

KEY

A - Abundant should see on every trip in proper habitat and season
 C - Common should see on 3 out of 4 trips in proper habitat and season
 FC-Fairly Common should see on 2 out of 4 trips in proper habitat and season
 U - Uncommon should see on 1 out of 4 trips in proper habitat and season
 R - Rare should see on 1 out of 10 trips or less in proper habitat and season
 Ca - Casual 3 to 5 records in last 5 years
 X - Accidental only 1 or 2 records in last 5 years
 i - Irregular absent some years, but may be numerous others

/ - when preceding summer status, indicates that the bird's presence in summer is due to early south-bound migrants

* - Confirmed breeding
 † - Suspected breeding
 ‡ - Introduced species

Sp - Spring (March-May) F - Fall (Sept. - Nov.)
 Su - Summer (June-Aug.) W - Winter (Dec.-Feb.)

	Sp	Su	F	W
GREBES				
___ Horned Grebe				Ca
___ Eared Grebe	U	U	U	FC
___ Western Grebe	R		R	R
___ *Pied-billed Grebe	U	U	U	FC
PELICANS				
___ White Pelican	Ca			Ca
CORMORANTS				
___ Double-crested Cormorant	R	R	R	R
___ Olivaceous Cormorant	R	R	R	R
HERONS & BITTERNS				
___ Great Blue Heron	U		U	U
___ †Green Heron	U	U	U	U
___ Little Blue Heron	X		X	
___ †Cattle Egret	R	R	R	R
___ Great Egret	R	R	R	R
___ †Snowy Egret	FC	FC	U	U
___ Louisiana Heron	X			
___ †Black-crowned Night Heron	U	U	U	U
___ Least Bittern		X		
___ American Bittern	Ca			Ca
IBISES				
___ White-faced Ibis	iU	iR	iU	
SWANS, GEESE & DUCKS				
___ Whistling Swan				Ca
___ Canada Goose	R		R	U
___ White-fronted Goose				X
___ Snow Goose				U
___ Ross' Goose				Ca
___ *Mallard	FC	FC	FC	FC
___ Gadwall	C	X	C	A
___ Pintail	R		U	C
___ Green-winged Teal	C		C	A
___ Blue-winged Teal	R		FC	R
___ †Cinnamon Teal	FC	R	FC	FC
___ European Wigeon				X
___ American Wigeon	C	X	C	A
___ *Northern Shoveler	C	R	C	A
___ Wood Duck	X		X	X

	Sp	Su	F	W
___ Redhead	U		U	U
___ Ring-necked Duck	U	X	U	FC
___ Canvasback	U		U	FC
___ Greater Scaup				Ca
___ Lesser Scaup	U		U	FC
___ Common Goldeneye				R
___ Bufflehead	U		U	U
___ Oldsquaw				X
___ *Ruddy Duck	FC	U	FC	FC
___ Masked Duck		X		
___ Hooded Merganser				R
___ Common Merganser				U
___ Red-breasted Merganser				R
AMERICAN VULTURES				
___ *Turkey Vulture	C	C	U	X
HAWKS & HARRIERS				
___ *Mississippi Kite	R	R		
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk			U	U
___ Cooper's Hawk	U		U	U
___ *Red-tailed Hawk	C	FC	C	A
___ *Swainson's Hawk	C	C	U	
___ Rough-legged Hawk				R
___ Ferruginous Hawk				U
___ *Harris' Hawk	R		R	R
___ *Golden Eagle	R	R	R	U
___ Marsh Hawk	C	X	C	C
OSPREYS				
___ Osprey	Ca		Ca	Ca
FALCONS				
___ *Prairie Falcon	R	Ca	R	R
___ Peregrine Falcon	Ca		Ca	Ca
___ Merlin			Ca	Ca
___ *American Kestrel	C	U	C	A
QUAIL & PHEASANTS				
___ †Bobwhite	X	X	X	X
___ *Scaled Quail	C	C	C	C
___ *Gambel's Quail	C	C	C	C
___ †Ring-necked Pheasant	X	X	X	X
CRANES				
___ Sandhill Crane	R		R	R
RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS				
___ Virginia Rail	Ca		Ca	
___ *Sora	R	R	R	R
___ *Common Gallinule	FC	FC	FC	FC
___ *American Coot	A	C	A	A
PLOVERS				
___ Semipalmated Plover	iU		iU	
___ Snowy Plover	Ca	Ca	Ca	
___ *Killdeer	A	A	A	C
___ Black-bellied Plover	Ca		Ca	
___ Ruddy Turnstone	X			
SANDPIPERS & OTHER WADERS				
___ Common Snipe	U		U	FC
___ Long-billed Curlew	R		R	X
___ †Spotted Sandpiper	FC	R	FC	U
___ Solitary Sandpiper	iU		iU	
___ Willet	U		U	
___ Greater Yellowlegs	FC		FC	U
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	U		U	R
___ Pectoral Sandpiper	Ca		Ca	
___ White-rumped Sandpiper	X		X	
___ Baird's Sandpiper	R		R	
___ Least Sandpiper	A		C	C
___ Long-billed Dowitcher	FC		FC	R
___ Stilt Sandpiper	Ca		Ca	
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper	Ca		Ca	
___ Western Sandpiper	C		C	Ca
___ Marbled Godwit	R		Ca	

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AVOCETS & STILTS				
___ †American Avocet	U	U	U	
___ †Black-necked Stilt	U	U	U	
PHALAROPE				
___ Wilson's Phalarope	C	/U	C	X
___ Northern Phalarope	R		R	
GULLS & TERNS				
___ Herring Gull	Ca		Ca	Ca
___ Ring-billed Gull	U		U	FC
___ Franklin's Gull	R		R	
___ Bonaparte's Gull	R		R	
___ Forster's Tern	R		R	
___ Common Tern				X
___ Black Tern	U	U	U	
PIGEONS & DOVES				
___ Band-tailed Pigeon	X		Ca	Ca
___ †Rock Dove	A	A	A	A
___ *White-winged Dove	FC	FC	FC	FC
___ *Mourning Dove	C	C	C	C
___ †Ringed Turtle Dove	Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca
___ Ground Dove	X	X	X	X
___ *Inca Dove	FC	FC	FC	FC
CUCKOOS & ROADRUNNERS				
___ *Yellow-billed Cuckoo	R	R	R	R
___ *Roadrunner	C	C	C	C
BARN OWLS				
___ *Barn Owl	R	R	R	R
TYPICAL OWLS				
___ *Screech Owl	X	X		
___ Flammulated Owl	X		X	
___ *Great Horned Owl	U	U	U	U
___ Elf Owl	X			
___ *Burrowing Owl	U	FC	U	U
___ Long-eared Owl	R		R	R
___ Short-eared Owl				Ca
GOATSUCKERS				
___ Whip-poor-will	X			
___ *Poor-will	FC	FC	FC	X
___ Common Nighthawk	R		R	
___ *Lesser Nighthawk	FC	C	U	
SWIFTS				
___ *White-throated Swift	C	C	FC	U
HUMMINGBIRDS				
___ Lucifer Hummingbird		X		
___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird			X	
___ *Black-chinned Hummingbird	C	C	C	iR
___ Costa's Hummingbird	X			
___ Anna's Hummingbird			Ca	Ca
___ Broad-tailed Hummingbird	R	/FC	FC	Ca
___ Rufous Hummingbird		/C	C	iR
___ Calliope Hummingbird	R		R	
___ Rivoli's Hummingbird	X		X	
___ Blue-throated Hummingbird	X			
KINGFISHERS				
___ Belted Kingfisher	U		U	FC
WOODPECKERS				
___ *Common Flicker	C	R	C	C
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	R		R	U
___ Williamson's Sapsucker	iR		iR	iR
___ Hairy Woodpecker	X			
___ Downy Woodpecker			X	
___ *Ladder-backed Woodpecker	FC	FC	FC	FC
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS				
___ *Western Kingbird	A	A	C	
___ Cassin's Kingbird	R	R	R	X
___ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher		X		
___ Great Crested Flycatcher	X			
___ Wied's Crested Flycatcher	Ca		Ca	
___ *Ash-throated Flycatcher	FC	FC	FC	X
___ Eastern Phoebe	Ca		Ca	Ca

	Sp	Su	F	W
___ †Black Phoebe	U	R	U	U
___ *Say's Phoebe	C	C	C	C
___ Willow Flycatcher	R		R	
___ Dusky Flycatcher	U		U	
___ Gray Flycatcher	R		R	
___ Western Flycatcher	U		U	
___ Coues' Flycatcher	X		X	
___ †Western Wood Pewee	C	U	C	
___ Olive-sided Flycatcher	U		U	
___ Vermilion Flycatcher	R	Ca	R	R
LARKS				
___ Horned Lark	FC	Ca	FC	C
SWALLOWS				
___ *Violet-green Swallow	U	R	U	U
___ Tree Swallow	U		U	U
___ Bank Swallow	U		U	U
___ *Rough-winged Swallow	FC	R	FC	
___ *Barn Swallow	A	A	C	
___ *Cliff Swallow	A	A	C	
JAYS & CROWS				
___ Steller's Jay				iR iR
___ Scrub Jay	iR		iU	iU
___ *White-necked Raven	FC	FC	FC	FC
___ Common Crow	Ca			Ca
___ Pinon Jay	X			
___ Clark's Nutcracker				X
TITMICE, VERDINS & BUSHITTIS				
___ Mountain Chickadee				iU iU
___ *Verdin	C	C	C	C
___ Bushitit				X
NUTHATCHES				
___ White-breasted Nuthatch				iR iR
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	R		R	R
___ Pygmy Nuthatch				X
CREEPERS				
___ Brown Creeper	iR			iR
WRENS				
___ House Wren	R		R	R
___ †Bewick's Wren	FC	FC	FC	FC
___ *Cactus Wren	A	A	A	A
___ Long-billed Marsh Wren	U		U	FC
___ *Canon Wren	C	C	C	C
___ *Rock Wren	A	A	A	A
MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS				
___ *Mockingbird	A	A	A	C
___ Gray Catbird	X			
___ Brown Thrasher	R		R	R
___ *Curve-billed Thrasher	FC	U	FC	FC
___ *Crisal Thrasher	C	C	C	C
___ Sage Thrasher	iU		iU	iFC
THRUSHES, SOLITAIRES & BLUEBIRDS				
___ *American Robin	FC	R	U	iFC
___ Hermit Thrush	FC		U	iU
___ Swainson's Thrush	X			
___ Eastern Bluebird				iR
___ Western Bluebird				iFC
___ Mountain Bluebird	iC		iC	iC
___ Townsend's Solitaire	iR			iR
GNATCATCHERS & KINGLETS				
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	R		R	R
___ †Black-tailed Gnatcatcher	R	R	R	R
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet				iR iR
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C	C
PIPITS				
___ Water Pipit	C		C	A
WAXWINGS				
___ Cedar Waxwing	U		U	U
SILKY FLYCATCHERS				
___ *Phainopepla	U	U	U	U

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SHRIKES				
— Northern Shrike			X	X
— *Loggerhead Shrike	C	FC	C	C
STARLINGS				
— *Starling	C	C	C	C
VIREOS				
— †Bell's Vireo	R	R		
— Yellow-throated Vireo	X			
— Solitary Vireo	FC		FC	X
— Red-eyed Vireo	Ca		X	
— Philadelphia Vireo	X			
— Warbling Vireo	R			
WOOD WARBLERS				
— Black-and-white Warbler	R		Ca	
— Tennessee Warbler	Ca		Ca	
— Orange-crowned Warbler	FC		FC	Ca
— Nashville Warbler	R		R	
— Virginia's Warbler	U		U	
— Northern Parula	X		X	
— Olive Warbler	X			
— †Yellow Warbler	FC	R	FC	X
— Black-throated Blue Warbler			X	
— Yellow-rumped Warbler	A		C	C
— Black-throated Gray Warbler	R		R	X
— Townsend's Warbler	U		U	
— Grace's Warbler	X		X	
— Palm Warbler	Ca			
— Ovenbird	X		X	
— Northern Waterthrush	Ca			
— Louisiana Waterthrush			X	
— Kentucky Warbler	X			
— MacGillivray's Warbler	FC		FC	
— *Common Yellowthroat	U	U	U	R
— †Yellow-breasted Chat	U	U	U	
— Red-faced Warbler	X			
— Wilson's Warbler	A		A	
— American Redstart	Ca		R	
— Painted Redstart			X	
WEAVER FINCHES				
— *House Sparrow	A	A	A	A
MEADOWLARKS, BLACKBIRDS & ORIOLES				
— Bobolink	X			
— Eastern Meadowlark	R		R	R
— *Western Meadowlark	C	FC	C	C
— †Yellow-headed Blackbird	U	R	U	U
— *Red-winged Blackbird	C	FC	C	A
— Orchard Oriole	X			
— *Hooded Oriole	U	U	U	
— *Scott's Oriole	FC	FC	U	
— *Northern Oriole	FC	U	FC	
— Brewer's Blackbird	C		C	A
— *Great-tailed Grackle	A	A	A	A
— Common Grackle			X	Ca
— *Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	C	R
TANAGERS				
— Western Tanager	U	R	U	
— Hepatic Tanager	X			
— †Summer Tanager	U	U	R	
GROSBEAKS, FINCHES, SPARROWS & BUNTINGS				
— *Cardinal	Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca
— *Pyrrhuloxia	FC	U	FC	C
— Rose-breasted Grosbeak	Ca			
— Black-headed Grosbeak	U	R	U	
— *Blue Grosbeak	FC	C	U	
— †Indigo Bunting	R	R	R	
— Lazuli Bunting	R		R	
— †Painted Bunting	U	U	R	
— Cassin's Finch				Ca
— *House Finch	A	A	A	A
— Pine Siskin	IFC		IFC	IFC

	Sp	Su	F	W
— American Goldfinch	IR		IR	IR
— *Lesser Goldfinch	U	U	U	U
— Red Crossbill	IR			iR
— Green-tailed Towhee	U		U	FC
— †Rufous-sided Towhee	U	X	U	FC
— *Brown Towhee	C	C	C	A
— Lark Bunting	FC		FC	U
— Savannah Sparrow	FC		FC	FC
— Grasshopper Sparrow				X
— LeConte's Sparrow				X
— Vesper Sparrow	U		U	U
— †Lark Sparrow	U	U	U	R
— *Rufous-crowned Sparrow	C	C	C	C
— †Cassin's Sparrow	R	U	U	R
— *Black-throated Sparrow	A	A	A	A
— Sage Sparrow	IR		IR	IFC
— Dark-eyed Junco	A		A	A
— Grey-headed Junco	U		U	FC
— Chipping Sparrow	C	Ca	C	A
— Clay-colored Sparrow	R		R	iR
— Brewer's Sparrow	FC		FC	C
— Field Sparrow				Ca
— †Black-chinned Sparrow	R	Ca	R	U
— White-crowned Sparrow	C		C	A
— White-throated Sparrow	h		R	R
— Fox Sparrow				Ca
— Lincoln's Sparrow	U		U	FC
— Swamp Sparrow	R		R	R
— Song Sparrow	C		C	C
— Chestnut-collared Longspur				X

HYPOTHETICALS:

Common Loon	Acorn Woodpecker
Arctic Loon	Lewis' Woodpecker
Yellow-crowned Night Heron	Eastern Wood Pewee
Black Vulture	Purple Martin
White-tailed Kite	Gray-cheeked Thrush
Goshawk	Veery
White-tailed Hawk	Hutton's Vireo
Black Hawk	Gray Vireo
Bald Eagle	Prothonotary Warbler
Groove-billed Ani	Magnolia Warbler
Ferruginous Owl	Lucy's Warbler
Allen's Hummingbird	Purple Finch
Green Kingfisher	Baird's Sparrow
	Golden-crowned Sparrow

NOTES

FIELD CHECKLIST BIRDS OF EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS and Adjacent Areas

Locality _____
 Date _____ Time _____
 Weather _____
 Observers _____
 Notes _____

This checklist covers El Paso County, Texas, plus approximately the western one-half of Hudspeth County, Texas, and the southern one-quarter of Dona Ana County, New Mexico. It includes 297 species of birds documented as occurring in the area, with an additional 27 unverified species on the hypothetical list. Species names and taxonomic organization follow the American Ornithologists' Union **Checklist of North American Birds** (5th ed., 1957) as currently supplemented. In addition, in keeping with the January 1978 decision of the AOU Committee on Classification and Nomenclature of North American Birds, we have merged the Mexican Duck with the Mallard.

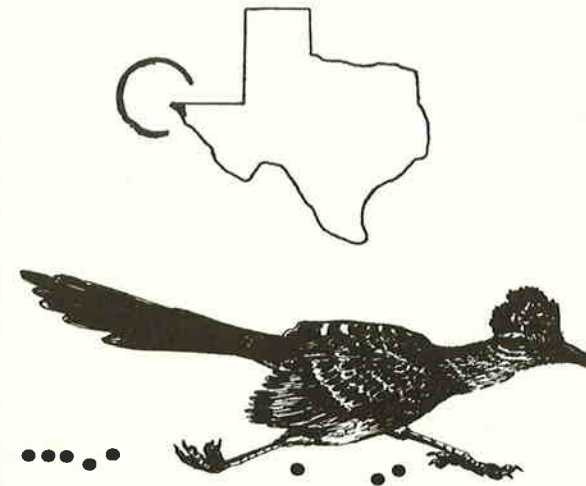
This list is our best effort to describe the current seasonal status of birds in the El Paso County area but is not the last word on the subject. A checklist evolves as field observers contribute new information to fill gaps in our knowledge or as changes in environmental conditions cause changes in the status of some species. You can contribute to future improvement of the list by reporting any new or unusual sightings to the El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Society.

Much wildlife habitat in El Paso County has been altered in the last 20-30 years, and the status of many birds has changed. This list gives current, not historic, status. We have based it largely on records from the last 5 years. The symbols used do not indicate actual abundance, rather they reflect your chances of finding a given bird in proper habitat and season. Thus, the large, conspicuous Turkey Vulture is shown as Common in summer, but the shy, inconspicuous and small Cassin's Sparrow, which may occur in greater numbers, is shown as Uncommon.

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