

# CALIFORNIA DESERT CHECKLIST OF BIRDS

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| <u>Abundance Code</u> | <u>Season Code</u>           |
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| <u>A</u> bundant      | <u>w</u> inter               |
| <u>C</u> ommon        | <u>m</u> igrant              |
| <u>U</u> ncommon      | <u>s</u> pring-summer        |
| <u>R</u> are          | <u>y</u> ear-round resident  |
| <u>O</u> ccasional    | <u>l</u> ocalized occurrence |

Excluding Salton Sea and  
adjacent agricultural lands.

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Observers \_\_\_\_\_

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## GREBES

\_\_ Pied-billed grebe AwCsl  
\_\_ Horned grebe Rwl  
\_\_ Eared grebe AwCsl  
\_\_ Western grebe Cyl  
\_\_ Clark's grebe Cyl

## PELICANS AND ALLIES

\_\_ American white pelican UmCsl  
\_\_ Blue-footed booby Om  
\_\_ Double-crested cormorant Cy

## HERONS, EGRETS, AND BITTERNS

\_\_ American bittern UmRy  
\_\_ Least bittern Rs  
\_\_ Great blue heron UmRy  
\_\_ Great egret UmRy  
\_\_ Snowy egret CwRs  
\_\_ Cattle egret Cw  
\_\_ Green heron CmUsRw  
\_\_ Black-crowned night-heron UmRy

## IBISES

\_\_ White-faced ibis UmRs

## SWANS, GEESE, AND DUCKS

\_\_ Tundra swan Rw  
\_\_ Greater white-fronted goose CmRw  
\_\_ Snow goose Rw  
\_\_ Canada goose AwCmOs  
\_\_ Wood duck RwOs  
\_\_ Green-winged teal AwCmRs  
\_\_ Mallard CwUs  
\_\_ Northern pintail AwUs  
\_\_ Blue-winged teal UmRs  
\_\_ Cinnamon teal AmCsUw  
\_\_ Northern shoveler AwUmRs  
\_\_ Gadwall CwUs  
\_\_ Eurasian wigeon Rw  
\_\_ American wigeon AwRs  
\_\_ Canvasback CwUmOs  
\_\_ Redhead UwRs  
\_\_ Ring-necked duck CwRmOs  
\_\_ Greater scaup Ow  
\_\_ Lesser scaup AwCmRs  
\_\_ White-winged scoter Rw  
\_\_ Common goldeneye Rw  
\_\_ Barrow's goldeneye Rw  
\_\_ Bufflehead CwRs  
\_\_ Hooded merganser Rw  
\_\_ Red-breasted merganser UmOy  
\_\_ Ruddy duck AwCs

## VULTURES

\_\_ Turkey vulture CmUy

## HAWKS, KITES, AND EAGLES

\_\_ Osprey Rm  
\_\_ White-tailed kite Rw  
\_\_ Bald eagle Om  
\_\_ Northern harrier CwRy  
\_\_ Sharp-shinned hawk Cw  
\_\_ Cooper's hawk CmUy  
\_\_ Northern goshawk Ow  
\_\_ Red-shouldered hawk Ow  
\_\_ Broad-winged hawk Om  
\_\_ Swainson's hawk Om  
\_\_ Zone-tailed hawk Om  
\_\_ Red-tailed hawk Cy  
\_\_ Ferruginous hawk Rw  
\_\_ Golden eagle Uy

## FALCONS

\_\_ American kestrel Ay  
\_\_ Merlin Rm  
\_\_ Peregrine falcon Rm  
\_\_ Prairie falcon Uy

## PHEASANTS AND QUAIL

\_\_ Chukar Uy  
\_\_ Gambel's quail Cy  
\_\_ California quail Uy  
\_\_ Mountain quail Uyl

## RAILS AND GALLINULES

\_\_ Black rail Rsl  
\_\_ Clapper rail Rsl  
\_\_ Virginia rail Rsl  
\_\_ Sora RslCm  
\_\_ Common moorhen RslUm  
\_\_ American coot Cy

## PLOVERS, SANDPIPERS, AND ALLIES

\_\_ Black-bellied plover Rm  
\_\_ Snowy plover Rsl  
\_\_ Semipalmated plover Rm  
\_\_ Killdeer Uy  
\_\_ Black-necked stilt Cm  
\_\_ American avocet CmOw  
\_\_ Greater yellowlegs CmRs  
\_\_ Lesser yellowlegs Um  
\_\_ Solitary sandpiper Um  
\_\_ Willet Um  
\_\_ Spotted sandpiper Cm  
\_\_ Whimbrel Rm  
\_\_ Long-billed curlew Rm  
\_\_ Marbled godwit Rm  
\_\_ Sanderling Om  
\_\_ Semipalmated sandpiper Om  
\_\_ Western sandpiper AmOw  
\_\_ Least sandpiper AmCw

\_\_ Baird's sandpiper Cm  
\_\_ Pectoral sandpiper Rm  
\_\_ Dunlin UmRw  
\_\_ Short-billed dowitcher Um  
\_\_ Long-billed dowitcher UmRw  
\_\_ Common snipe CmRw  
\_\_ Wilson's phalarope Am  
\_\_ Red-necked phalarope Am

## GULLS, TERNS, AND ALLIES

\_\_ Franklin's gull Rm  
\_\_ Bonaparte's gull Cm  
\_\_ Ring-billed gull CmUw  
\_\_ California gull CmUsw  
\_\_ Caspian tern UmRs  
\_\_ Common tern Rm  
\_\_ Forster's tern UsRm  
\_\_ Black tern Um

## PIGEONS AND DOVES

\_\_ Rock dove Cy  
\_\_ Band-tailed pigeon Om  
\_\_ White-winged dove Us  
\_\_ Mourning dove Ay

## CUCKOOS AND ALLIES

\_\_ Greater roadrunner Cy

## OWLS

\_\_ Barn owl Ay  
\_\_ Western screech-owl Cy  
\_\_ Great horned owl Ay  
\_\_ Elf owl Rsl  
\_\_ Burrowing owl Uy  
\_\_ Long-eared owl Uyl  
\_\_ Short-eared owl Rw

## NIGHTJARS

\_\_ Lesser nighthawk Us  
\_\_ Common poorwill AsCmRw

## SWIFTS

\_\_ Vaux's swift CmRw  
\_\_ White-throated swift Cy

## HUMMINGBIRDS

\_\_ Black-chinned hummingbird AsRw  
\_\_ Anna's hummingbird CwUmRs  
\_\_ Costa's hummingbird AmRsw  
\_\_ Calliope hummingbird Om  
\_\_ Broad-tailed hummingbird Rsl  
\_\_ Rufous hummingbird Rm

## KINGFISHERS

\_\_ Belted kingfisher Umw

## WOODPECKERS

\_\_ Lewis' woodpecker CwOs  
\_\_ Acorn woodpecker Om  
\_\_ Gila woodpecker Ryl  
\_\_ Yellow-bellied sapsucker Uw  
\_\_ Red-breasted sapsucker Rw  
\_\_ Williamson's sapsucker Ow  
\_\_ Ladder-backed woodpecker Cy  
\_\_ Nuttall's woodpecker Ry  
\_\_ Downy woodpecker Ow  
\_\_ Hairy woodpecker Ow  
\_\_ White-headed Woodpecker Ow  
\_\_ Northern flicker AwRs

## TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

\_\_ Olive-sided flycatcher Rm  
\_\_ Western wood-pewee Cm  
\_\_ Willow flycatcher Cm  
\_\_ Least flycatcher Ow  
\_\_ Hammond's flycatcher Um  
\_\_ Dusky flycatcher Om  
\_\_ Gray flycatcher RmOw  
\_\_ Pacific-slope flycatcher Cm  
\_\_ Black phoebe Uy  
\_\_ Say's phoebe Cy  
\_\_ Vermilion flycatcher Ry  
\_\_ Ash-throated flycatcher AsCmOw  
\_\_ Brown-crested flycatcher Csl  
\_\_ Tropical Kingbird Ow  
\_\_ Cassin's kingbird Us  
\_\_ Western kingbird As  
\_\_ Eastern Kingbird Os  
\_\_ Scissor-tailed flycatcher Os

## LARKS

\_\_ Horned lark Ay

## SWALLOWS

\_\_ Tree swallow Am  
\_\_ Violet-green swallow Uw  
\_\_ Northern rough-winged swallow CmUs  
\_\_ Bank swallow CmRws  
\_\_ Cliff swallow Cs  
\_\_ Barn swallow AmUsOw

## JAYS, MAGPIES, AND CROWS

\_\_ Steller's jay Ow  
\_\_ Western scrub jay Ow  
\_\_ Pinyon jay Cy  
\_\_ Clark's nutcracker Ow  
\_\_ American crow Uy  
\_\_ Common raven Ay

## TITMICE AND ALLIES

\_\_ Mountain chickadee Ow  
\_\_ Verdin Ay  
\_\_ Bushtit Ow

## NUTHATCHES AND CREEPERS

\_\_ Red-breasted nuthatch Rw  
\_\_ White-breasted nuthatch UmRw  
\_\_ Brown creeper Rw

## WRENS

\_\_ Cactus wren Ay  
\_\_ Rock wren Ay  
\_\_ Canyon wren Cy  
\_\_ Bewick's wren Uw  
\_\_ House wren CmRw  
\_\_ Winter wren Rm  
\_\_ Marsh wren UmRws

## THRUSHES AND ALLIES

\_\_ Golden-crowned kinglet Rw  
\_\_ Ruby-crowned kinglet Aw  
\_\_ Blue-gray gnatcatcher CsUw  
\_\_ Black-tailed gnatcatcher Cy  
\_\_ Western bluebird Cw  
\_\_ Mountain bluebird AwUm  
\_\_ Townsend's solitaire Uw  
\_\_ Swainson's thrush Cm  
\_\_ Hermit thrush Cw  
\_\_ American robin CwRs  
\_\_ Varied thrush Rw

## MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS

\_\_ Northern mockingbird Cy  
\_\_ Sage thrasher CmRwOs  
\_\_ Brown thrasher RmOw  
\_\_ Bendire's thrasher Cs  
\_\_ Curve-billed thrasher Ow  
\_\_ Crissal thrasher Uy  
\_\_ Le Conte's thrasher Uy

## PIPITS

\_\_ American pipit AwCm

## WAXWINGS

\_\_ Bohemian waxwing Ow  
\_\_ Cedar waxwing CmUw

## SILKY-FLYCATCHERS

\_\_ Phainopepla AwUs

## SHRIKES

\_\_ Northern shrike Rw  
\_\_ Loggerhead shrike Cy

## VIREOS

\_\_ Bell's vireo RsOw  
\_\_ Cassin's vireo Um  
\_\_ Gray vireo Us  
\_\_ Warbling vireo Am

## STARLINGS

\_\_ European starling Uy

## WOOD-WARBLERS

\_\_ Tennessee warbler Rm  
\_\_ Orange-crowned warbler AmRw  
\_\_ Nashville warbler CmRw  
\_\_ Virginia's warbler Rm  
\_\_ Lucy's warbler Cs  
\_\_ Northern parula RmOw  
\_\_ Yellow warbler AmUs  
\_\_ Chestnut-sided warbler Rm  
\_\_ Magnolia warbler Rm  
\_\_ Cape May warbler Rm  
\_\_ Yellow-rumped warbler AmCw  
\_\_ Black-throated gray warbler Cm  
\_\_ Townsend's warbler Um  
\_\_ Hermit warbler Rm  
\_\_ Palm warbler Om  
\_\_ Blackpoll warbler Om  
\_\_ Black-and-white warbler Rm  
\_\_ American redstart Rm  
\_\_ Prothonotary warbler Rw  
\_\_ Ovenbird Rm  
\_\_ Northern waterthrush Rm  
\_\_ MacGillivray's warbler Am  
\_\_ Common yellowthroat CmUws  
\_\_ Hooded warbler Om  
\_\_ Wilson's warbler AmOw  
\_\_ Yellow-breasted chat Us

## TANAGERS

\_\_ Summer tanager UsI  
\_\_ Western tanager Am

## FINCHES AND SPARROWS

\_\_ Pyrrhuloxia Rw  
\_\_ Rose-breasted grosbeak Rm  
\_\_ Black-headed grosbeak Am  
\_\_ Blue grosbeak Cs  
\_\_ Lazuli bunting AmRs  
\_\_ Indigo bunting Rs  
\_\_ Lark bunting Rm  
\_\_ Green-tailed towhee UmOw  
\_\_ Rufous-sided towhee Rw  
\_\_ Abert's towhee Cy  
\_\_ Chipping sparrow CmUw  
\_\_ Clay-colored sparrow RmOw  
\_\_ Brewer's sparrow AwCm

\_\_ Black-chinned sparrow UsOw  
\_\_ Vesper sparrow Cw  
\_\_ Lark sparrow CwUs  
\_\_ Black-throated sparrow AsCmUw  
\_\_ Sage sparrow Aw  
\_\_ Savannah sparrow Aw  
\_\_ Fox sparrow Rw  
\_\_ Song sparrow Uy  
\_\_ Lincoln's sparrow Cw  
\_\_ Swamp sparrow Rm  
\_\_ White-throated sparrow Rw  
\_\_ Golden-crowned sparrow Aw  
\_\_ White-crowned sparrow Aw  
\_\_ Harris' sparrow Rw  
\_\_ Dark-eyed junco Aw  
\_\_ Lapland longspur Rw  
\_\_ Chestnut-collared longspur Rw

## BLACKBIRDS AND ORIOLES

\_\_ Red-winged blackbird Ay  
\_\_ Western meadowlark Ay  
\_\_ Yellow-headed blackbird CmUsRw  
\_\_ Rusty blackbird Rm  
\_\_ Brewer's blackbird Ay  
\_\_ Great-tailed grackle Ry  
\_\_ Common grackle Rm  
\_\_ Brown-headed cowbird CsUw  
\_\_ Orchard oriole Om  
\_\_ Hooded oriole Cs  
\_\_ Northern oriole As  
\_\_ Scott's oriole UsRw  
\_\_ Streak-backed Oriole Rw  
\_\_ Bobolink Rm

## OLD WORLD FINCHES AND SPARROWS

\_\_ Purple finch Rw  
\_\_ Cassin's finch Rm  
\_\_ House finch Ay  
\_\_ Pine siskin Ow  
\_\_ Lesser goldfinch CsUw  
\_\_ American goldfinch Uw  
\_\_ Red crossbill Rm  
\_\_ Evening grosbeak Om  
\_\_ House sparrow Ay

## **DEFINITIONS:**

**Abundant**

**Almost always encountered in proper habitat and season; often in large numbers.**

**Common**

**Usually encountered in proper habitat and season.**

**Uncommon**

**Occurs in small numbers, but widespread within proper habitat and season.**

**Rare**

**Occurs most years in small numbers in a few locations.**

**Occasional**

**Not present most years; very few individuals present within desert.**

**localized occurrence**

**Found only in certain specific places; may be abundant in those places.**

**year-round resident**

**spring-summer**

**winter**

**migrant**