

This list of the most common birds of Montezuma Castle National Monument is based on previous documentation of abundance (A). In suitable habitat and season, birds on this list are likely to be seen daily. Birds classified as abundant (A) are likely to be counted in larger numbers than those classified as common (C).

Habitats (H) are separated into three categories. Riparian (Ri) habitats are characterized by riparian vegetation, such as Arizona sycamore and green ash. Desert scrub (D) habitats include vegetation native to a drier setting, such as mesquite, creosote, and crucifixion thorn. Wetland (W) habitats are found in or near the rush-filled marsh edges of Montezuma Well.

The varied habitats of Montezuma Castle National Monument make it a vital site for many birds. Birds that do not migrate are considered to be year-round (Y) residents and can be seen at any time of year. Summer (S) residents are at the monument roughly during June–August, while Winter (W) residents occur during colder times of year. Migratory (M) birds may be seen from March to May and September to October as they briefly pass through the mounument on their way to other habitats. Year-round and summer residents are typically breeding birds.

Key	
Abundance (A)	A—Abundant
	C—Common
Habitat (H)	D—Desert Scrub
	Ri—Riparian
	We—Wetlands
Season (S)	Y—Year-round
	S—Summer
	W—Winter
	M—Migratory

Photos clockwise from top left: cactus wren, verdin, Gila woodpecker, red-tailed hawk, greater roadrunner. All photos ©Robert Shantz except cactus wren, ©Greg Lavaty.

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The information in this list is based on bird observations, inventories, and surveys at Montezuma Castle National Monument. However, especially with changing land use and climate, bird lists are always works in progress. The list is arranged in order by family with common names following the American Ornithologists’ Union’s Check-list of North American Birds, 7th edition, and its supplements to 2013.

√	Common name	A	H	S
DUCKS AND GEESE				
	wood duck	C	Ri,We	Y
	mallard	C	Ri,We	Y
	common merganser	C	Ri,We	Y
QUAIL				
	Gambel's quail	A	D	Y
HERONS				
	great blue heron	C	Ri,We	Y
VULTURES				
	turkey vulture	A	Ri,D	S
RAPTORS				
	Cooper's hawk	C	Ri,D	Y
	common black-hawk	C	Ri	S
	zone-tailed hawk	C	Ri	S
	red-tailed hawk	A	Ri,D	Y
SANDPIPERS				
	spotted sandpiper	C	Ri,We	Y
DOVES				
	white-winged dove	A	Ri,D	S
	mourning dove	A	Ri,D	Y
CUCKOOS AND ALLIES				
	yellow-billed cuckoo	C	Ri	S
	greater roadrunner	C	D	Y
OWLS				
	western screech-owl	C	Ri,D	Y
	great horned owl	C	Ri,D	Y
GOATSUCKERS				
	lesser nighthawk	C	D	S
	common nighthawk	C	D	S
	common poorwill	C	D	S
SWIFTS				
	white-throated swift	C	Ri,D	Y
HUMMINGBIRDS				
	black-chinned hummingbird	A	Ri,D	S
	Anna's hummingbird	C	Ri,D	Y
	broad-tailed hummingbird	C	Ri,D	M
WOODPECKERS AND ALLIES				
	Gila woodpecker	A	Ri,D	Y

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	red-naped sapsucker	C	Ri	W
	ladder-backed woodpecker	A	Ri,D	Y
	northern flicker	A	Ri,D	Y
	red-shafted flicker	A	Ri,D	Y
FALCONS				
	American kestrel	C	Ri,D	Y
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS				
	western wood-pewee	C	Ri	S
	Hammond's flycatcher	C	Ri,D	M
	gray flycatcher	C	Ri,D	M
	dusky flycatcher	C	Ri,D	M
	Pacific-slope flycatcher	C	Ri	M
	black phoebe	C	Ri,We	Y
	Say's phoebe	C	Ri	Y
	vermilion flycatcher	C	Ri	S
	ash-throated flycatcher	A	Ri,D	S
	brown-crested flycatcher	A	Ri,D	S
	Cassin's kingbird	A	Ri	S
	western kingbird	A	Ri	S
SHRIKES				
	loggerhead shrike	C	D	Y
VIREOS				
	Bell's vireo	C	Ri	S
	plumbeous vireo	C	Ri,D	M
	Cassin's vireo	C	Ri,D	M
	Hutton's vireo	C	Ri	M
	warbling vireo	C	Ri	M
CORVIDS				
	common raven	A	Ri,D	Y
SWALLOWS				
	tree swallow	C	Ri,We	M
	violet-green swallow	C	Ri,We	M
	northern rough-winged swallow	A	Ri,D	S
	bank swallow	C	Ri,We	M
	cliff swallow	A	Ri,D	S
	barn swallow	C	Ri,D,We	M
TITMICE				
	bridled titmouse	C	Ri	Y

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VERDINS AND BUSHTITS				
	verdin	A	Ri,D	Y
	bushtit	A	Ri	Y
NUTHATCHES				
	white-breasted nuthatch	C	Ri	Y
WRENS				
	rock wren	C	D	Y
	canyon wren	C	D	Y
	house wren	C	Ri	W
	Bewick's wren	A	Ri,D	Y
	cactus wren	C	D	Y
KINGLETS AND GNATCATCHERS				
	blue-gray gnatcatcher	C	Ri,D	S
	black-tailed gnatcatcher	C	D	Y
	ruby-crowned kinglet	A	Ri,D	W
THRUSHES				
	hermit thrush	C	Ri	W
	American robin	C	Ri,D	M
THRASHERS				
	northern mockingbird	A	Ri,D	Y
	curve-billed thrasher	C	D	Y
	crissal thrasher	C	Ri,D	Y
STARLINGS				
	European starling	C	Ri,D	Y
SILKY FLYCATCHERS				
	phainopepla	A	Ri,D	Y
WARBLERS				
	orange-crowned warbler	C	Ri,D	M
	Lucy's warbler	A	Ri,D	S
	Nashville warbler	C	Ri,D	M
	Virginia's warbler	C	Ri,D	M
	Macgillivray's warbler	C	Ri,D	M
	yellow warbler	A	Ri	S
	Audubon's warbler	A	Ri	W
	black-throated gray warbler	C	Ri	M
	Townsend's warbler	C	Ri,D	M
	Wilson's warbler	C	Ri,D	M
	yellow-breasted chat	C	Ri	S

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EMBERIZINES				
	green-tailed towhee	C	Ri,D	W
	spotted towhee	C	Ri	W
	rufous-crowned sparrow	A	D	Y
	canyon towhee	A	D	Y
	Abert's towhee	A	Ri	Y
	chipping sparrow	A	Ri,D	Y
	Brewer's sparrow	A	Ri,D	W
	black-chinned sparrow	C	D	Y
	lark sparrow	C	Ri,D	Y
	black-throated sparrow	C	D	Y
	song sparrow	C	Ri	Y
	Lincoln's sparrow	C	Ri	W
	white-crowned sparrow	A	Ri,D	W
	dark-eyed junco	C	Ri,D	W
TANAGERS				
	hepatic tanager	C	Ri	S
	summer tanager	A	Ri	S
	western tanager	C	Ri,D	M
CARDINALS AND ALLIES				
	northern cardinal	A	Ri,D	Y
	black-headed grosbeak	C	Ri	M
	blue grosbeak	C	Ri,D	S
	lazuli bunting	C	Ri,D	S
ICTERIDS				
	red-winged blackbird	C	Ri	M
	Brewer's blackbird	C	Ri,We	Y
	great-tailed grackle	A	Ri,D	Y
	bronzed cowbird	C	Ri,D	S
	brown-headed cowbird	A	Ri,D	Y
	hooded oriole	A	Ri,D	S
	Bullock's oriole	A	Ri,D	S
	Scott's oriole	C	Ri,D	S
FINCHES AND ALLIES				
	house finch	A	Ri,D	Y
	pine siskin	C	Ri	W
	lesser goldfinch	A	Ri,D	Y

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