

# Summer Birds of Guadalupe Mountains National Park

## Montane

Wild Turkey  
*Montezuma Quail*\*\*\*  
 Whip-poor-will  
**Acorn Woodpecker**  
**Hairy Woodpecker**  
**White-breasted Nuthatch**  
*Red-breasted Nuthatch*\*\*\*  
**Pygmy Nuthatch**  
 Brown Creeper  
 House Wren  
 Red Crossbill  
 Pine Siskin

## Montane/Riparian

Cooper's Hawk  
*Sharp-shinned Hawk*\*\*\*  
*Band-tailed Pigeon*\*\*\*  
*Mexican Spotted Owl*\*\*\*  
*Magnificent Hummingbird*\*\*\*  
**Cordilleran Flycatcher**  
*Dusky Flycatcher*\*\*\*  
**Steller's Jay**  
 Mountain Chickadee  
 Hermit Thrush  
*American Robin*\*\*\*  
**Plumbeous Vireo**  
**Grace's Warbler**  
*Wilson's Warbler*\*\*\*  
 Western Tanager  
 Black-headed Grosbeak

## Riparian

*Cattle Egret*\*\*\*  
*Yellow-billed Cuckoo*\*\*\*  
*Blue-throated Hummingbird*\*\*\*  
 Black Phoebe  
**Warbling Vireo**  
**Virginia's Warbler**  
*Summer Tanager*\*\*\*  
**Hepatic Tanager**  
 Scott's Oriole

## Desert Grassland

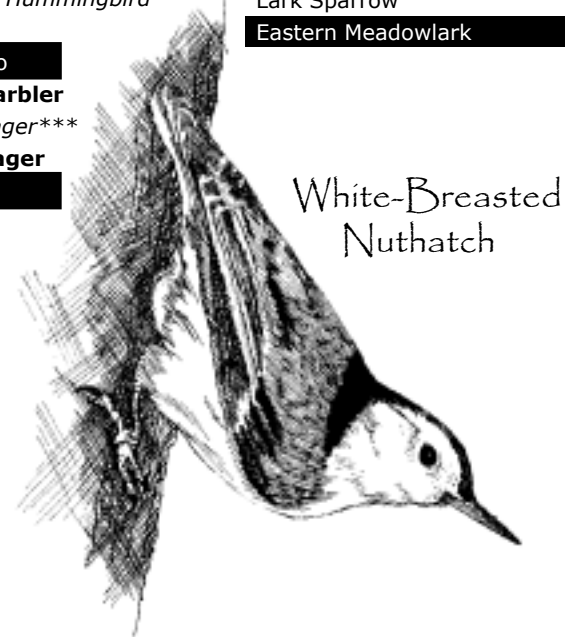
*Prairie Falcon*\*\*\*  
**Loggerhead Shrike**  
 Lark Sparrow  
**Eastern Meadowlark**

## Desert

**Scaled Quail**  
**Greater Roadrunner**  
**Ladder-backed Woodpecker**  
 Say's Phoebe  
 Ash-throated Flycatcher  
*Chihuahuan Raven*\*\*\*  
 Verdin  
**Cactus Wren**  
 Rock Wren  
 Canyon Wren  
 Bewick's Wren  
*Black-tailed Gnatcatcher*\*\*\*  
**Curve-billed Thrasher**  
*Pyrrhuloxia*\*\*\*  
 Cassin's Sparrow  
**Rufous-crowned Sparrow**  
 Black-chinned Sparrow  
 Black-throated Sparrow  
*Lark Bunting*\*\*\*  
*Great-tailed Grackle*\*\*\*  
 Scott's Oriole

## Widespread

Turkey Vulture  
*Northern Harrier*\*\*\*  
**Red-tailed Hawk**  
**Golden Eagle**  
**American Kestrel**  
 Peregrine Falcon  
**White-winged Dove**  
**Mourning Dove**  
 Rock Dove  
 Barn Owl  
**Great Horned Owl**  
**Common Nighthawk**  
*Lesser Nighthawk*\*\*\*  
 White-throated Swift  
**Broad-tailed Hummingbird**  
**Black-chinned Hummingbird**  
*Calliope Hummingbird*\*\*\*  
 Northern Flicker  
**Western Wood Pewee**  
**Cassin's Kingbird**  
 Western Kingbird  
 Violet-green Swallow  
 Cliff Swallow  
 Barn Swallow  
 Western Scrub Jay  
*Common Raven*\*\*\*  
 Juniper Titmouse  
**Bushtit**  
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet  
**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher**  
**Northern Mockingbird**  
**Orange-crowned Warbler**  
 Yellow-rumped Warbler  
 Blue Grosbeak  
 Canyon Towhee  
 Chipping Sparrow  
 Brown-headed Cowbird  
 House Finch  
 Lesser Goldfinch  
 Evening Grosbeak  
**House Sparrow**



## LEGEND

<b>Common</b>	(seen on 75% of trips)
<b>Fairly Common</b>	(seen on 25% of trips)
Uncommon	(seen on 10% of trips)
<i>Rare to Not Present Every Year</i> ***	(seen on <10% of trips)

### Where to Begin?

This guide is meant to introduce people new to birding or new to this area to the birds of Guadalupe Mountains National Park. Familiarizing yourself with what birds occur here and in what habitats prior to your visit will enhance your trip and allow you to prioritize where you'd like to spend your time.

The format of this list should serve as a rough guide. Of course, the mobility of birds, the intergrading of habitats, and the fact that more than one habitat is passed through on most hikes

mean that you can expect to see a wide array of birds wherever you spend your time.

The most rewarding birding will be found at the Frijole Ranch, Smith Springs Loop Trail, and McKittrick Canyon. If you'd like to find birds listed as more common in desert areas, then the old state highway at Guadalupe Canyon, the Williams Ranch Road, or the Salt Basin Dunes would be worth visiting. If you'd like to find montane species of birds, a hike to the Bowl or, for an easier ascent, a hike on the Tejas Trail from Dog Canyon are recommended.

If you are just passing through try birding at Frijole Ranch and the area around the Headquarters Visitor Center at Pine Springs and the McKittrick Canyon Contact Station (opens at 8:00 a.m. Mountain Time). If you have more time, but are not able to hike, Williams Ranch is accessible by high-ground clearance vehicles (4x4 recommended). Keys can be checked out at the Headquarters Visitor Center to access the Williams Ranch area.

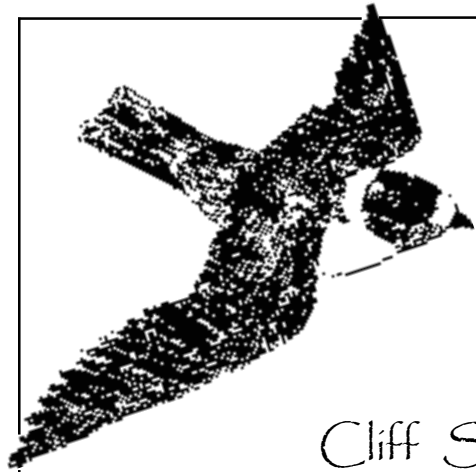
If you'd like to hike and bird for the day, begin at Frijole Ranch and Manzanita Springs area near dawn and then head over to

McKittrick and plan on spending the rest of the day there. If you have a second day to spend in the park, a hike to the conifer forest found in the Bowl can be done in 6-8 hours roundtrip.

As you will see from this list, approximately 40% of the park's summer species of birds are listed as widespread. Another approximate 40% are restricted to specialized habitats that can be characterized in broad terms as **riparian** (a canyon-like area with increased water runoff and thicker concentrations of woody plants and trees), **montane** (areas of high elevation, cooler tempera-

tures, increased rainfall, and tall evergreen trees), and **desert** (areas of lower elevation, hotter temperatures, lower rainfall, and sparsely vegetated). Part of Guadalupe Mountains National Park's significance is the biological diversity that is preserved here. As you make your way through the canyons and mountains, we wish you the thrill of discovering this diversity for yourself.

—Happy Birding!



Cliff Swallow

BLACKBIRD, Yellow-headed  
 BOBWHITE, Northern  
 BUNTING,  
     Indigo  
     Lark  
 BUSHTIT  
 CHICKADEE, Mountain  
 COWBIRD, Brown-headed  
 CREEPER, Brown  
 CUCKOO, Yellow-billed  
 DOVE,  
     Eurasian-collared  
     Mourning  
     White-winged  
 EAGLE, Golden  
 EGRET, Cattle

FALCON,  
     Peregrine  
     Prairie  
 FINCH, House  
 FLICKER, Northern  
 FLYCATCHER,  
     Ash-throated  
     Cordilleran  
     Dusky  
 GNATCATCHER,  
     Black-tailed  
     Blue-gray  
 GOLDFINCH,  
     Lesser  
 GRACKLE, Great-tailed

GROSBEAK,  
     Black-headed  
     Blue  
     Evening  
 HARRIER, Northern  
 HAWK,  
     Cooper's  
     Harris  
     Red-tailed  
     Sharp-shinned  
 JAY,  
     Steller's  
     Western Scrub  
 KESTREL, American  
 KILLDEER  
 KINGBIRD,  
     Cassin's  
     Western  
 KINGLET,  
     Ruby-crowned  
 MEADOWLARK,  
     Eastern  
 MOCKINGBIRD, Northern  
 NIGHTHAWK,  
     Common  
     Lesser  
 NUTHATCH,  
     Pygmy  
     Red-breasted  
     White-breasted  
 ORIOLE, Scott's  
 OWL,  
     Barn  
     Great Horned  
     Spotted

PEWEE, Western Wood  
 PHOEBE  
     Black  
     Say's  
 PIGEON, Band-tailed  
 POORWILL, Common  
 PYRRHULOXIA  
 QUAIL,  
     Montezuma  
     Scaled  
 RAVEN,  
     Chihuahuan  
     Common  
 ROADRUNNER, Greater  
 ROBIN, American  
 SHRIKE, Loggerhead  
 SISKIN, Pine  
 SOLITAIRE, Townsend's  
 SPARROW,  
     Black-chinned  
     Black-throated  
     Cassin's  
     Chipping  
     House  
     Rufous-crowned  
 SWALLOW,  
     Barn  
     Cliff  
     Violet-green  
 SWIFT, White-throated  
 TANAGER,  
     Hepatic  
     Summer  
     Western

TITMOUSE, Juniper  
 TOWHEE,  
     Canyon  
     Green-tailed  
     Spotted  
 TURKEY, Wild  
 VERDIN  
 VIREO,  
     Gray  
     Plumbeous  
     Warbling  
 VULTURE, Turkey  
 WARBLER,  
     Grace's  
     Orange-crowned  
     Virginia's  
     Wilson's  
     Yellow-rumped

WOODPECKER,  
     Acorn  
     Downy  
     Hairy  
     Ladder-backed  
 WREN,  
     Bewick's  
     Cactus  
     Canyon  
     House  
     Rock

American Kestrel

