

# Havasu

*National Wildlife  
Refuge*

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*Birds*



**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.

The 318 species are listed in accordance with the 7th edition (1998) A.O.U. checklist and its supplements through July 2011.

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 status 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.

As landscapes change due to human activities and natural processes, species populations and distributions must change as well. Over time, species may become locally absent (extirpated), restored, newly arrived, endangered, or even extinct. Some have always been rare on the Lower Colorado River. On Havasu NWR, extirpated species include Harris's hawk, gilded flicker, and northern cardinal.

We manage habitat to help recover declining species including many of the waterfowl as well as riparian forest birds such as the yellow-billed cuckoo and summer tanager.

## How to use your checklist

Symbols used in this list are defined as follows:

### Occurrence

- Sp** - Spring - period of spring migration (depending on species) from mid-February to early June.
- S** - Summer - June to August.
- F** - Fall - period of fall migration (depending on species) from mid-July to November.
- W** - Winter - December to February.

### Abundance

- A** - Abundant. A very numerous species.
- C** - Common. Certain to be seen in suitable habitats.
- U** - Uncommon. Present, not certain to be seen.
- O** - Occasional. Seen few times during a season.
- R** - Rare. Seen at intervals of 2 to 5 years.
- X** - Accidental. Fewer than 3 records; vagrants outside their usual range.
- \*** Confirmed nester.
- \*\*** Occasional nester.

*Italicized* bird names indicate threatened or endangered species.



	Sp	S	F	W
<b>Ducks, Geese and Swans</b>				
___ Fulvous Whistling-Duck				X
___ Greater White-fronted Goose	R		U	O
___ Snow Goose (white morph)	O		C	C
___ Snow Goose (blue morph)			O	O
___ Ross's Goose			O	O
___ Brant	X			
___ Cackling Goose			O	O
___ Canada Goose	U		C	C
___ Trumpeter Swan	X			
___ Tundra Swan	R		O	O
___ Wood Duck	O	R	O	O
___ *Gadwall	U	O	C	C
___ Eurasian Wigeon	X			X
___ American Wigeon	U	O	C	C
___ Mallard	C	U	C	C
___ Northern Mallard	C	U	C	C
___ Mexican Duck			X	
___ Blue-winged Teal	U	R	U	U
___ 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	R
___ Lesser Scaup	C	O	C	U
___ White-winged Scoter			R	R
___ Long-tailed Duck				X
___ Bufflehead	C		C	C
___ Common Goldeneye	U		U	U
___ Barrow's Goldeneye	R			R
___ Hooded Merganser	O		U	U
___ Common Merganser	U	R	U	U
___ Red-breasted Merganser	U	R	U	R
___ *Ruddy Duck	C	O	C	C
<b>New World Quail</b>				
___ *Gambel's Quail	A	A	A	A
<b>Loons</b>				
___ Red-throated Loon		X		
___ Pacific Loon	R	X	R	R
___ Common Loon	U	R	U	U
<b>Grebes</b>				
___ *Pied-billed Grebe	C	C	C	C
___ Horned Grebe	R		R	R
___ Red-necked Grebe				X
___ Eared Grebe	C	O	C	C
___ *Western Grebe	C	C	C	C
___ *Clark's Grebe	C	C	C	C

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<b>Storm-Petrels</b>				
___ Black Storm-Petrel			X	
___ Least Storm-Petrel			X	
<b>Boobies</b>				
___ Blue-footed Booby			X	
___ Brown Booby		X	X	
<b>Cormorants</b>				
___ Neotropic Cormorant			X	R
___ *Double-crested Cormorant	A	C	A	A
<b>Pelicans</b>				
___ American White Pelican	C	O	C	U
___ Brown Pelican		X	X	
<b>Hérons, Bitterns and Allies</b>				
___ American Bittern	O		O	O
___ *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		R	
___ Cattle Egret	R	R	R	R
___ *Green Heron	U	C	U	O
___ *Black-crowned Night-Heron	U	C	C	U
<b>Ibises and Spoonbills</b>				
___ White-faced Ibis	U	U	C	U
___ Roseate Spoonbill			X	
<b>Vultures</b>				
___ Turkey Vulture	C	C	C	O
<b>Hawks, Kites, Eagles and Allies</b>				
___ Osprey	O	R	U	U
___ White-tailed Kite	R			R
___ Mississippi Kite		X		
___ **Bald Eagle	O	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		R	R
___ Swainson's Hawk	R			
___ 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
<b>Falcons</b>				
___ *American Kestrel	C	U	C	C
___ Merlin			O	O
___ Peregrine Falcon	R	R	R	R
___ Prairie Falcon	R		R	R
<b>Rails, Gallinules and Coots</b>				
___ Black Rail	U	O	O	O
___ *Yuma Clapper Rail	U	U	U	U
___ *Virginia Rail	U	U	U	U

	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
<b>Rails, Gallinules and Coots</b> (continued)				
___ Sora	C	O	C	U
___ *Common Gallinule	C	C	C	U
___ *American Coot	C	C	A	A
<b>Cranes</b>				
___ Sandhill Crane	O		O	
<b>Plovers</b>				
___ Black-bellied Plover	O	O	O	
___ Snowy Plover	O		O	
___ Semipalmated Plover	U	O	U	
___ *Killdeer	C	C	C	C
___ Mountain Plover			X	
<b>Stilts and Avocets</b>				
___ Black-necked Stilt	U	O	C	R
___ American Avocet	U	O	C	R
<b>Sandpipers, Phalaropes and Allies</b>				
___ Spotted Sandpiper	C	U	C	U
___ Solitary Sandpiper	R	U	U	
___ Greater Yellowlegs	U	U	C	U
___ Willet	O	O	O	
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	U	O	O	
___ Whimbrel	R		R	
___ Long-billed Curlew	U	U	U	
___ Marbled Godwit	O	O	C	
___ Ruddy Turnstone	X			
___ Red Knot		X		
___ Sanderling	R		R	
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper			X	
___ Western Sandpiper	U	O	C	R
___ Least Sandpiper	U	O	C	C
___ Baird's Sandpiper			U	
___ Pectoral Sandpiper		R	O	
___ Dunlin	R		O	R
___ Short-billed Dowitcher	X		R	
___ Long-billed Dowitcher	U	R	C	U
___ Wilson's Snipe	U		U	U
___ Wilson's Phalarope	U	C	C	
___ Red-necked Phalarope	U	U	U	
___ Red Phalarope	R		R	
<b>Gulls, Terns and Skimmers</b>				
___ Sabine's Gull			R	
___ Bonaparte's Gull	R		R	
___ Little Gull			X	
___ Laughing Gull		X		
___ Franklin's Gull	U		R	
___ Ring-billed Gull	C	U	C	C
___ California Gull	U	R	U	O
___ Herring Gull			R	R
___ Least Tern	X			
___ Caspian Tern	U	U	U	R

	Sp	S	F	W
<b>Gulls, Terns and Skimmers</b> (continued)				
___ Black Tern	U	U	C	
___ Common Tern	O	U	U	
___ Forster's Tern	U	C	U	R
<b>Jaegers</b>				
___ Pomarine Jaeger			X	
___ Parasitic Jaeger			R	
___ Long-tailed Jaeger			X	
<b>Pigeons and Doves</b>				
___ Eurasian Collared-Dove	U	U	U	U
___ *White-winged Dove	C	C	U	
___ *Mourning Dove	C	A	C	U
___ **Inca Dove	R	R	R	R
___ Common Ground-Dove	R	R	R	R
<b>Cuckoos and Roadrunners</b>				
___ **Yellow-billed Cuckoo		U		
___ *Greater Roadrunner	C	C	C	C
<b>Barn Owls</b>				
___ *Barn Owl	O	O	O	O
<b>Typical Owls</b>				
___ *Western Screech-Owl	U	U	U	U
___ *Great Horned Owl	C	C	C	C
___ **Elf Owl	R	R		
___ *Burrowing Owl	U	U	U	U
___ *Long-eared Owl	R			R
___ Short-eared Owl				X
<b>Goatsuckers</b>				
___ *Lesser Nighthawk	C	C	C	
___ Common Nighthawk		X		
___ *Common Poorwill	U	U	U	
<b>Swifts</b>				
___ Vaux's Swift	O		O	
___ White-throated Swift	U	U	U	U
<b>Hummingbirds</b>				
___ *Black-chinned Hummingbird	C	C		
___ *Anna's Hummingbird	C	C	C	C
___ *Costa's Hummingbird	C	O		U
___ Calliope Hummingbird			X	
___ Rufous Hummingbird	O	X	O	
<b>Kingfishers</b>				
___ Belted Kingfisher	U		C	C
___ Green Kingfisher	X			
<b>Woodpeckers</b>				
___ Lewis's Woodpecker	X	X	X	X
___ *Gila Woodpecker	U	U	U	U
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	X		X	X
___ Red-naped Sapsucker	O		U	U
___ Red-breasted Sapsucker	X			
___ *Ladder-backed Woodpecker	C	C	C	C
___ Northern Flicker				
___ "Red-shafted"	U		C	C
___ "Yellow-shafted"			R	R

	Sp	S	F	W
<b>Tyrant Flycatchers</b>				
___ Olive-sided Flycatcher	O		O	
___ Greater Pewee				X
___ Western Wood-Pewee	C	U	C	
___ *Willow Flycatcher	U	U	U	
___ Hammond's Flycatcher	C		O	R
___ Gray Flycatcher	O		O	O
___ Dusky Flycatcher	R		R	
___ Pacific-slope Flycatcher	C	U	C	R
___ **Black Phoebe	C	O	C	C
___ Eastern Phoebe			R	R
___ *Say's Phoebe	C	U	C	C
___ **Vermilion Flycatcher	O	O	O	U
___ Dusky-capped Flycatcher				X
___ *Ash-throated Flycatcher	C	C	O	R
___ *Brown-crested Flycatcher	U	U		
___ ***Tropical Kingbird		X	X	
___ Cassin's Kingbird	X		X	X
___ *Western Kingbird	C	C	U	
___ Eastern Kingbird		X		
<b>Shrikes</b>				
___ *Loggerhead Shrike	C	C	C	C
___ Northern Shrike				X
<b>Vireos</b>				
___ White-eyed Vireo			X	
___ *Bell's Vireo	U	U	U	X
___ Gray Vireo	X			
___ Plumbeous Vireo	O		U	R
___ Cassin's Vireo	U		U	R
___ Warbling Vireo	C	O	C	
<b>Crows and Jays</b>				
___ Pinyon Jay			X	
___ Steller's Jay	R		R	R
___ Western Scrub-Jay	R		O	O
___ Clark's Nutcracker			X	
___ American Crow			R	R
___ *Common Raven	C	C	C	C
<b>Larks</b>				
___ Horned Lark	U	U	U	U
<b>Swallows</b>				
___ 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	R	C	X
<b>Verdins</b>				
___ *Verdin	C	C	C	C



	Sp	S	F	W
<b>Bushtits</b>				
___ Bushtit			R	R
<b>Nuthatches</b>				
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	R		R	
___ White-breasted Nuthatch				X
<b>Creepers</b>				
___ Brown Creeper				R
<b>Wrens</b>				
___ *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
___ Pacific Wren	O		O	O
___ *Marsh Wren	C	C	C	C
<b>Gnatcatchers</b>				
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	U		U	U
___ *Black-tailed Gnatcatcher	C	C	C	C
<b>Kinglets</b>				
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet			R	R
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C	A
<b>Thrushes</b>				
___ Western Bluebird			O	O
___ Mountain Bluebird			O	O
___ Townsend's Solitaire	O		O	O
___ Swainson's Thrush	O			
___ Hermit Thrush	U		U	U
___ Rufous-backed Robin				X
___ American Robin	O		O	O
___ Varied Thrush			R	R
<b>Mockingbirds and Thrashers</b>				
___ *Northern Mockingbird	C	C	C	C
___ Sage Thrasher	U		U	O
___ Bendire's Thrasher	R	R	R	
___ Curve-billed Thrasher	X	X	X	
___ *Crissal Thrasher	C	C	C	C
<b>Starlings</b>				
___ *European Starling	C	U	C	C
<b>Pipits</b>				
___ American Pipit	U		C	C
___ Sprague's Pipit			X	X
<b>Waxwings</b>				
___ Bohemian Waxwing			X	
___ Cedar Waxwing	R	X	R	O
<b>Silky-flycatchers</b>				
___ *Phainopepla	C	O	U	C
<b>Longspurs</b>				
___ Chestnut-collared Longspur			R	

	Sp	S	F	W
<b>Wood-Warblers</b>				
___ Northern Waterthrush		X	X	
___ Black-and-white Warbler	R		R	R
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	C		C	C
___ *Lucy's Warbler	C	C		
___ Nashville Warbler	U		U	
___ Virginia's Warbler	R	X	R	
___ MacGillivray's Warbler	C		C	
___ *Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C	U
___ American Redstart	R		R	R
___ Northern Parula	X		X	X
___ Magnolia Warbler			X	
___ *Yellow Warbler	C	O	C	R
___ Blackpoll 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	
___ Wilson's Warbler	C		C	
___ *Yellow-breasted Chat	C	C	U	
<b>Towhees, Sparrows, and Allies</b>				
___ Green-tailed Towhee	U		U	U
___ Spotted Towhee	O		U	O
___ *Abert's Towhee	C	C	C	C
___ Cassin's Sparrow			X	
___ Chipping Sparrow	U	O	U	U
___ Clay-colored Sparrow			X	
___ 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	O		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		O	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

	Sp	S	F	W
<b>Tanagers</b>				
___ *Summer Tanager	C	C	C	
___ Western Tanager	C	U	U	
<b>Cardinals, Grosbeaks and Buntings</b>				
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	R	R		X
___ Black-headed Grosbeak	C	U	C	
___ *Blue Grosbeak	C	C	O	
___ Lazuli Bunting	U		U	
___ *Indigo Bunting	O	U	O	
___ Dickcissel				X
<b>Blackbirds</b>				
___ Bobolink			X	
___ *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	
___ Baltimore Oriole			X	
<b>Finches and Allies</b>				
___ Purple Finch			X	X
___ *House Finch	C	C	C	C
___ Pine Siskin	O		O	O
___ *Lesser Goldfinch	U	U	U	U
___ Lawrence's Goldfinch	R		O	O
___ American Goldfinch	O		O	O
___ Evening Grosbeak			R	
<b>Old World Sparrows</b>				
___ *House Sparrow	U	U	U	U



*Costa's hummingbird.* © John West

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