

Birds of the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area

The San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area (NCA) includes over 56,000 acres in Cochise County, Arizona. Extending approximately 40 miles northward from the Mexican border to a few miles south of St. David, the NCA represents the most extensive, healthy riparian ecosystem remaining in the desert Southwest. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) manages the area to protect and enhance the existing riparian habitat and wildlife communities, as well as provide for recreational use, cultural interpretation, and educational opportunities.

The NCA is home to over 100 species of breeding birds and provides invaluable habitat for another 250 species of migrant and wintering birds. Located between the Huachuca and Mule mountains, and adjacent to Mexico, the NCA attracts a myriad of bird species from a wide variety of vegetative life-zones.

The NCA's importance was officially recognized in 1997 when the American Bird Conservancy named it as the first Globally Important Bird Area in North America. In 2013, Audubon also listed the NCA as a Globally Important Bird Area. The Nature Conservancy includes the San Pedro as one of its *Last Great Places*.

Concerns have increased over population declines of migrant bird species which breed in North America and winter south of the United States (Neotropical Migratory Birds). The BLM recognized this problem and has prepared management plans to monitor and enhance populations of bird species which utilize BLM public lands throughout North America.

This checklist, which documents over 370 bird species, has been compiled from historical avian records within the Upper San Pedro River Valley and from biological inventories within the NCA. This checklist will be periodically updated, so notification of interesting sightings would be greatly appreciated. Please report them to:

Bureau of Land Management
San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area
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Sierra Vista, AZ 85635
520-439-6400

ABUNDANCE

- C Common
- U Uncommon
- R Rare
- Ca Casual
- I Irregular

RESIDENCY

- P Permanent
- S Summer Resident
- W Winter Resident
- T Transient or migrant
- * Accidental or historical record and not expected again
- # Neotropical Migratory Bird Species



SWANS, GEESE and DUCKS		FRIGATEBIRDS	
__ Black-bellied Whistling Duck	U S #	__ Magnificent Frigatebird	T *
__ Tundra Swan	R T	PELICANS and CORMORANTS	
__ Greater White-fronted Goose	R W	__ Olivaceous Cormorant	R T
__ Snow Goose	R W	__ Double-crested Cormorant	U S T #
__ Ross' Goose	R W	__ American White Pelican	Ca T #
__ Canada Goose	R W	__ Brown Pelican	Ca T
__ Wood Duck	R W	BITTERNs and HERONS	
__ Gadwall	U W #	__ American Bittern	R T #
__ American Wigeon	U W #	__ Least Bittern	T R #
__ Mallard	C P #	__ Great Blue Heron	C P
__ Blue-winged Teal	U T R W #	__ Great Egret	R T #
__ Cinnamon Teal	U W T #	__ Snowy Egret	U T #
__ Northern Shoveler	C W	__ Little Blue Heron	Ca T
__ Northern Pintail	U W #	__ Tricolored Heron	Ca T
__ Garganey	T *	__ Cattle Egret	U T #
__ Green-winged Teal	U W #	__ Green Heron	R P #
__ Canvasback	U T R W #	__ Black-crowned Night-Heron	R P #
__ Redhead	U T R W #	IBISES and ALLIES	
__ Ring-necked Duck	U T U W #	__ White-faced Ibis	U T #
__ Greater Scaup	Ca T	__ Wood Stork	Ca T
__ Lesser Scaup	U W	RAPTORS	
__ Surf Scoter	R T	__ Turkey Vulture	C S #
__ Common Goldeneye	R W	__ Osprey	R T #
__ Bufflehead	U W #	__ White-tailed Kite	R T
__ Hooded Merganser	R T	__ Mississippi Kite	R T #
__ Common Merganser	U T	__ Bald Eagle	R W
__ Red-breasted Merganser	R T	__ Northern Harrier	C W #
__ Ruddy Duck	U W #	__ Sharp-shinned Hawk	U W #
QUAIL and ALLIES		__ Cooper's Hawk	C P #
__ Scaled Quail	C P	__ Northern Goshawk	R T
__ Gambel's Quail	C P	__ Common Black-Hawk	U T #
__ Montezuma Quail	Ca T	__ Great Black Hawk	T *
__ Wild Turkey	R T	__ Harris's Hawk	U P
LOONS and GREBES		__ Gray Hawk	C S #
__ Pacific Loon	T *	__ Broad-winged Hawk	Ca T #
__ Common Loon	Ca T	__ Swainson's Hawk	C S #
__ Least Grebe	T *	__ Zone-tailed Hawk	U T #
__ Pied-billed Grebe	U W T #	__ Red-tailed Hawk	C P
__ Eared Grebe	U W #	__ Ferruginous Hawk	U W
__ Western Grebe	R T #	__ Rough-legged Hawk	R W
__ Clark's Grebe	R T #	__ Golden Eagle	U T

RAILS and ALLIES		PIGEONS and DOVES	
— Black Rail	T *	— Rock Dove	C P
— Virginia Rail	U W #	— Eurasian Collared-Dove	U P
— Sora	U W #	— Band-tailed Pigeon	Ca T
— Purple Gallinule	Ca T #	— White-winged Dove	C S R W #
— Common Moorhen	U P	— Mourning Dove	C P #
— American Coot	U P	— Inca Dove	U P
— Sandhill Crane	R T	— Common Ground-Dove	U P
		— Ruddy Ground-Dove	Ca T
SHOREBIRDS		CUCKOOS and ALLIES	
— Black-bellied Plover	Ca T #	— Yellow-billed Cuckoo	U S #
— Snowy Plover	Ca T #	— Greater Roadrunner	C P
— Semipalmated Plover	U T #	— Groove-billed Ani	Ca T
— Killdeer	C P		
— Black-necked Stilt	U T #	OWLS	
— American Avocet	U T #	— Barn Owl	U P
— Spotted Sandpiper	U T #	— Flammulated Owl	T * #
— Solitary Sandpiper	U T #	— Western Screech-Owl	C P
— Greater Yellowlegs	U T #	— Great Horned Owl	C P
— Willet	U T #	— Elf Owl	U S T #
— Lesser Yellowlegs	U T #	— Burrowing Owl	R P #
— Whimbrel	R T #	— Long-eared Owl	U T
— Long-billed Curlew	U T #	— Short-eared Owl	R T #
— Marbled Godwit	U T #		
— Ruddy Turnstone	Ca T #	GOATSUCKERS or NIGHTJARS	
— Sanderling	U T #	— Lesser Nighthawk	C S #
— Semipalmated Sandpiper	R T #	— Common Nighthawk	U S #
— Western Sandpiper	U T #	— Common Poorwill	C S #
— Least Sandpiper	C T U W #	— Mexican Whip-poor-will	R T #
— Baird's Sandpiper	U T #		
— Pectoral Sandpiper	U T #	SWIFTS	
— Dunlin	Ca T #	— Black Swift	T * #
— Stilt Sandpiper	U T #	— Chimney Swift	Ca T #
— Short-billed Dowitcher	R T #	— Vaux's Swift	U T #
— Long-billed Dowitcher	U T #	— White-throated Swift	U P #
— Common Snipe	C W #		
— Wilson's Phalarope	C T #	HUMMINGBIRDS	
— Red-necked Phalarope	U T #	— Magnificent Hummingbird	Ca T #
— Red Phalarope	Ca T #	— Plain-capped Starthroat	T *
		— Blue-throated Hummingbird	Ca T #
GULLS and TERNS		— Lucifer Hummingbird	Ca T #
— Black-legged Kittiwake	Ca T	— Black-chinned Hummingbird	C S #
— Sabine's Gull	Ca T	— Anna's Hummingbird	U P
— Bonaparte's Gull	R T #	— Costa's Hummingbird	R T #
— Franklin's Gull	R T #	— Broad-tailed Hummingbird	U T #
— Heermann's Gull	R T	— Rufous Hummingbird	C T #
— Ring-billed Gull	U T #	— Allen's Hummingbird	R T #
— California Gull	R T	— Calliope Hummingbird	U T #
— Herring Gull	R T #	— Broad-billed Hummingbird	U T #
— Least Tern	T *	— Violet-crowned Hummingbird	Ca T #
— Black Tern	C T #		
— Common Tern	R T #	TROGONS and KINGFISHERS	
— Forster's Tern	U T #	— Elegant Trogon	Ca T #
— Long-tailed Jaeger	T *	— Belted Kingfisher	C W #
		— Green Kingfisher	U P

GNATCATCHERS and KINGLETS				
— Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	U T #		— Hooded Warbler	R T #
— Black-tailed Gnatcatcher	U T		— American Redstart	R T #
— Golden-crowned Kinglet	RW		— Cape May Warbler	Ca T #
— Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C W #		— Northern Parula	R T #
THRUSHES			— Yellow Warbler	C S #
— Eastern Bluebird	I W		— Magnolia Warbler	Ca T #
— Western Bluebird	U W #		— Chestnut-sided Warbler	R T #
— Mountain Bluebird	U W #		— Palm Warbler	Ca T #
— Townsend's Solitaire	R W #		— Pine Warbler	
— Veery	Ca T #		— Yellow-rumped Warbler	U W #
— Swainson's Thrush	R W #		— Grace's Warbler	R T #
— Hermit Thrush	U W #		— Black-throated Gray Warbler	C T #
— Rufous-backed Robin	R T		— Townsend's Warbler	U T #
— American Robin	I W		— Hermit Warbler	U T #
— Varied Thrush	Ca T		— Black-throated Green Warbler	Ca T #
MOCKINGBIRDS and THRASHERS			— Wilson's Warbler	C T #
— Gray Catbird	R T #		— Red-faced Warbler	R T #
— Northern Mockingbird	C P		— Painted Redstart	U T #
— Sage Thrasher	U W #		— Yellow-breasted Chat	C S #
— Brown Thrasher	R T #		NEW WORLD SPARROWS and ALLIES	
— Bendire's Thrasher	U P #		— Rufous-crowned Sparrow	U P
— Curve-billed Thrasher	C P		— Green-tailed Towhee	C W #
— Crissal Thrasher	C P		— Spotted Towhee	I W
STARLINGS			— Canyon Towhee	C P
— European Starling	C P		— Abert's Towhee	C P
PIPITS and WAXWINGS			— Rufous-winged Sparrow	R T
— American Pipit	U W #		— Botteri's Sparrow	C S #
— Sprague's Pipit	Ca W #		— Cassin's Sparrow	C S #
— Cedar Waxwing	U T #		— Chipping Sparrow	C W #
— Bohemian Waxwing	T *		— Clay-colored Sparrow	R T #
SILKY FLYCATCHERS			— Brewer's Sparrow	C W #
— Phainopepla	U P *		— Black-chinned Sparrow	R T #
LONGSPURS			— Vesper Sparrow	C W #
— Chestnut-collared Longspur	U W #		LARK SPARROW	
— McCown's Longspur	U W #		— Black-throated Sparrow	C P
WOOD WARBLERS			— Sage Sparrow	U W #
— Ovenbird	Ca T #		— Lark Bunting	C T U W #
— Worm-eating Warbler	Ca T #		— Savannah Sparrow	C W #
— Louisiana Waterthrush	R T #		— Grasshopper Sparrow	U W #
— Northern Waterthrush	U T #		— Baird's Sparrow	R W #
— Golden-winged Warbler	Ca T #		— Fox Sparrow	R W
— Black and white Warbler	R T #		— Song Sparrow	C P
— Prothonotary Warbler	Ca T #		— Lincoln's Sparrow	C W #
— Orange-crowned Warbler	C T #		— Swamp Sparrow	R W
— Lucy's Warbler	C S #		— White-throated Sparrow	R W
— Nashville Warbler	C T #		— Harris's Sparrow	R W
— Virginia's Warbler	U T #		— White-crowned Sparrow	C W #
— MacGillivray's Warbler	C T #		— Golden-crowned Sparrow	R W
— Mourning Warbler	T * #		— Dark-eyed Junco	I W
— Kentucky Warbler	Ca T #		— Yellow-eyed Junco	Ca T
			TANAGERS	
			— Hepatic Tanager	R T #
			— Summer Tanager	C S #
			— Scarlet Tanager	Ca T #
			— Western Tanager	C T #

CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS and ALLIES

— Northern Cardinal	C P
— Pyrrhuloxia	C P
— Yellow Grosbeak	T *
— Rose-breasted Grosbeak	R T #
— Black-headed Grosbeak	C T #
— Blue Grosbeak	C S #
— Lazuli Bunting	C T I S #
— Indigo Bunting	U S #
— Varied Bunting	U S #
— Painted Bunting	R T #
— Dickcissel	R T #

BLACKBIRDS and ALLIES

— Bobolink	R T #
— Red-winged Blackbird	C P #
— Eastern Meadowlark	C P
— Western Meadowlark	C W
— Yellow-headed Blackbird	C W #
— Rusty Blackbird	R T #
— Brewer's Blackbird	C W #
— Common Grackle	T *
— Great-tailed Grackle	C P
— Bronzed Cowbird	U S R W #
— Brown-headed Cowbird	C P #
— Orchard Oriole	R T #
— Hooded Oriole	C S #
— Bullock's Oriole	C S #
— Baltimore Oriole	T * #
— Scott's Oriole	U S #

FINCHES and ALLIES

— Purple Finch	R W
— Cassin's Finch	R W #
— House Finch	C P
— Red Crossbill	R T
— Pine Siskin	C W #
— Lesser Goldfinch	C P
— Lawrence's Goldfinch	I W
— American Goldfinch	U W

OLD WORLD FINCHES

— House Sparrow	C P
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