Bird Checklist for Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve

Field	Definition and Values
Latin and Common Name	The preferred local scientific name and common name of species
Park Status	Status of each species in each park. Values are:
	Present in Park: Species' occurrence in park is documented and assumed to be extant.
	Probably Present : Park is within species' range and contains appropriate habitat. Documented occurrences of the species in the adjoining region of the park give reason to suspect that it probably occurs within the park. The degree of probability may vary within this category, including species that range from common to rare.
	<i>Unconfirmed</i> : Included for the park based on weak ("unconfirmed record") or no evidence, giving minimal indication of the species' occurrence in the park.
Abundance	<i>Abundant</i> : Animals: May be seen daily, in suitable habitat and season, and counted in relatively large numbers. Plants: Large number of individuals; wide ecological amplitude or occurring in habitats covering a large portion of the park.
	<i>Common:</i> Animals: May be seen daily, in suitable habitat and season, but not in large numbers. Plants: Large numbers of individuals predictably occurring in commonly encountered habitats but not those covering a large portion of the park.
	<i>Uncommon:</i> Animals: Likely to be seen monthly in appropriate season/habitat. May be locally common. Plants: Few to moderate numbers of individuals; occurring either sporadically in commonly encountered habitats or in uncommon habitats.
	<i>Rare:</i> Animals: Present, but usually seen only a few times each year. Plants: Few individuals, usually restricted to small areas of rare habitat.
	<i>Occasional</i> : Occurs in the park at least once every few years, but not necessarily every year. Applicable to animals only.
Residency	Current residency classification for each animal species in each park. Park Status as above must be either "Present" or "Probably Present".
	Breeder: Population reproduces in the park.
	<i>Resident</i> : A significant population is maintained in the park for more than two months each year, but it is not known to breed there.
	<i>Migratory</i> : Migratory species that occurs in park approximately two months or less each year and does not breed there.
	Vagrant: Park is outside of the species' usual range.
Nativity	Nativity classification for each species in each park. Park Status as defined above must be either "Present" or "Probably Present".
	<i>Native</i> : The species is native to the park (either endemic or indigenous), or if the Park Status is "Probably Present" as defined above, the species would be native to the park if it were eventually confirmed in the park.
	<i>Non-Native</i> : The species is not native to the park (neither endemic nor indigenous), or if the Park Status is "Probably Present" as defined above, the species would not be native to the park if it were eventually confirmed in the park. Persistent plant populations (as defined below) that reproduce are also considered non-native.
Source	 A: Giroir 2004 (this report) B: Andrews and Righter 1992. C: National Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count – www.birdsource.org

Scientific Name	Common Name	Park Status	Abundance	Residency	Source
Podilymbus podiceps	Pied-billed Grebe	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder	А
Podiceps grisegena	Red-necked Grebe	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory	В
Podiceps nigricollis	Eared Grebe	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder	А
Aechmophorus occidentalis	Western Grebe	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory	В
Aechmophorus clarkii	Clark's Grebe	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory	В
Pelecanus erythrorhynchos	American White Pelican	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory	В
Phalacrocorax auritus	Double-crested Cormorant	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory	В
Botaurus lentiginosus	American Bittern	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder	В
Ardea herodias	Great Blue Heron	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory	В
Ardea alba	Great Egret	Probably Present	Occasional	Migratory	В
Egretta thula	Snowy Egret	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder	А
Bubulcus ibis	Cattle Egret	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory	В
Nycticorax nycticorax	Black-crowned Night-Heron	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder	А
Plegadis chihi	White-faced Ibis	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder	А
Coragyps atratus	Black Vulture	Unconfirmed	Occasional	Vagrant	В
Cathartes aura	Turkey Vulture	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	А
Chen caerulescens	Snow Goose	Probably Present	Occasional	Migratory	В
Chen rossii	Ross's Goose	Probably Present	Occasional	Migratory	В
Branta canadensis	Canada Goose	Present in Park	Common	Breeder	А
Anas strepera	Gadwall	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder	А
Anas americana	American Wigeon	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory	В
Anas platyrhynchos	Mallard	Present in Park	Common	Breeder	А
Anas discors	Blue-winged Teal	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory	В
Anas cyanoptera	Cinnamon Teal	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder	А
Anas clypeata	Northern Shoveler	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder	А
Anas acuta	Northern Pintail	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory	А
Anas crecca	Green-winged Teal	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder	А
Aythya valisineria	Canvasback	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory	С
Aythya americana	Redhead	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory	С
Aythya collaris	Ring-necked Duck	Probably Present	Rare	Breeder	А
Aythya affinis	Lesser Scaup	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory	А
Bucephala albeola	Bufflehead	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory	С
Bucephala clangula	Common Goldeneye	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory	С
Lophodytes cucullatus	Hooded Merganser	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory	В
Mergus merganser	Common Merganser	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory	C
Oxyura jamaicensis	Ruddy Duck	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder	A
Pandion haliaetus	Osprey	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory	В
Haliaeetus leucocephalus	Bald Eagle	Present in Park	Uncommon	Migratory	A
Circus cyaneus	Northern Harrier	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	A
Accipiter striatus	Sharp-shinned Hawk	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	A
Accipiter cooperii	Cooper's Hawk	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	C
Accipiter gentilis	Northern Goshawk	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder	c
Buteo swainsoni	Swainson's Hawk	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	A
Buteo jamaicensis	Red-tailed Hawk	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	A
Buteo regalis	Ferruginous Hawk	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	A
Buteo lagopus	Rough-legged Hawk	Present in Park	Uncommon	Migratory	A
Aquila chrysaetos	Golden Eagle	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	A C
Falco sparverius	American Kestrel	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	A
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Falco peregrinus	Peregrine Falcon	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder	А
Dendragapus obscurus	Blue Grouse	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	С
Lagopus leucurus	White-tailed Ptarmigan	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder	А
Meleagris gallopavo	Wild Turkey	Present in Park	Occasional	Breeder	А
Rallus limicola	Virginia Rail	Probably Present	Rare	Breeder	В
Porzana carolina	Sora	Probably Present	Rare	Breeder	В
Fulica americana	American Coot	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	А
Grus canadensis	Sandhill Crane	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory	В
Charadrius alexandrinus	Snowy Plover	Probably Present	Occasional	Migratory	В
Charadrius vociferus	Killdeer	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	А
Charadrius montanus	Mountain Plover	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory	В
Recurvirostra americana	American Avocet	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory	А
Tringa melanoleuca	Greater Yellowlegs	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory	В
Tringa flavipes	Lesser Yellowlegs	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory	А
Tringa solitaria	Solitary Sandpiper	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory	В
Catoptrophorus semipalmatus	Willet	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory	В
Actitis macularia	Spotted Sandpiper	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder	А
Numenius americanus	Long-billed Curlew	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory	А
Limosa fedoa	Marbled Godwit	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory	В
Calidris mauri	Western Sandpiper	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory	В
Calidris minutilla	Least Sandpiper	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory	В
Calidris bairdii	Baird's Sandpiper	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory	В
Limnodromus scolopaceus	Long-billed Dowitcher	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory	В
Gallinago gallinago	Wilson's Snipe	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder	С
Phalaropus tricolor	Wilson's Phalarope	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder	А
Phalaropus lobatus	Red-necked Phalarope	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory	В
Larus pipixcan	Franklin's Gull	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory	В
Larus delawarensis	Ring-billed Gull	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory	С
Larus californicus	California Gull	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory	Ā
Sterna forsteri	Forster's Tern	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory	В
Chlidonias niger	Black Tern	Probably Present	Rare	Breeder	B
Columba livia	Rock Pigeon	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory	B
Patagioenas fasciata	Band-tailed Pigeon	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder	B
Zenaida macroura	Mourning Dove	Present in Park	Common	Breeder	A
Otus flammeolus	Flammulated Owl	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	A
Megascops kennicottii	Western Screech-Owl	Present in Park	Occasional	Breeder	В
Bubo virginianus	Great Horned Owl	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	A
Glaucidium gnoma	Northern Pygmy-Owl	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder	C
Athene cunicularia	Burrowing Owl	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory	В
Asio otus	Long-eared Owl	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder	B
Asio flammeus	Short-eared Owl	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory	C
Aegolius acadicus	Northern Saw-whet Owl	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	В
Chordeiles minor	Common Nighthawk	Present in Park	Common	Breeder	A
Phalaenoptilus nuttallii	Common Poorwill	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	A
Cypseloides niger	Black Swift	Present in Park	Rare		A B
<i>Aeronautes saxatalis</i>	White-throated Swift	Present in Park		Migratory Breeder	
Aeronautes saxatalis Archilochus alexandri		Present in Park Present in Park	Uncommon		A B
	Black-chinned Hummingbird		Rare	Migratory	
Stellula calliope	Calliope Hummingbird	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory	В
Selasphorus platycercus	Broad-tailed Hummingbird	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	А

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Ceryle alcyon	Belted Kingfisher	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory	А
Melanerpes lewis	Lewis's Woodpecker	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory	В
Sphyrapicus thyroideus	Williamson's Sapsucker	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder	А
Sphyrapicus varius	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Present in Park	Occasional	Vagrant	С
Sphyrapicus nuchalis	Red-naped Sapsucker	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	А
Picoides pubescens	Downy Woodpecker	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	С
Picoides villosus	Hairy Woodpecker	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	А
Picoides dorsalis	American Three-toed Woodpecker	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory	В
Colaptes auratus	Northern Flicker	Present in Park	Common	Breeder	А
Contopus cooperi	Olive-sided Flycatcher	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder	А
Contopus sordidulus	Western Wood-Pewee	Present in Park	Common	Breeder	А
Empidonax traillii	Willow Flycatcher	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory	В
Empidonax hammondii	Hammond's Flycatcher	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder	А
Empidonax oberholseri	Dusky Flycatcher	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	А
Empidonax wrightii	Gray Flycatcher	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder	А
Empidonax occidentalis	Cordilleran Flycatcher	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	А
Sayornis saya	Say's Phoebe	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	А
Pyrocephalus rubinus	Vermilion Flycatcher	Unconfirmed	Occasional	Vagrant	
Myiarchus cinerascens	Ash-throated Flycatcher	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory	А
Tyrannus vociferans	Cassin's Kingbird	Present in Park	Occasional	Migratory	В
Tyrannus verticalis	Western Kingbird	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder	А
Lanius excubitor	Northern Shrike	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory	С
Lanius ludovicianus	Loggerhead Shrike	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder	А
Vireo plumbeus	Plumbeous Vireo	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	А
Vireo gilvus	Warbling Vireo	Present in Park	Common	Breeder	А
Perisoreus canadensis	Gray Jay	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder	А
Cyanocitta stelleri	Steller's Jay	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	А
Aphelocoma californica	Western Scrub-Jay	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	А
Gymnorhinus cyanocephalus	Pinyon Jay	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	А
Nucifraga columbiana	Clark's Nutcracker	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	А
Pica hudsonia	Black-billed Magpie	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	А
Corvus brachyrhynchos	American Crow	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory	А
Corvus corax	Common Raven	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	A
Eremophila alpestris	Horned Lark	Present in Park	Common	Breeder	A
Progne subis	Purple Martin	Probably Present	Occasional	Migratory	В
Tachycineta bicolor	Tree Swallow	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder	Ā
Tachycineta thalassina	Violet-green Swallow	Present in Park	Common	Breeder	A
Stelgidopteryx serripennis	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder	A
Riparia riparia	Bank Swallow	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder	A
Petrochelidon pyrrhonota	Cliff Swallow	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder	A
Hirundo rustica	Barn Swallow	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder	A
Poecile atricapillus	Black-capped Chickadee	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	A
Poecile gambeli	Mountain Chickadee	Present in Park	Common	Breeder	A
Baeolophus ridgwayi	Juniper Titmouse	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder	A
	Bushtit	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	A A
Psaltriparus minimus Sitta canadensis	Red-breasted Nuthatch	Present in Park		Breeder	
Sitta canaaensis Sitta carolinensis	White-breasted Nuthatch	Present in Park Present in Park	Common Common	Breeder Breeder	A A
		Present in Park Present in Park	Common	Breeder	
Sitta pygmaea Conthia amoricana	Pygmy Nuthatch				A
Certhia americana Salpinctes obsoletus	Brown Creeper Rock Wren	Present in Park Present in Park	Uncommon Uncommon	Breeder Breeder	A A

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Catherpes mexicanus	Canyon Wren	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder	А
Troglodytes aedon	House Wren	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	А
Cistothorus palustris	Marsh Wren	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder	А
Cinclus mexicanus	American Dipper	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory	В
Regulus satrapa	Golden-crowned Kinglet	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory	С
Regulus calendula	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Present in Park	Common	Breeder	А
Polioptila caerulea	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder	А
Sialia mexicana	Western Bluebird	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	А
Sialia currucoides	Mountain Bluebird	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	А
Myadestes townsendi	Townsend's Solitaire	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	А
Catharus fuscescens	Veery	Present in Park	Occasional	Vagrant	В
Catharus ustulatus	Swainson's Thrush	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder	А
Catharus guttatus	Hermit Thrush	Present in Park	Common	Breeder	А
Turdus migratorius	American Robin	Present in Park	Common	Breeder	А
Dumetella carolinensis	Gray Catbird	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory	В
Mimus polyglottos	Northern Mockingbird	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder	А
Oreoscoptes montanus	Sage Thrasher	Present in Park	Common	Breeder	А
Toxostoma rufum	Brown Thrasher	Present in Park	Occasional	Migratory	В
Anthus rubescens	American Pipit	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	А
Bombycilla garrulus	Bohemian Waxwing	Present in Park	Occasional	Migratory	В
Bombycilla cedrorum	Cedar Waxwing	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory	С
Sturnus vulgaris	European Starling	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder	А
Vermivora celata	Orange-crowned Warbler	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory	В
Vermivora virginiae	Virginia's Warbler	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory	А
Dendroica petechia	Yellow Warbler	Present in Park	Common	Breeder	А
Dendroica coronata coronata	Yellow-Rumped Warbler (Myrtle)	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory	В
Dendroica coronata auduboni	Yellow-Rumped Warbler (Audubon's)	Present in Park	Common	Breeder	А
Dendroica nigrescens	Black-throated Gray Warbler	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory	А
Dendroica townsendi	Townsend's Warbler	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory	В
Dendroica graciae	Grace's Warbler	Present in Park	Occasional	Migratory	B
Mniotilta varia	Black-and-white Warbler	Present in Park	Occasional	Vagrant	A
Seiurus aurocapilla	Ovenbird	Probably Present	Occasional	Migratory	В
Oporornis tolmiei	MacGillivray's Warbler	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	A
Geothlypis trichas	Common Yellowthroat	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder	A
Wilsonia citrina	Hooded Warbler	Present in Park	Occasional	Vagrant	В
Wilsonia pusilla	Wilson's Warbler	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	A
Piranga ludoviciana	Western Tanager	Present in Park	Common	Breeder	A
Pipilo chlorurus	Green-tailed Towhee	Present in Park	Common	Breeder	A
Pipilo maculatus	Spotted Towhee	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	A
Pipilo fuscus	Canyon Towhee	Present in Park	Occasional	Vagrant	B
Spizella arborea		Present in Park	Rare	e	C D
•	American Tree Sparrow	Present in Park	Common	Migratory Breeder	
Spizella passerina	Chipping Sparrow	Present in Park	Common	Breeder	A
Spizella breweri	Brewer's Sparrow				A
Pooecetes gramineus	Vesper Sparrow	Present in Park	Common	Breeder	A
Chondestes grammacus	Lark Sparrow	Probably Present	Rare	Breeder	В
Amphispiza belli	Sage Sparrow	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	A
Calamospiza melanocorys	Lark Bunting	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory	В
Passerculus sandwichensis	Savannah Sparrow	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder	A
Passerella iliaca	Fox Sparrow	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory	В
Melospiza melodia	Song Sparrow	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	Α

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Melospiza lincolnii	Lincoln's Sparrow	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	А
Zonotrichia albicollis	White-throated Sparrow	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory	В
Zonotrichia querula	Harris's Sparrow	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory	В
Zonotrichia leucophrys gambelii	White-crowned Sparrow (Gambel's)	Present in Park	Uncommon	Migratory	А
Zonotrichia leucophrys oriantha	White-crowned Sparrow (Mountain)	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	А
Junco hyemalis hyemalis	Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored)	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory	С
Junco hyemalis oreganus	Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon)	Present in Park	Common	Migratory	С
Junco hyemalis mearnsi	Dark-eyed Junco (Pink-sided)	Present in Park	Uncommon	Migratory	С
Junco hyemalis aikeni	Dark-eyed Junco (White-winged)	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory	С
Junco hyemalis caniceps	Dark-eyed Junco (Gray-headed)	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	А
Cardinalis cardinalis	Northern Cardinal	Present in Park	Occasional	Vagrant	В
Pheucticus ludovicianus	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory	В
Pheucticus melanocephalus	Black-headed Grosbeak	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory	А
Passerina caerulea	Blue Grosbeak	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory	В
Passerina amoena	Lazuli Bunting	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory	В
Passerina cyanea	Indigo Bunting	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory	В
Spiza americana	Dickcissel	Probably Present	Occasional	Vagrant	В
Agelaius phoeniceus	Red-winged Blackbird	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	А
Sturnella neglecta	Western Meadowlark	Present in Park	Common	Breeder	А
Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus	Yellow-headed Blackbird	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	А
Euphagus cyanocephalus	Brewer's Blackbird	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	А
Quiscalus quiscula	Common Grackle	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory	А
Molothrus ater	Brown-headed Cowbird	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	А
Icterus bullockii	Bullock's Oriole	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	А
Leucosticte tephrocotis	Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory	В
Leucosticte atrata	Black Rosy-Finch	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory	В
Leucosticte australis	Brown-capped Rosy-Finch	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	А
Pinicola enucleator	Pine Grosbeak	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder	С
Carpodacus cassinii	Cassin's Finch	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder	С
Carpodacus mexicanus	House Finch	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder	С
Loxia curvirostra	Red Crossbill	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder	А
Carduelis flammea	Common Redpoll	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory	В
Carduelis pinus	Pine Siskin	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder	С
Carduelis psaltria	Lesser Goldfinch	Present in Park	Uncommon	Migratory	А
Carduelis tristis	American Goldfinch	Present in Park	Uncommon	Migratory	С
Coccothraustes vespertinus	Evening Grosbeak	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory	С
Passer domesticus	House Sparrow	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder	С