

Birds of the Tonto National Forest

The Tonto National Forest encompasses approximately 2.8 million acres ranging in elevation from 1300 feet near the lower Salt River to over 7,700 feet at Aztec Peak. The forest contains a variety of habitats that include coniferous forests and woodlands, chaparral, grassland, desert scrub, riparian and aquatic. This diversity supports complex assemblages of wildlife and plants.

This checklist is designed to help the Forest visitor enjoy and appreciate one segment of this diverse resource. The checklist contains information on XX species of birds known to occur on the Forest .

Using the Checklist

The columns following the name of each species are intended to help with identification.

Abundance refers to how numerous a species is in relation to other species.

C – common

F – fairly common

U – uncommon

R – rare

E – extirpated

Residence refers to the time of year the species normally appears in the area:

P – Permanent Resident

S – Summer Resident

W – Winter Resident

M – Migrant

A – Accidental

The remaining columns describe the habitat where each species is most likely to be encountered. The map of general vegetation types on the Forest is designed to serve as a reference for approximate location of major vegetation communities.

The capital letter in parenthesis following the name indicates the species' status as **E**ndangered, **T**hreatened, **P**roposed, or **C**andidate by the Fish and Wildlife Service or **S**ensitive in the Southwestern Region of the Forest Service.

Access to wildlife and fish viewing sites on the Forest by mobility-impaired visitors varies greatly. Contact the Tonto National Forest Supervisor's Office or individual Ranger District offices for further information on accessibility or special areas or sites.

Future printings of this checklist will be revised as necessary to update species occurrence and other information. Your comments, suggestions and additional species observations are welcome.

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Loons
Common Loon

Grebes
Pied-billed Grebe
Horned Grebe
Eared Grebe
Western Grebe
Clark's Grebe

Residence	Abundance	Conifer	Woodland	Chaparral	Semi-Desert Grassland	Desert Scub	Aquatic	Riparian	Urban
M	R						•		
P	F						•		
W	R						•		
W	F						•		
P	F						•		
P	R						•		

Pelicans						
Brown Pelican	S A					•
White Pelican	M R					•
Cormorants						
Double-crested Cormorant	P F					•
Wading Birds						
American Bittern	P U					• •
Least Bittern	S R					• •
Great Blue Heron	P C					• •
Great Heron	P U					• •
Snowy Egret	P U					• •
Cattle Egret	M R					• •
Tricolored Heron	M R					• •
Green Heron	P F					• •
Black-crowned Night-Heron	P F					• •
White Ibis	S R					• •
White-faced Ibis	S R					• •
Waterfowl						
Tundra Swan	W U					•
Snow Goose	M R					•
Canada Goose	W F					• •
Wood Duck	M R					• •
Green-winged Teal	W C					•
Mallard	P C					•
Northern Pintail	M F					•
Blue-winged Teal	M U					•
Cinnamon Teal	P C					•
Northern Shoveler	W C					•
Gadwall	W F					•
American Wigeon	W F					•
Canvasback	W F					•
Redhead	W F					•
Ring-necked Duck	W C					•
Greater Scaup	W R					•
Lesser Scaup	W F					•
Common Goldeneye	W U					•
Bufflehead	W F					•
Common Merganser	P F					•
Red-breasted Merganser	M R					•
Ruddy Duck	P R					•
Birds of Prey						
Black Vulture	M R	•	•	•	•	•
Turkey Vulture	P C	•	•	•	•	•
Osprey	S U	•				• •
Mississippi Kite	S U					•

Bald Eagle	P	F	•	•		•	•	•
Northern Harrier	P	F			•			•
Sharp-shinned Hawk	P	F	•	•			•	•
Cooper's Hawk	P	F	•	•			•	
Northern Goshawk	P	F	•	•			•	
Common Black-hawk	P	F					•	
Harris' Hawk	P	C			•	•	•	
Swainson's Hawk	S	F	•	•	•	•	•	•
Zone-tailed Hawk	S	F	•	•	•	•	•	•
Red-tailed Hawk	P	C	•	•	•	•	•	•
Ferruginous Hawk	P	U		•	•	•		
Rough-legged Hawk	W	F		•	•	•		
Golden Eagle	P	U		•	•	•	•	•
American Kestrel	P	C	•	•	•	•	•	•
Merlin	W	R		•	•	•	•	•
Prairie Falcon	P	F			•	•	•	•
Peregrine Falcon	P	R			•	•	•	•
Turkey, Quail								
Wild Turkey	P	F	•					
Gambel's Quail	P	C		•	•	•	•	•
Montezuma Quail	P	R			•			
Shorebirds								
Yuma Clapper Rail	P	R					•	•
Virginia Rail	W	F					•	•
Sora	W	F					•	•
Common Moorhen	P	C					•	•
American Coot	P	C					•	•
Black-bellied Plover	M	U					•	•
Snowy Plover	M	U					•	•
Semipalmated Sandpiper	M	U					•	•
Killdeer	P	C			•		•	•
Black-necked Stilt	S	U					•	•
American Avocet	M	U					•	•
Greater Yellowlegs	M	U					•	•
Lesser Yellowlegs	M	U					•	•
Solitary Sandpiper	M	U					•	•
Willet	M	U					•	•
Spotted Sandpiper	W	F					•	•
Long-billed Curlew	M	U					•	•
Marbled Godwit	M	U					•	•
Sanderling	M	R					•	•
Western Sandpiper	M	U					•	•
Least Sandpiper	W	U					•	•
Baird's Sandpiper	M	U					•	•
Pectoral Sandpiper	M	U					•	•
Stilt Sandpiper	M	U					•	•
Short-billed Dowitcher	M	U					•	•
Long-billed Dowitcher	M	U					•	•

Common Snipe	W	F				•	•
Wilson's Phalarope	M	U				•	
Red-necked Phalarope	M	U				•	
Franklin's Gull	M	R				•	
Bonaparte's Gull	M	R				•	
Ring-billed Gull	M	R				•	
California Gull	M	R				•	
Herring Gull	M	R				•	
Sabine's Gull	M	R				•	
Caspian Tern	M	R				•	
Common Tern	M	R				•	
Black Tern	M	R				•	

Pigeons, Doves

Rock Dove	P	U					•
Band-tailed Pigeon	F	F	•	•			
White-winged Dove	C	C		•	•	•	•
Mourning Dove	C	C	•	•	•	•	•
Inca Dove	F	F		•	•	•	•
Common Ground Dove	C	C		•	•	•	•

Cuckoos

Greater Roadrunner	P	C		•	•	•	•
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	S	U					•

Parrots

Thick-billed Parrot	E						
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Owls

Common Barn Owl	P	R					•	•
Flammulated Owl	S	F	•	•			•	
Western Screech-Owl	P	C	•	•			•	
Great Horned Owl	P	C	•	•	•	•	•	•
Northern Pygmy-Owl	P	U	•	•				
Cactus Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl	P	U				•	•	
Elf Owl	S	F		•		•	•	
Burrowing Owl	P	U			•	•	•	
Mexican Spotted Owl	P	F	•	•			•	
Long-eared Owl	P	R					•	
Short-eared Owl	W	R		•		•		
Northern Saw-whet Owl	W	U	•	•			•	

Nightjars

Lesser Nighthawk	S	U			•	•	•	•
Common Nighthawk	S	C	•	•	•	•	•	•
Common Poorwill	S	F		•	•			
Whip-poor-will	S	F	•	•				

Swifts

Vaux's Swift	A	R					•	
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White-throated Swift	P	C				•
Hummingbirds						
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	S	C	•			•
Magnificent Hummingbird	S	C	•			•
Black-chinned Hummingbird	S	C	•	•	•	•
Anna's Hummingbird	S	U		•		•
Costa's Hummingbird	S	C		•	•	•
Calliope Hummingbird	S	U	•			•
Rufous Hummingbird	S	C	•	•		•
Kingfishers						
Belted Kingfisher	P	U			•	•
Woodpeckers						
Lewis' Woodpecker	P	F	•	•		
Acorn Woodpecker	P	F	•	•		
Gila Woodpecker	P	F			•	•
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	P	F	•	•		
Williamson's Sapsucker	P	F	•	•		
Ladder-backed Sapsucker	P	U		•	•	•
Downy Woodpecker	P	U	•	•		
Hairy Woodpecker	P	F	•	•		
Northern Flicker	P	C	•	•	•	•
Tyrant Flycatchers						
Northern Beardless Tyranulet	P	R				•
Olive-sided Flycatcher	S	F	•			•
Greater Pewee	S	F	•			
Western Wood-Pewee	S	F	•	•	•	
Southwest Willow Flycatcher	S	R				•
Hammond Flycatcher	M	U	•			•
Dusky Flycatcher	S	R	•			
Gray Flycatcher	P	U	•			•
Western Flycatcher	S	U	•			
Black Phoebe	P	C	•			•
Say's Phoebe	P	C		•	•	
Vermillion Flycatcher	P	F				•
Dusky-capped Flycatcher	S	U				•
Ash-throated Flycatcher	P	F	•	•	•	•
Sulfur-bellied Flycatcher	S	F	•			•
Tropical Kingbird	S	R				•
Cassin's Kingbird	S	U	•	•	•	•
Western Kingbird	S	C	•	•	•	•
Larks						
Horned Lark	P	C		•		
Swallows						
Purple Martin	S	U	•			•

Tree Swallow	P	U	•				•	•
Violet-green Swallow	S	C	•				•	•
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	S	C					•	•
Bank Swallow	M	R					•	
Cliff Swallow	S	U		•	•	•	•	•
Barn Swallow	S	C	•		•			•
Jays, Crows								
Stellar's Jay	P	C	•	•				
Scrub Jay	P	C	•	•	•			
Gray-breasted Jay	P	R	•	•		•		
Pinon Jay	P	C		•				
American Crow	P	F	•	•				•
Common Raven	P	C	•	•	•	•	•	
Titmice, Chickadees								
Mountain Chickadee	P	C	•	•				
Bridled Titmouse	M	F		•				
Plain Titmouse	P	F		•				
Verdins								
Verdin	P	C				•		
Bushtits								
Bushtit	C	C		•				•
Nuthatches								
Red-breasted Nuthatch	P	U	•	•				
White-breasted Nuthatch	P	C	•	•				
Pygmy Nuthatch	P	C	•					
Creepers								
Brown Creeper	P	F	•					
Wrens								
Cactus Wren	P	C		•	•	•		•
Rock Wren	P	U				•	•	
Canyon Wren	P	F				•	•	
Bewick's Wren	P	C	•	•		•		
House Wren	P	F	•	•		•		•
Winter Wren	W	R	•	•			•	
Marsh Wren	W	F					•	
Thrushes and Allies								
American Dipper	P	U					•	•
Golden-crowned Kinglet	W	U	•				•	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	P	F	•	•			•	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	P	U	•	•	•	•	•	
Black-tailed Gnatcatcher	P	U			•	•		•
Western Bluebird	P	C	•	•	•	•	•	

Mountain Bluebird	P	C	•	•			
Townsend's Solitaire	P	F	•	•	•		
Swainson's Thrush	M	R	•	•	•	•	
Hermit Thrush	P	F	•	•	•		•
American Robin	P	C	•	•	•	•	•
Varied Thrush	W	R	•				
Mimic Thrushes							
Gray Catbird	M	R	•				•
Northern Mockingbird	P	F	•	•	•	•	•
Sage Thrasher	W	R		•	•	•	
Brown Thrasher	W	R		•	•	•	
Bendire's Thrasher	P	F		•	•	•	•
Curve-billed Thrasher	P	C			•	•	•
Crissal Thrasher	P	U					•
Pipits							
Water Pipit	W	U			•		•
Sprague's Pipit	W	R			•		•
Waxwings							
Bohemian Waxwing	W	R	•				•
Cedar Waxwing	W	F			•		•
Silky Flycatchers							
Phainopepla	P	F		•	•	•	
Shrikes							
Loggerhead Shrike	P	F		•	•	•	•
Starlings							
European Starling	P	C	•	•		•	•
Vireos							
Arizona Bell's Vireo	S	F				•	•
Gray Vireo	P	R	•	•			•
Solitary Vireo	P	R	•			•	•
Yellow-throated Vireo	M	R					•
Hutton's Vireo	P	U	•				•
Warbling Vireo	S	F	•				•
Philadelphia Vireo	M	R	•				•
Red-eyed Vireo	M	R	•				
Warblers							
Orange-crowned Warbler	W	F	•	•		•	
Nashville Warbler	M	U	•				
Virginia's Warbler	S	FF	•	•			
Lucy's Warbler	S	U			•	•	•
Yellow Warbler	S	F	•	•			•
Yellow-rumped Warbler	S	C	•	•	•		

Black-throated Gray Warbler	S	F	•	•	•			
Townsend's Warbler	M	U	•					
Hermit Warbler	M	U	•					
Black-and-White Warbler	M	R	•					
American Redstart	M	R	•					•
Northern Waterthrush	M	U	•					•
MacGillivray's Warbler	M	F	•	•	•			
Common Yellowthroat	S	F						•
Wilson's Warbler	M	F	•					•
Red-faced Warbler	S	F	•					
Painted Redstart	S	U		•				•
Yellow-breasted Chat	S	U						•

Tanagers

Hepatic Tanager	S	U	•	•				
Summer Tanager	S	U	•	•				•
Hepatic Tanager	S	F	•	•				•

Grosbeaks, Buntings, Sparrows

Northern Cardinal	P	F		•	•		•	•	•
Pyrrhuloxia	P	F			•	•	•	•	•
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	M	R	•					•	
Black-headed Grosbeak	S	F	•	•				•	•
Blue Grosbeak	S	U				•	•	•	
Lazuli Bunting	S	R	•	•	•			•	•
Indigo Bunting	S	R						•	
Dickcissel	M	R				•		•	
Green-tailed Towhee	P	F	•	•					
Rufous-sided Towhee	P	F	•	•	•				
Brown Towhee	P	C						•	
Abert's Towhee	P	C				•	•		
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	P	U				•			
Chipping Sparrow	S	U	•						
Brewer's Sparrow	W	U		•					
Black-chinned Sparrow	P	F			•				
Vesper Sparrow	W	C				•	•		
Lark Sparrow	P	U	•	•					
Black-throated Sparrow					•	•	•		
Lark Bunting						•	•		
Savannah Sparrow	P	U					•		
Fox Sparrow	W	R	•	•	•				
Song Sparrow	W	C	•					•	
Lincoln Sparrow	W	U		•					
Swamp Sparrow	P	U						•	
White-throated Sparrow	W	F	•	•					
Golden-crowned Sparrow	W	R						•	
White-crowned Sparrow	W	F	•						
Harrii's Sparrow	W	R	•						
Dark-eyed Junco	W	C	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Chestnut-collared Longspur	W	F				•			

Bobolink	M	R				•
Blackbirds, Orioles						
Red-winged Blackbird	P	C				• •
Eastern Meadowlark	P	F				
Western Meadowlark	P	C				
Yellow-headed Blackbird	P	F				•
Brewer's Blackbird	W	U	•			• •
Great-tailed Grackle	P	C				• •
Brown-headed Cowbird	P	F	• •	• •	•	• •
Bronzed Cowbird	S	F	• •			
Hooded Oriole	S	C			•	• •
Northern Oriole	S	C	• •			• •
Scott's Oriole	S	C		• •		
Finches						
Pine Grosbeak	P	U	• •			•
Purple Finch	W	R	•			•
Cassin's Finch	W	U	• •			
House Finch	P	C	• •	•		•
Red Crossbill	P	U	•			
Pine Siskin	P	F	• •			
Lesser Goldfinch	P	C	• •	• •	•	
Lawrence's Goldfinch	W	U		• •		
American Goldfinch	W	U	•			•
Evening Grosbeak	P	U	•			
Weavers						
House Sparrow	P	C				•

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