

This list of the approximately 100 most common birds of Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument is based on previous documentation of abundance (A). The list is separated into three categories. Common (C) birds may be seen daily as a solitary bird or in small groups. Uncommon (U) birds are more rare, and likely to be seen on a monthly basis. Rare (R) birds occur in the park a few times a year.

Habitats (H) are also separated into three categories. Riparian (R) birds can be found in or along water bodies that include vegetation such as walnut and ash. Woodland/Chaparral (WC) areas include the oak and juniper woodlands above the cliff dwellings. Coniferous forests (F) make up the north-facing slopes of Cliff Dweller Canyon.

The diverse environment of the American southwest provides vital habitats for birds across the seasons (S). Birds that do not migrate are considered Year-round (Y) residents and can be seen at any time of year. Summer (S) residents are at the park roughly during June–August. Winter (W) residents occur during colder times of year. Migratory (M) birds may be seen at various times as they briefly pass through the park on their way to other habitats.

Key	
Abundance (A)	C—Common
	U—Uncommon
	R—Rare
Habitat (H)	Ri—Riparian
	WC—Woodland/Chaparral
	F—Forest
Season (S)	Y—Year-round
	S—Summer
	W—Winter
	M—Migratory

Photos clockwise from top left: gray flycatcher, black-chinned hummingbird, western tanager, red-tailed hawk, greater roadrunner. All photos ©Robert Shantz.

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✓	Common Name	A	H	S
DUCKS AND GEESE				
	Mallard	U	Ri	Y
	Common merganser	U	Ri	Y
TURKEYS				
	Wild turkey	U	Ri,WC,F	Y
HERONS				
	Great blue heron	U	Ri	Y
VULTURES				
	Turkey vulture	C	Ri,WC,F	S
HAWKS				
	Sharp-shinned hawk	R	Ri,WC,F	M
	Cooper's hawk	U	Ri,WC,F	Y
	Northern goshawk	R	WC,F	Y
	Common black-hawk	U	Ri	S
	Zone-tailed hawk	R	Ri,WC,F	S
	Red-tailed hawk	U	Ri,WC,F	Y
PIGEONS				
	Mourning dove	C	Ri,WC,F	Y
CUCKOOS AND ROADRUNNERS				
	Yellow-billed cuckoo	R	Ri	S
	Greater roadrunner	R	WC,F	Y
OWLS				
	Flammulated owl	U	WC,F	S
	Great horned owl	R	Ri,WC,F	Y
	Northern pygmy-owl	R	Ri,WC,F	Y
	Northern saw-whet owl	R	WC,F	Y
GOATSUCKERS				
	Mexican whip-poor-will	U	WC,F	S
SWIFTS				
	White-throated swift	U	WC,F	Y
HUMMINGBIRDS				
	Black-chinned hummingbird	C	Ri,WC,F	S
	Broad-tailed hummingbird	C	Ri,WC,F	S
	Rufous hummingbird	R	WC,F	M
	Calliope hummingbird	R	Ri,WC,F	M
WOODPECKERS				
	Acorn woodpecker	U	Ri,WC,F	Y
	Red-naped sapsucker	U	Ri,WC,F	S

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	Hairy woodpecker	C	Ri,WC,F	Y
	Northern flicker	C	Ri,WC,F	Y
FALCONS				
	American kestrel	R	Ri,WC	Y
	Merlin	R	WC,F	M
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS				
	Greater pewee	U	WC,F	S
	Western wood-pewee	U	Ri,WC	S
	Hammond's flycatcher	R	Ri,WC,F	M
	Gray flycatcher	U	Ri,WC,F	S
	Dusky flycatcher	R	Ri,WC,F	M
	Cordilleran flycatcher	U	Ri,WC,F	S
	Black phoebe	U	Ri	Y
	Say's phoebe	R	WC	Y
	Ash-throated flycatcher	U	Ri,WC	S
	Cassin's kingbird	R	Ri,WC	S
	Western kingbird	R	Ri,WC	S
VIREOS				
	Plumbeous vireo	C	Ri,WC,F	S
	Hutton's vireo	U	WC,F	S
	Warbling vireo	C	Ri,WC,F	S
CORVIDS				
	Steller's jay	U	Ri,WC,F	Y
	Western scrub-jay	U	WC,F	Y
	Common raven	C	Ri,WC,F	Y
SWALLOWS				
	Purple martin	C	Ri,F	S
	Tree swallow	R	Ri,WC	M
	Violet-green swallow	C	Ri,WC,F	S
	Northern rough-winged swallow	R	Ri,WC	M
	Bank swallow	R	WC	M
	Cliff swallow	C	Ri,WC	S
	Barn swallow	R	Ri,WC	M
CHICKADEES AND TITMICE				
	Mountain chickadee	R	Ri,WC,F	Y
	Bridled titmouse	C	Ri,WC,F	Y
	Juniper titmouse	U	WC,F	Y

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BUSHTIT				
	Bushtit	C	Ri,WC,F	Y
NUTHATCHES AND CREEPERS				
	Red-breasted nuthatch	R	WC,F	Y
	White-breasted nuthatch	U	Ri,WC,F	Y
	Pygmy nuthatch	C	WC,F	Y
	Brown creeper	R	Ri,WC,F	Y
WRENS				
	Rock wren	R	WC,F	Y
	Canyon wren	U	WC,F	Y
	House wren	C	Ri,WC,F	S
	Bewick's wren	C	Ri,WC,F	Y
KINGLETS AND GNATCATCHERS				
	Blue-gray gnatcatcher	U	Ri,WC	S
	Ruby-crowned kinglet	U	Ri	M
THRUSHES				
	Western bluebird	U	Ri,WC,F	Y
	Swainson's thrush	R	Ri,F	M
	Hermit thrush	U	Ri,WC,F	Y
	American robin	C	Ri,WC,F	S
MIMIDS				
	Northern mockingbird	U	Ri,WC	Y
WARBLERS				
	Olive warbler	R	WC,F	S
	Orange-crowned warbler	U	Ri,WC,F	M
	Virginia's warbler	U	Ri,WC,F	S
	Macgillivray's warbler	R	Ri,WC	M
	Common yellowthroat	C	Ri	S
	Yellow warbler	U	Ri	S
	Grace's warbler	U	WC,F	S
	Black-throated gray warbler	U	Ri,WC,F	S
	Townsend's warbler	U	Ri,WC,F	M
	Wilson's warbler	U	Ri,WC,F	M
	Red-faced warbler	U	WC,F	S
	Painted redstart	U	Ri,WC,F	S
	Yellow-breasted chat	C	Ri	S

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EMBERIZINES				
	Green-tailed towhee	R	Ri,WC,F	M
	Spotted towhee	C	Ri,WC,F	Y
	Rufous-crowned sparrow	U	WC	Y
	Canyon towhee	U	WC	Y
	Chipping sparrow	C	Ri,WC,F	Y
	Brewer's sparrow	C	Ri,WC	W
	Vesper sparrow	R	WC	W
	Lark sparrow	R	Ri,WC	M
	Song sparrow	C	Ri	S
	Lincoln's sparrow	U	Ri	M
	White-crowned sparrow	C	Ri,WC	W
	Dark-eyed junco	C	Ri,WC,F	W
TANAGERS				
	Hepatic tanager	U	WC,F	S
	Summer tanager	U	Ri	S
	Western tanager	U	Ri,WC,F	S
CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND BUNTINGS				
	Black-headed grosbeak	C	Ri,WC,F	S
	Blue grosbeak	R	Ri	S
	Lazuli bunting	R	Ri,WC,F	M
ICTERIDS				
	Yellow-headed blackbird	R	Ri,WC	W
	Brewer's blackbird	R	Ri,WC	W
	Brown-headed cowbird	U	Ri,WC,F	Y
	Bullock's oriole	U	Ri	S
FINCHES				
	House finch	C	Ri,WC,F	Y
	Red crossbill	R	WC,F	Y
	Pine siskin	U	Ri	M
	Lesser goldfinch	C	Ri,WC,F	Y

The information in this list is based on bird observations, inventories, and surveys at Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument. However, bird lists are always works in progress. The list is arranged by family, with common names following the American Ornithologists' Union's Check-list of North American Birds, 7th edition, and its supplements to 2013.

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