

# Sevilleta

*National Wildlife*

*Refuge*

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*Birds*



## **Welcome to Birding at Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge**

Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge is located approximately one hour south of Albuquerque, New Mexico and extends from the Sierra Ladrones in the west to the Los Pinos Mountains in the east. It encompasses four major biomes, including Chihuahuan desert, Great Plains shortgrass prairie, Colorado plateau shrub steppe and pinon-juniper woodland. In addition, the Rio Grande flows through the center of the refuge, creating five miles of riparian areas that supports marsh and water birds.

Birding opportunities are available in the Unit A and B wetland areas, in San Lorenzo Canyon, and around the visitor center and adjacent nature trails. The Visitor Center has an interpretive plant area which can attract many different species of birds. The diverse blend of habitats on Sevilleta NWR offers a unique and rewarding birding experience. Please stop by the visitor center for maps and updates on recent sightings.

This list contains 251 species of birds which have been recorded on the refuge since 1973. Species are listed in accordance with the seventh edition the *American Ornithologists' Union Checklist of North American Birds*, (1998) and its supplements through July 2011. Please report sightings listed as 'O', 'R', or 'X' to refuge staff.



## 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

- A** - Abundant: a common and numerous species
- C** - Common: certain to be seen in suitable habitat
- U** - Uncommon: present, but not certain to be seen
- O** - Occasional: seen only a few times during a season
- R** - Rare: seen at intervals of 2 to 5 years
- X** - Accidental: has been seen only once or twice

### Abundance

- \* Nests on the refuge
- ^ Exotic or introduced species

*Italicized* bird names indicate threatened or endangered species.



*Left, Wilson's warbler.  
Above, Audubon's warbler.*

	Sp	S	F	W
<b>Ducks, Geese, and Swans</b>				
___ Greater White-fronted Goose				R
___ Snow Goose	R		R	C
___ Ross's Goose				R
___ *Canada Goose	U	U	U	U
___ Tundra Swan			R	R
___ Wood Duck	U		U	U
___ Gadwall	O	O	O	O
___ American Wigeon	O	O	O	O
___ *Mallard	C	C	C	C
___ Blue-winged Teal	O			O
___ *Cinnamon Teal	O	O	O	O
___ *Northern Shoveler	U	O	O	O
___ Northern Pintail	O	O	O	O
___ Green-winged Teal	O		O	U
___ Canvasback				O
___ Redhead	O	O	O	O
___ Ring-necked Duck	O		O	
___ Lesser Scaup	O			O
___ Bufflehead	O			O
___ Common Goldeneye				R
___ Hooded Merganser				R
___ Common Merganser	O			O
___ *Ruddy Duck	O	O	O	O
<b>New World Quail</b>				
___ *Scaled Quail	O	O	O	O
___ *Gambel's Quail	U	U	U	U
<b>Turkeys, and Old World Quail</b>				
___ * ^ Ring-necked Pheasant	O	O	O	O
___ Wild Turkey			R	
<b>Grebes</b>				
___ *Pied-billed Grebe	R	R	O	O
___ Eared Grebe	R		R	R
___ Western Grebe			R	
___ Clark's Grebe			R	
<b>Cormorants</b>				
___ Neotropic Cormorant		R	R	R
___ Double-crested Cormorant	O	O	O	
<b>Pelicans</b>				
___ American White Pelican	O		O	

	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
<b>Hérons, Bitterns, and Allies</b>				
___ American Bittern	R	R		
___ Least Bittern		R	R	
___ Great Blue Heron	C	O	C	C
___ Great Egret	O	C	U	R
___ Snowy Egret	C	A	C	O
___ Little Blue Heron		R		
___ Cattle Egret		R	R	R
___ *Green Heron	U	U		
___ *Black-crowned Night Heron		O		
<b>Ibises</b>				
___ White-faced Ibis	R	R	R	
<b>Vulture</b>				
___ *Turkey Vulture	U	U	U	
<b>Hawks, Kites, Eagles, and Allies</b>				
___ Osprey			R	
___ Mississippi Kite	R	O	R	
___ Bald Eagle			O	O
___ Northern Harrier	U		U	U
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	O		O	O
___ *Cooper's Hawk	U	U	O	U
___ Harris's Hawk				X
___ *Swainson's Hawk	U	U	U	
___ *Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	C
___ Ferruginous Hawk	O	R	O	R
___ Rough-legged Hawk	R			R
___ *Golden Eagle	O	O	O	O
<b>Falcons</b>				
___ *American Kestrel	C	C	C	C
___ Merlin			R	R
___ Peregrine Falcon	R		R	R
___ Prairie Falcon	O	O	O	R
<b>Rails, Gallinules, and Coots</b>				
___ *Virginia Rail	O	O	O	R
___ Sora	R	R	R	
___ Common Gallinule			R	
___ American Coot	C	C	U	U
<b>Cranes</b>				
___ Sandhill Crane	U		U	U
<b>Lapwings and Plovers</b>				
___ Semipalmated Plover		R		
___ *Killdeer	O	O	O	O
___ Mountain Plover		R		
<b>Stilts and Avocets</b>				
___ *Black-necked Stilt	U	U	O	X
___ *American Avocet	U	U	R	

	Sp	S	F	W
<b>Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies</b>				
___ *Spotted Sandpiper	U	U	O	
___ Solitary Sandpiper	R			
___ Greater Yellowlegs	U	U	U	
___ Willet	U			
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	R	R		
___ Long-billed Curlew	R			
___ Western Sandpiper	U			
___ Least Sandpiper	U		U	
___ Baird's Sandpiper	R			
___ Stilt Sandpiper		O		
___ Long-billed Dowitcher	U	O	U	
___ Wilson's Snipe	O		O	
___ Wilson's Phalarope	U	U	O	
___ Red-necked Phalarope	O		O	
<b>Skuas, Gulls and Terns</b>				
___ Ring-billed Gull	U	U	U	
___ Black Tern	O		O	
___ Common Tern			R	
___ Forster's Tern	O		O	
<b>Pigeons and Doves</b>				
___ Rock Pigeon	C	C	C	C
___ ^ Eurasian Collared-Dove	U	U	U	U
___ White-winged Dove	C	C	C	U
___ *Mourning Dove	C	C	C	C
___ Inca Dove				X
___ Common Ground-Dove			X	
<b>Cuckoos and Roadrunners</b>				
___ *Greater Roadrunner	U	U	U	U
<b>Barn Owls</b>				
___ Barn Owl	R	R		
<b>Typical Owls</b>				
___ *Western Screech-Owl	R	R	R	R
___ *Great Horned Owl	O	O	O	O
___ Burrowing Owl	R	O	O	
___ Long-eared Owl			R	
___ Short-eared Owl			R	R
<b>Goatsuckers</b>				
___ Lesser Nighthawk	O	O	O	
___ *Common Nighthawk	C	C	C	
___ Common Poorwill	R	R		
<b>Swifts</b>				
___ Chimney Swift	R			
___ White-throated Swift		O	O	

	Sp	S	F	W
<b>Hummingbirds</b>				
___ *Black-chinned Hummingbird	U	U	U	
___ Broad-tailed Hummingbird	O	O	O	
___ Rufous Hummingbird		O	O	
<b>Kingfishers</b>				
___ Belted Kingfisher	O	O	O	O
<b>Woodpeckers</b>				
___ Acorn Woodpecker				R
___ Williamson's Sapsucker				R
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				R
___ Red-naped Sapsucker			R	R
___ *Ladder-backed Woodpecker	U	U	U	U
___ Downy Woodpecker	R	R	R	R
___ Hairy Woodpecker				R
___ *Northern Flicker	C	U	C	C
___ Red-shafted	C	U	C	C
___ Yellow-shafted			R	R
<b>Tyrant Flycatchers</b>				
___ Olive-sided Flycatcher	U	X	U	
___ *Western Wood-Pewee	U	U	U	
___ *Willow Flycatcher	U	U	U	
___ Gray Flycatcher	O	R	R	
___ Dusky Flycatcher	U	R		
___ *Black Phoebe	U	U	U	O
___ *Say's Phoebe	C	C	U	O
___ *Ash-throated Flycatcher	C	C		
___ *Cassin's Kingbird	U	U	U	
___ *Western Kingbird	C	C	U	
___ Eastern Kingbird	R			
___ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	X			
<b>Shrikes</b>				
___ Loggerhead Shrike	U	U	U	U
___ Northern Shrike				X
<b>Vireos</b>				
___ *Gray Vireo	U	U	U	
___ Plumbeous Vireo	R	R		
___ Warbling Vireo	R			
<b>Jays and Crows</b>				
___ Pinon Jay	U	R	U	U
___ Steller's Jay	R			R
___ *Western Scrub-Jay	C	C	C	C
___ American Crow	O	R	O	O
___ *Chihuahuan Raven	O	O	O	O
___ *Common Raven	C	C	C	C

	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
<b>Larks</b>				
___Horned Lark	C	C	C	U
<b>Swallows</b>				
___Tree Swallow	O	R	O	
___Violet-green Swallow	U	U	R	
___*Northern Rough-winged Swallow	U	U	U	
___Bank Swallow	O	O		
___*Cliff Swallow	U	U	R	
___*Barn Swallow	U	C	U	
<b>Chickadees and Titmice</b>				
___Black-capped Chickadee				X
___*Mountain Chickadee	O		U	O
___*Juniper Titmouse	O	O	O	O
<b>Verdins</b>				
___*Verdin	U	U	U	U
<b>Bushtits</b>				
___*Bushtit	O	O	O	O
<b>Nuthatches</b>				
___Red-breasted Nuthatch			R	
___White-breasted Nuthatch			R	
<b>Creepers</b>				
___Brown Creeper			O	O
<b>Wrens</b>				
___*Cactus Wren	R	R	R	R
___*Rock Wren	C	C	U	R
___Canyon Wren	U	U	U	U
___Bewick's Wren	O	O	O	O
___House Wren		U		U
___Marsh Wren	O	X	R	R
<b>Gnatcatchers</b>				
___*Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	O	O	R	R
___Black-tailed Gnatcatcher				X
<b>Kinglets</b>				
___Golden-crowned Kinglet				R
___Ruby-crowned Kinglet	U		U	O
<b>Thrushes</b>				
___Eastern Bluebird				R
___Western Bluebird	R		R	C
___Mountain Bluebird			O	C
___Townsend's Solitaire	R		R	C
___Hermit Thrush	R		U	R
___*American Robin	O	O	C	C

	Sp	S	F	W
<b>Mockingbirds and Thrashers</b>				
___ Gray Catbird		O	O	
___ *Northern Mockingbird	C	C	C	R
___ Sage Thrasher		X	U	U
___ Bendire's Thrasher	R	R		
___ *Curve-billed Thrasher	O	O	O	O
___ *Crissal Thrasher	U	U	U	U
<b>Starlings</b>				
___ * ^ European Starling	C	U	C	C
<b>Pipits</b>				
___ American Pipit	O		O	R
___ Sprague's Pipit			O	
<b>Waxwings</b>				
___ Cedar Waxwing	O		O	O
<b>Silky-Flycatchers</b>				
___ Phainopepla	R	R	R	R
<b>Longspurs</b>				
___ McCown's Longspur				R
___ Lapland Longspur				X
___ Chestnut-collared Longspur			U	U
<b>Wood-Warblers</b>				
___ Prothonotary Warbler			X	
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	U		U	
___ Lucy's Warbler	U	U	U	
___ Nashville Warbler	O		O	
___ Virginia's Warbler	U		O	
___ MacGillivray's Warbler	U		U	
___ Common Yellowthroat	U	U	U	
___ *Yellow Warbler	C	C	U	
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		C	O
___ Black-throated Gray Warbler	U		U	
___ Townsend's Warbler	O		O	
___ Wilson's Warbler	C		C	
___ *Yellow-breasted Chat	C	C	C	

*Townsend's solitaire*



	Sp	S	F	W
<b>Sparrows</b>				
___ Green-tailed Towhee	U	X	U	O
___ *Spotted Towhee	C	C	U	U
___ *Rufous-crowned Sparrow	U	U	U	U
___ *Canyon Towhee	C	U	C	C
___ *Cassin's Sparrow	O	U	O	
___ American Tree Sparrow			X	X
___ *Chipping Sparrow	C	U	C	O
___ Clay-colored Sparrow	R		R	
___ Brewer's Sparrow	C	O	C	R
___ *Black-chinned Sparrow	O	O	O	
___ *Vesper Sparrow	R	X	U	R
___ *Lark Sparrow	U	U	U	
___ *Black-throated Sparrow	C	C	C	U
___ Sage Sparrow	C		C	C
___ Lark Bunting	U	O	U	
___ Savannah Sparrow	U		U	O
___ Grasshopper Sparrow			U	R
___ Baird's Sparrow			R	R
___ Fox Sparrow				R
___ Red form				R
___ Gray form				R
___ Song Sparrow	C		C	C
___ Lincoln's Sparrow	U		U	U
___ Swamp Sparrow	X		O	O
___ White-throated Sparrow				R
___ White-crowned Sparrow	C		C	C
___ Golden-crowned Sparrow	R		R	R
___ Dark-eyed Junco	C		C	C
___ Slate-colored	O		O	O
___ Oregon	C		C	C
___ Pink-sided	C		C	C
___ Gray-headed	U		U	U
<b>Tanagers, Cardinals, and Grosbeaks</b>				
___ Hepatic Tanager	R			
___ *Summer Tanager	U	U	O	
___ Western Tanager	U		U	
___ Pyrrhuloxia	R			
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	R	R	R	
___ *Black-headed Grosbeak	C	C	O	
___ *Blue Grosbeak	C	C	C	
___ Lazuli Bunting	U	O	U	
___ Indigo Bunting	U	U	U	

	Sp	S	F	W
<b>Blackbirds and Orioles</b>				
___ *Red-winged Blackbird	U	U	C	C
___ *Eastern Meadowlark	C	C	C	U
___ *Western Meadowlark	C	U	C	C
___ Yellow-headed Blackbird			O	U
___ Brewer's Blackbird		X	U	C
___ *Great-tailed Grackle	U	O	R	R
___ *Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	O	
___ *Bullock's Oriole	U	U		
___ Scott's Oriole	U	U	O	
<b>Finches</b>				
___ Cassin's Finch	R			R
___ *House Finch	C	C	C	C
___ Pine Siskin			R	R
___ *Lesser Goldfinch	U	U	U	U
___ American Goldfinch	R		R	O
___ Evening Grosbeak			R	O
<b>Old World Sparrows</b>				
___ * ^ House Sparrow	U	U	U	U



*Red-tailed hawk.*

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*Sage Thrasher*

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