



Birds of Rio Salado Checklist

LOONS

___ Common Loon

GREBES

___ Pied-billed Grebe
___ Horned Grebe
___ Eared Grebe

PELICANS

___ American White Pelican
___ Brown Pelican

CORMORANTS

___ Neotropic Cormorant
___ Double-crested
Cormorant

BITTERNS, HERONS AND EGRETS

___ American Bittern
___ Least Bittern
___ Great Blue Heron
___ Great Egret
___ Snowy Egret
___ Little Blue Heron
___ Cattle Egret
___ Green Heron
___ Black-crowned Night
Heron

IBISES, SPOONBILLS

___ White-faced Ibis
___ Glossy Ibis
___ White Ibis

NEW WORLD VULTURES

___ Turkey Vulture

SWANS, GEESE, DUCKS

___ Ross' Goose
___ Canada Goose
___ Greater White-fronted
Goose
___ Gadwall
___ American Wigeon
___ Mallard
___ "Mexican Duck"
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___ Wood Duck
___ Blue-winged Teal
___ Cinnamon Teals
___ Green-winged Teal
___ Northern Shoveler
___ Northern Pintail
___ Ringed-necked Duck
___ Lesser Scaup
___ Canvasback
___ Redhead
___ Bufflehead
___ Common Goldeneye
___ Barrow's Goldeneye
___ Common Merganser
___ Ruddy Duck
___ Hooded Merganser

KITES, EAGLES AND

HAWKS

HARRIERS

___ Northern Harrier

ACCIPITERS

___ Sharp-shinned Hawk
___ Northern Goshawk
___ Cooper's Hawk

BUTEONINE HAWKS

___ Red-tailed Hawk
___ Rough-legged Hawk
___ Ferruginous Hawk
___ Swainson's Hawk
___ Harris's Hawk

EAGLES

___ Golden Eagle

EAGLES(Con't)

___ Bald Eagle

OSPREY

___ Osprey

CARACARAS AND

FALCONS

___ American Kestrel
___ Merlin
___ Peregrine Falcon
___ Prairie Falcon

QUAIL

___ Gambel's Quail

RAILS

___ Virginia Rail
___ Sora
___ Common Moorhen
___ American Coot

GULLS AND TERNS

___ California Gull
___ Ring-billed Gull
___ Franklin's Gull
___ Forster's Tern

STILTS AND AVOCETS

___ Black-necked Stilt
___ American Avocet

PLOVERS

___ Killdeer

SANDPIPERS

___ Long-billed Curlew
___ Willet
___ Greater Yellowlegs
___ Lesser Yellowlegs
___ Spotted Sandpiper
___ Dunlin
___ Marbled Godwit
___ Baird's Sandpiper
___ Least Sandpiper
___ Western Sandpiper
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper
___ Long-billed Dowitcher
___ Wilson's Snipe
___ Wilson's Phalarope

PIGEONS AND DOVES

___ Rock Pigeon
___ White-winged Dove
___ Mourning Dove
___ Inca Dove
___ Common Ground Dove
___ Eurasian Collared Dove
___ Ringed Turtle Dove

CUCKOOS,

ROADRUNNERS, AND ANIS

___ Greater Roadrunner

TYPICAL OWLS

___ Barn Owl
___ Western Screech Owl
___ Great Horned Owl
___ Burrowing Owl
___ Northern Pygmy Owl
___ Elf Owl
___ Long-eared Owl

NIGHTJARS

___ Lesser Nighthawk
___ Common Nighthawk
___ Common Poorwill
___ Whip-Poor-Will

SWIFTS

___ Vaux's Swift
___ White-throated Swift

HUMMINGBIRDS

___ Broad-billed
Hummingbird

HUMMINGBIRDS(Con't)

___ Black-chinned
Hummingbird
___ Anna's Hummingbird
___ Costa's Hummingbird
___ Broad-tailed
Hummingbird

HUMMINGBIRDS

___ Rufous Hummingbird
___ Allen's Hummingbird

KINGFISHERS

___ Belted Kingfisher

WOODPECKERS

___ Lewis's Woodpecker
___ Northern (Red-shafted)
Flicker

WOODPECKERS

___ Gilded Flicker
___ Gila Woodpecker
___ Red-naped Sapsucker
___ Ladder-backed
Woodpecker

T YRANT FLYCATCHERS

___ Olive-sided Flycatcher
___ Western Wood-Pewee
___ Hammond's Flycatcher
___ Dusky Flycatcher
___ Willow Flycatcher
___ "Western" Flycatcher
___ Pacific-slope Flycatcher
___ Black Phoebe
___ Eastern Phoebe
___ Say's Phoebe
___ Vermillion Flycatcher
___ Ash-throated Flycatcher
___ Brown-crested Flycatcher
___ Tropical Kingbird
___ Cassin's Kingbird
___ Western Kingbird

SHRIKES

___ Loggerhead Shrike

VIREOS

___ Gray Vireo
___ Bell's Vireo
___ Cassin's Vireo
___ Plumbeous Vireo
___ Hutton's Vireo
___ Warbling Vireo
___ Philadelphia Vireo

JAYS AND CROWS

___ Common Raven

LARKS

___ Horned Lark

SWALLOWS

___ Tree Swallow
___ Violet-green Swallow
___ Northern Rough-winged
Swallow
___ Bank Swallow
___ Cliff Swallow
___ Barn Swallow

VERDIN

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NUTHATCHES

___ White-breasted Nuthatch
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch

TREECREEPERS

___ Brown Creeper

WRENS

___ Cactus Wren
___ Marsh Wren
___ Rock Wren
___ Canyon Wren
___ Bewick's Wren

WRENS (Con't)

___ House Wren
___ Winter Wren

DIPPERS

___ American dippers

GNATCATCHERS

___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
___ Black-tailed Gnatcatcher

KINGLETS

___ Golden-crowned Kinglet
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet

THRUSHES

___ Veery
___ Swainson's Thrush
___ Hermit Thrush
___ American Robin
___ Varied Thrush

MIMIC THRUSHES

___ Northern Mockingbird
___ Sage Thrasher
___ Brown Thrasher
___ Bendire's Thrasher
___ Curve-billed Thrasher
___ Crissal Thrasher

STARLINGS

___ European Starling

WAGTAILS AND PIPITS

___ American Pipits
___ Sprague's Pipit

SILKY FLYCATCHERS

___ Phainopepla

WOOD-WARBLERS

___ Tennessee Warbler
___ Orange-crowned Warbler
___ Nashville Warbler
___ Virginia's Warbler
___ Lucy's Warbler
___ Northern Parula
___ Yellow Warbler
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler
___ Black-throated Blue
Warbler
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler
___ Black-throated Gray
Warbler
___ Townsend's Warbler
___ Western Palm Warbler
___ Black and White Warbler
___ Ovenbird
___ Northern Waterthrush
___ MacGillivray's Warbler
___ Common Yellowthroat
___ Hooded Warbler
___ Wilson's Warbler
___ Yellow-breasted Chat

TANAGERS

___ Western Tanager

EMBERIZINE FINCHES

___ Abert's Towhee
___ Green-tailed Towhee
___ Spotted Towhee
___ Canyon Towhee
___ Cassin's Sparrow
___ Chipping Sparrow
___ Clay-colored Sparrow
___ Brewer's Sparrow
___ Vesper Sparrow
___ Black-throated Sparrow
___ Sage Sparrow
___ Lark Bunting
___ Savannah Sparrow
___ Lark Sparrow
___ Song Sparrow
___ Lincoln's Sparrow

EMBERIZINE FINCHES

- Swamp Sparrow
- White-throated Sparrow
- White-crowned Sparrow
- Golden-crowned Sparrow
- West Coast White-crowned Sparrow
- Mountain White-crowned Sparrow
- Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco
- Pink-sided Junco
- Dark-eyed (Slate colored) Junco

CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, BUNTINGS

- Northern Cardinal
- Black-headed Grosbeak
- Lazuli Bunting
- Indigo Bunting
- Painted Bunting

ICTERIDS

- Red-winged Blackbird
- Western Meadowlark
- Yellow-headed Blackbird
- Rusty Blackbird
- Brewer's Blackbird
- Great-tailed Grackle
- Common Grackle
- Bronzed Cowbird
- Brown-headed Cowbird
- Hooded Oriole
- Bullock's oriole
- Scott's Oriole

NORTHERN FINCHES

- House Finch
- Pine siskin
- Lesser Goldfinch
- Lawrence's Goldfinch
- American Goldfinch

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

- House Sparrow

EXOTICS

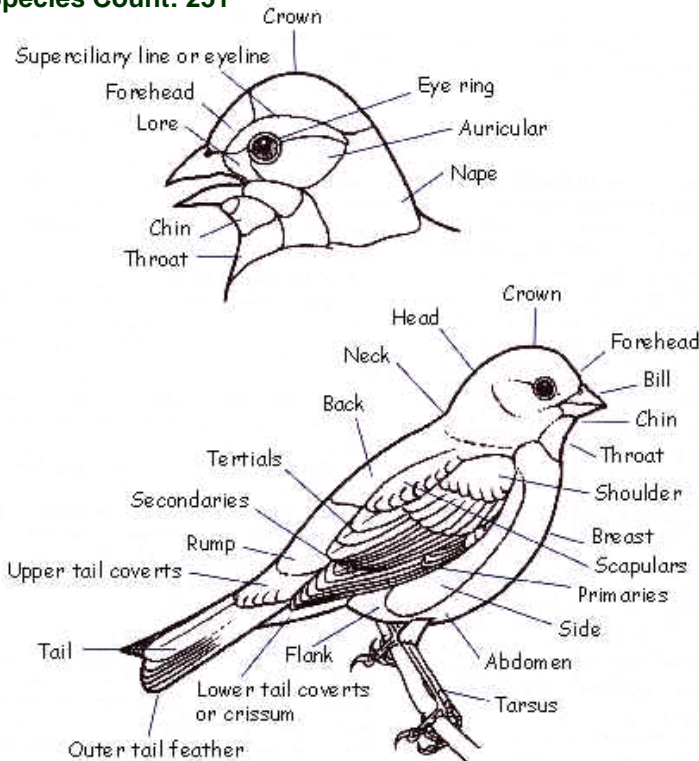
- Cockatiel
- Rose-Ringed Parakeet

Field Notes:

Field Sketches:



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Birding Basics

To begin birding, all you need are three items: Binoculars, a field guide and a blank notebook. Having a friend that has more experience in birding can also be helpful.

But just as important, you need patience. Birding can be a challenging activity because birds are naturally skittish. However, the rewards are well worth it; few other activities can bring such a sense of wonder, satisfaction, connecting with nature, as well as peaceful solitude -- in today's busy world.

Identification - The key to identifying a bird is being able to quickly notice distinguishing physical marks.

Basic bird parts - Birds come in an amazing variety of colors, shapes, and sizes, but they are all comprised of the same basic physical parts called topography. (Left diagram)

Know the terms - Try to familiarize yourself with these words, since the labels in this diagram which are used in the guides to describe each species. If you are seeking a specific bird, pay attention to any outstanding features you need to look out for.