

Bird Checklist

Giant Sequoia National Monument Sequoia National Forest



Giant Sequoia National Monument contains a great abundance and diversity of bird life. The wide range of elevation, from 2,000 feet to over 10,000 feet, creates a variety of habitats including chaparral, oak woodlands, coniferous forests and alpine. Of special interest are the bird species that nest in old growth forests, like California Spotted Owls, Northern Goshawks and Great Gray Owls.

The species list contains 185 bird species known to occur on or near monument and other casual and accidental species. For easy reference the main list is categorized by family.

The potential for sighting various birds may vary within a season, and is dependent upon many factors including species size, color, behavior, habitat preference, and relative abundance. The value assigned to each bird on this list represents the highest value generally occurring within that season.

Seasons

Sp - Spring - March through May
S - Summer - June through August
F - Fall - September through November
W - Winter - December through February

Habitat

H- hardwood forest
C- coniferous forest
W- in or near water
B- brush or scrub
O- openings or meadows
T- above timberline
R- riparian areas
D- disturbed sites

Relative Abundance

a - commonly observed, often in abundance, sighting potential good to excellent
c - commonly observed, sighting likelihood good
fc- fairly commonly observed, likelihood of sighting fair
u - uncommonly observed, sighting generally poor to fair
r - rarely observed, possible sightings very poor to poor

Additional Symbols

- Federally threatened or endangered species, ^- California threatened or endangered



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GREBES	HABITAT	Sp	S	F	W
___ Pied-billed Grebe	W	c	c	-	-
___ Eared Grebe	W	u	u	-	-
___ Western Grebe	W	u	u	-	-
BITTERNs, HERONS AND EGRETS	HABITAT	Sp	S	F	W
___ Great Blue Heron	W	c	c	u	u
___ Black-crowned Night-Heron	W	u	u	r	
SWANS, GEESE AND DUCKS	HABITAT	Sp	S	F	W
___ Wood Duck	W	u	u	u	r
___ Green-winged Teal	W	r			
___ Mallard	W	c	c	u	u
___ Northern Pintail	W	c			
___ American Wigeon	W	u			
___ Canvasback	W	u			
___ Ring-necked Duck	W	c			
___ Greater Scaup	W	o			
___ Lesser Scaup	W	c			
___ Common Merganser	W		r		
___ Ruddy Duck	W	c			
VULTURES	HABITAT	Sp	S	F	W
___ Turkey Vulture	O	c	c	u	u
___ California Condor # ^	O	r	r	r	
OSPREY, EAGLES AND HAWKS	HABITAT	Sp	S	F	W
___ Osprey	W	r			
___ Bald Eagle # ^	W	u	u	u	u
___ Northern Harrier	O	r	r	r	r
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	C	u	u	u	u
___ Cooper's Hawk	C	c	c		
___ Northern Goshawk	C	r	r	r	
___ Swainson's Hawk ^	O	u	u		
___ Red-shouldered Hawk	C/O	u	u		
___ Red-tailed Hawk	O	c	c	c	c
___ Rough-legged Hawk	O				r
___ Golden Eagle	O	r	r	r	r
FALCONS	HABITAT	Sp	S	F	W
___ American Kestrel	O	c	c	c	c
___ Merlin	O				r
___ Peregrine Falcon ^	O	r	r	r	r
___ Prairie Falcon	O	r			
PHEASANTS, GROUSE, QUAIL	HABITAT	Sp	S	F	W
___ Blue Grouse	O/C	c	c	c	c
___ California Quail	O/B	u	u	u	u
___ Mountain Quail	O/B	u	u	u	u
___ Wild Turkey	H/O	u	u	u	u

RAILS AND COOTS		HABITAT	Sp	S	F	W
___	American Coot	W	c	c	c	c
PLOVERS		HABITAT	Sp	S	F	W
___	Killdeer	O	c	c	c	
SANDPIPERS, PHALAROPES		HABITAT	Sp	S	F	W
___	Spotted Sandpiper	W/O		u		
GULLS AND TERNS		HABITAT	Sp	S	F	W
___	California Gull	W	u			
DOVES, PIGEONS		HABITAT	Sp	S	F	W
___	Mourning Dove	O	c	c	c	
___	Band-tailed Pigeon	H/C	c	c	c	
___	Rock Pigeon	D	u	u	u	u
BARN OWLS		HABITAT	Sp	S	F	W
___	Barn Owl	O	c	c	c	c
TYPICAL OWLS		HABITAT	Sp	S	F	W
___	Flammulated Owl	C	-	r	-	-
___	Western Screech-Owl	H	r	r	r	r
___	Great Horned Owl	H/C	c	c	c	c
___	Northern Pygmy-Owl	C	r	r	r	
___	Burrowing Owl	O/B	r	r	r	
___	California Spotted Owl	C	r	r	r	r
___	Great Gray Owl ^	O/C	r	r	r	r
___	Long-eared Owl	C/W	u	u		
___	Northern Saw-whet Owl	C	r	r	r	r
NIGHTHAWKS, POORWILLS		HABITAT	Sp	S	F	W
___	Common Nighthawk	O/W	u	c	c	
___	Common Poorwill	B	u	u	u	-
SWIFTS		HABITAT	Sp	S	F	W
___	Black Swift	O	u	u	u	-
___	Vaux's Swift	O	u	u	u	-
___	White-throated Swift	O		c		-
HUMMINGBIRDS		HABITAT	Sp	S	F	W
___	Black-chinned Hummingbird	O	u	u		
___	Anna's Hummingbird	O	c	c		
___	Calliope Hummingbird	O	c	c		
___	Rufous Hummingbird	O	c	a		
___	Allen's Hummingbird	O	u	o		

KINGFISHERS		HABITAT	Sp	S	F	W
___	Belted Kingfisher	W	u	u	u	u
WOODPECKERS		HABITAT	Sp	S	F	W
___	Lewis' Woodpecker	H/C	o	o	o	
___	Acorn Woodpecker	H/C	c	c	c	c
___	Williamson's Sapsucker	C	o	o	o	
___	Red-breasted Sapsucker	C	u	c	u	
___	Nuttall's Woodpecker	O/H	c	c		
___	Downy Woodpecker	H/C	u	u	u	u
___	Hairy Woodpecker	H/C	u	fc	u	u
___	White-headed Woodpecker	C	c	c		
___	Black-backed Woodpecker	C	o	o	o	
___	Northern Flicker	C	fc	fc	fc	
___	Pileated Woodpecker	C	u	u	u	u
FLYCATCHERS		HABITAT	Sp	S	F	W
___	Olive-sided Flycatcher	C/H		fc		-
___	Western Wood-Pewee	W/O	c	c	u	-
___	Black Phoebe	W/O	fc	fc		-
___	Say's Phoebe	O/B	u	-	u	-
___	Willow Flycatcher ^	R	r	r	r	-
___	Hammond's Flycatcher	C		fc		-
___	Dusky Flycatcher	B		fc		-
___	Ash-throated Flycatcher	O/B/H	c			-
___	Western Kingbird	O		fc		-
LARKS		HABITAT	Sp	S	F	W
___	Horned Lark	O	c			
SWALLOWS AND MARTINS		HABITAT	Sp	S	F	W
___	Purple Martin	O	r	r	r	-
___	Tree Swallow	O/W	o	o	o	-
___	Violet-green Swallow	O/W	c	c	c	-
___	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	O/W	u	u	u	-
___	Cliff Swallow	O		u		-
___	Barn Swallow	O		o		-
JAYS, RAVENS AND CROWS		HABITAT	Sp	S	F	W
___	Steller's Jay	C	c	u	c	u
___	Scrub Jay	B	c	c	c	c
___	Pinyon Jay	C	r	r	fc	r
___	Clark's Nutcracker	C/T		c		
___	American Crow	C/O	c	c	c	
___	Common Raven	C/O/T	u	u	u	u
CHICKADEES AND TITMICE		HABITAT	Sp	S	F	W
___	Mountain Chickadee	C	c	c	u	u
___	Oak Titmouse	B/H	c	c	c	c

BUSHTITS	HABITAT	Sp	S	F	W
___ Bushtit	B	c	c		
NUTHATCHES	HABITAT	Sp	S	F	W
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	C	c	c	c	u
___ White-breasted Nuthatch	C/H	u	c	u	u
___ Pygmy Nuthatch	C	u	u	u	u
CREEPERS	HABITAT	Sp	S	F	W
___ Brown Creeper	C	u	u	u	u
WRENS	HABITAT	Sp	S	F	W
___ Rock Wren	B	c	c	c	
___ Canyon Wren	B	u	u	u	u
___ Bewick's Wren	B	u	c	c	
___ House Wren	B	c	a	u	
___ Winter Wren	C	o	u	u	u
DIPPERS	HABITAT	Sp	S	F	W
___ American Dipper	W	c	c	c	
KINGLETS, BLUEBIRDS, THRUSHES	HABITAT	Sp	S	F	W
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	C	c	fc	c	u
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C/H	c	c	c	
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	H	u	u		-
___ Western Bluebird	O/B	c	c	u	c
___ Mountain Bluebird	C/O	fc	fc		
___ Townsend's Solitaire	C	fc	fc		
___ Swainson's Thrush	C		fc		
___ Hermit Thrush	C	u	c	u	u
___ American Robin	O/C/H	a	a	c	c
___ Varied Thrush	C		-	r	
___ Wrentit	B	c	u		
THRASHERS	HABITAT	Sp	S	F	W
___ Northern Mockingbird	H/B	u	u	u	u
___ California Thrasher	B	u	u	u	
PIPITS	HABITAT	Sp	S	F	W
___ American pipit	O				u
WAXWINGS	HABITAT	Sp	S	F	W
___ Cedar Waxwing	B/H			u	
SHRIKES	HABITAT	Sp	S	F	W
___ Loggerhead Shrike	B/H/C			u	u

STARLINGS	HABITAT	Sp	S	F	W
___ European Starling	D	c	c	c	c

VIREOS	HABITAT	Sp	S	F	W
___ Cassin's Vireo	H/C	u	u		-
___ Hutton's Vireo	H/C			u	
___ Warbling Vireo	C	c	c	c	-

WARBLERS	HABITAT	Sp	S	F	W
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	B	u	u		
___ Nashville Warbler	C/H	c	c		-
___ Yellow Warbler	C/H	u	c	u	-
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	C	c	c	c	c
___ Black-throated Gray Warbler	C/H		u		-
___ Townsend Warbler	C		u		-
___ Hermit Warbler	C		u		-
___ MacGillivray's Warbler	C/B	fc	c	u	-
___ Wilson's Warbler	B	c	c	u	-
___ Yellow-breasted Chat	B	u	u	-	-

TANAGERS	HABITAT	Sp	S	F	W
___ Western Tanager	C/H	fc	c	fc	-

TOWHEES AND SPARROWS	HABITAT	Sp	S	F	W
___ Green-tailed Towhee	B/C		c		
___ Spotted Towhee	B	fc	fc		
___ California Towhee	B	fc	fc	fc	
___ Rufous-crowned Sparrow	B		fc		
___ Chipping Sparrow	C/H	c	c		
___ Vesper Sparrow	O	u	u	u	-
___ Lark Sparrow	O	u	u	u	-
___ Sage Sparrow	B		u	-	-
___ Fox Sparrow	C/B	u	c	u	
___ Song Sparrow	B	c	c		
___ Lincoln's Sparrow	C/O	u	fc		
___ Golden-crowned Sparrow	B			c	u
___ White-crowned Sparrow	O/B	fc	c		
___ Black-chinned Sparrow	B	r			
___ Dark-eyed Junco	C	c	a	c	c

GROSBEAKS AND BUNTINGS	HABITAT	Sp	S	F	W
___ Black-headed Grosbeak	H	c	c	u	-
___ Lazuli Bunting	B	u	u	u	-

BLACKBIRDS AND ORIOLES	HABITAT	Sp	S	F	W
___ Red-winged Blackbird	W/O		c		
___ Western Meadowlark	O	c	c	c	c
___ Yellow-headed Blackbird	O	o	o		
___ Brewer's Blackbird	O	fc	c	fc	
___ Brown-headed Cowbird	O		c		
___ Bullock's Oriole	H/O		c		-
___ Hooded Oriole	H/B	o		o	-

FINCHES, CROSSBILLS AND SISKINS	HABITAT	Sp	S	F	W
___ Rosy Finch (Gray-crowned)	T		o		-
___ Purple Finch	C/H	u	u	u	u
___ Cassin's Finch	C		c		
___ House Finch	B/O	c	c	c	c
___ Red Crossbill	C			o	
___ Pine Siskin	C		c		
___ Lesser Goldfinch	B		c		
___ Lawrence's Goldfinch	B	u	u		
___ Evening Grosbeak	C	o	u		

WEAVER FINCHES	HABITAT	Sp	S	F	W
___ House Sparrow	D	c	c	c	c

CASUAL SPECIES - Species that occur irregularly on or near the monument in small numbers not far outside their normal range or migratory route

Red Phalarope	Phainopepla	Black-throated Sparrow
White-tailed kite	Summer Tanager	American Goldfinch
Barred Owl	Greater Roadrunner	Pine Grosbeak
Short-eared Owl	Common Yellowthroat	White Pelican
Black-tailed Gnatcatcher	Savannah Sparrow	Great Egret

ACCIDENTAL SPECIES - Species far outside their normal range that have occurred not more than a few times on or near the monument

Western Gull	Red-naped Sapsucker
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	Pacific-slope Flycatcher
Crissal Thrasher	

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