

# Birds at Big Morongo Canyon Preserve and adjacent Covington Park

Status is listed herein for each of the 246 species recorded in Morongo Valley, San Bernardino County, California.

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## Checklist of Birds

The first letter reflects abundance

### FREQUENCY OF OBSERVATIONS

- C Common - encountered under appropriate conditions
- F Fairly Common - encountered under appropriate conditions in fewer numbers
- U Uncommon - small numbers encountered under appropriate conditions
- R Rare - few individuals encountered; of regular or near regular occurrence
- X Extremely Rare - exceedingly few individuals encountered

The second letter shows season

### NORMAL SEASONAL OCCURRENCE

- y year round resident
- s summer visitant
- w winter visitant
- t spring and/or fall transient

### NESTING STATUS

- \* Known to nest in area

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## Bitterns & Herons

- American Bittern .....Xt
- Great Blue Heron .....Rt
- Great Egret .....Xt
- Snowy Egret .....Xt
- Green Heron .....Rt
- Black-crowned Night-Heron .....Xt

## New World Vultures

Turkey Vulture .....Ct

## Kites, Eagles, and Hawks

White-tailed Kite .....Xt

Northern Harrier .....Uw

Sharp-shinned Hawk .....Uw

Cooper's Hawk .....Fy\*

Red-shouldered Hawk .....Uy

Broad-winged Hawk .....Xt

Swainson's Hawk .....Rt

Zone-tailed Hawk .....Xt

Red-tailed Hawk .....Uy\*

Ferruginous Hawk .....Xw

Golden Eagle .....Ry\*

## Falcons

American Kestrel .....Fy\*

Merlin .....Xw

Prairie Falcon .....Ry\*

## New World Quail

Gambel's Quail .....Cy\*

Mountain Quail .....Uy\*

## Rails

Black Rail .....Xt

Virginia Rail .....Fy\*

Sora .....Rw

## Plovers

Killdeer .....Ut

## Sandpipers

Spotted Sandpiper .....Rt

Common Snipe .....Uw

## Gulls

Ring-billed Gull .....Xt

California Gull .....Xt

## Pigeons and Doves

Band-tailed Pigeon .....Xs

White-winged Dove .....Rs, Xw

Mourning Dove .....Cy\*

Common Ground Dove .....Rt

### Cuckoos

Yellow-billed Cuckoo .....Xt  
Greater Roadrunner .....Fy\*

### Owls

Barn Owl .....Uy\*  
Western Screech Owl .....Ry  
Great Horned Owl .....Uy\*  
Long-eared Owl .....Rs\*

### Nightjars

Lesser Nighthawk .....Us\*  
Common Poorwill .....Us\*

### Swifts

Vaux's Swift .....Ut  
White-throated Swift .....Uy

### Hummingbirds

Black-chinned Hummingbird .....Cs\*  
Anna's Hummingbird .....Cy\*  
Costa's Hummingbird .....Fs\*, Rw  
Calliope Hummingbird .....Xt  
Rufous Hummingbird .....Ut  
Allen's Hummingbird .....Rt

### Kingfishers

Belted Kingfisher .....Rt

### Woodpeckers

Lewis's Woodpecker .....Rw  
Acorn Woodpecker .....Xt  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker .....Xt, Xw  
Red-naped Sapsucker .....Uw  
Red-breasted Sapsucker .....Uw  
Williamson's Sapsucker .....Xt  
Ladder-backed Woodpecker .....Fy\*  
Nuttall's Woodpecker .....Fy\*  
Hairy Woodpecker .....Xw  
Gilded Flicker .....Rt

### Northern Flicker

Yellow-shafted Flicker .....Xt  
Red-shafted Flicker .....Ft\*

## Flycatchers

Olive-sided Flycatcher .....	Ut
Western Wood-Pewee .....	Ct
Willow Flycatcher .....	Ct, Rs*
Least Flycatcher .....	Xt
Hammond's Flycatcher .....	Ct, Xw
Dusky Flycatcher .....	Ut
Gray Flycatcher .....	Ut, Xw
Pacific-slope Flycatcher .....	Ct, Xw
Black Phoebe .....	Fy*
Eastern Phoebe .....	Xt
Say's Phoebe .....	Uy*
Vermilion Flycatcher .....	Us*, Rw
Ash-throated Flycatcher .....	Fs*
Brown-crested Flycatcher .....	Us*
Cassin's Kingbird .....	Uy*
Western Kingbird .....	Cs*
Eastern Kingbird .....	Xt
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher .....	Xt

## Larks

Horned Lark .....	Rt
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## Swallows

Tree Swallow .....	Ft
Violet-green Swallow .....	Ut
Northern Rough-winged Swallow .....	Ft
Bank Swallow .....	Rt
Cliff Swallow .....	Ft
Barn Swallow .....	Ft

## Jays & Crows

Steller's Jay .....	Xt, Xw
Scrub Jay .....	Fy*
Pinyon Jay .....	Xt
Clark's Nutcracker .....	Xw
American Crow .....	Rt, Xw
Common Raven .....	Fy*

## Chickadees & Titmice

Mountain Chickadee .....	Uw, Xs
Oak Titmouse .....	Fy*

## Verdins

Verdin .....	Cy*
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## Bushtits

Bushtit .....Cy\*

## Nuthatches

Red-breasted Nuthatch .....Ta, Xs

White-breasted Nuthatch .....Rt, Rw

Pygmy Nuthatch .....Xt

## Creepers

Brown Creeper.....Rw

## Wrens

Cactus Wren .....Cy\*

Rock Wren .....Uy\*

Canyon Wren .....Uy\*

Bewick's Wren .....Cy\*

House Wren .....Cs\*, Uw

Winter Wren .....Xw

Marsh Wren .....Uy\*

## Kinglets

Golden-crowned Kinglet .....Rw

Ruby-crowned Kinglet .....Ct, C

## Gnatcatchers

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher .....Uy\*

Black-tailed Gnatcatcher .....Uy\*

## Thrushes

Western Bluebird .....Cw

Mountain Bluebird .....Rw

Townsend's Solitaire .....Rt, Rw

Swainson's Thrush .....Ft, Us\*

Hermit Thrush .....Ut, Uw

American Robin .....Cw

Varied Thrush.....Xt

## Wrentits

Wrentit .....Xw

## Thrashers

Northern Mockingbird .....Cy\*

Sage Thrasher .....Rt

Brown Thrasher .....Xt, Xw

Bendire's Thrasher .....Xt

California Thrasher .....Cy\*

Crissal Thrasher .....Xw  
Le Conte's Thrasher .....Xt

### Pipits

American Pipit .....Uw

### Waxwings

Cedar Waxwing .....Ft

### Silky Flycatchers

Phainopepla .....Fy\*

### Shrikes

Loggerhead Shrike .....Fy\*

### Vireos

Bell's Vireo .....Xt

Cassin's Vireo .....Ft

Plumbeous Vireo .....Ut

Blue-headed Vireo .....Xt

Yellow-throated Vireo .....Xt

Hutton's Vireo .....Xt

Warbling Vireo .....Ct

Philadelphia Vireo .....Xt

Red-eyed Vireo .....Xt

### American Wood-Warblers

Blue-winged Warbler ..... Xt

Golden-winged Warbler .....Xt

Tennessee Warbler .....Xt

Orange-crowned Warbler .....Ct, Rw, Xs

Nashville Warbler .....Ft

Virginia's Warbler .....Xt

Lucy's Warbler .....Rs\*

Northern Parula .....Xt

Yellow Warbler .....Cs\*

Chestnut-sided Warbler .....Xt

Cape May Warbler .....Xt

Black-throated Blue Warbler .....Xt, Xw

Yellow-rumped Warbler .....Cw

Audubon's Warbler .....Cw

Myrtle Warbler .....Uw

Black-throated Gray Warbler .....Ft, Xw

Townsend's Warbler .....Ut

Hermit Warbler .....Rt

Black-throated Green Warbler .....Xt

Blackburnian Warbler .....Xt  
 Yellow-throated Warbler .....Xt  
 Palm Warbler .....Xt  
 Bay-breasted Warbler .....Xt  
 Blackpoll Warbler .....Xt  
 Black-&-White Warbler .....Rt, Xw  
 American Redstart .....Rt  
 Prothonotary Warbler .....Xt  
 Worm-eating Warbler .....Xt  
 Ovenbird .....Xt, Xw  
 Northern Waterthrush .....Rt  
 Kentucky Warbler .....Xt  
 MacGillivray's Warbler .....Ft  
 Common Yellowthroat .....Fy\*  
 Hooded Warbler .....Xt  
 Wilson's Warbler .....Ct, Xs  
 Canada Warbler .....Xt  
 Red-faced Warbler .....Xt  
 Painted Redstart .....Xt  
 Yellow-breasted Chat .....Fs\*

#### Tanagers

Hepatic Tanager .....Xt  
 Summer Tanager .....Fs\*  
 Scarlet Tanager .....Xt  
 Western Tanager .....Ut

#### Grosbeaks, Buntings & Sparrows

Rose-breasted Grosbeak .....Xt  
 Black-headed Grosbeak .....Ft  
 Blue Grosbeak .....Fs\*  
 Lazuli Bunting .....Fs\*  
 Indigo Bunting .....Rs\*  
 Green-tailed Towhee .....Rt, Xw  
 Spotted Towhee .....Fy\*  
 California Towhee .....Fy\*  
 Rufous-crowned Sparrow .....Ry  
 Chipping Sparrow .....Ut, Rw  
 Clay-colored Sparrow .....Xt  
 Brewer's Sparrow .....Uw  
 Black-chinned Sparrow .....Us\*  
 Vesper Sparrow .....Ut, Rw  
 Lark Sparrow .....Uy\*  
 Black-throated Sparrow .....Cy\*  
 Sage Sparrow .....Rw  
 Lark Bunting .....Xt

Savannah Sparrow .....Fw  
 Grasshopper Sparrow .....Xt  
 Fox Sparrow .....Uw  
 Song Sparrow .....Cy\*  
 Lincoln's Sparrow .....Fw  
 Swamp Sparrow .....Fw  
 White-throated Sparrow .....Xw  
 Golden-crowned Sparrow .....Fw  
 White-crowned Sparrow .....Cw  
 Harris' Sparrow .....Xw  
 Dark Eyed Junco .....Fw  
     Oregon Junco  
     Gray-headed Junco  
     Slate-colored Junco  
     Pink-sided Junco

### Blackbirds & Orioles

Bobolink .....Xt  
 Red-winged Blackbird .....Uy  
 Western Meadowlark .....Uy  
 Yellow-headed Blackbird .....Rt  
 Rusty Blackbird .....Xt  
 Brewer's Blackbird .....Cy\*  
 Great-tailed Grackle .....Xt  
 Common Grackle .....Xt  
 Bronzed Cowbird .....Xt  
 Brown-headed Cowbird .....Cs\*, Rw  
 Orchard Oriole ..... Xt  
 Hooded Oriole .....Us\*  
 Baltimore Oriole .....Xt  
 Bullock's Oriole .....Fs\*  
 Scott's Oriole .....Us\*, Rw

### Finches

Purple Finch ..... Ut  
 Cassin's Finch .....Rw  
 House Finch .....Cy\*  
 Red Crossbill .....Xwt  
 Pine Siskin .....Fw  
 Lesser Goldfinch .....Cy\*  
 Lawrence's Goldfinch .....Fs\*  
 American Goldfinch .....Uw  
 Evening Grosbeak .....Xt



**Non-Native Species**

Feral Pigeon (Rock Dove) .....Cy\*  
Spotted Dove .....Uy  
European Starling .....Cy\*  
House Sparrow .....Cy\*

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