

**GEESE AND DUCKS**

\_\_\_ Canada Goose ..... OW - rM  
 \_\_\_ American Wigeon ..... OW - uWM  
 \_\_\_ Mallard [N] ..... OW,FM - fS,cWM  
 \_\_\_ Cinnamon Teal ..... FM,OW - uS,fWM  
 \_\_\_ Northern Shoveler ..... FM,OW - uWM  
 \_\_\_ Northern Pintail ..... OW,FM - rWM  
 \_\_\_ Green-winged Teal ..... OW,FM - uWM  
 \_\_\_ Canvasback ..... OW - rWM  
 \_\_\_ Redhead ..... OWFM - rWM  
 \_\_\_ Ring-necked Duck ..... OW,FM - uWM  
 \_\_\_ Lesser Scaup ..... OW - rWM  
 \_\_\_ Bufflehead ..... OW - uWM  
 \_\_\_ Common Goldeneye ..... OW - rM  
 \_\_\_ Red-breasted Merganser ..... OW - rM  
 \_\_\_ Ruddy Duck ..... OW,FM - rS,uWM

**TURKEYS AND PARTRIDGES**

\_\_\_ Chukar (I) [N] ..... DS - uR

**NEW WORLD QUAIL**

\_\_\_ Mountain Quail [N] ..... RI,DS - uR  
 \_\_\_ California Quail [N] ..... RI,DS - fR  
 \_\_\_ Gambel's Quail [N] ..... DS - fR

**GREBES**

\_\_\_ Pied-billed Grebe ..... OW - rM  
 \_\_\_ Clark's Grebe ..... OW - rM

**CORMORANTS**

\_\_\_ Double-crested Cormorant ..... OW, AE - uM

**PELICANS**

\_\_\_ American White Pelican ..... OW, AE - rM  
 \_\_\_ Brown Pelican ..... OW, AE - xM

**HERONS AND EGRETS**

\_\_\_ Great Blue Heron ..... FM,OW - uS,fWM  
 \_\_\_ Great Egret ..... FM,OW - uS,fWM  
 \_\_\_ Snowy Egret ..... FM,OW - uS,fWM  
 \_\_\_ Cattle Egret ..... AF - rWM  
 \_\_\_ Green Heron ..... FM,OW,RI - uWM  
 \_\_\_ Black-crowned Night-Heron ..... FM,RI - uWM

**VULTURES**

\_\_\_ Turkey Vulture ..... AE,RI - cM

**OSPREYS, HAWKS, AND EAGLES**

\_\_\_ Osprey ..... OW - uWM  
 \_\_\_ White-tailed Kite ..... RI,FM - rS  
 \_\_\_ Northern Harrier ..... AF,FM - uWM  
 \_\_\_ Sharp-shinned Hawk ..... RI, DS - cWM  
 \_\_\_ Cooper's Hawk [N] ..... RI, DS - uS,cWM  
 \_\_\_ Red-shouldered Hawk ..... RI - uSM  
 \_\_\_ Red-tailed Hawk [N] ..... AF,RI,DS - cR  
 \_\_\_ Ferruginous Hawk ..... AF,DS - rW  
 \_\_\_ Golden Eagle [N] ..... AE,AF - fR

**FALCONS**

\_\_\_ American Kestrel [N] ..... AF,RI,DS - uS,fWM  
 \_\_\_ Merlin ..... AF,DS - rWM  
 \_\_\_ Peregrine Falcon [N] ..... AE,FM,AF - uMS  
 \_\_\_ Prairie Falcon [N] ..... AF,DS - uS,fW

**RAILS AND COOTS**

\_\_\_ Virginia Rail [N] ..... FM - uR  
 \_\_\_ Sora ..... FM - uM,rW  
 \_\_\_ American Coot [N] ..... OW,FM - uW,rS

**PLOVERS**

\_\_\_ Killdeer [N] ..... AF,SH - uR

**STILTS AND AVOCETS**

\_\_\_ Black-necked Stilt ..... AF,SH - rM  
 \_\_\_ American Avocet ..... AF,SH - rM

**SANDPIPERS**

\_\_\_ Spotted Sandpiper ..... SH - fM,rW  
 \_\_\_ Greater Yellowlegs ..... AF,SH - rMW  
 \_\_\_ Western Sandpiper ..... SH,AF - rM  
 \_\_\_ Least Sandpiper ..... SH,AF - uM,rW  
 \_\_\_ Long-billed Dowitcher ..... SH,AF - rM  
 \_\_\_ Wilson's Snipe ..... FM,SH,AF - uWM

**GULLS AND TERNS**

\_\_\_ Ring-billed Gull ..... OW, AF,AE - uWM  
 \_\_\_ California Gull ..... OW,AF,AE - uWM  
 \_\_\_ Herring Gull ..... OW,AE - rWM  
 \_\_\_ Caspian Tern ..... OW,AE - rM  
 \_\_\_ Forster's Tern ..... OW,AE - rM

**DOVES AND PIGEONS**

\_\_\_ Rock Pigeon (I) [N] ..... AF - rR  
 \_\_\_ Band-tailed Pigeon ..... RI - rS  
 \_\_\_ Eurasian Collared-Dove (I) ..... AF,RI - uR  
 \_\_\_ Spotted Dove (I) [N] ..... AF,RI - eR  
 \_\_\_ White-winged Dove ..... DS,RI - rW  
 \_\_\_ Mourning Dove [N] ..... RI,DS, AF - cR  
 \_\_\_ Common Ground-Dove ..... AF - xF

**CUCKOOS**

\_\_\_ Greater Roadrunner [N] ..... DS,RI,AF - fR

**OWLS**

\_\_\_ Barn Owl [N] ..... RI,AF - fR  
 \_\_\_ Western Screech-Owl [N] ..... RI - fR  
 \_\_\_ Great Horned Owl [N] ..... RI,AF,DS - cR  
 \_\_\_ Burrowing Owl [N] ..... AF - uR  
 \_\_\_ Long-eared Owl [N] ..... RI - rM

**NIGHTJARS**

\_\_\_ Lesser Nighthawk [N] ..... DS - uS  
 \_\_\_ Common Poorwill [N] ..... DS - fS

**SWIFTS**

\_\_\_ Vaux's Swift ..... AE - fM  
 \_\_\_ White-throated Swift [N] ..... AE - cS

**HUMMINGBIRDS**

\_\_\_ Black-chinned Hummingbird [N] ..... RI - cMS  
 \_\_\_ Anna's Hummingbird [N] ..... RI,DS - cMS,fW  
 \_\_\_ Costa's Hummingbird [N] ..... DS,RI - cMS,uW  
 \_\_\_ Broad-tailed Hummingbird ..... RI,DS - xSp  
 \_\_\_ Rufous Hummingbird ..... RI,DS - cM

**KINGFISHERS**

\_\_\_ Belted Kingfisher ..... OW,RI - uS,fM

**WOODPECKERS**

\_\_\_ Lewis' Woodpecker ..... RI - rWM  
 \_\_\_ Acorn Woodpecker ..... RI - rM  
 \_\_\_ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker ..... RI - xM  
 \_\_\_ Red-naped Sapsucker ..... RI - uWM  
 \_\_\_ Red-breasted Sapsucker ..... RI - uWM  
 \_\_\_ Ladder-backed Woodpecker [N] ..... DS,RI - uR  
 \_\_\_ Nuttall's Woodpecker [N] ..... RI - cR  
 \_\_\_ Northern Flicker:  
 \_\_\_ "Yellow-shafted" Flicker ..... RI - rMW  
 \_\_\_ "Red-shafted" Flicker [N] ..... RI,DS - fS,cWM

**TYRANT FLYCATCHERS**

\_\_\_ Olive-sided Flycatcher ..... RI - uM  
 \_\_\_ Western Wood-Pewee ..... RI - cM

\_\_\_ Willow Flycatcher ..... RI - cM  
 \_\_\_ Hammond's Flycatcher ..... RI - fSp,uF  
 \_\_\_ Gray Flycatcher ..... RI,DS - uM  
 \_\_\_ Dusky Flycatcher ..... RI - uM  
 \_\_\_ Pacific-slope Flycatcher ..... RI - cM  
 \_\_\_ Black Phoebe [N] ..... RI,OW - cR  
 \_\_\_ Say's Phoebe [N] ..... AF,RI,DS - uS,fW  
 \_\_\_ Vermilion Flycatcher ..... RI,AF - rS  
 \_\_\_ Ash-throated Flycatcher [N] ..... RI,DS - fS  
 \_\_\_ Brown-crested Flycatcher [N] ..... RI - uS  
 \_\_\_ Cassin's Kingbird ..... RI,AF - uM  
 \_\_\_ Western Kingbird [N] ..... RI,AF,DS - fS

**SHRIKES**

\_\_\_ Loggerhead Shrike [N] ..... DS,RI,AF - uS,fW

**VIREOS**

\_\_\_ White-eyed Vireo ..... RI - xSp  
 \_\_\_ Bell's Vireo [N] ..... RI - rSM  
 \_\_\_ Plumbeous Vireo ..... RI - uM,xW  
 \_\_\_ Cassin's Vireo ..... RI - fM  
 \_\_\_ Warbling Vireo ..... RI - cM

**RAVENS, CROWS, AND JAYS**

\_\_\_ Steller's Jay ..... RI - rF  
 \_\_\_ Western Scrub-Jay [N] ..... DS,RI - fR  
 \_\_\_ American Crow ..... RI - uR  
 \_\_\_ Common Raven [N] ..... RI,,DS,AF - cR

**LARKS**

\_\_\_ Horned Lark [N] ..... AF - fW,uS

**SWALLOWS**

\_\_\_ Tree Swallow ..... AE - cM  
 \_\_\_ Violet-green Swallow ..... AE - cM  
 \_\_\_ Northern Rough-winged Swallow [N] ..... AE - cM,fS  
 \_\_\_ Bank Swallow ..... AE - uM  
 \_\_\_ Cliff Swallow [N] ..... AE,RI, - cMS  
 \_\_\_ Barn Swallow ..... AE - cM

**TITMICE AND CHICKADEES**

\_\_\_ Mountain Chickadee ..... RI, - iWM  
 \_\_\_ Oak Titmouse ..... DS - rWM

**VERDINS**

\_\_\_ Verdin [N] ..... DS,RI - uR

**BUSHTITS**

\_\_\_ Bushtit [N] ..... RI,DS - cR

**NUTHATCHES**

\_\_\_ Red-breasted Nuthatch ..... RI - iWM  
 \_\_\_ White-breasted Nuthatch [N] ..... RI - fR  
 \_\_\_ Pygmy Nuthatch ..... RI - iW

**CREEPERS**

\_\_\_ Brown Creeper ..... RI - iWM

**WRENS**

\_\_\_ Cactus Wren [N] ..... DS - uR  
 \_\_\_ Rock Wren [N] ..... DS - fR  
 \_\_\_ Canyon Wren [N] ..... DS - uR  
 \_\_\_ Bewick's Wren [N] ..... RI,DS - cR  
 \_\_\_ House Wren [N] ..... RI - cS,uW  
 \_\_\_ Pacific Wren ..... RI - rWM  
 \_\_\_ Marsh Wren [N] ..... FM,RI - fS,uW

**GNATCATCHERS**

\_\_\_ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher ..... RI - uM,rW

**DIPPERS**

\_\_\_ American Dipper ..... RI - rF

## KINGLETS

- \_\_\_ Golden-crowned Kinglet ..... RI - iMW  
 \_\_\_ Ruby-crowned Kinglet..... RI,,DS - cWM

## THRUSHES

- \_\_\_ Western Bluebird..... RI,AF - fWM  
 \_\_\_ Mountain Bluebird..... AF - rW  
 \_\_\_ Townsend's Solitaire..... RI - rWM  
 \_\_\_ Swainson's Thrush ..... RI - cSp,uF  
 \_\_\_ Hermit Thrush..... RI - fM,uW  
 \_\_\_ American Robin [N] ..... RI - uS,fMW  
 \_\_\_ Varied Thrush..... RI - rWM

## MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS

- \_\_\_ Northern Mockingbird [N]..... RI,DS - cR  
 \_\_\_ Sage Thrasher..... DS - uM  
 \_\_\_ Bendire's Thrasher ..... DS - xSp  
 \_\_\_ California Thrasher [N]..... RI,DS - fR  
 \_\_\_ Le Conte's Thrasher [N]..... DS - rR

## STARLINGS

- \_\_\_ European Starling (I) [N]..... RI,,AF - cR

## PIPITS

- \_\_\_ American Pipit ..... AF - uW

## WAXWINGS

- \_\_\_ Cedar Waxwing ..... RI - uWM

## SILKY FLYCATCHERS

- \_\_\_ Phainopepla [N]..... RI,DS - uS,cWM

## WOOD-WARBLERS

- \_\_\_ Orange-crowned Warbler ..... RI - cM,rW  
 \_\_\_ Nashville Warbler ..... RI - fM  
 \_\_\_ MacGillivray's Warbler ..... RI - fM  
 \_\_\_ Common Yellowthroat [N]..... RI,FM - fSM,uW  
 \_\_\_ American Redstart ..... RI - xF  
 \_\_\_ Blackburnian Warbler ..... RI - xF  
 \_\_\_ Yellow Warbler [N]..... RI - cM,fS  
 \_\_\_ Blackpoll Warbler..... RI - xF  
 \_\_\_ Black-throated Blue Warbler ..... RI - xF  
 \_\_\_ Yellow-rumped Warbler:  
 \_\_\_ "Audubon's" Warbler..... RI - cMW  
 \_\_\_ "Myrtle" Warbler..... R, - rMW  
 \_\_\_ Black-throated Gray Warbler ..... RI - cM  
 \_\_\_ Townsend's Warbler ..... RI - fM  
 \_\_\_ Hermit Warbler ..... RI - uM  
 \_\_\_ Wilson's Warbler..... RI - cM  
 \_\_\_ Yellow-breasted Chat [N]..... RI - uS

## TOWHEES AND SPARROWS

- \_\_\_ Green-tailed Towhee ..... RI - rM  
 \_\_\_ Spotted Towhee [N]..... RI,DS - fR  
 \_\_\_ California Towhee [N]..... RI,DS - fR  
 \_\_\_ Rufous-crowned Sparrow [N]..... DS - uR  
 \_\_\_ Chipping Sparrow ..... AF,RI,DS - fM,uW  
 \_\_\_ Brewer's Sparrow ..... DS,AF - uMW  
 \_\_\_ Black-chinned Sparrow [N] ..... DS - rS  
 \_\_\_ Vesper Sparrow..... AF - uMW  
 \_\_\_ Lark Sparrow [N]..... RI,AF,,DS - uR  
 \_\_\_ Black-throated Sparrow [N]..... DS - cR  
 \_\_\_ Sage Sparrow..... DS - uW  
 \_\_\_ Savannah Sparrow ..... AF - fWM  
 \_\_\_ Fox Sparrow ..... RI - uM,rW  
 \_\_\_ Song Sparrow [N] ..... RI - cR  
 \_\_\_ Lincoln's Sparrow ..... RI - fM,uW  
 \_\_\_ White-throated Sparrow..... RI - xW

- \_\_\_ Harris's Sparrow ..... RI - xW  
 \_\_\_ White-crowned Sparrow ..... RI,DS,AF - cWM  
 \_\_\_ Golden-crowned Sparrow ..... RI - uWM  
 \_\_\_ Dark-eyed Junco:  
 \_\_\_ "Oregon" Junco ..... RI,,AF - uWM  
 \_\_\_ "Slate-colored" Junco..... RI,,AF - rWM  
 \_\_\_ "Pink-sided" Junco..... RI,,AF - xWM  
 \_\_\_ "Gray-headed" Junco..... RI,,AF - rWM

## TANAGERS, GROSBEAKS, AND BUNTINGS

- \_\_\_ Summer Tanager [N]..... RI - uS  
 \_\_\_ Western Tanager ..... RI - cM  
 \_\_\_ Rose-breasted Grosbeak..... RI - xSp  
 \_\_\_ Black-headed Grosbeak ..... RI - cM  
 \_\_\_ Blue Grosbeak [N] ..... RI - uS  
 \_\_\_ Lazuli Bunting ..... RI - fM  
 \_\_\_ Indigo Bunting ..... RI - rM

## BLACKBIRDS AND ORIOLES

- \_\_\_ Red-winged Blackbird [N] ..... FM,RI,AF - uR  
 \_\_\_ Western Meadowlark [N] ..... AF - uS,fWM  
 \_\_\_ Yellow-headed Blackbird ..... FM,AF - rM  
 \_\_\_ Brewer's Blackbird [N]..... RI,AF - cR  
 \_\_\_ Great-tailed Grackle [N]..... FM - uR  
 \_\_\_ Brown-headed Cowbird [N]..... RI,AF - cS,uW  
 \_\_\_ Hooded Oriole [N]..... RI - fS  
 \_\_\_ Bullock's Oriole [N] ..... RI - fS  
 \_\_\_ Scott's Oriole [N]..... DS - uSW

## FINCHES

- \_\_\_ Purple Finch ..... RI - rWM  
 \_\_\_ Cassin's Finch ..... RI - rW  
 \_\_\_ House Finch [N]..... RI,DS - cR  
 \_\_\_ Red Crossbill ..... RI - iFW  
 \_\_\_ Pine Siskin ..... RI,DS,AF - iWM  
 \_\_\_ Lesser Goldfinch [N]..... RI,,DS - cR  
 \_\_\_ Lawrence's Goldfinch [N]..... RI, - uSM,rW  
 \_\_\_ American Goldfinch ..... RI - uWM  
 \_\_\_ Evening Grosbeak ..... RI - xF

## OLD WORLD SPARROWS

- \_\_\_ House Sparrow (I) [N]..... RI,DS,AF - cR

Please help to keep this list up-to-date by reporting any rare, casual, or accidental species, or those not appearing on the list, to Whitewater Preserve personnel (760-325-7222), Stephen J. Myers ([stephenmyers@earthlink.net](mailto:stephenmyers@earthlink.net)), or Kurt Leuschner ([kleuschner@collegeofthedesert.edu](mailto:kleuschner@collegeofthedesert.edu)).



# CHECKLIST OF THE BIRDS OF WHITWATER CANYON

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Welcome to Whitewater Canyon. This list includes 217 species of birds which have been seen in the canyon between Interstate 10 and the Whitewater Preserve. Taxonomy and nomenclature follows the American Ornithologists' Union's *Checklist of North American Birds* (7<sup>th</sup> Edition) and its supplements.

Habitat, abundance, and seasonality codes are defined as follows:

### HABITATS:

- AE** = Aerial (birds seen flying overhead)  
**AF** = Agricultural fields & human habitations  
**DS** = Desert scrub, including Creosote Bush scrub, Mesquite thickets  
**FM** = Freshwater marsh  
**OW** = Open water (ponds, lakes)  
**RI** = Riparian forest and woodland  
**SH** = Shoreline (edges of ponds and lakes)

### ABUNDANCE:

- c** = common; nearly always encountered in appropriate habitat, usually in high numbers  
**f** = fairly common; usually encountered in appropriate habitat, usually in moderate numbers  
**u** = uncommon; occasionally encountered in appropriate habitat, usually in low numbers  
**r** = rare; rarely encountered, due to scarcity and/or difficulty of detection  
**x** = casual or accidental; not normally expected to occur in the area; this includes species for which there is only one or a few records  
**i** = irregular; occurrence is irregular, sporadic, or irruptive. May be common, uncommon, or absent in a given year.  
**e** = extirpated; formerly nested in area

### SEASONALITY AND BREEDING:

- R** = year-round resident      **S** = summer visitor  
**W** = winter visitor      **M** = migrant  
**Sp** = Spring migrant      **F** = Fall migrant  
**[N]** = known or suspected to nest  
**(I)** = Introduced species