



Birds at Big Morongo Canyon Preserve

and adjacent
Covington Park

Presented by:
The Friends of Big Morongo Canyon Preserve

Status is listed herein for each of the 247
species recorded in Morongo Valley,
San Bernardino County, California.

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Date: _____ Time: _____

Location: _____

Weather: _____

Observers: _____

Gnatcatchers

- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher..... Ry*
- Black-tailed Gnatcatcher Uy*

Thrushes

- Western Bluebird Cw, Rs
- Mountain Bluebird..... Rw
- Townsend's Solitaire..... Rw
- Swainson's Thrush Ut, Rs*
- Hermit Thrush..... Fw
- Varied Thrush Xt
- American Robin Fw

Mockingbirds, Thrashers

- Northern Mockingbird Cy*
- Brown Thrasher Xw
- Sage Thrasher..... Rt
- Bendire's Thrasher Xt
- California Thrasher Cy*
- Crissal Thrasher Xw
- Le Conte's Thrasher Xt

Pipits

- American Pipit Ut

Waxwings

- Cedar Waxwing Fw

Silky-flycatchers

- Phainopepla..... Fy*

Wood-Warblers

- Prothonotary Warbler..... Xt
- Blue-winged Warbler Xt
- Golden-winged Warbler..... Xt
- Tennessee Warbler..... Xt
- Orange-crowned Warbler Ct, Uw
- Nashville Warbler..... Ut
- Virginia's Warbler..... Xt
- Lucy's Warbler Rs*
- Northern Parula Xt
- Chestnut-sided Warbler..... Xt
- Cape May Warbler..... Xt
- Yellow-rumped Warbler
 - Audubon's Warbler..... Cw
 - Myrtle Warbler Rt
- Black-and-white Warbler..... Rt, Xw
- Black-throated Blue Warbler..... Xt, Xw
- Blackburnian Warbler Xt
- Black-throated Gray Warbler Ft, Xw
- Townsend's Warbler Ut
- Hermit Warbler..... Ut
- Black-throated Green Warbler... Xt
- Yellow-throated Warbler Xt
- Bay-breasted Warbler..... Xt
- Blackpoll Warbler..... Xt

- Palm Warbler..... Xt
- Yellow Warbler..... Cs*
- MacGillivray's Warbler Ut
- Kentucky Warbler Xt
- Canada Warbler..... Xt
- Wilson's Warbler..... Ct, Xs
- Hooded Warbler..... Xt
- Worm-eating Warbler..... Xt
- Ovenbird Xt
- Northern Waterthrush Rt
- Common Yellowthroat..... Fy*
- Yellow-breasted Chat Fs*
- American Redstart..... Rt
- Painted Redstart..... Xt
- Red-faced Warbler..... Xt

Tanagers

- Summer Tanager Fs*
- Hepatic Tanager Xt
- Scarlet Tanager Xt
- Western Tanager Ft

Emberizids

- Green-tailed Towhee Rt, Xw
- California Towhee Fy*
- Spotted Towhee..... Fy*
- Rufous-crowned Sparrow Ry
- Chipping Sparrow Ut, Rw
- Clay-colored Sparrow..... Xt
- Brewer's Sparrow Uw
- Lark Sparrow Uy*
- Black-chinned Sparrow..... Rs*
- Black-throated Sparrow..... Cy*
- Sage Sparrow..... Rw
- Grasshopper Sparrow Xt
- Fox Sparrow Uw
- Lark Bunting Xt
- Savannah Sparrow Fw
- Lincoln's Sparrow Fw
- Song Sparrow..... Cy*
- Vesper Sparrow Ut, Rw
- Swamp Sparrow Xw
- Harris' s Sparrow Xw
- White-throated Sparrow..... Rt
- White-crowned Sparrow Cw
- Golden-crowned Sparrow..... Uw
- Dark-eyed Junco
 - Oregon Junco..... Fw
 - Gray-headed Junco..... Rw
 - Slate-colored Junco Rw
 - Pink-sided Junco..... Rw

Grosbeaks, Buntings

- Rose-breasted Grosbeak Xt
- Black-headed Grosbeak..... Ft

- Blue Grosbeak..... Us*
- Indigo Bunting..... Rs*
- Lazuli Bunting..... Us*

Blackbirds, Orioles

- Bobolink..... Xt
- Western Meadowlark..... Ut
- Yellow-headed Blackbird Rt
- Red-winged Blackbird..... Uy
- Common Grackle..... Xt
- Great-tailed Grackle Ry
- Rusty Blackbird..... Xt
- Brewer's Blackbird..... Fy*
- Brown-headed Cowbird..... Fs*, Rw
- Bronzed Cowbird Xt
- Orchard Oriole Xt
- Hooded Oriole Fs*
- Baltimore Oriole..... Xt
- Bullock's Oriole..... Fs*
- Scott's Oriole Us*, Rw

Finches

- Purple Finch Ut
- Cassin's Finch Rw
- House Finch Cy*
- Red Crossbill Xw
- Pine Siskin..... Fw
- American Goldfinch Rw
- Lesser Goldfinch..... Cy*
- Lawrence's Goldfinch Fs*
- Evening Grosbeak..... Xt

Non-Native Species

- Rock Pigeon Cy*
- Spotted Dove..... Ry
- Eurasian Collared-Dove Ry
- European Starling..... Cy*
- House Sparrow..... Cy*

Birds not listed:

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Checklist of Birds

At Big Morongo Canyon Preserve

FREQUENCY OF OBSERVATIONS

The first letter reflects abundance

- C** Common - usually encountered under appropriate conditions
- F** Fairly Common - often encountered under appropriate conditions
- U** Uncommon - sometimes encountered under appropriate conditions
- R** Rare - not often encountered, but of regular or near regular occurrence
- X** Extremely rare or accidental - only a few records at most

NORMAL SEASONAL OCCURRENCE

The second letter shows season

- y** year round resident
- s** summer resident
- w** winter resident
- t** spring and/or fall transient
- Normally occurs in Southern California
- Vagrant. Not normally found in Southern California

NESTING STATUS

- * Known to nest in area

Ducks, Geese, Swans

- Canada Goose Xt
- Cinnamon Teal..... Xt

New World Quail

- Gambel's Quail Cy*
- Mountain Quail Ry*

Pelicans

- American White Pelican Rt

Cormorants

- Double-crested Cormorant Xt

Hérons, Bitterns, Allies

- American Bittern Xt
- Black-crowned Night-Heron..... Xt
- Green Heron..... Rt
- Cattle Egret..... Xt
- Snowy Egret Xt
- Great Egret..... Xt
- Great-blue Heron..... Rt

New World Vultures

- Turkey Vulture Ct

Hawks, Kites, Eagles, Allies

- Osprey Xt
- White-tailed Kite Rt
- Northern Harrier..... Ut
- Golden Eagle..... Ry*
- Bald Eagle Xt
- Sharp-shinned Hawk Uw
- Cooper's Hawk Fy*
- Zone-tailed Hawk..... Xt
- Broad-winged Hawk Xt
- Red-shouldered Hawk..... Uy
- Red-tailed Hawk Fy*
- Swainson's Hawk Rt
- Ferruginous Hawk Xw

Falcons

- American Kestrel Fy*
- Merlin..... Xw
- Prairie Falcon Ry*

Rails, Gallinules, Coots

- Black Rail..... Xt
- Virginia Rail Fy*
- Sora..... Rw

Plovers

- Killdeer..... Rt

Gulls, Terns, Skimmers

- Ring-billed Gull Rt
- California Gull..... Xt
- Caspian Tern Xt

Pigeons, Doves

- Band-tailed Pigeon Xs
- Mourning Dove Fy*
- White-winged Dove Rs, Xw
- Common Ground-Dove Rt

Cuckoos, Roadrunners

- Yellow-billed Cuckoo Xt
- Greater Roadrunner Ry*

Barn Owls

- Barn Owl..... Fy*

Typical Owls

- Long-eared Owl Us*
- Great-horned Owl..... Uy*
- Western Screech-Owl..... Ry

Goatsuckers

- Lesser Nighthawk Us*
- Common Poorwill Us*

Swifts

- Vaux's Swift Rt
- White-throated Swift Uy

Hummingbirds

- Broad-billed Hummingbird Xt
- Black-chinned Hummingbird..... Fs*
- Costa's Hummingbird Fy*
- Anna's Hummingbird Cy*
- Calliope Hummingbird Rt
- Rufous Hummingbird..... Ft
- Allen's Hummingbird..... Xt

Kingfishers

- Belted Kingfisher Rt

Woodpeckers, Allies

- Acorn Woodpecker Xt
- Lewis's Woodpecker..... Xw
- Northern Flicker
 - Yellow-shafted Flicker Xt
 - Red-shafted Flicker Fw, Rs*
- Gilded Flicker..... Rt
- Williamson's Sapsucker..... Xt
- Red-breasted Sapsucker..... Uw
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker..... Xw
- Red-naped Sapsucker..... Uw
- Ladder-backed Woodpecker Fy*
- Nuttall's Woodpecker..... Fy*
- Hairy Woodpecker Xw

Tyrant Flycatchers

- Olive-sided Flycatcher Ut
- Western Wood-Pewee..... Ct
- Willow Flycatcher..... Ft, Rs*
- Least Flycatcher Xt
- Hammond's Flycatcher..... Ut, Xw
- Gray Flycatcher Ut, Xw
- Dusky Flycatcher Ut
- Pacific-slope Flycatcher..... Ct, Xw
- Eastern Phoebe..... Xt
- Black Phoebe Fy*
- Say's Phoebe Uy*
- Vermilion Flycatcher Us*, Rw
- Brown-crested Flycatcher..... Fs*
- Ash-throated Flycatcher Fs*
- Western Kingbird Fs*
- Cassin's Kingbird..... Fs*
- Eastern Kingbird Xt
- Scissor-tailed Flycatcher Xt

Shrikes

- Loggerhead Shrike Uy*

Vireos

- Yellow-throated Vireo..... Xt
- Bell's Vireo..... Rs*
- Hutton's Vireo Xt
- Blue-headed Vireo Xt
- Plumbeous Vireo Ut

- Cassin's Vireo..... Ft
- Red-eyed Vireo..... Xt
- Philadelphia Vireo..... Xt
- Warbling Vireo Ct

Crows, Jays

- Steller's Jay Xw
- Clark's Nutcracker Xw
- Western Scrub-Jay Fy*
- Pinyon Jay Xt
- American Crow Ry
- Common Raven..... Fy*

Larks

- Horned Lark..... Rt

Swallows

- Tree Swallow Ut
- Violet-green Swallow Ut
- Bank Swallow Xt
- Cliff Swallow Ut
- Northern Rough-winged Swallow Ut
- Barn Swallow..... Ut

Babblers

- Wrentit Xw

Chickadees, Titmice

- Oak Titmouse Uy*
- Mountain Chickadee..... Uw, Rs*

Verdins

- Verdin Cy*

Bushtits

- Bushtit..... Cy*

Creepers

- Brown Creeper Rw

Nuthatches

- White-breasted Nuthatch..... Uw
- Red-breasted Nuthatch Rt
- Pygmy Nuthatch Xt

Wrens

- House Wren..... Fy*
- Winter Wren..... Xw
- Bewick's Wren Cy*
- Cactus Wren..... Fy*
- Rock Wren..... Uy*
- Canyon Wren..... Ry*
- Marsh Wren Uy*

Kinglets

- Golden-crowned Kinglet Rw
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet Cw