

**GEESE AND DUCKS**

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

**NEW WORLD QUAIL**

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

**TURKEYS AND PARTRIDGES**

Chukar (I) [N].....	DS - uR
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**GREBES**

Pied-billed Grebe.....	OW - rM
Clark's Grebe.....	OW - 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
Common Ground-Dove.....	AF - xF
White-winged Dove.....	DS,RI - rW
Mourning Dove [N].....	RI,DS, AF - cR

**CUCKOOS**

Yellow-billed Cuckoo.....	RI - xM
Greater Roadrunner [N].....	DS,RI,AF - fR

**NIGHTJARS**

Lesser Nighthawk [N].....	DS - uS
Common Poorwill [N].....	DS - fSuW

**SWIFTS**

Vaux's Swift.....	AE - fM
White-throated Swift [N].....	AE - cSuW

**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
Calliope Hummingbird.....	RI,DS - xSp

**RAILS AND COOTS**

Virginia Rail [N].....	FM - uR
Sora.....	FM - uWWM
Common Gallinule.....	OW,FM - rF
American Coot [N].....	OW,FM - uW,rS

**STILTS AND AVOCETS**

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

**PLOVERS**

Killdeer [N].....	AF,SH - uR
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**SANDPIPERS**

Least Sandpiper.....	SH,AF - uM,rW
Western Sandpiper.....	SH,AF - rM
Long-billed Dowitcher.....	SH,AF - rM

Wilson's Snipe.....	FM,SH,AF - uWWM
Spotted Sandpiper.....	SH - fM,rW
Greater Yellowlegs.....	AF,SH - rMW

**GULLS AND TERNS**

Ring-billed Gull.....	OW, AF,AE - uWWM
California Gull.....	OW,AF,AE - uWWM
Herring Gull.....	OW,AE - rWWM
Caspian Tern.....	OW,AE - rM
Forster's Tern.....	OW,AE - rM

**CORMORANTS**

Double-crested Cormorant.....	OW, AE - uM
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**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 - rWWM
Green Heron.....	FM,OW,RI - uWWM
Black-crowned Night-Heron.....	FM,RI - uWWM

**IBISES**

White-faced Ibis.....	OW, AE - xSp
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**VULTURES**

Turkey Vulture.....	AE,RI - cM
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**OSPREYS, HAWKS, AND EAGLES**

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

**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

**KINGFISHERS**

Belted Kingfisher.....	OW,RI - uS,fM
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**WOODPECKERS**

Lewis' Woodpecker.....	RI - rWWM
Acorn Woodpecker.....	RI - rM
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker.....	RI - xM
Red-naped Sapsucker.....	RI - uWWM
Red-breasted Sapsucker.....	RI - uWWM
Nuttall's Woodpecker [N].....	RI - cR
Ladder-backed Woodpecker [N].....	DS,RI - uR

**Northern Flicker:**

"Yellow-shafted" Flicker.....	RI - rMW
"Red-shafted" Flicker [N].....	RI,DS - fS,cWWM

**FALCONS**

American Kestrel [N].....	AF,RI,DS - uS,fWM
Merlin.....	AF,DS - rWWM
Peregrine Falcon [N].....	AE,FM,AF - uR
Prairie Falcon [N].....	AF,DS - uS,fW

**TYRANT FLYCATCHERS**

Ash-throated Flycatcher [N].....	RI,DS - fS
Brown-crested Flycatcher [N].....	RI - rS
Cassin's Kingbird.....	RI,AF - uM
Western Kingbird [N].....	RI,AF,DS - fS

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
Eastern Phoebe.....	RI - xF
Say's Phoebe [N].....	AF,RI,DS - uS,fW
Vermilion Flycatcher [N].....	RI,AF - rS

**SHRIKES**

Loggerhead Shrike [N].....	DS,RI,AF - uS,fW
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**VIREOS**

White-eyed Vireo.....	RI - xSp
Bell's Vireo [N].....	RI - cS
Hutton's Vireo [N].....	RI - rS
Cassin's Vireo.....	RI - fM
Plumbeous Vireo.....	RI - uM,xW
Warbling Vireo.....	RI - cM

**JAYS, CROWS, AND RAVENS**

Steller's Jay.....	RI - rFW
California Scrub-Jay [N].....	DS,RI - uR
American Crow.....	RI - uR
Common Raven [N].....	RI,,DS,AF - cR

**LARKS**

Horned Lark [N].....	AF - fW,uS
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**SWALLOWS**

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

**TITMICE AND CHICKADEES**

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

**VERDINS**

Verdin [N].....	DS,RI - uR
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**BUSHTITS**

Bushtit [N].....	RI,DS - cR
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**NUTHATCHES**

Red-breasted Nuthatch.....	RI - iWM
White-breasted Nuthatch [N].....	RI - uR
Pygmy Nuthatch.....	RI - iW

**CREEPERS**

Brown Creeper.....	RI - iWM
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**WRENS**

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

**GNATCATCHERS**

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher [N].....	RI - uMW,rS
Black-tailed Gnatcatcher [N].....	DS,RI - uR

**DIPPERS**

American Dipper.....	RI - rFW
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**KINGLETS**

Golden-crowned Kinglet.....	RI - iWM
Ruby-crowned Kinglet.....	RI,,DS - cWM

**SYLVIID WARBLERS**

Wrentit [N].....	DS,RI - uR
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**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**

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

**STARLINGS**

___ European Starling (I) [N] .....	RI,,AF - fR
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**WAXWINGS**

___ Cedar Waxwing .....	RI - uWM
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**SILKY FLYCATCHERS**

___ Phainopepla [N] .....	RI,DS - fS,cWM
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**OLD WORLD SPARROWS**

___ House Sparrow (I) [N] .....	RI,DS,AF - uR
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**PIPITS**

___ American Pipit .....	AF - uW
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**FINCHES**

___ Evening Grosbeak .....	RI - xF
___ House Finch [N] .....	RI,DS - cR
___ Purple Finch .....	RI - rWM
___ Cassin's Finch .....	RI - rW
___ 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

**SPARROWS AND TOWHEES**

___ Black-throated Sparrow [N] .....	DS - cR
___ Lark Sparrow [N] .....	RI,AF,DS - uR
___ Chipping Sparrow .....	AF,RI,DS - fM,uW
___ Black-chinned Sparrow [N] .....	DS - rS
___ Brewer's Sparrow .....	DS,AF - uMW
___ Fox Sparrow .....	RI - uM,rW
___ 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
___ White-crowned Sparrow .....	RI,DS,AF - cWM
___ Golden-crowned Sparrow .....	RI - uWM
___ Harris's Sparrow .....	RI - xW
___ White-throated Sparrow .....	RI - xW
___ Sagebrush/Bell's Sparrow .....	DS - uW
___ Vesper Sparrow .....	AF - uMW
___ Savannah Sparrow .....	AF - fWM
___ Song Sparrow [N] .....	RI - cR
___ Lincoln's Sparrow .....	RI - fM,uW
___ Abert's Towhee .....	RI - rM
___ California Towhee [N] .....	RI,DS - fR
___ Rufous-crowned Sparrow [N] .....	DS - uR
___ Green-tailed Towhee .....	RI - rM
___ Spotted Towhee [N] .....	RI,DS - fR

**YELLOW-BREASTED CHATS**

___ Yellow-breasted Chat [N] .....	RI - fS
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**BLACKBIRDS AND ORIOLES**

___ Yellow-headed Blackbird .....	FM,AF - rM
___ Western Meadowlark [N] .....	AF - uS,fWM
___ Hooded Oriole [N] .....	RI - fS
___ Bullock's Oriole [N] .....	RI - fS
___ Baltimore Oriole .....	RI - xF
___ Scott's Oriole [N] .....	DS - uSW
___ Red-winged Blackbird [N] .....	FM,RI,AF - uR
___ Brown-headed Cowbird [N] .....	RI,AF - uS,rW
___ Brewer's Blackbird [N] .....	RI,AF - uR
___ Great-tailed Grackle [N] .....	FM - uR

**WOOD-WARBLEDERS**

___ Black-and-white Warbler .....	RI - xSp
___ 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
___ Northern Parula .....	RI - xSp
___ Blackburnian Warbler .....	RI - xF
___ Yellow Warbler [N] .....	RI - cM,fS
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler .....	RI - xF
___ 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

**TANAGERS, GROSBEAKS, AND BUNTINGS**

___ Summer Tanager [N] .....	RI - fS
___ 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

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  
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Welcome to Whitewater Canyon. This list includes 235 species of birds which have been seen in the canyon between Interstate 10 and Red Dome. 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**