

• Breeds in area.

C Common: Unlikely to be missed in suitable habitat.

FC Fairly Common: Includes locally common as well as irruptive species; some species may only be present in numbers for part of the season.

U Uncommon: A very broad category that includes residents that are present but usually hard to find, and migrants that may only be present for short periods of time.

R Rare: At best, one sighting per season; gaps in occurrence may extend over many years.

Wi Winter: December, January, February.

Sp Spring: March, April, May

Su Summer: June, July

Fa Fall: August, September, October, November

	<u>Wi</u>	<u>Sp</u>	<u>Su</u>	<u>Fa</u>
<u>LOONS</u>				
Common Loon	U	U	R	U
<u>GREBES</u>				
• Pied-billed Grebe	U	FC	FC	FC
• Eared Grebe	U	FC	U	FC
• Western Grebe	U	FC	U	FC
• Clark's Grebe	U	U	U	U
<u>PELICANS</u>				
American White Pelican		U	U	FC
<u>CORMORANTS</u>				
Double-crested Cormorant		FC	U	FC
<u>BITTERNs, HERONS</u>				
Great Blue Heron	U	FC	U	FC
<u>IBISES</u>				
• White-faced Ibis		FC	U	FC
<u>AMERICAN VULTURES</u>				
• Turkey Vulture		FC	FC	FC
<u>DUCKs, GEESE, SWANS</u>				
Snow Goose	U	U	R	FC
Ross's Goose	U	U		FC
Cackling Goose	U	U		U
• Canada Goose	C	C	C	C
• Gadwall	FC	C	FC	C
• American Wigeon	FC	C	U	C
• Mallard	C	C	FC	C
• Blue-winged Teal		FC	U	U
• Cinnamon Teal	R	C	FC	C
Northern Shoveler	FC	C	U	C
• Northern Pintail	FC	C	U	FC
• Green-winged Teal	FC	C	U	C
• Canvasback	FC	C	R	FC
• Redhead	FC	C	FC	FC
Ring-necked Duck	U	FC	U	FC
Lesser Scaup	U	FC	U	FC
Bufflehead	FC	FC	R	FC
Common Goldeneye	FC	FC		FC
• Common Merganser		U	FC	FC
• Ruddy Duck		U	FC	C
<u>OSPREY</u>				
Osprey		U		U
<u>KITES, EAGLES, HAWKS</u>				
• Bald Eagle	FC	U	U	U
• Northern Harrier	U	U	R	U

	<u>Wi</u>	<u>Sp</u>	<u>Su</u>	<u>Fa</u>
• Sharp-shinned Hawk	U	U	U	U
• Cooper's Hawk	U	U	U	U
• Northern Goshawk	U	U	U	U
• Swainson's Hawk		FC	C	C
• Red-tailed Hawk	FC	FC	FC	FC
• Rough-legged Hawk	U	U		U
• Golden Eagle	U	U	U	U
<u>FALCONS</u>				
• American Kestrel	FC	FC	U	FC
• Prairie Falcon	U	U	U	U
<u>PHEASANTS, GROUSE, TURKEYS</u>				
• Dusky Grouse	U	U	U	U
• Wild Turkey	FC	FC	FC	FC
<u>RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS</u>				
• Virginia Rail	R	U	U	U
• Sora		U	U	U
• American Coot	U	FC	C	C
<u>PLOVERS</u>				
• Killdeer	U	FC	FC	FC
<u>STILTS, AVOCETS</u>				
• Black-necked Stilt		U	R	R
• American Avocet		FC	U	FC
<u>SANDPIPERS, PHALAROPEs</u>				
Greater Yellowlegs	R	FC	U	FC
Lesser Yellowlegs		FC	U	FC
• Spotted Sandpiper		FC	FC	FC
Western Sandpiper		FC	U	FC
Least Sandpiper	R	FC	U	FC
Baird's Sandpiper	R	FC	U	FC
Pectoral Sandpiper				U
• Wilson's Snipe	R	U	U	U
Wilson's Phalarope		FC	U	FC
<u>GULLS, TERNS</u>				
Franklin's Gull		FC	U	FC
Bonaparte's Gull	R	FC	R	U
Ring-billed Gull	U	FC	U	FC
California Gull	R	U	U	U
Herring Gull	U	U	U	U
<u>PIGEONS, DOVES</u>				
• Band-tailed Pigeon		U	U	U
• Eurasian Collared-Dove	U	U	U	U
• Mourning Dove	U	C	C	C
<u>TYPICAL OWLS</u>				
• Western Screech-Owl	U	U	U	U
• Great Horned Owl	FC	FC	FC	FC
• Northern Pygmy-Owl	U	U	U	U
• Northern Saw-Whet Owl	U	U	U	U
<u>SWIFTS</u>				
• White-throated Swift		U	U	U
<u>HUMMINGBIRDS</u>				
• Calliope Hummingbird			U	U
• Broad-tailed Hummingbird		FC	FC	FC
Rufous Hummingbird			FC	FC
<u>KINGFISHERS</u>				
• Belted Kingfisher	U	U	U	U
<u>WOODPECKERS</u>				
• Lewis's Woodpecker	U	U	U	U
• Williamson's Sapsucker	R	U	U	U
• Red-naped Sapsucker	R	U	U	U

	<u>Wi</u>	<u>Sp</u>	<u>Su</u>	<u>Fa</u>
• Downy Woodpecker	FC	FC	FC	FC
• Hairy Woodpecker	FC	FC	FC	FC
• American Three-toed Woodpecker	U	U	U	U
• Northern Flicker	C	C	C	C
<u>TYRANT FLYCATCHERS</u>				
• Olive-sided Flycatcher		U	R	U
• Western Wood-Pewee		C	C	C
• Hammond's Flycatcher		U	U	U
• Dusky Flycatcher		U	U	U
• Cordilleran Flycatcher			FC	FC
• Say's Phoebe	R	C	C	C
• Cassin's Kingbird			FC	FC
• Western Kingbird			FC	FC
<u>SHRIKES</u>				
• Loggerhead Shrike	U	U	U	U
<u>VIREOS</u>				
• Plumbeous Vireo		U	U	U
• Warbling Vireo		FC	FC	FC
• Red-eyed Vireo			R	R
<u>JAYS, MAGPIES, CROWS</u>				
• Gray Jay	U	U	U	U
• Steller's Jay	FC	FC	FC	FC
• Clark's Nutcracker	U	U	U	U
• Black-billed Magpie	FC	FC	FC	FC
• American Crow	FC	FC	FC	FC
• Common Raven	C	C	C	C
<u>LARKS</u>				
• Horned Lark	FC	FC	FC	FC
<u>SWALLOWS</u>				
• Tree Swallow		U	U	U
• Violet-green Swallow		FC	FC	FC
• N Rough-winged Swallow		FC	FC	FC
• Cliff Swallow		C	C	C
• Barn Swallow		FC	R	FC
<u>TITMICE</u>				
• Black-capped Chickadee	U	U	U	U
• Mountain Chickadee	FC	FC	FC	FC
<u>BUSHTITS</u>				
• Bushtit	U	U	U	U
<u>NUTHATCHES</u>				
• Red-breasted Nuthatch	U	U	U	U
• White-breasted Nuthatch	FC	FC	FC	FC
• Pygmy Nuthatch	U	U	U	U
<u>CREEPERS</u>				
• Brown Creeper	U	U	U	U
<u>WRENS</u>				
• House Wren		FC	FC	FC
• Winter Wren	R	R		U
<u>DIPPERS</u>				
• American Dipper	U	U	U	U
<u>KINGLETS</u>				
• Golden-crowned Kinglet	U	U	U	U
• Ruby-crowned Kinglet	U	U	U	U
<u>THRUSHES</u>				
• Western Bluebird	FC	FC	U	FC
• Mountain Bluebird	FC	FC	U	FC
• Townsend's Solitaire	FC	U	U	U
• Hermit Thrush		FC	FC	FC
• American Robin	FC	C	C	C

	Wi	Sp	Su	Fa
<u>MOCKINGBIRDS, THRASHERS</u>				
• Gray Catbird	R	U	U	U
<u>STARLINGS</u>				
• European Starling	C	C	C	C
<u>WAXWINGS</u>				
• Cedar Waxwing	U	U		U
<u>WOOD WARBLERS</u>				
• Orange-crowned Warbler		U	R	U
• Virginia's Warbler		FC	FC	FC
• Yellow Warbler		FC	FC	FC
• Yellow-rumped Warbler	U	FC	FC	C
• Kentucky Warbler		R	R	
• MacGillivray's Warbler		U	U	U
• Common Yellowthroat		FC	FC	FC
• Wilson's Warbler		FC	R	FC
<u>TANAGERS</u>				
• Hepatic Tanager		R	R	R
• Western Tanager		FC	FC	FC
<u>SPARROWS</u>				
• Green-tailed Towhee		U	U	U
• Spotted Towhee	U	FC	FC	FC
• American Tree Sparrow	FC	U		U
• Chipping Sparrow		FC	U	C
• Vesper Sparrow		C	C	C
• Lark Sparrow		FC	FC	FC
• Lark Bunting		FC	U	FC
• Savannah Sparrow	R	FC	FC	FC
• Song Sparrow	FC	FC	U	FC
• Lincoln's Sparrow	U	U	R	U
• White-crowned Sparrow	FC	C	R	C
• Dark-eyed Junco	C	FC	FC	C
• Lapland Longspur	U	U		U
<u>CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS</u>				
• Rose-breasted Grosbeak		U	R	R
• Black-headed Grosbeak		FC	FC	FC
• Lazuli Bunting		U	U	U
<u>BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES</u>				
• Red-winged Blackbird	FC	C	C	C
• Western Meadowlark	FC	C	C	C
• Yellow-headed Blackbird		FC	FC	FC
• Brewer's Blackbird	U	FC	FC	FC
• Common Grackle	R	C	C	C
• Brown-headed Cowbird	U	C	C	C
• Bullock's Oriole		C	C	C
<u>FINCHES</u>				
• Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	U	U		R
• Black Rosy-Finch	U	U		
• Brown-capped Rosy-Finch	U	U	R	R
• Pine Grosbeak	U	U	U	U
• Cassin's Finch	U	U	U	U
• House Finch	C	C	C	C
• Red Crossbill	U	U	U	U
• Pine Siskin	C	C	FC	C
• Evening Grosbeak	FC	FC	U	FC
<u>OLD WORLD SPARROWS</u>				
• House Sparrow	C	C	C	C

This checklist will be most useful to those who understand the critical relationship between particular birds and suitable habitat. Additionally, a number of breeding and migratory species have extremely limited ranges. The 5,351 foot difference between the area's highest and lowest points offers birds and birders a variety of unique ecosystems. The order of families and individual species included in this checklist, as well as months within each season, conforms to the standards of the American Ornithological Union and its Checklist of North American Birds.

Sightings of unlisted species and those designated as R (rare) warrant documentation. Observers are encouraged to send their reports with complete details to: New Mexico Bird Records Committee, 1819 Meadowview Dr. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104. Accompanying audio, video, and photograph evidence is most desirable, but not returnable. Two sources for current information about Colfax County and statewide bird sightings are: (1) the New Mexico Rare Bird Alert (NMRBA) at 505-884-3269, and (2) www.birder.com (select Birding, then select Rare Bird Alert, then scroll down to New Mexico on the menu). You can also report your unusual sightings at the NMRBA or email pinyonjay@aol.com.

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Highest Point: 12,441 ft. Baldy Mountain
Lowest Point: 7,090 ft. at Ute Park
Number of documented bird species: 176

KEY PUBLIC ACCESS LOCATIONS

Carson National Forest
Cimarron Canyon State Park
Eagle Nest Lake State Park
Monte Verde Lake