

# CHECKLIST OF THE BIRDS OF YAVAPAI COUNTY



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This checklist was compiled from sightings by local birders and from Cornell Lab's eBird database.

Yavapai County spans 8,125 square miles, about the size of the state of Massachusetts. Bird habitats vary with water and altitude. Altitude in Yavapai County ranges from 1800 to 8000 feet, with inaccessible and intermittent waterways scattered throughout. Seasons matter. High mountain breeders abound in summer, while the lakes in Prescott host more wintering waterfowl than any other spot state-wide. Migrant birds of all types stop in the county but do not always linger. Birders can find Arizona "specialties" here, like breeding Red-faced Warblers or Pyrrhuloxia, but must travel many miles to find both in one day.

These challenges have been compressed into the four seasons and five abundance codes. Summer and winter seasons are intentionally left short while spring and fall migration seasons are longer to best express what can be experienced when birding Yavapai County. Detailed month-to-month occurrences of a particular species can be found using the monthly bar charts at ebird.org.

For recent sightings and more information about birding this region, visit PrescottAudubon.org.

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## SEASONS

Win= December and January  
Spr = February through May  
Sum = June and July  
Fall = August through November

## ABUNDENCE CODES

1 = Common, occurs regularly in expected habitat  
2 = Expected, but not regularly encountered  
3 = Irregular, but possible occurrences  
4 = Rare encounters; less than 5 annually  
5 = Less than 5 occurrences recorded

(L) = Lowland occurrences only  
(H) = Highland occurrences only

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	Win	Spr	Sum	Fall
<b>WHISTLING DUCKS</b>				
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck		4	4	
<b>GEESE</b>				
Greater White-fronted Goose	3	4		3
Snow Goose	3	3		3
Ross's Goose	3	4		3
Cackling Goose	4	4		
Canada Goose	1	1	1	1
<b>SWANS</b>				
Trumpeter Swan	5			
Tundra Swan	3	4		3
<b>DUCKS</b>				
Wood Duck	1	1	1	1
Gadwall	1	1	2	1
Eurasian Wigeon	4			
American Wigeon	1	1	3	1
Mallard	1	1	1	1
Blue-winged Teal	3	2		2
Cinnamon Teal	2	1	2	2
Northern Shoveler	1	1	3	1
Northern Pintail	1	1	2	1
Green-winged Teal	1	1	3	1
Canvasback	1	1	3	1
Redhead	2	2	3	2
Ring-necked Duck	1	1	3	1
Lesser Scaup	1	1		1
Surf Scoter		5		4
White-winged Scoter	4	4		
Black Scoter	5			
Long-tailed Duck	5			
Bufflehead	1	1	4	1
Common Goldeneye	1	1		1
Hooded Merganser	1	1		2
Common Merganser	1	1	3	1
Red-breasted Merganser	4	3		3
Ruddy Duck	1	1	2	1
<b>QUAIL</b>				
Gambel's Quail	1	1	1	1
<b>PHEASANTS</b>				
Ring-necked Pheasant	4	4	4	4
<b>TURKEYS</b>				
Wild Turkey	3	3	3	3
<b>LOONS</b>				
Pacific Loon				4
Common Loon	3	4		3
<b>GREBES</b>				
Pied-billed Grebe	1	1	1	1
Horned Grebe	4	4		4
Red-necked Grebe	4			
Eared Grebe	1	1	3	1
Western Grebe	1	2	3	1
Clark's Grebe	3	3		3
<b>CORMORANT</b>				
Neotropic Cormorant	3	2	2	2
Double-crested Cormorant	1	1	1	1
<b>PELICANS</b>				
American White Pelican	3	2	3	2
Brown Pelican	4		4	4

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<b>HERONS</b>				
American Bittern			4	
Least Bittern			3	
Great Blue Heron	1	1	1	1
Great Egret	1	1	1	1
Snowy Egret	2	2	3	2
Cattle Egret		3	4	3
Green Heron	4	1	1	1
Black-crowned Night-Heron	2	2	1	2
<b>IBISES</b>				
White-faced Ibis	4	1	2	1
<b>VULTURES</b>				
Turkey Vulture	4	1	1	1
<b>HAWKS</b>				
Osprey	4	2	2	2
White-tailed Kite	5	5	5	5
Golden Eagle	3	2	2	3
Mississippi Kite			3	4
Northern Harrier	1	1	3	1
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2	2	3	2
Cooper's Hawk	1	1	1	1
Northern Goshawk		4	4	
Bald Eagle	2	2	3	2
Common Black-Hawk	4	2	2	3
Harris's Hawk <sup>(L)</sup>	3	3	3	3
Gray Hawk <sup>(L)</sup>		4	4	4
Red-shouldered Hawk	4			4
Broad-winged Hawk		4		
Short-tailed Hawk			5	
Swainson's Hawk		2	2	2
Zone-tailed Hawk		2	2	2
Red-tailed Hawk	1	1	1	1
Rough-legged Hawk	4	4		
Ferruginous Hawk	2	2		2
<b>RAILS</b>				
Virginia Rail	3	2		2
Sora	2	2	2	2
Purple Gallinule				5
Common Gallinule	3	3	3	3
American Coot	1	1	1	1
<b>CRANES</b>				
Sandhill Crane		5		
<b>AVOCETS &amp; STILTS</b>				
Black-necked Stilt		2	3	2
American Avocet	4	2	4	2
<b>PLOVERS</b>				
Black-bellied Plover				5
Snowy Plover		4		4
Semipalmated Plover		3	4	3
Killdeer	1	1	1	1
<b>SANDPIPERS</b>				
Spotted Sandpiper	2	2	1	1
Solitary Sandpiper		3	4	3
Greater Yellowlegs	3	2	3	2
Willet		3	3	3
Lesser Yellowlegs		2	4	2
Long-billed Curlew		4	4	4
Marbled Godwit		3		3

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Stilt Sandpiper		4		4
Sanderling		5		
Dunlin				4
Baird's Sandpiper		4	4	3
Least Sandpiper	2	2	3	2
Pectoral Sandpiper				4
Semipalmated Sandpiper				4
Western Sandpiper		2	3	2
Short-billed Dowitcher				3
Long-billed Dowitcher	3	2	4	2
Wilson's Snipe	3	2		2
Wilson's Phalarope		2	3	2
Red-necked Phalarope		3		4
<b>JAEGERS</b>				
Parasitic Jaeger				5
<b>GULLS</b>				
Bonaparte's Gull	4	3		3
Franklin's Gull	3	3		3
Mew Gull				5
Ring-billed Gull	2	2	3	2
California Gull	3	3		3
Herring Gull	4			4
<b>TERNs</b>				
Caspian Tern		3	3	3
Black Tern			4	3
Common Tern				4
Forster's Tern		3	3	3
<b>PIGEONS &amp; DOVES</b>				
Rock Pigeon	1	1	1	1
Band-tailed Pigeon <sup>(H)</sup>	3	3	3	3
Eurasian Collared-Dove	1	1	1	1
Inca Dove <sup>(L)</sup>	3	2	2	3
Ruddy Ground-Dove <sup>(L)</sup>	4			4
White-winged Dove	3	2	2	3
Mourning Dove	1	1	1	1
<b>CUCKOOS</b>				
Yellow-billed Cuckoo			3	3
Greater Roadrunner	2	2	2	2
<b>OWLS</b>				
Barn Owl	2	2	2	2
Flamulated Owl		3	3	
Western Screech-Owl	2	2	2	2
Great Horned Owl	1	1	1	1
Northern Pygmy-Owl	3	3	3	3
Elf Owl <sup>(L)</sup>		3	3	
Burrowing Owl		4	4	
Spotted Owl		4	4	
Long-eared Owl	4	4		4
Northern Saw-whet Owl	4	4	4	4
<b>NIGHTJARS</b>				
Lesser Nighthawk		3	3	3
Common Nighthawk		2	2	2
Common Poorwill		2	2	3
Mexican Whip-poor-will		4	4	
<b>SWIFTS</b>				
Vaux's Swift		4		4
White-throated Swift	4	2	2	2

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<b>HUMMINGBIRDS</b>				
_____ Magnificent Hummingbird			5	4
_____ Black-chinned Hummingbird		1	1	2
_____ Anna's Hummingbird	2	1	1	2
_____ Costa's Hummingbird		3	3	3
_____ Broad-tailed Hummingbird		1	1	2
_____ Rufous Hummingbird		2	1	2
_____ Calliope Hummingbird		4	4	3
_____ Broad-billed Hummingbird (L)		3	3	3
<b>KINGFISHERS</b>				
_____ Belted Kingfisher	1	1	1	1
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>				
_____ Lewis's Woodpecker	3	4		4
_____ Acorn Woodpecker	1	1	1	1
_____ Gila Woodpecker (L)	1	1	1	1
_____ Williamson's Sapsucker	3			3
_____ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	4			
_____ Red-naped Sapsucker	1	2		1
_____ Red-breasted Sapsucker	4	4		
_____ Ladder-backed Woodpecker	1	1	1	1
_____ Downy Woodpecker	4	4		4
_____ Hairy Woodpecker	1	1	1	1
_____ Northern Flicker	1	1	1	1
_____ Guilded Flicker (L)	3	2	3	3
<b>FALCONS</b>				
_____ American Kestrel	1	1	1	1
_____ Merlin	3	3		3
_____ Peregrine Falcon	2	2	2	2
_____ Prairie Falcon	2	2	3	2
<b>FLYCATCHERS</b>				
_____ Olive-sided Flycatcher		3	4	3
_____ Greater Pewee		3	3	3
_____ Western Wood-Pewee		1	1	2
_____ Willow Flycatcher		3	3	3
_____ Hammond's Flycatcher	3	2	3	3
_____ Gray Flycatcher	3	2	2	4
_____ Dusky Flycatcher	4	3	3	4
_____ Pacific-slope Flycatcher		4		4
_____ Cordilleran Flycatcher		2	1	2
_____ Black Phoebe	1	1	1	1
_____ Eastern Phoebe	4	4		4
_____ Say's Phoebe	1	1	1	1
_____ Vermilion Flycatcher (L)	2	2	2	2
_____ Dusky-capped Flycatcher		4	4	
_____ Ash-throated Flycatcher		1	1	3
_____ Brown-crested Flycatcher		2	2	
_____ Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher			4	
_____ Cassin's Kingbird		1	1	2
_____ Western Kingbird		1	1	2
<b>SHRIKES</b>				
_____ Loggerhead Shrike	1	1	2	1
<b>VIdeos</b>				
_____ White-eyed Vireo				5
_____ Bell's Vireo (L)		1	2	2
_____ Gray Vireo		2	3	3
_____ Plumbeous Vireo	3	1	1	2
_____ Cassin's Vireo	4	2		2
_____ Hutton's Vireo	3	2	2	2

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_____ Warbling Vireo		1	1	2
_____ Red-eyed Vireo		4		
<b>JAYS &amp; CROWS</b>				
_____ Pinyon Jay		3		3
_____ Steller's Jay (H)	1	1	1	1
_____ Western Scrub-Jay	1	1	1	1
_____ Mexican Jay				5
_____ Clark's Nutcracker				5
_____ American Crow	3	3	3	3
_____ Common Raven	1	1	1	1
<b>LARKS</b>				
_____ Horned Lark	2	1	2	2
<b>SWALLOWS</b>				
_____ N. Rough-winged Swallow		1	1	2
_____ Purple Martin		4	4	
_____ Tree Swallow		2	2	2
_____ Violet-green Swallow		1	1	1
_____ Bank Swallow		3	4	3
_____ Barn Swallow		2	1	1
_____ Cliff Swallow		1	1	2
<b>CHICKADEES</b>				
_____ Mountain Chickadee (H)	1	1	1	1
_____ Bridled Titmouse	1	1	1	1
_____ Juniper Titmouse	1	1	1	1
_____ Verdin (L)	1	1	1	1
<b>BUSHTITS</b>				
_____ Bushtit	1	1	1	1
<b>NUTHATCHES</b>				
_____ Red-breasted Nuthatch	2	2	2	2
_____ White-breasted Nuthatch	1	1	1	1
_____ Pygmy Nuthatch (H)	1	1	1	1
<b>CREEPERS</b>				
_____ Brown Creeper	2	2	2	2
<b>WRENS</b>				
_____ Rock Wren	1	1	1	1
_____ Canyon Wren	1	1	1	1
_____ House Wren	2	1	1	1
_____ Pacific Wren	4	4		4
_____ Winter Wren	4	4		4
_____ Marsh Wren	2	2	4	2
_____ Bewick's Wren	1	1	1	1
_____ Cactus Wren (L)	1	1	1	1
<b>GNATCATCHERS</b>				
_____ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		2	2	3
_____ Black-tailed Gnatcatcher (L)	2	2	2	2
<b>DIPPERS</b>				
_____ American Dipper		4		
<b>KINGLETS</b>				
_____ Golden-crowned Kinglet	4			3
_____ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1	1	4	1
<b>THRUSHES</b>				
_____ Eastern Bluebird		5		
_____ Western Bluebird	1	1	1	1
_____ Mountain Bluebird	2	3		3
_____ Townsend's Solitaire	2	2	4	2
_____ Swainson's Thrush		4		4
_____ Hermit Thrush	2	2	3	3
_____ Rufous-backed Robin	5			5

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_____ American Robin	1	1	1	1
_____ Varied Thrush	4			4
<b>THRASHERS</b>				
_____ Curve-billed Thrasher	1	1	1	1
_____ Brown Thrasher	5	5		
_____ Bendire's Thrasher (L)	4	4		
_____ Crissal Thrasher	1	1	1	1
_____ Sage Thrasher	3	3		3
_____ Northern Mockingbird	2	1	1	2
<b>STARLINGS</b>				
_____ European Starling	1	1	1	1
<b>PIPITS</b>				
_____ American Pipit	1	1		1
<b>WAXWINGS</b>				
_____ Cedar Waxwing	2	2		2
<b>SILKY-FLYCATCHERS</b>				
_____ Phainopepla	3	1	1	2
<b>WARBLERS</b>				
_____ Olive Warbler	3	2	2	3
_____ Ovenbird				5
_____ Worm-eating Warbler				5
_____ Northern Waterthrush	4			4
_____ Louisiana Waterthrush				5
_____ Blue-winged Warbler				5
_____ Black-and-white Warbler	4	4		4
_____ Prothonotary Warbler		5		5
_____ Crescent-chested Warbler				5
_____ Orange-crowned Warbler	2	1	2	1
_____ Lucy's Warbler		1	1	2
_____ Nashville Warbler		3		2
_____ Virginia's Warbler		2	1	2
_____ MacGillivray's Warbler		2		2
_____ Kentucky Warbler		5		
_____ Common Yellowthroat	4	1	1	1
_____ Hooded Warbler		4		4
_____ American Redstart				4
_____ Northern Parula		4		4
_____ Yellow Warbler		1	1	1
_____ Chestnut-sided Warbler		4		4
_____ Black-throated Blue Warbler	5	5		5
_____ Palm Warbler		4		
_____ Yellow-rumped Warbler	1	1	2	1
_____ Grace's Warbler (H)		1	1	2
_____ Black-throated Gray Warbler		1	1	1
_____ Townsend's Warbler	4	1	4	1
_____ Hermit Warbler		1	4	1
_____ Wilson's Warbler		1	3	1
_____ Red-faced Warbler (H)		1	1	3
_____ Painted Redstart	4	1	1	3
_____ Yellow-breasted Chat	5	1	1	3
<b>SPARROWS</b>				
_____ Cassin's Sparrow			4	
_____ Grasshopper Sparrow	3	4		4
_____ Chipping Sparrow	1	1	2	1
_____ Clay-colored Sparrow		4		5
_____ Black-chinned Sparrow	2	2	2	2
_____ Brewer's Sparrow	2	1		1
_____ Black-throated Sparrow (L)	1	1	1	1

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_____ Lark Sparrow	3	1	1	2
_____ Lark Bunting	3	4		4
_____ Fox Sparrow (H)	3	4		3
_____ Dark-eyed Junco	1	1	1	1
_____ Yellow-eyed Junco		4		
_____ White-crowned Sparrow	1	1	4	1
_____ Golden-crowned Sparrow	4			4
_____ Harris's Sparrow	4			
_____ White-throated Sparrow	3	3		3
_____ Sagebrush Sparrow	3	4		3
_____ Vesper Sparrow	2	2		3
_____ Savannah Sparrow	2	2		2
_____ Song Sparrow	1	1	1	1
_____ Lincoln's Sparrow	1	1		1
_____ Swamp Sparrow	4	4		4
_____ Canyon Towhee	1	1	1	1
_____ Abert's Towhee (L)	1	1	1	1
_____ Rufous-crowned Sparrow	2	2	2	2
_____ Green-tailed Towhee	3	2	3	2
_____ Spotted Towhee	1	1	1	1
<b>CARDINALS</b>				
_____ Hepatic Tanager		1	1	2
_____ Summer Tanager		1	1	2
_____ Western Tanager		1	1	2
_____ Northern Cardinal (L)	1	1	1	1
_____ Pyrrhuloxia (L)	3	2	3	3
_____ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	4	4	4	
_____ Black-headed Grosbeak		1	1	2
_____ Blue Grosbeak		1	1	1
_____ Lazuli Bunting	4	2	2	2
_____ Indigo Bunting		2	2	2
_____ Painted Bunting		5		
<b>BLACKBIRDS</b>				
_____ Red-winged Blackbird	1	1	1	1
_____ Western Meadowlark	1	1	2	1
_____ Eastern Meadowlark	2	2	3	3
_____ Yellow-headed Blackbird		2	2	1
_____ Brewer's Blackbird	2	2	2	2
_____ Common Grackle		4		
_____ Great-tailed Grackle	1	1	1	1
_____ Bronzed Cowbird		2	2	4
_____ Brown-headed Cowbird	3	1	1	3
_____ Hooded Oriole		2	2	3
_____ Bullock's Oriole		1	1	3
_____ Scott's Oriole		2	2	4
<b>FINCHES</b>				
_____ House Finch	1	1	1	1
_____ Purple Finch				4
_____ Cassin's Finch	3	3		3
_____ Red Crossbill	3	3	3	3
_____ Pine Siskin	2	2	2	2
_____ Lesser Goldfinch	1	1	1	1
_____ Lawrence's Goldfinch	4	4		4
_____ American Goldfinch	3	3	4	3
_____ Evening Grosbeak	4	4		4
<b>OLD WORLD SPARROWS</b>				
_____ House Sparrow	1	1	1	1