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Bird Checklist for the Santa Catalina Ranger District

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Introduction

The Santa Catalina Ranger District of the Coronado National Forest includes much of the Santa Catalina and Rincon Mountains near Tucson, Arizona. Known as "sky islands," these mountains rise from an elevation of 2,500 feet to over 9,000 feet, creating a remarkable diversity of vegetation communities—from saquaro cactus forest and desert grasslands in the lower portions, upward into oak woodlands, Ponderosa pine and mixed-conifer forests. Located at the convergence of the Rocky Mountains and the Sonoran and Chihuahuan Deserts, the Santa Catalina Ranger District provides one of the most diverse bird habitats in North America. Mexican birds, such as the Sulfured-belly flycatcher, reach their northernmost limits here.

Using The Checklist

Habitat Key:

- SD = Sonoran desert and grassland
- F = Forests (oak, Ponderosa pine, mixed conifer)
- RI = Riparian (lowland and upper)

Residency Key:

- P = Permanent Resident
- S = Summer Resident
- W = Winter
- T = Fall or Spring Transient

Abundancy Key:

- A = Abundant
- C = Common
- U = Uncommon
- R = Rare
- X = Accidental (seen fewer than 5 times in the last 20 years)

	SD	F	RI
___ Pied-billed Grebe			RW
___ Double-crested Cormorant			XT
___ Great Blue Heron			RP
___ Green-backed Heron			RW
___ Snowy Egret			XW
___ Wood Duck			XW
___ Green-winged Teal			UT
___ Mallard			CW
___ Blue-winged Teal			XW
___ American Wigeon			XW
___ Lesser Scaup			RW
___ Bufflehead			XW
___ Ruddy Duck			XW
___ Ring-necked Duck			XW
___ Redhead			XW
___ Northern Shoveler			XW
___ Black Vulture	RW		
___ Turkey Vulture	CS	CS	CS
___ Osprey	XT		XT
___ Northern Harrier	T		T
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	UW	US	UW
___ Cooper's Hawk	UW	UP	UP
___ Northern Goshawk		UP	UW
___ Common Black Hawk	RT	RT	RS
___ Harris' Hawk	UP		
___ Swainson's Hawk	RT		
___ Zone-tailed Hawk	UT	CS	UT
___ Red-tailed Hawk	CP	CP	CP
___ Ferruginous Hawk	RW		
___ Golden Eagle	UP	UP	UP
___ Bald Eagle	RT		
___ American Kestrel	UP	RT	UP
___ Merlin	RT		
___ Peregrine Falcon	RW	US	
___ Prairie Falcon	UP	UP	
___ Merriam's Turkey		RP	RP
___ Montezuma Quail	RP	RP	
___ Gambel's Quail	AP		AP
___ Virginia Rail			XT

	SD	F	RI
___ Sora			XT
___ Purple Gallinule			X
___ Common Moorhen			XW
___ American Coot			UT
___ Killdeer			UW
___ Solitary Sandpiper			RT
___ Greater/Lesser Yellowlegs			RT
___ Spotted Sandpiper			RT
___ Least Sandpiper			RT
___ Western Sandpiper			RT
___ Long-billed Dowitcher			RT
___ Common Snipe			UW
___ Rock Dove	RT		UT
___ Band-tailed Pigeon	RT	CS	CS
___ White-winged Dove	AS	RT	AS
___ Mourning Dove	AP	CS	AP
___ Inca Dove	UP		
___ Common Ground Dove	RP		
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo			RT
___ Greater Roadrunner	CP		CP
___ Groove-billed Ani			XT
___ Barn Owl	RP		RP
___ Western Screech Owl	CP		CP
___ Whiskered Screech Owl		UP	
___ Great Horned Owl	UP	UP	CP
___ Northern Pygmy Owl		UP	
___ Ferruginous Pygmy Owl	XP		XP
___ Elf Owl	CS		CS
___ Spotted Owl	XT	RP	RP
___ Northern Saw-whet Owl	RW	RS	
___ Lesser Nighthawk	US		US
___ Common Nighthawk	RT	RT	RT
___ Common Poorwill	CS	CS	CS
___ Buff-colored Nightjar	XS		XS
___ Whip-poor-will		CS	CS
___ Vaux's Swift	RT	RT	RT
___ White-throated Swift	CS	CS	CS
___ Broad-billed Hummingbird	UP		UP

	SD	F	RI
___ Blue-throated Hummingbird	RT	US	US
___ Magnificent Hummingbird	RT	CS	CS
___ Plain-capped Starthroat	XS		XS
___ Black-chinned Hummingbird	CS		CS
___ Anna's Hummingbird	UP		UP
___ Costa's Hummingbird	CP		CP
___ Broad-tailed Hummingbird	UT	AS	UT
___ Rufous Hummingbird	CT	CT	CT
___ Elegant Trogon			XS
___ Belted Kingfisher			RT
___ Lewis' Woodpecker	RW		RW
___ Acorn Woodpecker		AP	CP
___ Gila Woodpecker	AP		AP
___ Red-naped Sapsucker	UT	UT	UT
___ Williamson's Sapsucker		RT	RT
___ Ladder-backed Woodpecker	CP		CP
___ Hairy Woodpecker		CP	CP
___ Strickland's Woodpecker		UP	UP
___ Northern Flicker	CP	CP	CP
___ N. Beardless Tyrannulet			US
___ Olive-sided Flycatcher	RT	UT	RT
___ Greater Pewee		CS	CS
___ Western Wood-Pewee	UT	CS	CS
___ Willow Flycatcher			UT
___ Hammond's Flycatcher	UT	UT	UT
___ Dusky Flycatcher	UT	UT	UT
___ Gray Flycatcher	UT	UT	UT
___ Pacific Slope Flycatcher	UT		UT
___ Cordilleran Flycatcher		US	US
___ Buff-breasted Flycatcher		RS	
___ Black Phoebe		CP	
___ Say's Phoebe	UP	CP	
___ Vermilion Flycatcher		UP	
___ Dusky-capped Flycatcher	RS		
___ Ash-throated Flycatcher	US	CS	
___ Brown-crested Flycatcher		CS	
___ Sulfur-bellied Flycatcher		RS	
___ Cassin's Kingbird	US	CS	
___ Western Kingbird		US	

	SD	F	RI
___ Horned Lark	RP		
___ Purple Martin	US	US	
___ Tree Swallow	RT		
___ Violet-green Swallow	CS	UT	
___ N. Rough-winged Swallow		US	
___ Cliff Swallow		US	
___ Barn Swallow		RT	
___ Stellar's Jay	CP	CP	
___ Scrub Jay	UP	UP	
___ Gray-breasted Jay	AP	CP	
___ Chihuahuan Raven	UP		
___ Common Raven	CP		
___ Mountain Chickadee	CP	UP	
___ Bridled Titmouse	CP	CP	
___ Plain Titmouse	UP		
___ Verdin	AP		
___ Bushtit	UP	UP	
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	UP	UP	
___ White-breasted Nuthatch	CP	CP	
___ Pygmy Nuthatch	CP	UP	
___ Brown Creeper	UP	UP	
___ Cactus Wren		CP	
___ Rock Wren	CP	CP	
___ Canyon Wren	CP	CP	
___ Bewick's Wren	CP	CP	
___ House Wren	UP	CP	UP
___ Winter Wren		RW	RW
___ Marsh Wren			RW
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet		UP	UP
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	CW	CP	CP
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	CW	CP	CP
___ Black-capped Gnatcatcher		XS	
___ Black-tailed Gnatcatcher	CP		CP
___ Eastern Bluebird	UW		
___ Western Bluebird	CW	CP	
___ Mountain Bluebird	UW		
___ Townsend's Solitaire	RT	UW	
___ Hermit Thrush	UW	AP	CP

	SD	F	RI
___ Varied Thrush		XT	
___ American Robin	UT	CP	CP
___ Loggerhead Shrike	UP		
___ Gray Catbird			XW
___ Northern Mockingbird	CP		
___ Sage Thrasher	RW		
___ Curve-billed Thrasher	AP		
___ Bendire's Thrasher	UP		
___ Crissal Thrasher	UP	UP	
___ American Pipit			RS
___ American Dipper			RT
___ Cedar Waxwing	RT	UW	UW
___ Phainopepla	AP	CP	CP
___ European Starling	RP		
___ Bell's Vireo			AS
___ Gray Vireo	RT	RS	
___ Solitary Vireo	CT	CS	
___ Hutton's Vireo		CP	CP
___ Warbling Vireo	UT	US	US
___ Tennessee Warbler		XT	
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	CT	US	CT
___ Nashville Warbler	CT	UT	
___ Virginia's Warbler	UT	CS	
___ Lucy's Warbler	CS		CS
___ Yellow Warbler	CT		CS
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler			XT
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	CW	CS	CW
___ Black-throated Gray Warbler	UT	CS	
___ Townsend's Warbler	UT	UT	UT
___ Hermit Warbler	RT	CT	UT
___ Black-throated Green Warbler	RT		RT
___ Grace's Warbler		CS	
___ MacGillivray's Warbler	UT	UT	UT
___ Wilson's Warbler	CT	CT	CT
___ Common Yellowthroat			UT
___ Yellow-breasted Chat			UT
___ American Redstart			RT
___ Painted Redstart		CS	CS

	SD	F	RI
___ Red-faced Warbler		US	
___ Olive Warbler		CS	
___ Hepatic Tanager		US	US
___ Summer Tanager	RS		RS
___ Western Tanager	CT	CS	CS
___ Northern Cardinal	CP		CP
___ Pyrrhuloxia	CP		CP
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak		RT	RT
___ Black-headed Grosbeak	CT	CS	CS
___ Lazuli Bunting	CT	CT	CT
___ Varied Bunting	RS		RS
___ Painted Bunting			RS
___ Yellow Grosbeak			XS
___ Blue Grosbeak			US
___ Indigo Bunting			RT
___ Purple Finch			RT
___ Cassin's Finch			RT
___ House Finch	AP		AP
___ Red Crossbill		U	
___ Pine Siskin	UW	US	US
___ American Goldfinch	RT		
___ Lesser Goldfinch	CP	RT	CP
___ Lawrence's Goldfinch			RW
___ Green-tailed Towhee	UW		
___ Rufous-sided Towhee	RW	CP	
___ Canyon Towhee	AP	CP	AP
___ Abert's Towhee	RP		RP
___ Grasshopper Sparrow	RW		
___ Rufous-winged Sparrow	UP		
___ Rufous-crowned Sparrow	UP	UP	
___ Chipping Sparrow	CW		CW
___ Clay-colored Sparrow			RW
___ Brewer's Sparrow	CW		CW
___ Black-chinned Sparrow	UP	UW	UW
___ Vesper Sparrow	CW		UW
___ Lark Sparrow	UT		UT
___ Black-throated Sparrow	AP		
___ Lark Bunting	UW		
___ Savannah Sparrow	UW		

	SD	F	RI
___ Fox Sparrow	RW		
___ Song Sparrow	UW		
___ Lincoln's Sparrow	UW		
___ Swamp Sparrow			RW
___ White-throated Sparrow	RW		
___ Golden-crowned Sparrow	RW		
___ White-crowned Sparrow	RW		
___ Dark-eyed Junco	CW	CW	
___ Yellow-eyed Junco		AP	
___ Evening Grosbeak	RT	US	US
___ Red-winged Blackbird			RW
___ Eastern Meadowlark	RT		
___ Western Meadowlark	RW		
___ Yellow-headed Blackbird			RW
___ Brewer's Blackbird	CW		
___ Great-tailed Grackle	CP	U	CP
___ Bronzed Cowbird	US		US
___ Brown-headed Cowbird	CS		CS
___ Hooded Oriole	CS		CS
___ Northern Oriole	CT	CS	CS
___ Scott's Oriole	UT	CS	
___ House Sparrow	CP		

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