

Birds at Big Morongo Canyon Preserve and adjacent Covington Park

Status is listed herein for each of the 246 species recorded in Morongo Valley, San Bernardino County, California.

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The Friends of Big Morongo Canyon Preserve

Checklist of Birds

The first letter reflects abundance

FREQUENCY OF OBSERVATIONS

- C Common - encountered under appropriate conditions
- F Fairly Common - encountered under appropriate conditions in fewer numbers
- U Uncommon - small numbers encountered under appropriate conditions
- R Rare - few individuals encountered; of regular or near regular occurrence
- X Extremely Rare - exceedingly few individuals encountered

The second letter shows season

NORMAL SEASONAL OCCURRENCE

- y year round resident
- s summer visitant
- w winter visitant
- t spring and/or fall transient

NESTING STATUS

- * Known to nest in area

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Bitterns & Herons

- American BitternXt
- Great Blue HeronRt
- Great EgretXt
- Snowy EgretXt
- Green HeronRt
- Black-crowned Night-HeronXt

New World Vultures

Turkey VultureCt

Kites, Eagles, and Hawks

White-tailed KiteXt

Northern HarrierUw

Sharp-shinned HawkUw

Cooper's HawkFy*

Red-shouldered HawkUy

Broad-winged HawkXt

Swainson's HawkRt

Zone-tailed HawkXt

Red-tailed HawkUy*

Ferruginous HawkXw

Golden EagleRy*

Falcons

American KestrelFy*

MerlinXw

Prairie FalconRy*

New World Quail

Gambel's QuailCy*

Mountain QuailUy*

Rails

Black RailXt

Virginia RailFy*

SoraRw

Plovers

KilldeerUt

Sandpipers

Spotted SandpiperRt

Common SnipeUw

Gulls

Ring-billed GullXt

California GullXt

Pigeons and Doves

Band-tailed PigeonXs

White-winged DoveRs, Xw

Mourning DoveCy*

Common Ground DoveRt

Cuckoos

Yellow-billed CuckooXt
Greater RoadrunnerFy*

Owls

Barn OwlUy*
Western Screech OwlRy
Great Horned OwlUy*
Long-eared OwlRs*

Nightjars

Lesser NighthawkUs*
Common PoorwillUs*

Swifts

Vaux's SwiftUt
White-throated SwiftUy

Hummingbirds

Black-chinned HummingbirdCs*
Anna's HummingbirdCy*
Costa's HummingbirdFs*, Rw
Calliope HummingbirdXt
Rufous HummingbirdUt
Allen's HummingbirdRt

Kingfishers

Belted KingfisherRt

Woodpeckers

Lewis's WoodpeckerRw
Acorn WoodpeckerXt
Yellow-bellied SapsuckerXt, Xw
Red-naped SapsuckerUw
Red-breasted SapsuckerUw
Williamson's SapsuckerXt
Ladder-backed WoodpeckerFy*
Nuttall's WoodpeckerFy*
Hairy WoodpeckerXw
Gilded FlickerRt

Northern Flicker

Yellow-shafted FlickerXt
Red-shafted FlickerFt*

Flycatchers

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

Larks

Horned Lark	Rt
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Swallows

Tree Swallow	Ft
Violet-green Swallow	Ut
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	Ft
Bank Swallow	Rt
Cliff Swallow	Ft
Barn Swallow	Ft

Jays & Crows

Steller's Jay	Xt, Xw
Scrub Jay	Fy*
Pinyon Jay	Xt
Clark's Nutcracker	Xw
American Crow	Rt, Xw
Common Raven	Fy*

Chickadees & Titmice

Mountain Chickadee	Uw, Xs
Oak Titmouse	Fy*

Verdins

Verdin	Cy*
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Bushtits

BushtitCy*

Nuthatches

Red-breasted NuthatchTa, Xs

White-breasted NuthatchRt, Rw

Pygmy NuthatchXt

Creepers

Brown Creeper.....Rw

Wrens

Cactus WrenCy*

Rock WrenUy*

Canyon WrenUy*

Bewick's WrenCy*

House WrenCs*, Uw

Winter WrenXw

Marsh WrenUy*

Kinglets

Golden-crowned KingletRw

Ruby-crowned KingletCt, C

Gnatcatchers

Blue-gray GnatcatcherUy*

Black-tailed GnatcatcherUy*

Thrushes

Western BluebirdCw

Mountain BluebirdRw

Townsend's SolitaireRt, Rw

Swainson's ThrushFt, Us*

Hermit ThrushUt, Uw

American RobinCw

Varied ThrushXt

Wrentits

WrentitXw

Thrashers

Northern MockingbirdCy*

Sage ThrasherRt

Brown ThrasherXt, Xw

Bendire's ThrasherXt

California ThrasherCy*

Crissal ThrasherXw
Le Conte's ThrasherXt

Pipits

American PipitUw

Waxwings

Cedar WaxwingFt

Silky Flycatchers

PhainopeplaFy*

Shrikes

Loggerhead ShrikeFy*

Vireos

Bell's VireoXt
Cassin's VireoFt
Plumbeous VireoUt
Blue-headed VireoXt
Yellow-throated VireoXt
Hutton's VireoXt
Warbling VireoCt
Philadelphia VireoXt
Red-eyed VireoXt

American Wood-Warblers

Blue-winged Warbler Xt
Golden-winged WarblerXt
Tennessee WarblerXt
Orange-crowned WarblerCt, Rw, Xs
Nashville WarblerFt
Virginia's WarblerXt
Lucy's WarblerRs*
Northern ParulaXt
Yellow WarblerCs*
Chestnut-sided WarblerXt
Cape May WarblerXt
Black-throated Blue WarblerXt, Xw
Yellow-rumped WarblerCw
Audubon's WarblerCw
Myrtle WarblerUw
Black-throated Gray WarblerFt, Xw
Townsend's WarblerUt
Hermit WarblerRt
Black-throated Green WarblerXt

Blackburnian WarblerXt
 Yellow-throated WarblerXt
 Palm WarblerXt
 Bay-breasted WarblerXt
 Blackpoll WarblerXt
 Black-&-White WarblerRt, Xw
 American RedstartRt
 Prothonotary WarblerXt
 Worm-eating WarblerXt
 OvenbirdXt, Xw
 Northern WaterthrushRt
 Kentucky WarblerXt
 MacGillivray's WarblerFt
 Common YellowthroatFy*
 Hooded WarblerXt
 Wilson's WarblerCt, Xs
 Canada WarblerXt
 Red-faced WarblerXt
 Painted RedstartXt
 Yellow-breasted ChatFs*

Tanagers

Hepatic TanagerXt
 Summer TanagerFs*
 Scarlet TanagerXt
 Western TanagerUt

Grosbeaks, Buntings & Sparrows

Rose-breasted GrosbeakXt
 Black-headed GrosbeakFt
 Blue GrosbeakFs*
 Lazuli BuntingFs*
 Indigo BuntingRs*
 Green-tailed TowheeRt, Xw
 Spotted TowheeFy*
 California TowheeFy*
 Rufous-crowned SparrowRy
 Chipping SparrowUt, Rw
 Clay-colored SparrowXt
 Brewer's SparrowUw
 Black-chinned SparrowUs*
 Vesper SparrowUt, Rw
 Lark SparrowUy*
 Black-throated SparrowCy*
 Sage SparrowRw
 Lark BuntingXt

Savannah SparrowFw
 Grasshopper SparrowXt
 Fox SparrowUw
 Song SparrowCy*
 Lincoln's SparrowFw
 Swamp SparrowFw
 White-throated SparrowXw
 Golden-crowned SparrowFw
 White-crowned SparrowCw
 Harris' SparrowXw
 Dark Eyed JuncoFw
 Oregon Junco
 Gray-headed Junco
 Slate-colored Junco
 Pink-sided Junco

Blackbirds & Orioles

BobolinkXt
 Red-winged BlackbirdUy
 Western MeadowlarkUy
 Yellow-headed BlackbirdRt
 Rusty BlackbirdXt
 Brewer's BlackbirdCy*
 Great-tailed GrackleXt
 Common GrackleXt
 Bronzed CowbirdXt
 Brown-headed CowbirdCs*, Rw
 Orchard Oriole Xt
 Hooded OrioleUs*
 Baltimore Oriole Xt
 Bullock's OrioleFs*
 Scott's OrioleUs*, Rw

Finches

Purple Finch Ut
 Cassin's FinchRw
 House FinchCy*
 Red CrossbillXwt
 Pine SiskinFw
 Lesser GoldfinchCy*
 Lawrence's GoldfinchFs*
 American GoldfinchUw
 Evening GrosbeakXt

Non-Native Species

Feral Pigeon (Rock Dove)Cy*

Spotted DoveUy

European StarlingCy*

House SparrowCy*

