



Birds

Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge

How to Use Your Checklist

This list is in accordance with the 7th edition (1998) A.O.U. checklist and the 45th Supplement (July 2004). This guide is arranged by habitat to help locate some of the nearly 330 species of birds recorded on the refuge.

Key

- R - Resident, may be found year round.
- W - Winter Visitor (may include early fall and/or late spring)
- M - Migration spring and/or fall
- S - Summer, may be migrating through the refuge.

- ◆ - Only a few records
- - Breeding records for refuge
- * - Records not documented

Italics designate an endangered species

Arivaca Cienega (AC)

A 1-1/4 mile loop meanders through a seasonal wetland and groves of mesquite and hackberry trees.

Arivaca Creek (Ck)

A 1-1/4 mile loop follows the seasonal stream under mesquite trees and majestic cottonwoods. Mustang Trail leaves the Creek Trail for a steep hike up El Cerro.

Brown Canyon (BC)

The canyon is open by guided walk only. Call for a schedule or to make reservations.

Semidesert Grasslands (Gr)

Most of the refuge is an extensive grassland with mesquite trees. Many southwestern birds can be sighted near the headquarters visitor center. (HQ).

Wetlands (Wt)

In wet years, shorebirds and waterfowl may be seen in the grasslands at dirt tanks, natural wetlands, and the Aguirre Lake-Grebe Pond area.

Join a Tour or Take a Class

Call 520/823-4251 x 116 for tour and program information or reservations for Brown Canyon walks and workshops. Free guided bird walks start at 8:00 am at Arivaca Cienega, November through April; no reservations needed.

	AC	Ck	BC	Gr	HQ	Wt
Ducks, Geese, and Swans						
Black-bel. Whistling-Duck •	S	S				S
Gr. White-fronted Goose ◆						M
Snow Goose ◆		W				M
Canada Goose ◆		W				W
Wood Duck ◆		W	W			
Gadwall		W				W
Eurasian Wigeon ◆		W				W
American Wigeon		W				W
Mallard •		R				R
Blue-winged Teal		M				M
Cinnamon Teal •		R				R
Northern Shoveler		W				W
Northern Pintail		W				W
Garganey ◆						M
Green-winged Teal ◆		W				W
Canvasback						W
Redhead		W				W
Ring-necked Duck		W				W
Lesser Scaup ◆		W				M

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Long-tailed Duck ◆						W
Bufflehead		W				W
Common Goldeneye ◆		W				W
Hooded Merganser ◆		W				W
Common Merganser		W				W
Red-breasted Merganser ◆		W				W
Ruddy Duck		S				R
New World Quail						
Scaled Quail •		R		R	R	R
Gambel's Quail •		R	R	R	R	R
N. Bobwhite (<i>Masked</i>) •					R	R
Montezuma Quail •				R	R	
Grebes						
Pied-billed Grebe		R				R
Eared Grebe						M
Western Grebe ◆						W
Pelicans						
American White Pelican ◆						M
<i>Brown Pelican</i> ◆						S
Cormorants						
Neotropic Cormorant ◆		S				
Double-crested Cormorant						S
Herons, Bitterns, and Allies						
American Bittern ◆		W				
Least Bittern ◆		M				
Great Blue Heron •		R	R			R
Great Egret		W				M
Snowy Egret		M				M
Little Blue Heron ◆						M
Cattle Egret		M				M
Green Heron		S				S
Black-cr. Night-Heron •		S				S
Ibis						
White-faced Ibis		S				M
Vultures						
Black Vulture		S	S	S	S	S
Turkey Vulture		S	S	S	S	S
Hawks, Kites, Eagles, and Allies						
Osprey ◆		M	M			M
White-tailed Kite •		S		S	S	S
Northern Harrier		W		W	W	W
Sharp-shinned Hawk		W	W	W	W	W
Cooper's Hawk •		R	R	R	R	R
Gray Hawk •		S	S	S		
Common Black-Hawk		M	M			M
Harris's Hawk ◆		W	W			W
Red-shouldered Hawk ◆		W	W			
Swainson's Hawk •		S		S	S	S
Zone-tailed Hawk •		M	S	S	M	S
Red-tailed Hawk •		R	R	R	R	R
Ferruginous Hawk		W		W	W	W
Rough-legged Hawk		M		W	W	W
Golden Eagle •		W	W	R	W	W
Caracaras and Falcons						
Crested Caracara ◆				W	W	
American Kestrel •		R	R	R	R	R
Merlin		W		W	W	W
<i>Aplomado Falcon</i>						<i>Historical</i>
Peregrine Falcon		W	M		S	W
Prairie Falcon		R		W	W	R
Rails, Gallinules, and Coots						
Virginia Rail •		R				
Sora •		R	M			S
Common Moorhen •		R				
American Coot •		R	M			R
Cranes						
Sandhill Crane ◆						W

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Plovers						
Semipalmated Plover						M
Killdeer •		R	R			R
Stilts and Avocets						
Black-necked Stilt		M				M
American Avocet						M
Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies						
Greater Yellowlegs		W				W
Lesser Yellowlegs						M
Solitary Sandpiper		M				M
Willet		M				M
Spotted Sandpiper		M				M
Long-billed Curlew						M
Marbled Godwit ◆						M
Western Sandpiper						M
Least Sandpiper						M
Wh.-rumped Sandpiper ◆						M
Baird's Sandpiper ◆						M
Pectoral Sandpiper ◆						M
Dunlin ◆						M
Long-billed Dowitcher						M
Wilson's Snipe		W	M			M
Wilson's Phalarope						M
Red-necked Phalarope ◆						M
Red Phalarope ◆						M
Gulls and Terns						
Bonaparte's Gull ◆						M
Heermann's Gull ◆						M
Ring-billed Gull		W				W
California Gull ◆						M
Forster's Tern						M
<i>Least Tern</i> ◆		M				M
Black Tern						M
Pigeons and Doves						
Rock Pigeon		R				
Band-tailed Pigeon		S	S			S
White-winged Dove •		W	S	S	S	S
Mourning Dove •		R	R	R	R	R
Inca Dove		R	R			W
Common Ground-Dove •		R	R	S	S	R
Ruddy Ground-Dove ◆		W	W			
Cuckoos, Roadrunners, and Anis						
Yellow-billed Cuckoo •		S	S	S	S	S
Greater Roadrunner •		R	R	R	R	R
Groove-billed Ani ◆		M				M
Barn Owls						
Barn Owl •		R	R	S	R	R
Typical Owls						
Western Screech-Owl •		R	R	R	R	R
Whiskered Screech-Owl •		S	S			
Great Horned Owl •		R	R	R	R	R
Northern Pygmy-Owl ◆						S
<i>Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl</i> ◆						R
Elf Owl •		S	S			
Burrowing Owl						M
Long-eared Owl ◆◆						W
Short-eared Owl						W
Northern Saw-whet Owl ◆		W				
Goatsuckers						
Lesser Nighthawk •		S	S	S	S	S
Common Nighthawk •		S	S	S	S	S
Common Poorwill •		S	S	S	S	S
Buff-collared Nightjar •		S	S	S		
Whip-poor-will •						S
Swifts						
Vaux's Swift		M	M	M	M	M
White-throated Swift •		W	W	S	W	W

