



## Featured Birds of White Sands



White Sands National Park is home to a wide variety of bird species. Some birds make White Sands their home all year, while other species are migratory. One key factor that influences the types of migratory birds in the area is rainfall and the amount of standing water. Keep in mind that the dunes provide unique homes to only some of our bird species. Many of the birds listed here prefer the Chihuahuan Desert shrub on the outer edges of the park boundaries. Others migrate here when there is a lot of standing water in places such as Lake Lucero. Whether you are an experienced birder or just taking that extra step to familiarize yourself with our flying friends, this list will provide you with a general overview of the birds in and around the world's largest gypsum dunefield.



American Avocet  
*Recurvirostra americana*



Black-throated Sparrow  
*Amphispiza bilineata*



Crissal Thrasher  
*Toxostoma crissale*



American Coot  
*Fulica americana*



Brewer's Blackbird  
*Euphagus cyanocephalus*



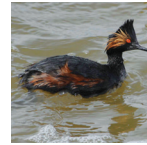
Dark-eyed Junco  
*Junco hyemalis*



American Kestrel  
*Falco sparverius*



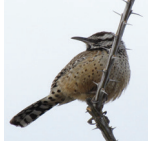
Broad-tailed Hummingbird  
*Selasphorus platycercus*



Eared Grebe  
*Podiceps nigricollis*



American Robin  
*Turdus migratorius*



Cactus Wren  
*Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus*



Gambel's Quail  
*Callipepla gambelii*



Ash-throated Flycatcher  
*Myiarchus cinerascens*



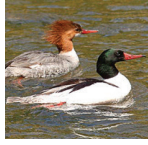
Chihuahuan Raven  
*Corvus cryptoleucus*



Great Blue Heron  
*Ardea herodias*



Barn Swallow  
*Hirundo rustica*



Common Merganser  
*Mergus merganser*



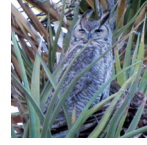
Great Egret  
*Ardea alba*



Black-necked Stilt  
*Himantopus mexicanus*



Cooper's Hawk  
*Accipiter cooperii*

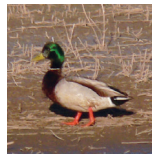


Great Horned Owl  
*Bubo virginianus*





Great-tailed Grackle  
*Quiscalus mexicanus*



Mallard  
*Anas platyrhynchos*



Snowy Plover  
*Charadrius nivosus*



Greater Roadrunner  
*Geococcyx californianus*



Mourning Dove  
*Zenaida macroura*



Solitary Sandpiper  
*Tringa solitaria*



Greater Yellowlegs  
*Tringa melanoleuca*



Northern Flicker  
*Colaptes auratus*



Spotted Towhee  
*Pipilo maculatus*



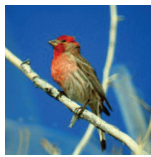
Horned Lark  
*Eremophila alpestris*



Northern Harrier  
*Circus cyaneus*



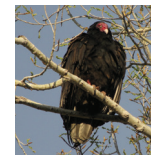
Swainson's Hawk  
*Buteo swainsoni*



House Finch  
*Haemorhous mexicanus*



Northern Mockingbird  
*Mimus polyglottos*



Turkey Vulture  
*Cathartes aura*



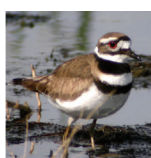
House Sparrow  
*Passer domesticus*



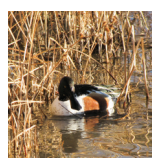
Northern Oriole  
*Icterus galbula*



Western Kingbird  
*Tyrannus verticalis*



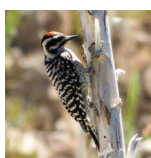
Killdeer  
*Charadrius vociferus*



Northern Shoveler  
*Anas clypeata*



Western Meadowlark  
*Sturnella neglecta*



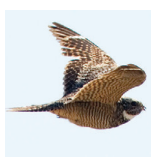
Ladder-backed Woodpecker  
*Picoides scalaris*



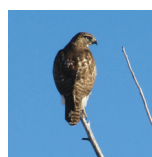
Pyrrhuloxia  
*Cardinalis sinuatus*



White-crowned Sparrow  
*Zonotrichia leucophrys*



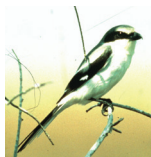
Lesser Nighthawk  
*Chordeiles acutipennis*



Red-tailed Hawk  
*Buteo jamaicensis*



White-winged Dove  
*Zenaida asiatica*



Loggerhead Shrike  
*Lanius ludovicianus*



Sandhill Crane  
*Grus canadensis*



Wilson's Warbler  
*Cardellina pusilla*



Long-billed Curlew  
*Numenius americanus*



Say's Phoebe  
*Sayornis saya*



Yellow-headed Blackbird  
*Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus*



Long-eared Owl  
*Asio otus*



Scott's Oriole  
*Icterus parisorum*



Yellow Warbler  
*Setophaga petechia*

Note: This is not a comprehensive bird list. For more information on White Sands National Park, visit [www.nps.gov/whsa](http://www.nps.gov/whsa)

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