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Birds of the Coconino National Forest: A Checklist



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Introduction

The Coconino National Forest encompasses approximately 1.8 million acres ranging in elevation from 2,600 feet to 12,633 feet at the summit of the San Francisco Peaks. The forest contains a variety of habitats that include alpine tundra, coniferous forests and woodlands, chaparral, desert scrub, grasslands, riparian, and aquatic. This variety of habitats supports complex assemblages of wildlife and plants.



This checklist contains information on over 300 species of birds found within the Coconino National Forest. It has been divided into two areas: above 5,000 feet elevation and below 5,000 feet elevation. This is intended to approximate the break between areas generally considered summer range and winter range. Many species of birds are present in the forest all year long. However, they may be commonly found during the summer in ponderosa pine forests and in fall at lower elevations in the Verde Valley where they remain throughout the winter.

Checklist Key

Relative Abundance		Habitat Preference	
C	Common	1	Marsh and Open Water
F	Fairly Common	2	Ponderosa Pine Grassland
U	Uncommon	3	Riparian
R	Rare	4	Pinyon-Juniper, Chaparral
I	Intermittent	5	Ponderosa Pine Forest
X	Accidental	6	Spruce-Fir Forest
N	Not Found	7	Treeline and Tundra
		8	Desert Scrub and Grassland
		9	More than 3 types
		10	Pinyon-Juniper Grasslands
		11	Fields, Pastures, Golf Courses
Status			
P	Permanent Resident		
S	Summer Resident		
W	Winter Resident		
T	Transient or Migrant		
IR	Irregular		

Checklist

	Over 5000'	Under 5000'
Loons		
____ Arctic Loon	X	X
____ Common Loon	U-T-1	U-T-1
____ Red-Throated Loon	X	X
Grebes		
____ Pied-Billed Grebe	F-S-1	F-P-1
____ Horned Grebe	R-T-1	R-T-1
____ Eared Grebe	F-S-1	U-T-1
____ Western Grebe	U-T-1	U-T-1
Pelicans		
____ Brown Pelican	X	X
____ White Pelican	R-T-1	R-T-1
Cormorants		
____ Double-Crested Cormorant	R-T-1	R-T-1
Hérons & Bitterns		
____ American Bittern	R-T-1	R-T-1
____ Great Blue Heron	F-P-1	C-P-1
____ Great Egret	R-T-1	R-T-1
____ Snowy Egret	U-T-1	U-T-1
____ Cattle Egret	R-IR-1,11	U-IR-1,11
____ Green-Backed Heron	R-T-1	U-P-1,3
____ Black-Crowned Night Heron	N	F-S-1
Ibises & Spoonbills		
____ White-Faced Ibis	F-T-1	F-T-1

	Over 5000'	Under 5000'
Swans, Geese & Ducks		
_____ Tundra Swan	R-T-1	R-T-1
_____ White-Fronted Goose	R-T-1	R-T-1
_____ Snow Goose	R-T-1	R-T,W-1
_____ Ross' Goose	R-T-1	R-W-1
_____ Canada Goose	F-W-1,11	C-W-1,11
_____ Wood Duck	R-T-1	U-P-1
_____ Green-Winged Teal	U-S,C-T-1	U-W-1
_____ Mallard	F-S,T-1	F-P,T-1
_____ Northern Pintail	F-S-1,T-1	F-T-1
_____ Blue-Winged Teal	R-S-1	U-T-1
_____ Cinnamon Teal	C-S,T-1	F-T-1
_____ Northern Shoveler	F-T-1	F-T-1
_____ Gadwall	F-S,T-1	U-W-1
_____ American Wigeon	F-T-1	U-W-1
_____ Canvasback	U-T-1	U-T-1
_____ Redhead	F-S,C-T-1	F-W-1
_____ Ring-Necked Duck	UC-S,C-T-1	F-W-1
_____ Greater Scaup	R-T-1	R-T-1
_____ Lesser Scaup	F-T-1	U-T-1
_____ Common Goldeneye	R-T-1	U-T-1
_____ Bufflehead	F-T-1	U-T-1
_____ Oldsquaw	X	X
_____ Surf Scoter	X	X
_____ Hooded Merganser	R-T-1	R-T-1
_____ Common Merganser	U-T-1	U-P-1
_____ Red-Breasted Merganser	R-T-1	R-T-1
_____ Ruddy Duck	F-S-1	F-T-1
Vultures		
_____ Turkey Vulture	C-S-9	C-S-9
Hawks, Falcons & Eagles		
_____ Osprey	R-S,T-1	U-T-1
_____ Bald Eagle	F-W,T-1,3	R-S,U-T-1,3
_____ Northern Harrier	U-W,T-9	U-W,T-9
_____ Sharp-Shinned Hawk	F-P-4,5,6	F-P-4
_____ Cooper's Hawk	F-P-9	F-P-9
_____ Northern Goshawk	U-P-5,6	R-W-4,10
_____ Common Black-Hawk	I-IR-1,2,3	F-S-3
_____ Harris' Hawk	N	R-T-8
_____ Swainson's Hawk	R-T-2	R-T-10
_____ Zone-Tailed Hawk	R-S,T-3	R-S,T-3
_____ Red-Tailed Hawk	C-P-9	C-P-9
_____ Ferruginous Hawk	U-W-9	U-W-9
_____ Rough-Legged Hawk	U-W-9	U-W-9
_____ Golden Eagle	F-P-9	F-P-9

	Over 5000'	Under 5000'
Caracaras & Falcons		
___ American Kestrel	C-S,U-W-9	C-P-9
___ Merlin	U-T-9	U-W-9
___ Peregrine Falcon	R-P-9	R-P-9
___ Prairie Falcon	U-P-9	U-P-9
Partridges, Grouse, Turkeys & Quail		
___ Ring-Necked Pheasant	N	U-P-8,11
___ Chukar	X	X
___ Blue Grouse	U-P-6	N
___ Wild Turkey	F-P-9	N
___ Gambel's Quail	N	C-P-9
Rails, Gallinules & Coots		
___ Virginia Rail	R-S-1	R-P-1
___ Sora	U-S-1	U-W-1
___ Common Moorhen	R-T-1	R-T-1
___ American Coot	C-S-1	C-P-1
Cranes		
___ Sandhill Crane	R-T-11	R-T-11
Plovers		
___ Killdeer	F-S,C-T-1,11	F-P-1,11
___ Black-Bellied Plover	R-T-1	R-T-1
___ Semipalmated Plover	R-T-1	R-T-1
Avocets & Stilts		
___ Black-Necked Stilt	U-T-1	U-T-1
___ American Avocet	R-S-1	U-T-1
Snipes & Sandpipers		
___ Greater Yellowlegs	U-T-1	U-T-1
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	U-T-1	U-T-1
___ Solitary Sandpiper	R-T-1	R-T-1
___ Willet	U-T-1	U-T-1
___ Spotted Sandpiper	R-S,F-T,1	R-W,F-T-1
___ Long-Billed Curlew	R-T-1	R-T-1
___ Marbled Godwit	R-T-1	R-T-1
___ Sanderling	R-T-1	R-T-1
___ Western Sandpiper	F-T-1	F-T-1
___ Least Sandpiper	U-T-1	U-T-1
___ Baird's Sandpiper	U-T-1	R-T-1
___ Pectoral Sandpiper	R-T-1	R-T-1
___ Stilt Sandpiper	R-T-1	R-T-1
___ Long-Billed Dowitcher	F-T-1	F-T-1
___ Common Snipe	U-T-1,U-WR-1	U-W,T-1
___ Wilson's Phalarope	U-T-1	U-T-1
___ Red-Necked Phalarope	R-T-1	R-T-1
___ Northern Phalarope	R-T-1	R-T-1

	Over 5000'	Under 5000'
Gulls & Terns		
_____ Franklin's Gull	U-T-1	U-T-1
_____ Bonaparte's Gull	U-T-1	U-T-1
_____ Ring-Billed Gull	F-T-1	F-T-1
_____ California Gull	U-T-1	U-T-1
_____ Sabine's Gull	X	X
_____ Common Tern	X	X
_____ Caspian Tern	R-T-1	R-T-1
_____ Forster's Tern	U-T-1	U-T-1
_____ Black Tern	U-T-1	R-T-1

Pigeons & Doves		
_____ Rock Dove	U-P-9	U-P-9
_____ Band-Tailed Pigeon	F-S-3,5,6	F-S-3
_____ White-Winged Dove	N	U-S-8
_____ Mourning Dove	C-P-9	C-P-9
_____ Ground Dove	X	X
_____ Inca Dove	N	R-P-8

Roadrunners & Cuckoos		
_____ Yellow-Billed Cuckoo	N	R-S-9
_____ Roadrunner	R-T-9	F-P-9

Barn Owls		
_____ Barn Owl	R-P-9	R-P-9

Typical Owls		
_____ Flammulated Owl	F-S-5,6	N
_____ Western Screech Owl	U-P-9	U-P-9
_____ Great Horned Owl	F-P-9	C-P-9
_____ Northern Pygmy Owl	F-P-3,5	F-P-3,4
_____ Elf Owl	N	X
_____ Burrowing Owl	R-S-1	N
_____ Spotted Owl	U-P-3,5,6	U-P-3
_____ Long-Eared Owl	R-IR-5	U-P-8
_____ Short-Eared Owl	R-T-2	R-T-8,10
_____ Northern Saw-Whet Owl	F-P-9	F-P-4

Goatsuckers		
_____ Lesser Nighthawk	N	F-S-8
_____ Whip-poor-will	N	R-S-3
_____ Common Nighthawk	C-S-9	C-S-9
_____ Common Poorwill	F-S-9	F-S-9

Swifts		
_____ Black Swift	X	N
_____ Vaux's Swift	R-T-9	U-T-9
_____ White-Throated Swift	F-S-9	F-S-9

	Over 5000'	Under 5000'
Hummingbirds		
_____ Blue-Throated Hummingbird	R-T-3	R-T-3
_____ Magnificent Hummingbird	R-S-3,5	R-T-9
_____ Black-Chinned Hummingbird	U-S-9	C-S-9
_____ Anna's Hummingbird	R-T-9	U-P-9
_____ Costa's Hummingbird	N	R-S-9
_____ Calliope Hummingbird	U-T-5,6,7	N
_____ Broad-Tailed Hummingbird	C-S-9	C-T-9
_____ Rufous Hummingbird	C-T-9	C-T-9
_____ Allen's Hummingbird	R-T-5,6,7	N
Kingfishers		
_____ Belted Kingfisher	U-T,R-S-3	F-P-3
Woodpeckers		
_____ Lewis' Woodpecker	U-S-5	R-T-4
_____ Acorn Woodpecker	U-P-3,5	R-W-3,4
_____ Gila Woodpecker	N	C-P-3,8
_____ Red-Naped (Yellow-Bellied) Sapsucker	U-S,C-T-3,5,6	F-W-9
_____ Williamson's Sapsucker	U-S-5,6	R-T-4,8
_____ Ladder-Backed Woodpecker	N	C-P-3,8
_____ Downy Woodpecker	U-P-3,5	R-T-3
_____ Hairy Woodpecker	C-P-9	R-W-9
_____ Northern Three-Toed Woodpecker	U-P-5,6	N
_____ Northern Flicker	C-P-9	C-P-9
Flycatchers		
_____ Olive-Sided Flycatcher	F-S-6	R-T-4
_____ Greater Peewee	I-S-5,6	N
_____ Western Wood Peewee	C-S-9	U-S-3
_____ Willow Flycatcher	U-S-3	U-T-3
_____ Hammond's Flycatcher	U-T-9	U-T-9
_____ Dusky Flycatcher	U-S-6	R-W-3
_____ Gray Flycatcher	N	U-S-4
_____ Western Flycatcher	C-S-3,6	U-T-3
_____ Black Phoebe	C-S-3	C-P-3
_____ Say's Phoebe	C-S-9	C-P-9
_____ Vermilion Flycatcher	N	U-S,R-W-3,8
_____ Ash-Throated Flycatcher	N	U-S-3,4,8
_____ Brown-Crested Flycatcher	F-S-3	F-S-3
_____ Cassin's Kingbird	U-S-9	U-T-9
_____ Eastern Kingbird	X	X
_____ Western Kingbird	U-T-9	C-S-9
Larks		
_____ Horned Lark	C-S,F-W-2,11	C-W-8,11

	Over 5000'	Under 5000'
Swallows		
_____ Purple Martin	U-S-5	R-T-9
_____ Tree Swallow	U-S-9	U-T-9
_____ Violet-Green Swallow	C-S-9	C-T-9
_____ Northern Rough-Winged Swallow	F-S-3	F-S-3
_____ Bank Swallow	R-T-1,3	R-T-1,3
_____ Cliff Swallow	N	C-S-8
_____ Barn Swallow	C-S-9	U-T-4,8
Crows & Jays		
_____ Steller's Jay	C-P-5,6	U-W-9
_____ Scrub Jay	F-P-4,5	C-P-9
_____ Pinyon Jay	C-P-9	F-IR-4
_____ Clark's Nutcracker	C-P-6	N
_____ American Crow	U-P-9	U-P-9
_____ Common Raven	C-P-9	C-P-9
Titmice, Bushtits & Verdins		
_____ Mountain Chickadee	C-P-5,6	U-W-9
_____ Bridled Titmouse	R-P-3	C-P-3
_____ Plain Titmouse	U-P-3,4	F-P-4,10
_____ Verdin	N	U-P-8
_____ Bushtit	U-P-3,4	C-P-4
Nuthatches		
_____ Red-Breasted Nuthatch	C-P-6	R-W-4
_____ White-Breasted Nuthatch	C-P-9	U-W-9
_____ Pygmy Nuthatch	C-P-5,6	N
Creepers		
_____ Brown Creeper	F-P-5,6	U-W-3,4
Wrens		
_____ Cactus Wren	N	R-P-8
_____ Rock Wren	F-S-4,7	R-P-9
_____ Canyon Wren	U-P-9	F-P-9
_____ Bewick's Wren	U-S-3,5	C-P-9
_____ House Wren	U-S-3,5,6	R-S-3
_____ Winter Wren	U-W-1,3	U-W-3,I-S-3
_____ Marsh Wren	U-W-1,3	U-W-1,3
Dippers		
_____ American Dipper	U-P-3	U-P-3
Old World Warblers & Thrushes		
_____ Golden-Crowned Kinglet	U-S,R-W-6	R-T-4
_____ Ruby-Crowned Kinglet	F-S,U-W-9	C-W-9
_____ Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher	U-S-9	R-W-9
_____ Black-Tailed Gnatcatcher	N	X
_____ Western Bluebird	C-S,F-W-9	F-W-9
_____ Mountain Bluebird	F-S,U-W-9	I-W-9
_____ Townsend's Solitaire	F-P-6,7,T-5	F-W-3,4

	Over 5000'	Under 5000'
_____ Swainson's Thrush	R-T-5,6	N
_____ Varied Thrush	R-W-5	R-W-9
_____ Hermit Thrush	F-S-5,6	F-W-9
_____ American Robin	C-S,U-W-9	U-S,C-W-9
Mockingbirds & Thrashers		
_____ Northern Mockingbird	R-IR-5	R-P,C-S-9
_____ Gray Catbird	N	X
_____ Sage Thrasher	R-W-2,U-T-9	F-W-4
_____ Brown Thrasher	X	X
_____ Bendire's Thrasher	N	R-S-8
_____ Curve-Billed Thrasher	N	R-T-8
_____ Crissal Thrasher	N	F-P-4,8
Wagtails & Pipits		
_____ Water Pipit	U-S-7	C-W-3,11
Waxwings		
_____ Bohemian Waxwing	I-T-5,6	N
_____ Cedar Waxwing	U-T-5,6	F-W,T-9
Silky Flycatchers		
_____ Phainopepla	N	C-S,I-W-9
Shrikes		
_____ Northern Shrike	R-W-2,3,5	N
_____ Loggerhead Shrike	U-S,T-2,5	F-W-4,8
Starlings		
_____ European Starling	C-P-9	C-P-9
Vireos		
_____ Bell's Vireo	N	F-S-3
_____ Gray Vireo	N	R-S-4,10
_____ Solitary Vireo	C-S-3,5,6	F-T-3
_____ Hutton's Vireo	N	R-T-9
_____ Red-Eyed Vireo	X	N
_____ Warbling Vireo	C-S,T-3,6	F-T-3
Warblers, New World Finches, Blackbirds & Allies		
_____ Orange-Crown Warbler	U-S,F-T-9	R-W-3
_____ Nashville Warbler	U-T-3,5,6	U-T-3
_____ Virginia's Warbler	F-S-5,6	F-S-3
_____ Lucy's Warbler	N	F-S-3,10
_____ Yellow Warbler	R-S-3	C-S-3
_____ Magnolia Warbler	X	X
_____ Black-Throated Blue Warbler	R-T-9	R-T-9
_____ Yellow-Rumped Warbler	C-S,T-5,6	C-W-9
_____ Black-Throated Gray Warbler	R-S-3,5	F-S,T-3,4
_____ Townsend's Warbler	F-T-5,6	F-T-3
_____ Hermit's Warbler	F-T-5,6	N

	Over 5000'	Under 5000'
___ Grace's Warbler	F-S-5,6	N
___ Black and White Warbler	R-T-9	R-T-9
___ American Redstart	R-T-3	R-T-3
___ Northern Waterthrush	R-T-3	R-T-3
___ MacGillivray's Warbler	F-S-3,6	F-T-3
___ Common Yellowthroat	R-S-1,3	F-S-1,3
___ Wilson's Warbler	F-T-9	F-T-9
___ Red-Faced Warbler	F-S-3,5,6	N
___ Painted Redstart	F-S-3	U-S-3
___ Yellow-Breasted Chat	R-S-3	U-S-3
___ Olive Warbler	R-S-5,6	R-T-3

Tanagers

___ Hepatic Tanager	U-S-3,4,5	R-S-3,4
___ Summer Tanager	N	C-S-3
___ Western Tanager	C-S-5,6	C-T-3

Grosbeaks & Buntings

___ Northern Cardinal	N	F-P-3,4
___ Rose-Breasted Grosbeak	R-T-3,5	R-T-3
___ Black-Headed Grosbeak	C-S-3,5	F-T-3
___ Blue Grosbeak	R-S-3	F-S-3
___ Lazuli Bunting	U-S-3	F-S-3
___ Indigo Bunting	I-IR-3	R-T-3,4

Towhees

___ Green-Tailed Towhee	F-S-9	U-T-9
___ Rufous-Sided Towhee	F-S-6	F-W-4
___ Brown Towhee	N	F-P-4,8
___ Abert's Towhee	N	C-P-3

Sparrows

___ Rufous-Crowned Sparrow	N	U-P-4,8
___ Chipping Sparrow	C-S-2,5,6	F-W,T-4,11
___ Brewer's Sparrow	F-T-10	U-W,F-T-4,8
___ Black-Chinned Sparrow	N	U-S-4
___ Vesper Sparrow	F-S-2,10	U-W-8
___ Grasshopper Sparrow	N	X
___ Lark Sparrow	F-S-5	F-W,C-T-4,10
___ Tree Sparrow	X	X
___ Black-Throated Sparrow	N	F-S,R-W-8
___ Sage Sparrow	N	F-W-4,8,10
___ Lark Bunting	N	U-W-8
___ Savannah Sparrow	R-S,T-2	F-W,T-10
___ Fox Sparrow	R-T-9	R-W-3
___ Song Sparrow	U-W-1,3	R-P,F-W-3
___ Lincoln's Sparrow	F-S,T-9	F-W-9
___ White-Throated Sparrow	N	R-W-3
___ White-Crowned Sparrow	U-W-5,U-S-7	C-W,T-9
___ Harris' Sparrow	N	R-T-4
___ Dark-Eyed Junco	C-P-9	C-W-9

	Over 5000'	Under 5000'
___ Chestnut-Collared Longspur	R-T-2	N
___ McCown's Longspur	N	X
___ Lapland Longspur	X	X

Blackbirds & Orioles

___ Red-Winged Blackbird	F-S-1	C-S,F-W-1
___ Eastern Meadowlark	U-S-2	N
___ Western Meadowlark	F-S,U-W-2	F-P-11
___ Yellow-Headed Blackbird	F-S,T-1	U-T-9
___ Rusty Blackbird	X	N
___ Brewer's Blackbird	C-S,T-9	C-W-11
___ Great-Tailed Grackle	F-S-9	F-S,U-W-9
___ Bronzed Cowbird	N	U-S-8,11
___ Brown-Headed Cowbird	C-S-9	C-S-9
___ Hooded Oriole	N	C-S-3,8
___ Northern Oriole	U-S-3	F-S-3,4
___ Scott's Oriole	N	F-S-4,8

Finches

___ Rosy Finch	I-W-6	N
___ Pine Grosbeak	I-W-6	N
___ Purple Finch	R-T-9	I-W-4,8
___ Cassin's Finch	R-T-5	I-T-4
___ House Finch	U-P-5	C-P-9
___ Red Crossbill	I-P-5,6,7	R-W-9
___ Pine Siskin	U-P-5	F-W-3,4
___ Lesser Goldfinch	F-S-3,5	F-P-3,4,11
___ Lawrence's Goldfinch	N	I-T-3,8,11
___ American Goldfinch	F-T-9,U-W-9	F-W-9
___ Evening Grosbeak	U-P-5	I-T-9

Old World Sparrows

___ House Sparrow	C-P-9	C-P-9
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Certain birds are more susceptible to human disturbance than others. Larger birds, particularly the hawks, are very sensitive to disturbance in their nesting area.

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