

- Breeds in area.
- C** Common: Unlikely to be missed in suitable habitat.
- FC** Fairly Common: Includes locally common as well as irruptive species; some species may only be present in numbers for part of the season.
- U** Uncommon: A very broad category that includes residents that are present but usually hard to find, and migrants that may only be present for short periods of time.
- R** Rare: At best, one sighting per season; gaps in occurrence may extend over many years.
- Wi** Winter: December, January, February.
- Sp** Spring: March, April, May
- Su** Summer: June, July
- Fa** Fall: August, September, October, November

| | <u>Wi</u> | <u>Sp</u> | <u>Su</u> | <u>Fa</u> |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <u>LOONS</u> | | | | |
| Common Loon | U | U | R | U |
| <u>GREBES</u> | | | | |
| • Pied-billed Grebe | U | FC | FC | FC |
| • Eared Grebe | U | FC | U | FC |
| • Western Grebe | U | FC | U | FC |
| • Clark's Grebe | U | U | U | U |
| <u>PELICANS</u> | | | | |
| American White Pelican | | U | U | FC |
| <u>CORMORANTS</u> | | | | |
| Double-crested Cormorant | | FC | U | FC |
| <u>BITTERNS, HERONS</u> | | | | |
| Great Blue Heron | U | FC | U | FC |
| <u>IBISES</u> | | | | |
| • White-faced Ibis | | FC | U | FC |
| <u>AMERICAN VULTURES</u> | | | | |
| • Turkey Vulture | | FC | FC | FC |
| <u>DUCKS, GEESE, SWANS</u> | | | | |
| Snow Goose | U | U | R | FC |
| Ross's Goose | U | U | | FC |
| Cackling Goose | U | U | | U |
| • Canada Goose | C | C | C | C |
| • Gadwall | FC | C | FC | C |
| • American Wigeon | FC | C | U | C |
| • Mallard | C | C | FC | C |
| • Blue-winged Teal | | FC | U | U |
| • Cinnamon Teal | R | C | FC | C |
| Northern Shoveler | FC | C | U | C |
| • Northern Pintail | FC | C | U | FC |
| • Green-winged Teal | FC | C | U | C |
| • Canvasback | FC | C | R | FC |
| • Redhead | FC | C | FC | FC |
| Ring-necked Duck | U | FC | U | FC |
| Lesser Scaup | U | FC | U | FC |
| Bufflehead | FC | FC | R | FC |
| Common Goldeneye | FC | FC | | FC |
| • Common Merganser | | U | FC | U |
| • Ruddy Duck | U | FC | FC | C |
| <u>OSPREY</u> | | | | |
| Osprey | | U | | U |
| <u>KITES, EAGLES, HAWKS</u> | | | | |
| • Bald Eagle | FC | U | U | U |
| • Northern Harrier | U | U | R | U |

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| • Sharp-shinned Hawk | U | U | U | U |
| • Cooper's Hawk | U | U | U | U |
| • Northern Goshawk | U | U | U | U |
| • Swainson's Hawk | | FC | C | C |
| • Red-tailed Hawk | FC | FC | FC | FC |
| • Rough-legged Hawk | U | U | | U |
| • Golden Eagle | U | U | U | U |
| <u>FALCONS</u> | | | | |
| • American Kestrel | FC | FC | U | FC |
| • Prairie Falcon | U | U | U | U |
| <u>PHEASANTS, GROUSE, TURKEYS</u> | | | | |
| • Dusky Grouse | U | U | U | U |
| • Wild Turkey | FC | FC | FC | FC |
| <u>RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS</u> | | | | |
| • Virginia Rail | R | U | U | U |
| • Sora | | U | U | U |
| • American Coot | U | FC | C | C |
| <u>PLOVERS</u> | | | | |
| • Killdeer | U | FC | FC | FC |
| <u>STILTS, AVOCETS</u> | | | | |
| • Black-necked Stilt | | U | R | R |
| • American Avocet | | FC | U | FC |
| <u>SANDPIPERS, PHALAROPES</u> | | | | |
| Greater Yellowlegs | R | FC | U | FC |
| Lesser Yellowlegs | | FC | U | FC |
| • Spotted Sandpiper | | FC | FC | FC |
| Western Sandpiper | | FC | U | FC |
| Least Sandpiper | R | FC | U | FC |
| Baird's Sandpiper | R | FC | U | FC |
| Pectoral Sandpiper | | | | U |
| • Wilson's Snipe | R | U | U | U |
| Wilson's Phalarope | | FC | U | FC |
| <u>GULLS, TERNS</u> | | | | |
| Franklin's Gull | | FC | U | FC |
| Bonaparte's Gull | R | FC | R | U |
| Ring-billed Gull | U | FC | U | FC |
| California Gull | R | U | U | U |
| Herring Gull | U | U | U | U |
| <u>PIGEONS, DOVES</u> | | | | |
| • Band-tailed Pigeon | | U | U | U |
| • Eurasian Collared-Dove | U | U | U | U |
| • Mourning Dove | U | C | C | C |
| <u>TYPICAL OWLS</u> | | | | |
| • Western Screech-Owl | U | U | U | U |
| • Great Horned Owl | FC | FC | FC | FC |
| • Northern Pygmy-Owl | U | U | U | U |
| • Northern Saw-Whet Owl | U | U | U | U |
| <u>SWIFTS</u> | | | | |
| • White-throated Swift | | U | U | U |
| <u>HUMMINGBIRDS</u> | | | | |
| • Calliope Hummingbird | | | U | U |
| • Broad-tailed Hummingbird | | FC | FC | FC |
| Rufous Hummingbird | | | FC | FC |
| <u>KINGFISHERS</u> | | | | |
| • Belted Kingfisher | U | U | U | U |
| <u>WOODPECKERS</u> | | | | |
| • Lewis's Woodpecker | U | U | U | U |
| • Williamson's Sapsucker | R | U | U | U |
| • Red-naped Sapsucker | R | U | U | U |

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| • Downy Woodpecker | FC | FC | FC | FC |
| • Hairy Woodpecker | FC | FC | FC | FC |
| • American Three-toed Woodpecker | U | U | U | U |
| • Northern Flicker | C | C | C | C |
| <u>TYRANT FLYCATCHERS</u> | | | | |
| • Olive-sided Flycatcher | | U | R | U |
| • Western Wood-Pewee | | C | C | C |
| • Hammond's Flycatcher | | U | U | U |
| • Dusky Flycatcher | | U | U | U |
| • Cordilleran Flycatcher | | FC | FC | FC |
| • Say's Phoebe | R | C | C | C |
| • Cassin's Kingbird | | FC | FC | FC |
| • Western Kingbird | | FC | FC | FC |
| <u>SHRIKES</u> | | | | |
| • Loggerhead Shrike | U | U | U | U |
| <u>VIREOS</u> | | | | |
| • Plumbeous Vireo | | U | U | U |
| • Warbling Vireo | | FC | FC | FC |
| • Red-eyed Vireo | | | R | R |
| <u>JAYS, MAGPIES, CROWS</u> | | | | |
| • Gray Jay | U | U | U | U |
| • Steller's Jay | FC | FC | FC | FC |
| • Clark's Nutcracker | U | U | U | U |
| • Black-billed Magpie | FC | FC | FC | FC |
| • American Crow | FC | FC | FC | FC |
| • Common Raven | C | C | C | C |
| <u>LARKS</u> | | | | |
| • Horned Lark | FC | FC | FC | FC |
| <u>SWALLOWS</u> | | | | |
| • Tree Swallow | | U | U | U |
| • Violet-green Swallow | | FC | FC | FC |
| • N Rough-winged Swallow | | FC | FC | FC |
| • Cliff Swallow | | C | C | C |
| • Barn Swallow | | FC | R | FC |
| <u>TITMICE</u> | | | | |
| • Black-capped Chickadee | U | U | U | U |
| • Mountain Chickadee | FC | FC | FC | FC |
| <u>BUSHTITS</u> | | | | |
| • Bushtit | U | U | U | U |
| <u>NUTHATCHES</u> | | | | |
| • Red-breasted Nuthatch | U | U | U | U |
| • White-breasted Nuthatch | FC | FC | FC | FC |
| • Pygmy Nuthatch | U | U | U | U |
| <u>CREEPERS</u> | | | | |
| • Brown Creeper | U | U | U | U |
| <u>WRENS</u> | | | | |
| • House Wren | | FC | FC | FC |
| • Winter Wren | R | R | | U |
| <u>DIPPERS</u> | | | | |
| • American Dipper | U | U | U | U |
| <u>KINGLETS</u> | | | | |
| • Golden-crowned Kinglet | U | U | U | U |
| • Ruby-crowned Kinglet | U | U | U | U |
| <u>THRUSHES</u> | | | | |
| • Western Bluebird | FC | FC | U | FC |
| • Mountain Bluebird | FC | FC | U | FC |
| • Townsend's Solitaire | FC | U | U | U |
| • Hermit Thrush | | FC | FC | FC |
| • American Robin | FC | C | C | C |

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| <u>MOCKINGBIRDS, THRASHERS</u> | | | | |
| • Gray Catbird | R | U | U | U |
| <u>STARLINGS</u> | | | | |
| • European Starling | C | C | C | C |
| <u>WAXWINGS</u> | | | | |
| • Cedar Waxwing | U | U | | U |
| <u>WOOD WARBLERS</u> | | | | |
| • Orange-crowned Warbler | | U | R | U |
| • Virginia's Warbler | | FC | FC | FC |
| • Yellow Warbler | | FC | FC | FC |
| • Yellow-rumped Warbler | U | FC | FC | C |
| • Kentucky Warbler | | R | R | |
| • MacGillivray's Warbler | | U | U | U |
| • Common Yellowthroat | | FC | FC | FC |
| • Wilson's Warbler | | FC | R | FC |
| <u>TANAGERS</u> | | | | |
| • Hepatic Tanager | | R | R | R |
| • Western Tanager | | FC | FC | FC |
| <u>SPARROWS</u> | | | | |
| • Green-tailed Towhee | | U | U | U |
| • Spotted Towhee | U | FC | FC | FC |
| • American Tree Sparrow | FC | U | | U |
| • Chipping Sparrow | | FC | U | C |
| • Vesper Sparrow | | C | C | C |
| • Lark Sparrow | | FC | FC | FC |
| • Lark Bunting | | FC | U | FC |
| • Savannah Sparrow | R | FC | FC | FC |
| • Song Sparrow | FC | FC | U | FC |
| • Lincoln's Sparrow | U | U | R | U |
| • White-crowned Sparrow | FC | C | R | C |
| • Dark-eyed Junco | C | FC | FC | C |
| • Lapland Longspur | U | U | | U |
| <u>CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS</u> | | | | |
| • Rose-breasted Grosbeak | | U | R | R |
| • Black-headed Grosbeak | | FC | FC | FC |
| • Lazuli Bunting | | U | U | U |
| <u>BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES</u> | | | | |
| • Red-winged Blackbird | FC | C | C | C |
| • Western Meadowlark | FC | C | C | C |
| • Yellow-headed Blackbird | | FC | FC | FC |
| • Brewer's Blackbird | U | FC | FC | FC |
| • Common Grackle | R | C | C | C |
| • Brown-headed Cowbird | U | C | C | C |
| • Bullock's Oriole | | C | C | C |
| <u>FINCHES</u> | | | | |
| • Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch | U | U | | R |
| • Black Rosy-Finch | U | U | | |
| • Brown-capped Rosy-Finch | U | U | R | R |
| • Pine Grosbeak | U | U | U | U |
| • Cassin's Finch | U | U | U | U |
| • House Finch | C | C | C | C |
| • Red Crossbill | U | U | U | U |
| • Pine Siskin | C | C | FC | C |
| • Evening Grosbeak | FC | FC | U | FC |
| <u>OLD WORLD SPARROWS</u> | | | | |
| • House Sparrow | C | C | C | C |

This checklist will be most useful to those who understand the critical relationship between particular birds and suitable habitat. Additionally, a number of breeding and migratory species have extremely limited ranges. The 5,351 foot difference between the area's highest and lowest points offers birds and birders a variety of unique ecosystems. The order of families and individual species included in this checklist, as well as months within each season, conforms to the standards of the American Ornithological Union and its Checklist of North American Birds.

Sightings of unlisted species and those designated as R (rare) warrant documentation. Observers are encouraged to send their reports with complete details to: New Mexico Bird Records Committee, 1819 Meadowview Dr. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104. Accompanying audio, video, and photograph evidence is most desirable, but not returnable. Two sources for current information about Colfax County and statewide bird sightings are: (1) the New Mexico Rare Bird Alert (NMRBA) at 505-884-3269, and (2) www.birder.com (select Birding, then select Rare Bird Alert, then scroll down to New Mexico on the menu). You can also report your unusual sightings at the NMRBA or email pinyonjay@aol.com.

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BIRD Checklist

for MORENO VALLEY & CIMARRON CANYON NEW MEXICO



Highest Point: 12,441 ft. Baldy Mountain
 Lowest Point: 7,090 ft. at Ute Park
 Number of documented bird species: 176

KEY PUBLIC ACCESS LOCATIONS

Carson National Forest
 Cimarron Canyon State Park
 Eagle Nest Lake State Park
 Monte Verde Lake



<http://www.enl-cc-parkfriends.org/>

Join Friends of Eagle Nest Lake and Cimarron Canyon State Park. Monthly meeting on the last Thursday of each month at Golden Eagle RV Park in Eagle Nest. 377-6188; or send a note to Friends, PO Box 3, Eagle Nest, NM 87718. Membership not necessary to attend the monthly meeting.

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