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Many forms of vertebrates are found on the 14,000-acre Sierra Ancha Experimental Forest of the Sierra Ancha Mountains, which lie between Globe and Young, Gila County, Arizona. Elevations range from 3,500 feet to over 7,000 feet; soils and aspects vary greatly. As a result, vegetation associations are complex. Such varied environmental conditions produce a diversity of habitats for vertebrates.

This paper describes the Experimental Forest in general terms, characterizes the more important vertebrate habitats, and presents a checklist of vertebrates together with notes as to relative abundance, seasonal occurrence, and macro- and microhabitats.

For nearly 30 years, precipitation and runoff have been measured from numerous watersheds within the Experimental Forest. Vegetation has been modified on some watersheds to determine the influences of different kinds, statures, and arrangements of vegetation upon water yields and erosion. Other experimental watersheds have been grazed or logged.

Past or future changes in plant cover may have or may be expected to affect the vertebrate fauna. Some species could be favored; others affected adversely. Multiple-use land management is concerned with the interrelated effects of land use upon both fauna and flora. Hence, an inventory of vertebrate fauna in relation to their habitats provides important basic information. Moreover, as vegetation is changed by various experiments, responses of vertebrate animals can be related to habitat modifications. From such data, the impact of land-management activities involving modification of vegetation upon vertebrate fauna can be predicted.

HABITATS

Macrohabitats are designated according to dominant vegetation as pine-fir, ponderosa pine, chaparral, and desert grassland. Microhabitats or vertebrate niches exist within macrohabitats. These niches have both space and stature relations to macrohabitats. Macrohabitats are always given for each vertebrate; where relations are known, microhabitats are also identified.

Pine-Fir

The pine-fir habitat is found at the highest elevations on the Forest--from 6,000 to over 7,000 feet (fig. 1). Best development of trees is reached under comparatively cool and moist conditions of north- and east-facing slopes. Dominant trees include Douglas-fir,⁴ white fir, and ponderosa pine. Understory associated trees are Gambel oak, and New-Mexican locust. Where light penetrates the canopy, mountain snowberry is common.

Important microhabitats include (1) rocky cliffs, (2) natural forest openings, (3) forest clearings, (4) alder-maple riparian sites, (5) aspen, and (6) numerous situations associated with stature and foliage of trees (fig. 2). Natural forest openings are dominated by Kentucky bluegrass, although numerous forbs are also present. Introduced orchardgrass dominates forest clearings. Riparian sites have a dominant overstory of bigtooth maple, boxelder, and Arizona alder. Common mon-keyflower and golden columbine are common

⁴ For common and botanical names of plants mentioned, see page 7.

Figure 1.--In the pine-fir habitat, the overstory of Douglas-fir, white fir, and ponderosa pine is dense, but the understory vegetation is scanty.

Figure 2.--Typical of some of the micro-habitats found on the Sierra Ancha Experimental forest are:

Alder-maple riparian

Natural forest openings with rocky cliffs in background.

Oak-sycamore riparian

where permanent water exists. Aspen sites are overstoried by quaking aspen; they may be understoried by white fir reproduction and mountain snowberry. Numerous forbs are usually present.

Representative vertebrates include the Mexican packrat,⁵ porcupine, sharp-shinned hawk, turkey, hairy woodpecker, and Coues' flycatcher. In riparian situations, the red-faced warbler is characteristic.

Ponderosa Pine

The ponderosa pine habitat extends from 7,000 feet down to about 5,500 feet elevation (fig. 3). At the higher elevations, the habitat is found on drier sites--south- and west-facing slopes and shallow soils.

Ponderosa pine is the dominant tree. Associated trees in the understory include Gambel oak, New-Mexican locust, and emory oak. Bracken is the most conspicuous herbaceous plant. There are minor amounts of blue grama and prairie Junegrass.

Flora of microhabitats of rocky cliffs, natural forest openings, and forest clearings is similar to that of the pine-fir habitat. In addition, emory oak and oak-sycamore microhabitats are found in ponderosa pine. Emory oak environments are confined to drier situa-

⁵ For scientific names, see checklist beginning on page 9.

tions of shallow soils, south-facing aspects, rock outcrops, or combinations thereof. Associated shrubs in the understory include birchleaf mountainmahogany and pointleaf manzanita. Oak-sycamore riparian sites are characterized by Arizona white oak, Arizona sycamore, and Arizona walnut.

Among the conspicuous vertebrates are tassel-eared squirrel, whitetail deer, Steller's jay, western bluebird, and chipping sparrow. Vertebrates often seen in the oak-sycamore microhabitat are Arizona gray squirrel, Cooper's hawk, screech owl, western and Cassin's kingbirds, and bridled titmouse.

Chaparral

The chaparral habitat occupies elevations from about 4,000 to 6,000 feet (fig. 4). Among the most conspicuous woody species are shrub live oak, skunkbush sumac, pointleaf manzanita, hollyleaf buckthorn, desert ceanothus, Wright silktassel, and birchleaf mountainmahogany. The most prominent perennial grasses in the understory are side-oats grama and hairy grama.

The main microhabitats include rocky cliffs and oak-sycamore riparian sites that have been previously described.

Among the more conspicuous vertebrates encountered in this habitat are the banded gecko, scrub jay, plain titmouse, western rooster skunk, and ringtail.

Figure 3.--Dense understory grows in the ponderosa pine habitat where the overstory of trees is open.

Figure 4.--In this chaparral habitat, the shrub canopy is fairly open and a good understory cover grows.

Desert Grassland

The desert grassland habitat is comparatively small on the Experimental Forest (fig. 5). This environment is confined to benchlands below 5,000 feet elevation where soils are comparatively shallow. There is some invasion of velvet mesquite. The most abundant halfshrub is broom snakeweed. Common perennial grasses include side-oats grama, hairy grama, black grama, and curlymesquite.

The most characteristic vertebrates of this habitat include the Gila monster, Gambel's quail, roadrunner, mockingbird, phainopepla, and peccary.

COLLECTIONS AND IDENTIFICATIONS

Many of the species collections and identifications were made by the junior author in preparing a Master's thesis for the Department of Zoology at the University of Arizona, Tucson.⁶ Other identifications are from previous museum collections. Data on reptiles and amphibians are from a collection by Little.⁷

In the "Checklist of Vertebrates and Habitat Relations" which follows, scientific and common names of birds are according to the AOU;⁸ other vertebrates, Blair et al.⁹

Museum collections and sight identifications are indicated by the following symbols:

USNM -- United States National Museum, Washington, D.C.

MVZ -- Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, University of California, Berkeley, California
UA -- University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona
JSW -- Johnson-Simpson-Werner Collection, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona
Sight -- Sight record only

The relative abundance of each species is indicated as follows:

Abundant -- The species is conspicuous and is easily collected, or may be observed several times in passing through a major habitat
Common -- The species can be located any time during the proper season by working carefully in a specific habitat

⁶ Johnson, R. Roy. *The biota of Sierra Ancha, Gila County, Arizona*. 114 pp., 1960. (Unpublished master's thesis on file at Department of Zoology, University of Arizona, Tucson.)

⁷ Little, Elbert L. Jr. *Amphibians and reptiles of the Roosevelt Reservoir Area, Arizona*. *Copeia* 4: 260-265. 1940.

⁸ American Ornithologists' Union. *Checklist of North American birds*. Ed. 5, 691 pp. Baltimore: The Lord Baltimore Press, Inc. 1957.

⁹ Blair, W. F., Blair, A. P., Brodtkorb, P., and others. *Vertebrates of the United States*. 819 pp., illus. New York: McGraw-Hill Book Co., Inc. 1957.

Figure 5.--Velvet mesquite and broom snakeweed are invading this desert grassland habitat.

Rare -- Familiarity with habitat requirements of the species and persistent effort are necessary to locate the species

Residence status of birds is indicated as follows:

Resident -- Found in the habitat yearlong
Summer

resident -- Breeds in the habitat during the summer months

Visitor -- Found in the habitat during specific seasons of the year

Transient -- Stops over in the habitat for short periods in the course of migration

COMMON AND BOTANICAL NAMES OF PLANTS MENTIONED

Perennial Grasses

Bluegrass, Kentucky
Poa pratensis L.

Curlymesquite
Hilaria belangeri (Steud.) Nash

Grama, black
Bouteloua eriopoda Torr.

Grama, blue
Bouteloua gracilis (H. B. K.) Lag.

Grama, hairy
Bouteloua hirsuta Lag.

Grama, side-oats
Bouteloua curtipendula (Michx.) Torr.

Orchardgrass
Dactylis glomerata L.

Junegrass, Prairie
Koeleria cristata (L.) Pers.

Forbs

Bracken
Pteridium aquilinum (L.) Kuhn

Columbine, golden
Aquilegia chrysantha A. Gray

Monkeyflower, common
Mimulus guttatus DC.

Trees and Shrubs

Alder, Arizona
Alnus oblongifolia Torr.

Aspen, quaking
Populus tremuloides Michx.

Boxelder
Acer negundo L.

Buckthorn, hollyleaf
Rhamnus crocea Nutt.

Ceanothus, desert
Ceanothus greggii Gray

Cholla
Opuntia spp.

Douglas-fir
Pseudotsuga menziesii (Mirb.) Franco

Fir, white
Abies concolor (Gord. and Glend) Lindl.

Locust, New-Mexican
Robinia neomexicana A. Gray

Manzanita, pointleaf
Arctostaphylos pungens H. B. K.

Maple, bigtooth
Acer grandidentatum Nutt.

Mesquite, velvet
Prosopis velutina (Woot.) Sarg.

Mountainmahogany, birchleaf
Cercocarpus betuloides Nutt.

Oak, Arizona white
Quercus arizonica Sarg.

Oak, Emory
Quercus emoryi Torr.

Oak, Gambel
Quercus gambelii Nutt.

Oak, shrub live
Quercus turbinella Greene

Pine, ponderosa
Pinus ponderosa Lawson

Silktassel, Wright
Garrya wrightii Torr.

Snakeweed, broom
Gutierrezia sarothrae (Pursh) Britt & Rusby

Snowberry, mountain
Symphoricarpos oreophilus A. Gray

Sumac, skunkbush
Rhus trilobata Nutt.

Sycamore, Arizona
Platanus wrightii S. Wats.

Walnut, Arizona
Juvalans major (Torr.) Heller

Yucca
Yucca spp.

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Common and scientific names	Relative abundance	Resident status	Location of museum collection	Additional notes
FISHES:				
<u>Salmons, trouts, and chars (Salmonidae)</u>				
Rainbow trout <i>Salmo gairdneri</i> Richardson	Rare	Resident	--	Introduced in Workman Creek; alder-maple riparian
Brook trout <i>Salvelinus fontinalis</i> (Mitchill)	Rare	Resident	--	Introduced in Workman Creek; alder-maple riparian
AMPHIBIANS:				
<u>Tree frogs (Hylidae)</u>				
Canyon tree frog <i>Hyla arenicolor</i> Cope	Common	Resident	USNM	Oak-sycamore and alder-maple riparian
<u>Frogs (Ranidae)</u>				
Leopard frog <i>Rana pipiens</i> Schreber	Rare	Resident	USNM	Oak-sycamore and alder-maple riparian
Tarahumara frog <i>Rana tarahumarae</i> Boulenger	Abundant	Resident	USNM	Oak-sycamore riparian
REPTILES:				
<u>Gekos (Gekkonidae)</u>				
Banded gecko <i>Coleonyx variegatus</i> (Baird)	Rare	Resident	USNM	Chaparral
<u>Iguanas (Iguanidae)</u>				
Collared lizard <i>Crotaphytus collaris</i> (Say)	Common	Resident	USNM	Chaparral
Greater earless lizard <i>Holbrookia texana</i> (Troschel)	Rare	Resident	USNM	Chaparral
Clark's spiny lizard <i>Sceloporus clarki</i> Baird and Girard	Common	Resident	USNM	Chaparral
Eastern fence lizard <i>Sceloporus undulatus</i> (Latreille)	Common	Resident	USNM	Pine-fir, ponderosa pine, chaparral
Tree lizard <i>Uta ornata</i> Baird and Girard	Abundant	Resident	USNM	Chaparral
Short-horned lizard <i>Phrynosoma douglassi</i> (Bell)	Common	Resident	USNM	Pine-fir, ponderosa pine, chaparral
<u>Lateral fold lizards (Anguinae)</u>				
Arizona alligator lizard <i>Cerrhonotus kingi</i> (Gray)	Rare	Resident	USNM	Pine-fir, ponderosa pine, chaparral
<u>Beaded lizards (Helodermatidae)</u>				
Gila monster <i>Heloderma suspectum</i> Cope	Rare	Resident	USNM	Chaparral
<u>Teids (Teiidae)</u>				
Western whiptail <i>Cnemidophorus tigris</i> Baird and Girard	Rare	Resident	USNM	Chaparral
Spotted whiptail <i>Cnemidophorus sacki</i> Wiegmann	Common	Resident	USNM	Chaparral
<u>Skinks (Scincidae)</u>				
Great Plains skink <i>Eumeces obsoletus</i> (Baird and Girard)	Rare	Resident	USNM	Chaparral
<u>Blind snakes (Leptotyphlopidae)</u>				
Western blind snake <i>Leptotyphlops humilis</i> (Baird and Girard)	Rare	Resident	USNM	Chaparral
<u>Colubrids (Colubridae)</u>				
Mexican garter snake <i>Thamnophis eques</i> (Reuss)	Common	Resident	USNM	Oak-sycamore and alder-maple riparian near permanent water
Western garter snake <i>Thamnophis elegans</i> (Baird and Girard)	Common	Resident	USNM	Oak-sycamore and alder-maple riparian near water
Sonora whipsnake <i>Aasticophis bilineatus</i> Jan.	Rare	Resident	USNM	Chaparral

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Striped whipsnake <i>Masticophis taeniatus</i> (Hallowell)	Common	Resident	USNM	Chaparral
Mountain patch-nosed snake <i>Salvadora grahamiae</i> Baird and Girard	Common	Resident	USNM	Chaparral
Gopher snake <i>Pituophis catenifer</i> (Blainville)	Common	Resident	USNM	Chaparral
Sonora mountain kingsnake <i>Lampropeltis pyromelana</i> (Cope)	Common	Resident	USNM	Pine-fir, ponderosa pine, chaparral
Night snake <i>Hypsiglena torquata</i> Gunther	Rare	Resident	USNM	Chaparral
Mexican black-headed snake <i>Tantilla atriceps</i> (Gunther)	Rare	Resident	USNM	Chaparral
<u>Pit vipers (Crotalidae)</u>				
Black-tailed rattlesnake <i>Crotalus molossus</i> Baird and Girard	Common	Resident	USNM	Pine-fir, ponderosa pine, chaparral
Western rattlesnake <i>Crotalus viridis</i> (Rafinesque)	Common	Resident	USNM	Chaparral
BIRDS:				
<u>American vultures (Cathartidae)</u>				
Turkey vulture <i>Cathartes aura</i> (Linnaeus)	Common	Summer resident	Sight	Pine-fir, ponderosa pine, chaparral, desert grassland; nests in rocky cliffs
<u>Hawks, old-world vultures, and harriers (Accipitridae)</u>				
Goshawk <i>Accipiter gentilis</i> (Linnaeus)	Rare	Transient	Sight	Pine-fir, ponderosa pine
Sharp-shinned hawk <i>Accipiter striatus</i> Vieillot	Rare	Summer resident	Sight	Nests in pine-fir, mainly deep forests
Cooper's hawk <i>Accipiter cooperii</i> (Bonaparte)	Rare	Summer resident	Sight	Nests in oak-sycamore-walnut riparian
Red-tailed hawk <i>Buteo jamaicensis</i> (Gmelin)	Common	Resident	Sight	Breeds in pine-fir, ponderosa pine, chaparral, and desert grassland, in open situations
Swainson's hawk <i>Buteo swainsoni</i> Bonaparte	Rare	Transient	Sight	Pine-fir, ponderosa pine
Zone-tailed hawk <i>Buteo albonotatus</i> Kaup	Rare	Summer resident	Sight	Breeds in pine-fir and ponderosa pine in alder-maple riparian
Golden eagle <i>Aquila chrysaetos</i> (Linnaeus)	Rare	Transient	Sight	--
Bald eagle <i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i> (Linnaeus)	Rare	Transient	Sight	--
<u>Caracaras and falcons (Falconidae)</u>				
Peregrine falcon <i>Falco peregrinus</i> Tunstall	Rare	Transient	Sight	--
Sparrow hawk <i>Falco sparverius</i> Linnaeus	Rare	Transient	Sight	--
<u>Quails, pheasants, and peacocks (Phasianidae)</u>				
Gambel's quail <i>Lophortyx gambelii</i> Gambel	Common	Resident	Sight	Chaparral and desert grassland
Harlequin quail <i>Cyrtonyx montezumae</i> (Vigors)	Rare	Resident	Sight	Chaparral; (not recorded in recent years)
<u>Turkeys (Meleagrididae)</u>				
Turkey <i>Meleagris gallopavo</i> Linnaeus	Common	Resident	Sight	Nests in pine-fir and ponderosa pine; winters in chaparral
<u>Pigeons and doves (Columbidae)</u>				
Band-tailed pigeon <i>Columba fasciata</i> Say	Common	Summer resident	Sight	Pine-fir and ponderosa pine; nests low in pine trees
White-winged dove <i>Zenaidura asiatica</i> (Linnaeus)	Rare	Summer resident	Sight	Desert grassland
Mourning dove <i>Zenaidura macroura</i> (Linnaeus)	Rare	Summer resident	Sight	Breeds in pine-fir, ponderosa pine, chaparral, and desert grassland

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<u>Cuckoos, roadrunners, and anis (Cuculidae)</u>				
Roadrunner <i>Geococcyx californianus</i> (Lesson)	Rare	Resident	Sight	Chaparral and desert grassland; nests low in shrubs and cacti
<u>Typical owls (Strigidae)</u>				
Screech owl <i>Otus asio</i> (Linnaeus)	Common	Summer resident	JSW	Breeds in oak-sycamore riparian; nests low to midway in tall trees
Flammulated owl <i>Otus flammeolus</i> (Kaup)	Common	Summer resident	JSW	Breeds in pine-fir and ponderosa pine; prefers concealment in large trees
Great horned owl <i>Bubo virginianus</i> (Gmelin)	Rare	Resident	Sight	Pine-fir, ponderosa pine, chaparral, and desert grassland
Pygmy owl <i>Glaucidium gnoma</i> Wagler	Rare	Resident	Sight	Pine-fir and ponderosa pine in alder-maple riparian; prefers diurnal and nocturnal concealment in thick foliage
Elf owl <i>Micrathene whitneyi</i> (Cooper)	Rare	Resident	JSW	Chaparral in oak-sycamore riparian; prefers to perch low to midway in small to medium-sized trees
Spotted owl <i>Strix occidentalis</i> (Xantus)	Rare	Resident	Sight	Pine-fir and ponderosa pine; prefers edges of natural openings
<u>Goatsuckers (Caprimulgidae)</u>				
Whip-poor-will <i>Caprimulgus vociferus</i> Wilson	Common	Summer resident	Sight	Pine-fir and ponderosa pine; prefers natural openings and adjacent forest edges
Poor-will <i>Phalaenoptilus nuttallii</i> (Audubon)	Common	Summer resident	JSW	Openings in chaparral; rests on ground
Common nighthawk <i>Chordeiles minor</i> (Forster)	Rare	Transient	Sight	Pine-fir and ponderosa pine
Lesser nighthawk <i>Chordeiles acutipennis</i> (Hermann)	Rare	Resident	Sight	Desert grassland; rests on ground and forages in the air
<u>Swifts (Apodidae)</u>				
White-throated swift <i>Aeronautes saxatalis</i> (Woodhouse)	Common	Summer resident	Sight	Breeds in rocky cliffs in chaparral and desert grassland; forages in the air
<u>Hummingbirds (Trochilidae)</u>				
Black-chinned hummingbird <i>Archilochus alexandri</i> (Bourcier and Mulsant)	Common	Summer resident	JSW	Chaparral in oak-sycamore riparian; prefers to perch in low trees and shrubs; forages over flowers
Broad-tailed hummingbird <i>Selasphorus platycercus</i> (Swainson)	Common	Summer resident	JSW	Pine-fir and ponderosa pine where red or pinkish flowers grow
Rufous hummingbird <i>Selasphorus rufus</i> (Gmelin)	Common	Fall transient	JSW	Pine-fir and ponderosa pine; prefers to forage in clearings and natural openings
Calliope hummingbird <i>Stellula calliope</i> (Gould)	Rare	Fall transient	JSW	Pine-fir around natural openings
Rivoli's hummingbird <i>Eugenes fulgens</i> (Swainson)	Rare	Transient	Sight	Pine-fir
<u>Woodpeckers and wrynecks (Picidae)</u>				
Red-shafted flicker <i>Colaptes cafer</i> (Gmelin)	Common	Resident	Sight	Summers in pine-fir and ponderosa pine; winters in chaparral and desert grassland; forages in any large trees
Acorn woodpecker <i>Melanerpes formicivorus</i> (Swainson)	Common	Resident	Sight	Pine-fir and ponderosa pine; feeds high in conifers
Lewis' woodpecker <i>Asyndesmus lewis</i> (Gray)	Rare	Spring and fall transient	Sight	Pine-fir
Yellow-bellied sapsucker <i>Sphyrapicus varius</i> (Linnaeus)	Common	Spring and fall transient	Sight	Pine-fir and ponderosa pine; feeds low to midway in deciduous trees
Hairy woodpecker <i>Dendrocopos villosus</i> (Linnaeus)	Rare	Resident	JSW	Pine-fir; feeds midway to high in most trees
Downy woodpecker <i>Dendrocopos pubescens</i> (Linnaeus)	Common	Resident	JSW	Breeds in pine-fir in alder-maple riparian; feeds low to midway in most trees
Ladder-backed woodpecker <i>Dendrocopos scalaris</i> Wagler	Rare	Resident	Sight	Desert grassland in oak-sycamore riparian; feeds low in shrubs, agaves, and trees

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<u>Tyrant flycatchers (Tyrannidae)</u>				
Western kingbird <i>Tyrannus verticalis</i> Say	Rare	Summer resident	JSW	Breeds in chaparral in oak-sycamore riparian; prefers to perch high in trees
Cassin's kingbird <i>Tyrannus vociferans</i> Swainson	Rare	Summer resident	JSW	Breeds in chaparral in oak-sycamore riparian; perches midway to high in trees
Ash-throated flycatcher <i>Myiarchus cinerascens</i> (Lawrence)	Common	Summer resident	JSW	Breeds in chaparral and desert grassland in oak-sycamore riparian; feeds from to midway in trees
Black phoebe <i>Sayornis nigricans</i> (Swainson)	Rare	Resident	Sight	Ponderosa pine in oak-sycamore riparian and desert grassland; feeds from low over streams
Say's phoebe <i>Sayornis saya</i> (Bonaparte)	Rare	Summer resident	Sight	Open sites in ponderosa pine, chaparral and desert grassland near habitations; feeds from perch low to midway in trees
Dusky flycatcher <i>Empidonax oberholseri</i> Phillips	Rare	Fall transient	JSW	Pine-fir and ponderosa pine; feeds ab midway in low trees
Western flycatcher <i>Empidonax difficilis</i> Baird	Rare	Summer resident	Sight	Breeds in pine-fir and ponderosa pine alder-maple riparian; feeds from mid to high in trees
Coues' flycatcher <i>Contopus pertinax</i> Cabanis and Heine	Rare	Summer resident	Sight	Breeds in pine-fir and ponderosa pine feeds high in conifers
Western wood pewee <i>Contopus sordidulus</i> Sclater	Common	Summer resident	JSW	Pine-fir and ponderosa pine in oak-syc and alder-maple riparian, and in edge forest clearings; feeds low to midway
Olive-sided flycatcher <i>Nuttallornis borealis</i> (Swainson)	Rare	Summer resident	JSW	Pine-fir and ponderosa pine; feeds mica to high in conifers
<u>Swallows (Hirundinidae)</u>				
Violet-green swallow <i>Tachycineta thalassina</i> (Swainson)	Common	Summer resident	Sight	Pine-fir and ponderosa pine; forages in clearings, nests in sycamores
Cliff swallow <i>Petrochelidon pyrrhonota</i> (Vieillot)	Rare	Transient	Sight	Pine-fir and ponderosa pine
Purple martin <i>Progne subis</i> (Linnaeus)	Rare	Transient	Sight	Pine-fir and ponderosa pine
<u>Jays, magpies, and crows (Corvidae)</u>				
Steller's jay <i>Cyanocitta stelleri</i> (Gmelin)	Abundant	Resident	Sight	Pine-fir and ponderosa pine in summer winters in chaparral
Scrub jay <i>Aphelocoma coerulescens</i> (Bosc)	Common	Resident	JSW	Chaparral; feeds in low trees and bushes
Mexican (Ultramarine) jay <i>Aphelocoma ultramarina</i> (Bonaparte)	Common	Resident	JSW	Ponderosa pine in oak-sycamore and alder maple riparian; feeds on ground and low trees
Common raven <i>Corvus corax</i> Linnaeus	Common	Resident	Sight	Pine-fir, ponderosa pine, chaparral, a desert grassland
Common crow <i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i> Brehm	Rare	Transient	Sight	Pine-fir and ponderosa pine
<u>Titmice, verdins, and bushtits (Paridae)</u>				
Mountain chickadee <i>Parus gambeli</i> Ridgway	Abundant	Resident	JSW	Pine-fir and ponderosa pine; feeds thro out bushes and trees
Plain titmouse <i>Parus inornatus</i> Gambel	Rare	Resident	JSW	Chaparral; feeds throughout low trees a shrubs
Bridled titmouse <i>Parus wollweberi</i> (Bonaparte)	Common	Resident	Sight	Sycamore-walnut riparian; feeds low to midway in trees
Verdin <i>Auriparus flaviceps</i> (Sundevall)	Rare	Resident	Sight	Desert grassland; feeds in low trees and shrubs
Common bushtit <i>Psaltiriparus minimus</i> (Townsend)	Common	Resident	Sight	Chaparral; feeds in low trees and shrub

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<u>Nuthatches (Sittidae)</u>				
White-breasted nuthatch <i>Sitta carolinensis</i> Latham	Common	Resident	JSW	Pine-fir and ponderosa pine in oak-sycamore and alder-maple riparian; feeds low to mid-way in trees
Red-breasted nuthatch <i>Sitta canadensis</i> Linnaeus	Rare	Summer resident	JSW	Pine-fir; feeds in tops of tall conifers
Pygmy nuthatch <i>Sitta pygmaea</i> Vigors	Abundant	Summer resident	Sight	Pine-fir and ponderosa pine; feeds throughout conifers
<u> creepers (Certhiidae)</u>				
House creeper <i>Certhia familiaris</i> Linnaeus	Common	Summer resident	Sight	Pine-fir; feeds throughout conifers
<u>Wrens (Troglodytidae)</u>				
House wren <i>Troglodytes aedon</i> Vieillot	Common	Summer resident	Sight	Pine-fir around openings and clearings; feeds in underbrush and brush piles
Bewick's wren <i>Troglodytes bewickii</i> (Audubon)	Common	Summer resident	Sight	Chaparral in oak-sycamore riparian; feeds in underbrush and brush piles
Chondestes wren <i>Chondestes mexicanus</i> (Swainson)	Common	Resident	Sight	Ponderosa pine, chaparral, and desert grassland around canyon walls and cliffs
Rock wren <i>Salpinctes obsoletus</i> (Say)	Common	Summer resident	Sight	Chaparral and desert grassland around rocky hillsides
<u>Mockingbirds and thrashers (Mimidae)</u>				
Mockingbird <i>Mimus polyglottos</i> (Linnaeus)	Rare	Summer resident	Sight	Chaparral and desert grassland
<u>Robins, solitaires, and bluebirds (Turdidae)</u>				
Robin <i>Turdus migratorius</i> Linnaeus	Common	Resident	Sight	Pine-fir and ponderosa pine in oak-sycamore and alder-maple riparian, and forest openings
Hermit thrush <i>Hylocichla guttata</i> (Pallas)	Common	Summer resident	JSW	Pine-fir; forages on ground and low in trees and shrubs
Western bluebird <i>Sialia mexicana</i> Swainson	Common	Summer resident	Sight	Pine-fir and ponderosa pine forests; feeds on insects from high in trees near openings
Townsend's solitaire <i>Myadestes townsendi</i> (Audubon)	Common	Spring and fall transient	JSW	Ponderosa pine and chaparral
<u>Gold-world warblers, gnatcatchers, and kinglets (Sylviidae)</u>				
Blue-gray gnatcatcher <i>Polioptila caerulea</i> (Linnaeus)	Common	Summer resident	Sight	Chaparral; feeds from low to midway in low trees
Ruby-crowned kinglet <i>Regulus calendula</i> (Linnaeus)	Common	Winter visitor	JSW	Pine-fir, ponderosa pine, and chaparral; feeds throughout trees and shrubs
<u>Wagtails and pipits (Motacillidae)</u>				
Antelope pipit <i>Anthus spinoletta</i> (Linnaeus)	Rare	Spring and fall transient	JSW	Pine-fir; feeds around forest openings
<u>Waxwings (Bombycillidae)</u>				
Red-tailed waxwing <i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i> Vieillot	Rare	Fall transient	Sight	Chaparral
<u>Phainopepla (Ptilonotidae)</u>				
Phainopepla <i>Phainopepla nitens</i> (Swainson)	Rare	Resident	Sight	Desert grassland; feeds in the top of low trees and shrubs
<u>Shrikes (Laniidae)</u>				
Loggerhead shrike <i>Lanius ludovicianus</i> Linnaeus	Rare	Summer resident	Sight	Chaparral and desert grassland
<u>Vireos (Vireonidae)</u>				
Hutton's vireo <i>Vireo huttoni</i> Cassin	Common	Summer resident	JSW	Ponderosa pine in oak-sycamore-walnut and alder-maple riparian; feeds throughout deciduous trees
Gray vireo <i>Vireo vicinior</i> Coues	Common	Summer resident	JSW	Chaparral, commonly in pinyon trees; feeds throughout low trees

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Solitary vireo <i>Vireo solitarius</i> (Wilson)	Common	Summer resident	JSW	Breeds in pine-fir and ponderosa pine; feeds from midway to tops of trees
Warbling vireo <i>Vireo gilvus</i> (Vieillot)	Common	Summer resident	Sight	Pine-fir and ponderosa pine
<u>Wood warblers (Parulidae)</u>				
Orange-crowned warbler <i>Vermivora celata</i> (Say)	Common	Spring and fall transient	Sight	Pine-fir; feeds from low to high in trees
Virginia's warbler <i>Vermivora virginiae</i> (Baird)	Common	Summer resident	JSW	Nests in pine-fir and ponderosa pine
Lucy's warbler <i>Vermivora luciae</i> (Cooper)	Rare	Summer resident	JSW	Ponderosa pine in oak-sycamore riparian
Olive warbler <i>Peucedramus taeniatus</i> (Du Bus)	Rare	Summer resident	Sight	Breeds in pine-fir
Audubon's warbler <i>Dendroica auduboni</i> (Townsend)	Common	Spring and fall transient	Sight	Pine-fir, ponderosa pine, chaparral, desert grassland
Black-throated gray warbler <i>Dendroica nigrescens</i> (Townsend)	Common	Summer resident	JSW	Ponderosa pine in oak-sycamore riparian; feeds from low to midway in shrubs and trees
Townsend's warbler <i>Dendroica townsendi</i> (Townsend)	Common	Spring and fall transient	JSW	Pine-fir
Hermit warbler <i>Dendroica occidentalis</i> (Townsend)	Common	Fall transient	JSW	Pine-fir
Grace's warbler <i>Dendroica graciae</i> Baird	Common	Summer resident	JSW	Ponderosa pine, usually found near middle or top of the conifers
MacGillivray's warbler <i>Oporornis tolmiei</i> (Townsend)	Common	Fall transient	JSW	Pine-fir; feeds in shrubs around forest openings
Red-faced warbler <i>Cardellina rubrifrons</i> (Giraud)	Common	Summer resident	JSW	Pine-fir in alder-maple riparian; feeds throughout conifers
Wilson's warbler <i>Wilsonia pusilla</i> (Wilson)	Common	Spring and fall transient	Sight	Pine-fir and ponderosa pine in alder-maple and oak-sycamore-maple riparian and near edges of forest openings
Painted redstart <i>Setophaga picta</i> Swainson	Common	Summer resident	JSW	Pine-fir and ponderosa pine in oak-sycamore and alder-maple riparian; feeds low trees and underbrush
<u>Meadowlarks, blackbirds, and orioles (Icteridae)</u>				
Hooded oriole <i>Icterus cucullatus</i> Swainson	Rare	Summer resident	Sight	Ponderosa pine and chaparral in oak-sycamore riparian
Scott's oriole <i>Icterus parisorum</i> Bonaparte	Common	Summer resident	JSW	Chaparral and desert grassland where yuccas occur
Brewer's blackbird <i>Euphagus cyanocephalus</i> (Wagler)	Rare	Spring and fall transient	Sight	Pine-fir in natural openings
Brown-headed cowbird <i>Molothrus ater</i> Boddaert	Rare	Summer resident	Sight	Pine-fir, ponderosa pine, and chaparral in oak-sycamore riparian
<u>Tanagers (Thraupidae)</u>				
Western tanager <i>Piranga ludoviciana</i> (Wilson)	Common	Summer resident	JSW	Pine-fir; feeds midway to high in trees
Hepatic tanager <i>Piranga flava</i> (Vieillot)	Common	Summer resident	JSW	Pine-fir and ponderosa pine; feeds in lower levels of medium-sized pines and Gambel oaks
<u>Grosbeaks, finches, sparrows, and buntings (Fringillidae)</u>				
Cardinal <i>Richmondia cardinalis</i> (Linnaeus)	Rare	Summer resident	Sight	Chaparral and desert grassland
Black-headed grosbeak <i>Phaeoicetus melanocephalus</i> (Swainson)	Common	Summer resident	Sight	Pine-fir, ponderosa pine, and Gambel oak

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grosbeak <i>Arremonops caerulea</i> (Linnaeus)	Rare	Summer resident	Sight	Ponderosa pine in oak-sycamore riparian
go bunting <i>Passerina cyanea</i> (Linnaeus)	Rare	Summer resident	JSW	Pine-fir and ponderosa pine forests in shrubs around forest openings
uli bunting <i>Passerina amoena</i> (Say)	Common	Summer resident	Sight	Pine-fir and ponderosa pine in shrubs in and around forest openings
ring grosbeak <i>Spizella vespertina</i> (Cooper)	Rare	Summer resident	JSW	Pine-fir forest near forest openings
sin's finch <i>Protonotaria cassinii</i> Baird	Rare	Transient	JSW	Pine-fir and ponderosa pine; usually ob- served midway to high in trees
se finch <i>Protonotaria mexicana</i> (Muller)	Common	Resident	Sight	Chaparral and desert grassland
e siskin <i>Spinus pinus</i> (Wilson)	Common	Winter visitor	Sight	Pine-fir forests in and around forest openings
ser goldfinch <i>Spinus psaltria</i> (Say)	Common	Summer resident	JSW	Pine-fir and ponderosa pine in oak- sycamore and alder-maple riparian
l crossbill <i>Colaptes curvirostris</i> Linnaeus	Rare	Summer resident	JSW	Pine-fir near forest openings; feeds throughout conifers
een-tailed towhee <i>Chlorura chlorura</i> (Audubon)	Common	Summer resident	JSW	Pine-fir, ponderosa pine, and chaparral
ous-sided towhee <i>Chrysomitris erythrophthalmus</i> (Linnaeus)	Common	Summer resident	Sight	Pine-fir, ponderosa pine, and chapar- ral where there is dense undergrowth
own towhee <i>Chrysomitris fuscus</i> Swainson	Common	Resident	JSW	Chaparral and desert grassland; feeds on ground and in low shrubs
ack-throated sparrow <i>Amphispiza bilineata</i> (Cassin)	Common	Summer resident	JSW	Desert grassland where cholla are present
ute-colored junco <i>Junco hyemalis</i> (Linnaeus)	Common	Winter visitor	JSW	Pine-fir, ponderosa pine, and chaparral
ipping sparrow <i>Spizella passerina</i> (Bechstein)	Common	Summer resident	JSW	Pine-fir and ponderosa pine, usually found around forest openings
ack-chinned sparrow <i>Spizella atrogularis</i> (Cabanis)	Common	Summer resident	JSW	Chaparral in dense cover
nite-crowned sparrow <i>Monticola leucophrys</i> (Forster)	Common	Spring and fall transient	Sight	Pine-fir, ponderosa pine, chaparral, and desert grassland
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ats (Chiroptera)				
orthern brown bat <i>Myotis keeni</i> (Merriam)	Rare	Resident	UA	Pine-fir, ponderosa pine, chaparral, and desert grassland around rocky cliffs
alifornia brown bat <i>Myotis californicus</i> (Audubon and Bachman)	Common	Resident	UA	Chaparral and desert grassland around rocky cliffs
asked brown bat <i>Myotis subulatus</i> (Say)	Common	Resident	UA	Chaparral and desert grassland around rocky cliffs
estern pipistrelle <i>Pipistrellus hesperus</i> (Allen)	Common	Resident	UA	Chaparral and desert grassland around rocky cliffs
ig brown bat <i>Eptesicus fuscus</i> (Beauvois)	Rare	Resident	UA	Chaparral and desert grassland around rocky cliffs
allid bat <i>Antrozous pallidus</i> (Le Conte)	Rare	Resident	UA	Pine-fir, ponderosa pine, and desert grassland around rocky cliffs
exican freetail bat <i>Tadarida mexicana</i> (Saussure)	Common	Summer resident	JSW	Chaparral around rocky cliffs
abbits (Lagomorpha)				
astern cottontail <i>Sylvilagus floridanus</i> (Allen)	Common	Resident	UA	Pine-fir, ponderosa pine, and chaparral

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<u>Rodents (Rodentia)</u>				
Tassel-eared squirrel <i>Sciurus aberti</i> Woodhouse	Common	Resident	UA	Pine-fir and ponderosa pine
Arizona gray squirrel <i>Sciurus arizonensis</i> Coues	Rare	Resident	MVZ UA	Ponderosa pine and chaparral in oak-sycamore riparian
Rock squirrel <i>Citellus variegatus</i> (Erxleben)	Common	Resident	USNM MVZ	Pine-fir, ponderosa pine, chaparral, and desert grassland in rocky terrain
Cliff chipmunk <i>Eutamias dorsalis</i> (Baird)	Common	Resident	USNM MVZ	Pine-fir, ponderosa pine, chaparral, and desert grassland around cliffs and logs
Valley pocket gopher <i>Thomomys bottae</i> (Eydoux and Gervais)	Common	Resident	UA	Pine-fir and ponderosa pine in forest openings
Desert harvest mouse <i>Reithrodontomys megalotis</i> (Baird)	Common	Resident	MVZ UA	Pine-fir and ponderosa pine in natural openings
Deer mouse <i>Peromyscus maniculatus</i> (Wagner)	Common	Resident	UA	Pine-fir and ponderosa pine in forest openings
Brush mouse <i>Peromyscus boyleyi</i> (Baird)	Abundant	Resident	USNM MVZ UA	Pine-fir, ponderosa pine, and chaparral
White-throated packrat <i>Neotoma albigula</i> Hartley	Common	Resident	USNM MVZ	Favorite habitat in chaparral
Mexican packrat <i>Neotoma mexicana</i> Baird	Common	Resident	MVZ UA	Pine-fir and ponderosa pine
Mexican vole <i>Microtus mexicanus</i> (Saussure)	Rare	Resident	MVZ	Pine-fir and ponderosa pine in natural openings of dense grass
Porcupine <i>Erethizon dorsatum</i> (Linnaeus)	Rare	Resident	Sight	Pine-fir and ponderosa pine
<u>Flesh-eaters (Carnivora)</u>				
Coyote <i>Canis latrans</i> Say	Rare	Resident	Sight	Pine-fir, ponderosa pine, chaparral, and desert grassland
Gray fox <i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i> (Schreber)	Rare	Resident	Sight	Pine-fir, ponderosa pine, chaparral, and desert grassland
Black bear <i>Ursus americanus</i> Pallas	Common	Resident	Sight	Pine-fir, ponderosa pine, and chaparral
Ringtail <i>Bassariscus astutus</i> (Lichtenstein)	Rare	Resident	Sight	Chaparral and desert grassland
Raccoon <i>Procyon lotor</i> (Linnaeus)	Rare	Resident	Sight	Pine-fir and ponderosa pine in alder-maple and oak-sycamore riparian
Common striped skunk <i>Mephitis mephitis</i> (Schreber)	Common	Resident	Sight	Ponderosa pine and chaparral
Western rooster skunk <i>Conepatus mesoleucus</i> (Lichtenstein)	Rare	Resident	Sight	Chaparral
Mountain lion <i>Felis concolor</i> Linnaeus	Rare	Resident	Sight	Pine-fir and ponderosa pine
Bobcat <i>Lynx rufus</i> (Schreber)	Rare	Resident	Sight	Pine-fir, ponderosa pine, chaparral, and desert grassland
<u>Even-toed ungulates (Artiodactyla)</u>				
Collared peccary <i>Tayassu tajacu</i> (Linnaeus)	Common	Resident	Sight	Chaparral and desert grassland
Elk <i>Cervus canadensis</i> Erxleben	Rare	Resident	Sight	Pine-fir and ponderosa pine
Whitetail deer <i>Odocoileus virginianus</i> (Zimmermann)	Common	Resident	Sight	Pine-fir, ponderosa pine, and chaparral
Mule deer <i>Odocoileus hemionus</i> (Rafinesque)	Rare	Resident	Sight	Pine-fir and ponderosa pine

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