

Biotic Communities

The park is located at elevations between 2,650 and 3,000 feet with a wide range of vegetation characteristic of the Sonoran Desert. The Sutherland and Canada del Oro Washes flow through the park creating several miles of riparian habitat. Look for the greatest variety of birds in these areas.

| Symbol Key | | |
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| <i>Status:</i> | | |
| Permanent | (P) | year-round resident |
| Summer | (S) | |
| Winter | (W) | |
| Migrant | (M) | present in Spring or Fall |
| <i>Abundance:</i> | | |
| 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 or invasion species |
| Accidental | (acc) | five or fewer recorded |

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| Geese | |
| __Snow Goose | M-acc |

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| <u>Herons</u> | |
| __Great Blue Heron | M-acc |
| __Cattle Egret | M-acc |

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| <u>Cranes</u> | |
| __Sandhill Crane | M-acc |

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| <u>Plovers</u> | |
| __Killdeer | P-i |

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| <u>Quail/Game Birds</u> | |
| __Gambel’s Quail | P-c |
| __Wild Turkey | P-acc |

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| <u>Harriers, Hawks and Eagles</u> | |
| __Northern Harrier | W-u |
| __Sharp-shinned Hawk | W-u |
| __Cooper’s Hawk | P-u |
| __Northern Goshawk | W-r |
| __Red-tailed Hawk | P-c |
| __Ferruginous Hawk | W-r |
| __Harris’ Hawk | P-u |
| __Zone-tailed Hawk | S-r |
| __Common Black-hawk | M-r |
| __Golden Eagle | P-r |

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| <u>Vultures, Ospreys and Falcons</u> | |
| __Turkey Vulture | S-u |
| __Black Vulture | M-r |
| __Osprey | M-r |
| __American Kestrel | P-u |
| __Peregrine Falcon | M-r |
| __Prairie Falcon | P-u |

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| <u>Owls</u> | |
| __Barn Owl | P-r |
| __Western Screech-owl | P-u |
| __Long-eared Owl | W-r |
| __Great Horned Owl | P-u |
| __Elf Owl | S-c |
| __Northern Saw-whet owl | M-aac |

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| <u>Kingfishers</u> | |
| __Belted Kingfisher | M-r |

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| <u>Pigeons & Doves</u> | |
| __Mourning Dove | P-c |
| __Common Ground- dove | P-r |
| __Inca Dove | P-u |
| __White-winged Dove | S-c |
| __Eurasian Collared-dove | P-u |
| __Band-tailed Pigeon | W-r |
| __Rock Pigeon | P-r |

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| <u>Cuckoos & Roadrunners</u> | |
| __Yellow-billed Cuckoo | M-r |
| __Greater Roadrunner | P-c |

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| <u>Goatsuckers</u> | |
| __Lesser Nighthawk | S-c |
| __Buff-collared Nightjar | S-r |
| __Common Poorwill | S-c |

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| <u>Hummingbirds</u> | |
| __Anna’s Hummingbird | W-c |
| __Broad-tailed Hummingbird | M-u |
| __Rufous Hummingbird | M-u |
| __Blue-throated Hummingbird | M-r |
| __Magnificent Hummingbird | M-r |
| __Broad-billed Hummingbird | S-c |
| __Black-chinned Hummingbird | S-c |
| __Costa’s Hummingbird | S-c |

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| <u>Woodpeckers</u> | |
| __Lewis’ Woodpecker | W-i |
| __Northern (Red-shafted) Flicker | W-r |
| __Gilded Flicker | P-u |
| __Red-naped Sapsucker | W-u |
| __Red-breasted Sapsucker | W-r |
| __Ladder-backed Woodpecker | P-c |
| __Gila Woodpecker | P-c |

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| <u>Flycatchers</u> | |
| __Scissor-tailed Flycatcher | M-acc |
| __Vermilion Flycatcher | S-c, W-u |
| __Western Kingbird | S-u |
| __Cassin’s Kingbird | S-u |
| __Brown-crested Flycatcher | S-c |
| __Dusky-capped Flycatcher | M-r |
| __Ash-throated Flycatcher | S-c, W-r |
| __Western Wood-pewee | M-u |
| __Greater Pewee | M-r |
| __Olive-sided Flycatcher | M-u |
| __Black Phoebe | W-u |
| __Say’s Phoebe | P-c |
| __Hammond’s Flycatcher | M-u |
| __Willow Flycatcher | M-r |
| __Dusky Flycatcher | M-u |
| __Gray Flycatcher | W-u |
| __Cordilleran Flycatcher | S-u |
| __Northern Beardless-tyrannulet | P-u |

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| <u>Larks</u> | |
| __Horned Lark | W-u |

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| <u>Pipits</u> | |
| __American Pipit | W-u |

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| <u>Swifts & Swallows</u> | |
| __White-throated Swift | P-u |
| __N. Rough-winged Swallow | M-u |
| __Violet-green Swallow | M-u |
| __Purple Martin | S-u |
| __Barn Swallow | M-u |
| __Cliff Swallow | M-u |

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| <u>Crows & Jays</u> | |
| __Common Raven | P-c |
| __Western Scrub- jay | W-i |
| __Steller’s Jay | W-i,r |

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| <u>Chickadees & Titmice</u> | |
| __Mountain Chickadee | W-u |
| __Juniper Titmouse | W-r |
| __Bridled Titmouse | W-u |
| __Bushtit | P-u |
| __Verdin | P-c |

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| <u>Nuthatches & Creepers</u> | |
| __White-breasted Nuthatch | P-u |
| __Red-breasted Nuthatch | W-r |
| __Brown Creeper | W-r |

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| <u>Wrens</u> | |
| __House Wren | W-u |
| __Bewick’s Wren | P-c |
| __Canyon Wren | P-c |
| __Rock Wren | P-u |
| __Cactus Wren | P-c |

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| <u>Kinglets & Gnatcatchers</u> | |
| __Ruby-crowned Kinglet | W-c |
| __Blue-gray Gnatcatcher | W-u |
| __Black-tailed Gnatcatcher | P-u |

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| <u>Mockingbirds & Thrashers</u> | |
| __Northern Mockingbird | P-u |
| __Sage Thrasher | W-r |
| __Crissal Thrasher | P-u |
| __Curved-billed Thrasher | P-c |
| __Bendire’s Thrasher | P-r |

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| <u>Thrushes</u> | |
| __American Robin | W-i |
| __Rufous-backed Robin | W-acc |
| __Townsend’s Solitaire | W-i |
| __Hermit Thrush | W-u, M-u |
| __Western Bluebird | W-i |
| __Eastern Bluebird | W-i |
| __Mountain Bluebird | W-i |

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| <u>Shrikes</u> | |
| __Loggerhead Shrike | P-u |

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| <u>Starlings</u> | |
| __European Starling | P-u |

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| <u>Waxwings & Silky Flycatchers</u> | |
| __Cedar Waxwing | M-u |
| __Phainopepla | W-c, S-u |

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| <u>Vireos</u> | |
| __Plumbeous Vireo | M-u |
| __Cassin’s Vireo | M-u |
| __Bell’s Vireo | S-c |
| __Hutton’s Vireo | W-r |
| __Warbling Vireo | M-u |
| __Gray Vireo | W-r |

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| <u>Wood Warblers</u> | |
| __Lucy’s Warbler | S-c |
| __Orange-crowned Warbler | M-u |
| __Nashville Warbler | M-r |
| __Yellow Warbler | M-u |
| __Townsend’s Warbler | M-u |
| __Hermit Warbler | M-r |
| __Black-throated Gray Warbler | W-u |
| __Yellow-rumped Warbler | W-u, M-c |
| __MacGillivray’s Warbler | M-u |
| __Common Yellowthroat | M-r |
| __Wilson’s Warbler | M-u |
| __Yellow-breasted Chat | M-r |

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| Great-tailed Grackle | P-u |
| Eastern Meadowlark | W-u |
| Western Meadowlark | W-u |
| Brown-headed Cowbird | S-c |
| Bronzed Cowbird | S-u |
| Bullock's Oriole | M-u |
| Hooded Oriole | S-u |
| Scott's Oriole | M-u |
| Western Tanager | M-u |
| Summer Tanager | M-u |

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| ___ White-throated Sparrow | M-r |
| ___ White-crowned Sparrow | W-c |
| ___ Golden-crowned Sparrow | W-r |
| ___ Lark Sparrow | W-c |
| ___ Black-throated Sparrow | P-c |
| ___ Black-chinned Sparrow | W-u |
| ___ Chipping Sparrow | W-c |
| ___ Rufous-crowned Sparrow | P-u |
| ___ Rufous-winged Sparrow | P-c |
| ___ Brewer's Sparrow | W-c |
| ___ Grasshopper Sparrow | W-r |
| ___ Cassin's Sparrow | M-r |
| ___ Fox Sparrow | M-r |
| ___ Song Sparrow | W-u |
| ___ Lincoln's Sparrow | W-u |
| ___ Vesper Sparrow | W-c |
| ___ Savannah Sparrow | W-r |
| ___ Spotted Towhee | W-u |
| ___ Canyon Towhee | P-c |
| ___ Abert's Towhee | P-c |
| ___ Green-tailed Towhee | W-u |
| ___ Dark-eyed Junco | W-c |
| ___ Yellow-eyed Junco | W-r |
| ___ Lark Bunting | W-u |

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| ___ Black-headed Grosbeak | M-u |
| ___ Pyrrhuloxia | P-c |
| ___ Northern Cardinal | P-c |
| ___ Blue Grosbeak | S-u |
| ___ Lazuli Bunting | M-u |
| ___ Varied Bunting | S-r |

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| __Red Crossbill | W-i |
| __House Finch | P-c |
| __Cassin's Finch | M-r |
| __Evening Grosbeak | W-i |
| __Lawrence's Goldfinch | W-i |
| __Lesser Goldfinch | W-u |
| __American Goldfinch | W-i |
| __Pine Siskin | M-r, M-u |

House Sparrow P-r

Hummingbird feeders are located around the visitor contact station. A variety of hummingbirds can usually be found there throughout the day.

Riparian areas (waterways) within the park such as Sutherland Wash and the Canada del Oro Wash support and attract a diverse bird population.

Quiet voices and slow movements will enable you to watch birds going about their everyday business. Loud noises & sudden movements will disturb them.

Observer: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

Weather: _____

Noteworthy Observations: _____

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species not on this list, please contact park
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A schematic map of the Tucson area showing major roads and highways. The map includes labels for Tangerine Road, Ina Road, Oracle Road, Speedway, Ajo Way, and Tucson. It also shows directions to Phoenix, Florence, Benson, Nogales, and Catalina State Park. Highways 10, 19, 77, and 86 are marked with their respective shields.

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A Preliminary Checklist of Birds in this Park and Vicinity