

Biotic Communities

The park is located at an elevation between 3,800 - 4,200 feet with most of the vegetation of the Upper Sonoran life zone characterized by Pinyon-Juniper woodland. Oak Creek, which is spring-fed, flows from Oak Creek Canyon through the park for a mile and a half, creating a riparian habitat along its length. Look for the greatest variety and abundance of birds in this area.

Symbol Key		
Status:		
Permanent	(P)	year-round resident
Summer	(S)	present in summer only
Winter	(W)	present in winter only
Migrant	(M)	present in spring or fall
Abundance:		
Common	(c)	present in proper habitat in moderate to large numbers annually
Uncommon	(u)	present in proper habitat in small to moderate numbers annually
Rare	(r)	present in proper habitat singly or in very small numbers annually
Irregular	(i)	irruptive - highly variable depending on the year
Accidental	(acc)	five or fewer recorded

Geese and Ducks

_____ Common Merganser	P-c
_____ Common Goldeneye	M-acc
_____ Hooded Merganser	M-r
_____ Canada Goose	M-u
_____ Wood Duck	P-u
_____ Mallard	P-c
_____ Cinnamon Teal	W-r
_____ Ring-necked Duck	W-r

Turkey & Quail

_____ Wild Turkey	P-acc
_____ Gambel's Quail	P-u

Hérons & Egrets

_____ Black-crowned Night-Heron	S-r
_____ Green Heron	P-r
_____ Snowy Egret	M-acc
_____ Great Blue Heron	P-c

Vultures

_____ Turkey Vulture	S-c
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Hawks, Eagles & Falcons

_____ Merlin	P-r
_____ Osprey	P-r
_____ Northern Harrier	W-r
_____ Golden Eagle	P-r
_____ Bald Eagle	W-r
_____ Sharp-shinned Hawk	P-u
_____ Cooper's Hawk	P-c
_____ Common Black-Hawk	S-c
_____ Zone-tailed Hawk	M-acc
_____ Red-tailed Hawk	P-c
_____ Ferruginous Hawk	W-r
_____ American Kestrel	P-u

Rails & Coots

_____ American Coot	P-u
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Plovers, Sandpipers & Snipes

_____ Killdeer	M-r
_____ Spotted Sandpiper	P-u
_____ Wilson's Snipe	W-r

Pigeons & Doves

_____ Rock Pigeon	P-r
_____ Mourning Dove	P-c
_____ Eurasian Collared-Dove	P-u
_____ Inca Dove	P-r

Cuckoos & Roadrunners

_____ Yellow-billed Cuckoo	S-r
_____ Greater Roadrunner	P-u

Owls

_____ Great Horned Owl	P-c
_____ Northern Pygmy-Owl	P-u

Goatsuckers

_____ Common Nighthawk	S-u
_____ Common Poorwill	P-u

Swifts

_____ White-throated Swift	S-c
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Hummingbirds

_____ Rivoli's Hummingbird	S-acc
_____ Black-chinned Hummingbird	S-c
_____ Costa's Hummingbird	S-r
_____ Anna's Hummingbird	P-c

_____ Broad-tailed Hummingbird	M-u
_____ Rufous Hummingbird	M-c

Kingfishers

_____ Belted Kingfisher	P-c
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Woodpeckers

_____ Acorn Woodpecker	M-acc
_____ Gila Woodpecker	P-c
_____ Northern Flicker	W-c
_____ Williamson's Sapsucker	M-acc
_____ Red-naped Sapsucker	P-c
_____ Ladder-backed Woodpecker	P-c
_____ Downy Woodpecker	P-r
_____ Hairy Woodpecker	P-c

Tyrant Flycatchers

_____ Vermillion Flycatcher	S-r
_____ Western Wood-Pewee	S-u
_____ Black Phoebe	P-c
_____ Say's Phoebe	P-c
_____ Brown-crested Flycatcher	S-u
_____ Ash-throated Flycatcher	S-c
_____ Cassin's Kingbird	S-r
_____ Western Kingbird	S-u
_____ Hammond's Flycatcher	M-acc
_____ Willow Flycatcher	M-r
_____ Gray Flycatcher	M-acc
_____ Western Flycatcher	S-acc

Shrikes

_____ Loggerhead Shrike	P-acc
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Vireos

_____ Cassin's Vireo	M-r
_____ Hutton's Vireo	M-u
_____ Plumbeous Vireo	S-c
_____ Warbling Vireo	M-r

Jays, Crows & Ravens

_____ Steller's Jay	W-r
_____ Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay	P-c
_____ Pinyon Jay	S, W-i
_____ American Crow	P-acc
_____ Common Raven	P-c

Swallows

_____ Barn Swallow	M-acc
_____ Tree Swallow	M-acc
_____ Violet-green Swallow	S-c
_____ Cliff Swallow	S-r
_____ No. Rough-winged Swallow	S-r

Chickadees & Titmice

_____ Bridled Titmouse	P-c
_____ Juniper Titmouse	P-c
_____ Mountain Chickadee	W-r

Verdins / Bushtits

_____ Verdin	W-r
_____ Bushtit	P-u

Creepers / Nuthatches

_____ Brown Creeper	W-r
_____ White-breasted Nuthatch	P-u

Wrens

_____ Northern House Wren	S-u
_____ Pacific Wren	W-acc
_____ Bewick's Wren	P-c
_____ Rock Wren	P-u
_____ Canyon Wren	P-r
_____ Marsh Wren	W-acc

Kinglets, Thrushes & Gnatcatchers

_____ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	W-c
_____ Western Bluebird	W-i
_____ Mountain Bluebird	W-i
_____ Townsend's Solitaire	W-u
_____ Hermit Thrush	W-u
_____ American Robin	W-i
_____ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	P-r

Mockingbirds & Thrashers

_____ Northern Mockingbird	S-r
_____ Crissal Thrasher	W-r
_____ Sage Thrasher	W-acc

Pipits

_____ American Pipit	W-acc
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Waxwings

_____ Cedar Waxwing	W-i
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Silky Flycatchers

_____ Phainopepla	S-c
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Wood-Warblers

_____ Orange-crowned Warbler	M-r
_____ Nashville Warbler	M-acc
_____ Lucy's Warbler	S-c
_____ Yellow-rumped Warbler	S-c
_____ Black-throated Gray Warbler	M-acc
_____ Yellow Warbler	S-c
_____ MacGillivray's Warbler	M-r
_____ Wilson's Warbler	M-u
_____ Common Yellowthroat	S-r
_____ Yellow-breasted Chat	S-c
_____ Painted Redstart	M-acc
_____ Townsend's Warbler	M-r
_____ Grace's Warbler	M-acc

Tanagers

_____ Summer Tanager	S-c
_____ Hepatic Tanager	S-acc
_____ Western Tanager	S-u