed in italics

Abundance

A Abundant

A common species that is very numerous.

C Common

Certain to be seen in suitable habitats.

U Uncommon

Present, not certain to be seen.

O Occasional

Seen few times during the season

R Rare

Seen at intervals of 2 to 5 years.

X Accidental

Has been seen only once or twice.



Common Name	Sp	S	F	W
Loons				
___Red-throated Loon				X
___Pacific Loon	R	X	R	R
___Common Loon	O	R	O	O
Grebes				
___*Pied-billed Grebe	C	U	C	C
___Horned Grebe	R		R	R
___Eared Grebe	C	O	C	C
___*Western Grebe	C	C	C	C
___*Clark's Grebe	C	C	C	C
Storm-Petrels				
___Black Storm-Petrel			X	
___Least Storm-Petrel			X	
Boobies				
___Blue-footed Booby			X	
___Brown Booby		X	X	
Pelicans				
___American White Pelican	C	O	C	U
___ <i>Brown Pelican</i>		X	X	
Cormorants				
___*Double-crested Cormorant	A	C	A	A
Hérons, Bitterns and Allies				
___*American Bittern	O		U	U
___*Least Bittern	C	C	C	U
___*Great Blue Heron	C	C	C	C
___*Great Egret	C	C	C	C
___*Snowy Egret	C	C	C	C
___Tricolored Heron	X			
___Cattle Egret	R	R	R	R
___*Green Heron	U	C	U	O
___*Black-crowned Night-Heron	U	C	C	U
Ibises and Spoonbills				
___White-faced Ibis	U	U	U	
___Roseate Spoonbill			X	
Vultures				
___Turkey Vulture	C	C	U	O
Ducks, Geese and Swans				
___Greater White-fronted Goose	R		O	O
___Snow Goose (white morph)	O		C	C
___Snow Goose (blue morph)			R	R
___Ross' Goose			R	R
___Brant	X			
___Canada Goose	U		C	C
___Tundra Swan	R		O	O
___Wood Duck	O	R	O	O
___*Gadwall	U	O	C	C
___Eurasian Wigeon				X
___American Wigeon	U	O	C	C
___*Mallard	C	U	C	C
___Blue-winged Teal	C	U	C	U

Common Name	Sp	S	F	W
Ducks, Geese and Swans, continued				
___ Cinnamon Teal	C	O	A	O
___ Northern Shoveler	O	R	C	C
___ Northern Pintail	C	O	A	C
___ Green-winged Teal	O	R	C	A
___ Canvasback	O		U	U
___ Redhead	C	O	C	U
___ Ring-necked Duck	U	R	C	C
___ Greater Scaup	R			R
___ Lesser Scaup	C	O	C	U
___ Long-tailed Duck				X
___ Bufflehead	C		C	C
___ Common Goldeneye	U		U	U
___ Barrow's Goldeneye	R			R
___ Hooded Merganser			R	R
___ Common Merganser	U	R	U	U
___ Red-breasted Merganser	U	R	U	R
___ Ruddy Duck	C	O	A	U
Hawks, Kites, Eagles and Allies				
___ Osprey	O	R	U	U
___ White-tailed Kite	R			R
___ Bald Eagle		R	O	U
___ Northern Harrier	U	X	C	C
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	U		U	C
___ *Cooper's Hawk	U	R	C	C
___ Northern Goshawk			X	
___ Red-shouldered Hawk	X			
___ Zone-tailed Hawk	R	R		
___ *Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	C
___ Ferruginous Hawk	X		X	X
___ Rough-legged Hawk				R
___ Golden Eagle	O	O	O	U
Falcons				
___ *American Kestrel	C	U	C	C
___ Merlin			O	O
___ Peregrine Falcon	R	R	R	R
___ Prairie Falcon	R		R	R
New World Quail				
___ *Gambel's Quail	A	A	A	A
Rails, Gallinules and Coots				
___ *Yuma Clapper Rail	U	U	U	U
___ *Virginia Rail	U	U	U	U
___ Sora	C	O	C	U
___ *Common Moorhen	C	C	C	U
___ *American Coot	C	C	A	A
Cranes				
___ Sandhill Crane	O		O	

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Plovers				
___Black-bellied Plover	O	O	O	
___Snowy Plover	U	U	C	
___Semipalmated Plover	U	O	U	
___*Killdeer	C	C	C	C
___Mountain Plover			X	
Stilts and Avocets				
___Black-necked Stilt	O	C	C	
___American Avocet	C	U	C	R
Sandpipers, Phalaropes and Allies				
___Greater Yellowlegs	U	U	C	U
___Lesser Yellowlegs	U	O	O	U
___Solitary Sandpiper	R	U	U	
___Willet	U	C	O	
___Spotted Sandpiper	C	U	C	U
___Whimbrel			R	
___Long-billed Curlew	U	U	U	
___Marbled Godwit	O	C	O	
___Ruddy Turnstone	X			
___Red Knot		X		
___Sanderling	R	R	R	
___Semipalmated Sandpiper		X		
___Western Sandpiper	U	C	C	R
___Least Sandpiper	U	C	C	C
___Baird's Sandpiper		U	U	
___Pectoral Sandpiper		R	O	
___Dunlin	R		O	R
___Short-billed Dowitcher	X		X	
___Long-billed Dowitcher	U	U	C	U
___Common Snipe	C	O	C	
___Wilson's Phalarope	U	C	C	
___Red-necked Phalarope	U	U	U	
___Red Phalarope	R		R	
Gulls, Terns and Skimmers				
___Parasitic Jaeger			X	
___Franklin's Gull			R	
___Bonaparte's Gull	R		R	
___Ring-billed Gull	C	U	C	C
___California Gull	C		U	O
___Herring Gull			R	R
___Sabine's Gull			R	
___Caspian Tern	U	U	U	
___Common Tern		U	U	
___Forster's Tern	U	C	U	R
___Least Tern	X			
___Black Tern	U	C	U	
Pigeons and Doves				
___*White-winged Dove	C	C	U	
___*Mourning Dove	C	A	C	U
___*Inca Dove	C	C	U	U
___*Common Ground-Dove	R	R	R	R

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Cuckoos and Roadrunners				
___*Yellow-billed Cuckoo		U		
___*Greater Roadrunner	C	C	C	C
Barn Owls				
___*Barn Owl	O	O	O	O
Typical Owls				
___*Western Screech-Owl	U	U	U	U
___*Great Horned Owl	C	C	C	C
___*Elf Owl	U	U		
___*Burrowing Owl	U	U	U	U
___*Long-eared Owl	R			R
___Short-eared Owl				X
Goatsuckers				
___Common Nighthawk	U	U	U	
___*Lesser Nighthawk	C	C	C	
___*Common Poorwill	U	U	U	
Swifts				
___Vaux's Swift	O		O	
___*White-throated Swift	U	U	O	U
Hummingbirds				
___*Black-chinned Hummingbird	C	C		
___Anna's Hummingbird	C	U	U	C
___*Costa's Hummingbird	C	O		U
___Rufous Hummingbird		O	O	
Kingfishers				
___Belted Kingfisher	U		C	C
___Green Kingfisher	X			
Woodpeckers				
___Lewis's Woodpecker	X	X	X	X
___*Gila Woodpecker	C	C	C	C
___Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	X	X	X	X
___Red-naped Sapsucker	O		U	U
___*Ladder-backed Woodpecker	C	C	C	C
___Northern Flicker				
___"Red-shafted"	U		C	C
___"Yellow-shafted"			R	R
___Gilded Flicker	U	U	U	U
Tyrant Flycatchers				
___Olive-sided Flycatcher	O		O	
___Greater Pewee				X
___Western Wood-Pewee	C	U	C	
___* <i>Willow Flycatcher</i>	U	U	U	
___Hammond's Flycatcher	C		U	R
___Gray Flycatcher	O		O	O
___Dusky Flycatcher	R		R	
___Pacific-slope Flycatcher	C	U	C	R
___*Black Phoebe	C	C	C	C
___Eastern Phoebe			R	R
___*Say's Phoebe	C	R	C	C
___*Vermilion Flycatcher	O	O	O	O

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Tyrant Flycatchers, continued				
___ Dusky-capped Flycatcher				X
___ *Ash-throated Flycatcher	C	C	O	R
___ *Brown-crested Flycatcher	U	U		
___ Tropical Kingbird			X	
___ Cassin's Kingbird	X		X	X
___ *Western Kingbird	C	C	U	
___ Eastern Kingbird		X		
Shrikes				
___ *Loggerhead Shrike	C	C	C	C
___ Northern Shrike				X
Vireos				
___ *Bell's Vireo	U	U	U	X
___ Gray Vireo	R			
___ Plumbeous Vireo	U		U	R
___ Cassin's Vireo	U		U	R
___ Hutton's Vireo			R	
___ Warbling Vireo	C	U	C	
Crows and Jays				
___ Steller's Jay	R		R	R
___ Western Scrub-Jay	R		O	O
___ Pinyon Jay			X	
___ Clark's Nutcracker			X	
___ American Crow			R	R
___ *Common Raven	C	C	C	C
Larks				
___ Horned Lark			U	U
Swallows				
___ Purple Martin	R		R	
___ Tree Swallow	A	U	A	A
___ Violet-green Swallow	C	U	U	O
___ *No. Rough-winged Swallow	C	C	C	O
___ Bank Swallow	O	O	O	
___ *Cliff Swallow	C	C	O	
___ Barn Swallow	U	U	U	
Verdins				
___ *Verdin	C	C	C	C
Bushtits				
___ Bushtit			R	R
Nuthatches				
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	R		R	
Creeper				
___ Brown Creeper				R
Wrens				
___ *Cactus Wren	U	U	U	U
___ *Rock Wren	U	O	C	C
___ *Canyon Wren	C	C	C	C
___ *Bewick's Wren	U	U	U	C
___ House Wren	U		C	C
___ Winter Wren	O		O	O
___ *Marsh Wren	C	C	C	C

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Kinglets				
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet			R	R
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C	A
Gnatcatchers				
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	U		U	U
___ *Black-tailed Gnatcatcher	C	C	C	C
Thrushes				
___ Western Bluebird			U	U
___ Mountain Bluebird			U	U
___ Townsend's Solitaire	O		O	O
___ Swainson's Thrush	O			
___ Hermit Thrush	U		U	U
___ American Robin	O		U	U
___ Varied Thrush			R	R
Mockingbirds and Thrashers				
___ *Northern Mockingbird	C	C	C	C
___ Sage Thrasher	U		U	O
___ Bendire's Thrasher	U	U	U	
___ Curved-billed Thrasher	U	U	U	
___ *Crissal Thrasher	C	C	C	C
Starlings				
___ *European Starling	C	U	C	C
Pipits				
___ American Pipit	U		C	C
___ Sprague's Pipit			X	X
Waxwings				
___ Bohemian Waxwing			X	
___ Cedar Waxwing	R	X	R	O
Silky-flycatchers				
___ *Phainopepla	C	O	U	C
Wood-Warblers				
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	C		C	C
___ Nashville Warbler	U		U	
___ Virginia's Warbler	R	X	R	
___ *Lucy's Warbler	C	C		
___ Northern Parula	X		X	X
___ *Yellow Warbler	C	O	C	R
___ Magnolia Warbler			X	
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler				
___ "Myrtle"	U		U	O
___ "Audubon's"	C		C	A
___ Black-throated Gray Warbler	U		U	
___ Townsend's Warbler	U		U	
___ Hermit Warbler	U		O	
___ Black-and-white Warbler	R		R	R
___ American Redstart	R		R	R
___ Northern Waterthrush		X	X	
___ MacGillivray's Warbler	C		C	
___ *Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C	U
___ Wilson's Warbler	C		C	
___ *Yellow-breasted Chat	C	C	U	

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Tanagers				
___*Summer Tanager	C	C	C	
___Western Tanager	C	U	U	
Sparrows, Towhees, and Allies				
___Green-tailed Towhee	U		U	U
___Spotted Towhee	O		U	O
___*Abert's Towhee	C	C	C	C
___Chipping Sparrow	U	O	U	U
___Brewer's Sparrow	C		C	C
___Black-chinned Sparrow	X			
___Vesper Sparrow	U		U	U
___Lark Sparrow	O		O	O
___*Black-throated Sparrow	C	C	C	C
___Sage Sparrow			U	C
___Lark Bunting			R	
___Savannah Sparrow	C		C	C
___Grasshopper Sparrow				X
___LeConte's Sparrow			X	
___Fox Sparrow	R		R	R
___*Song Sparrow	C	C	C	C
___Lincoln's Sparrow	C		C	C
___Swamp Sparrow	R		U	O
___White-throated Sparrow				R
___Harris's Sparrow				X
___White-crowned Sparrow	C		C	A
___Golden-crowned Sparrow	R		R	O
___Dark-eyed Junco				
___ "Oregon"	O		U	U
___ "Slate-colored"			O	R
___ "Gray-headed"			R	R
___Chestnut-collared Longspur			R	
Cardinals, Grosbeaks and Buntings				
___Northern Cardinal	O	O	O	O
___Rose-breasted Grosbeak	R	O		R
___Black-headed Grosbeak	C	U	C	
___*Blue Grosbeak	C	C	O	
___Lazuli Bunting	U		U	
___*Indigo Bunting	O	U	O	
___Dickcissel			X	
Blackbirds				
___*Red-winged Blackbird	C	A	A	C
___Western Meadowlark	U		C	C
___*Yellow-headed Blackbird	U	C	C	
___Rusty Blackbird				X
___Brewer's Blackbird	U		C	C
___*Great-tailed Grackle	C	C	C	U
___*Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	O	R
___Orchard Oriole			X	
___*Hooded Oriole	O	C	O	
___*Bullock's Oriole	C	C	U	

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Bullock's Oriole

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