

CHECKLIST
OF THE BIRDS OF
YAVAPAI COUNTY

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This checklist was compiled from sightings historically recorded by local birders as well as from submissions to Cornell Lab’s eBird database.

Yavapai County spans 8,125 square miles, about the size of the state of Massachusetts. Bird habitat varies greatly based on water resources and altitude variation that ranges from 1800 to 8000 feet, with inaccessible and intermittent waterways 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 readily encounter the Arizona “specialties” here, like breeding Red-faced Warblers or Pyrrhuloxia, but one must travel many miles to find both in one day.

These challenges have been compressed into 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. For more detailed month-to-month occurrences of a particular species, we recommend you search the monthly bar charts at ebird.org.

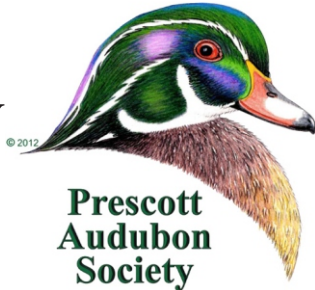
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With thanks to our checklist compilers, Bryan Patrick and Sue Drown.

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 25 annually
5= Less than 5 occuranaces recorded

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



	Win	Spr	Sum	Fall
WHISTLING DUCKS				
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	4	4	4	
GEESE				
Greater White-fronted Goose	3	3		3
Snow Goose	3	3		3
Ross’s Goose	3	3		3
Cackling Goose	4			
Canada Goose	1	1	1	1
SWANS				
Trumpeter Swan	5			
Tundra Swan	3	4		3
DUCKS				
Wood Duck	1	1	1	1
Blue-winged Teal	4	2		2
Cinnamon Teal	1	1	2	1
Northern Shoveler	1	1	3	1
Gadwall	1	1	2	1
Eurasian Wigeon	4			
American Wigeon	1	1	3	1
Mallard	1	1	1	1
Northern Pintail	1	1	3	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
Greater Scaup	4	4		
Lesser Scaup	1	1		1
Surf Scoter		5		4
White-winged Scoter	4	4		4
Black Scoter	5			
Long-tailed Duck	5			
Bufflehead	1	1	4	1
Common Goldeneye	1	1		2
Barrow’s Goldeneye	5	5		5
Hooded Merganser	1	1		1
Common Merganser	1	1	2	1
Red-breasted Merganser	4	3		3
Ruddy Duck	1	1	1	1
QUAIL				
Gambel’s Quail	1	1	1	1
PHEASANTS				
Ring-necked Pheasant	4	4		4
TURKEYS				
Wild Turkey	3	3	3	3
GREBES				
Pied-billed Grebe	1	1	1	1
Horned Grebe	4			4
Red-necked Grebe	4			
Eared Grebe	1	1	3	1
Western Grebe	1	3		1
Clark’s Grebe	3		3	3
PIGEONS & DOVES				
Rock Pigeon	1	1	1	1
Band-tailed Pigeon ^(H)	3	3	3	3
Eurasian Collared-Dove	1	1	1	1
Inca Dove ^(L)	3	2	2	3
Ruddy Ground-Dove ^(L)	4			4
White-winged Dove	3	2	2	3
Mourning Dove	1	1	1	1
CUCKOOS				
Greater Roadrunner	2	2	2	2
Yellow-billed Cuckoo			3	3

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NIGHTJARS				
Lesser Nighthawk		3	2	
Common Nighthawk		2	2	
Common Poorwill		2	2	3
Mexican Whip-poor-will		4	3	4
SWIFTS				
Vaux’s Swift		4		4
White-throated Swift	4	2	2	2
HUMMINGBIRDS				
Rivoli’s Hummingbird		4		4
Blue-throated Mountain-gem				5
Black-chinned Hummingbird		1	1	2
Anna’s Hummingbird	2	1	1	1
Costa’s Hummingbird	4	3	3	3
Broad-tailed Hummingbird		1	1	1
Rufous Hummingbird		2	3	2
Calliope Hummingbird		4	4	3
Broad-billed Hummingbird		2	2	3
RAILS				
Virginia Rail	3	2	3	2
Sora	2	2	3	2
Purple Gallinule				4
Common Gallinule	3	3	4	3
American Coot	1	1	1	1
CRANES				
Sandhill Crane	5			
AVOCETS & STILTS				
Black-necked Stilt		2	4	2
American Avocet	4	2	4	2
PLOVERS				
Black-bellied Plover				5
Snowy Plover		4	4	4
Semipalmated Plover		4	4	3
Killdeer	1	1	1	1
SANDPIPERS				
Long-billed Curlew		4	4	4
Marbled Godwit		3		4
Stilt Sandpiper		4		4
Sanderling				5
Dunlin				5
Baird’s Sandpiper		4	3	3
Least Sandpiper	2	2	3	2
Pectoral Sandpiper				3
Semipalmated Sandpiper		4		4
Western Sandpiper		2	3	2
Short-billed Dowitcher				3
Long-billed Dowitcher	4	2	3	2
Wilson’s Snipe	2	2		2
Wilson’s Phalarope		2	4	2
Red-necked Phalarope		4		4
Red Phalarope				5
Spotted Sandpiper	3	2	1	1
Solitary Sandpiper		3	4	3
Greater Yellowlegs	3	2	4	2
Willet		3	4	4
Lesser Yellowlegs		2	4	2
JAEGER & GULLS				
Parasitic Jaeger				5
Long-tailed Jaeger				5
Sabine’s Gull				5
Bonaparte’s Gull	4	3		4

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Franklin’s Gull	4	3		3
Mew Gull				5
Ring-billed Gull	3	3	4	3
California Gull	3	3		3
Herring Gull	4	4		4
Lesser Black-backed Gull				5
TERNS				
Caspian Tern		3	4	3
Black Tern			4	3
Common Tern				4
Forster’s Tern		4	3	3
LOONS				
Red-throated Loon	5			
Pacific Loon	4			4
Common Loon	3	4		3
CORMORANTS				
Neotropic Cormorant	3	1	2	2
Double-crested Cormorant	1	1	1	1
PELICANS				
American White Pelican	3	2		2
Brown Pelican	4		4	
HERONS				
American Bittern	4	4		
Least Bittern		3	4	4
Great Blue Heron	1	1	1	1
Great Egret	1	1	2	1
Snowy Egret	2	2	3	2
Cattle Egret		3		3
Green Heron	4	2	2	2
Black-crowned Night-Heron	2	2	1	2
IBISES				
White-faced Ibis	4	1	2	1
VULTURES				
Turkey Vulture	4	1	1	1
HAWKS				
Osprey	4	2	2	2
White-tailed Kite	4	4	4	4
Golden Eagle	2	2	2	2
Mississippi Kite		4	4	4
Northern Harrier	1	1	4	1
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2	2	4	2
Cooper’s Hawk	1	1	1	1
Northern Goshawk		4	4	4
Bald Eagle	1	1	2	2
Common Black-Hawk	3	2	2	3
Harris’s Hawk ^(L)	3	3	3	3
Gray Hawk		3		
Red-shouldered Hawk	4			
Broad-winged Hawk		4		
Swainson’s Hawk		2	2	2
Zone-tailed Hawk		2	2	2
Red-tailed Hawk	1	1	1	1
Rough-legged Hawk	4			
Ferruginous Hawk	2			3
OWLS				
Barn Owl	3	3	3	3
Flammulated 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 ^(L)		4	4	
Burrowing Owl		3	3	4

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Spotted Owl	4	4	4	4
Long-eared Owl	4	4		
Northern Saw-whet Owl	4	4	4	4
KINGFISHERS				
Belted Kingfisher	1	1	1	1
WOODPECKERS				
Williamson's Sapsucker	3	4		3
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	4	4		
Red-naped Sapsucker	1	2		
Red-breasted Sapsucker	4	4		
Lewis's Woodpecker	3	4		4
Acorn Woodpecker	1	1	1	1
Gila Woodpecker	1	1	1	1
Downy Woodpecker	4	4		4
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	1	1	1	1
Hairy Woodpecker	1	1	1	1
Northern Flicker	1	1	1	1
Gilded Flicker ^(L)	3	2	3	3
FALCONS				
American Kestrel	1	1	1	1
Merlin	3	3		3
Peregrine Falcon	2	2	2	2
Prairie Falcon	2	2	3	2
FLYCATCHERS				
Olive-sided Flycatcher		3	4	4
Greater Pewee		3	3	4
Western Wood-Pewee		1	1	2
Willow Flycatcher		2	2	
Hammond's Flycatcher	3	2	3	3
Gray Flycatcher	4	2	2	3
Dusky Flycatcher		3	3	4
Pacific-slope Flycatcher		4		4
Cordilleran Flycatcher		2	1	2
Black Phoebe	1	1	1	1
Eastern Phoebe		4		4
Say's Phoebe	1	1	1	1
Vermilion Flycatcher	2	2	2	3
Dusky-capped Flycatcher		4	3	4
Ash-throated Flycatcher		1	1	3
Brown-crested Flycatcher		2	2	3
Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher			4	
Cassin's Kingbird		1	1	2
Western Kingbird		1	1	2
Eastern Kingbird		5		5
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher		5		5
VIREOS				
White-eyed Vireo				4
Bell's Vireo ^(L)		1	2	2
Gray Vireo		2	3	
Hutton's Vireo	3	2	2	2
Yellow-throated Vireo		2		2
Cassin's Vireo	4	2		2
Plumbeous Vireo	3	1	1	2
Warbling Vireo		1	1	1
Red-eyed Vireo		4		4
SHRIKES				
Loggerhead Shrike	1	1	2	1
Northern Shrike	5			
JAYS & CROWS				
Pinyon Jay	3	4	4	3
Steller's Jay ^(H)	1	1	1	1
Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay	1	1	1	1
Mexican Jay		4	4	4
Clark's Nutcracker				5

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American Crow	3	3	4	3
Common Raven	1	1	1	1
CHICKADEES				
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
LARKS				
Horned Lark	2	1	2	2
SWALLOWS				
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			3
Barn Swallow		2	1	2
Cliff Swallow		1	1	2
BUSHTITS				
Bushtit	1	1	1	1
KINGLETS				
Golden-crowned Kinglet	4			3
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1	1	4	1
NUTHATCHES				
Red-breasted Nuthatch	3	2	2	2
White-breasted Nuthatch	1	1	1	1
Pygmy Nuthatch ^(H)	1	1	1	1
CREEPERS				
Brown Creeper	2	2	2	2
GNATCATCHERS				
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	4	2	2	3
Black-tailed Gnatcatcher ^(L)	1	1	1	1
WRENS				
Rock Wren	1	1	1	1
Canyon Wren	1	1	1	1
House Wren	2	1	1	1
Pacific Wren	4			
Winter Wren	4			
Marsh Wren	2	2		2
Bewick's Wren	1	1	1	1
Cactus Wren ^(L)	1	1	1	1
DIPPERS				
American Dipper	4	4		
STARLINGS				
European Starling	1	1	1	1
THRASHERS				
Gray Catbird	5			
Curve-billed Thrasher	1	1	1	1
Brown Thrasher	4	4		
Bendire's Thrasher ^(L)		4		
Crissal Thrasher	1	1	1	1
Sage Thrasher	3	3		3
Northern Mockingbird	2	1	1	2
THRUSHES				
Eastern Bluebird		4		
Western Bluebird	1	1	1	1
Mountain Bluebird	2	3		2
Townsend's Solitaire	2	2		2
Varied Thrush	4	4		4
Swainson's Thrush		4	4	
Hermit Thrush	2	2	2	2
American Robin	1	1	1	1
Rufous-backed Robin	4			4

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WAXWINGS				
Cedar Waxwing	2	2		2
SILKY-FLYCATCHERS				
Phainopepla	3	1	1	2
OLIVE WARBLER				
Olive Warbler	3	2	2	3
OLD WORLD SPARROWS				
House Sparrow	3	2	2	3
PIPITS				
American Pipit	1	1		1
Sprague's Pipit		4		4
FINCHES				
Evening Grosbeak	4	4		4
House Finch	1	1	1	1
Purple Finch	4			4
Cassin's Finch	2	3		1
Red Crossbill	3	3	3	3
Pine Siskin	1	1	1	1
Lesser Goldfinch	1	1	1	1
Lawrence's Goldfinch	3	4		3
American Goldfinch	3	3	4	3
SPARROWS				
Lapland Longspur	3	3		3
Chestnut-collared Longspur	4	4		4
Thick-billed Longspur	3	3		3
Cassin's Sparrow			4	
Grasshopper Sparrow	3	4	4	3
Chipping Sparrow	1	1	2	1
Clay-colored Sparrow		4		4
Black-chinned Sparrow	3	2	2	2
Brewer's Sparrow	2	1	2	2
Black-throated Sparrow ^(L)	1	1	1	1
Lark Sparrow	3	1	2	2
Lark Bunting	3	3		4
American Tree Sparrow	5			
Fox Sparrow	3	4		3
Dark-eyed Junco	1	1	1	1
Yellow-eyed Junco		5		
White-crowned Sparrow	1	1		1
Golden-crowned Sparrow	4	4		4
Harris's Sparrow	4	4		
White-throated Sparrow	3	3		3
Sagebrush Sparrow	4			3
Vesper Sparrow	2	1		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		2
Spotted Towhee	1	1	1	1
CHATS				
Yellow-breasted Chat	4	1	1	3
BLACKBIRDS				
Yellow-headed Blackbird		1	2	1
Bobolink				5
Western Meadowlark	1	1	2	1
Eastern Meadowlark	2	2	3	2

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Orchard Oriole		5		
Hooded Oriole		2	2	2
Bullock's Oriole		1	1	3
Scott's Oriole		2	2	3
Red-winged Blackbird	1	1	1	1
Bronzed Cowbird		2	2	4
Brown-headed Cowbird	3	1	1	2
Brewer's Blackbird	2	2	2	2
Common Grackle		4		
Great-tailed Grackle	1	1	1	1
WARBLERS				
Ovenbird				5
Worm-eating Warbler		5		5
Louisiana Waterthrush				5
Northern Waterthrush	4	4		4
Golden-winged Warbler				5
Blue-winged Warbler				5
Black-and-white Warbler	3	4	4	3
Prothonotary Warbler		5		5
Crescent-chested Warbler		5		
Tennessee Warbler		5		5
Orange-crowned Warbler	2	1	2	1
Lucy's Warbler		1	1	2
Nashville Warbler		3		2
Virginia's Warbler		1	1	1
MacGillivray's Warbler		2		2
Kentucky Warbler		5		
Common Yellowthroat	3	1	1	1
Hooded Warbler		4	3	4
American Redstart		4		4
Cape May Warbler	5			
Northern Parula		4	4	4
Blackburnian Warbler				5
Yellow Warbler		1	1	1
Chestnut-sided Warbler		4		4
Black-throated Blue Warbler	4	4		4
Palm Warbler		4		4
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1	1	3	1
Yellow-throated Warbler	4			
Grace's Warbler ^(H)		1	1	2
Black-throated Gray Warbler		1	1	1
Townsend's Warbler		1	3	1
Hermit Warbler		1	4	2
Wilson's Warbler		1	2	1
Red-faced Warbler ^(H)		1	1	3
Painted Redstart		1	1	3
CARDINALS				
Hepatic Tanager		1	1	2
Summer Tanager		1	1	2
Western Tanager		1	1	2
Northern Cardinal ^(L)	2	2	2	2
Pyrrhuloxia ^(L)	2	2	2	2
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	4	4		
Black-headed Grosbeak		1	2	2
Blue Grosbeak		1	2	2
Lazuli Bunting		2	2	2
Indigo Bunting		2	2	2
Varied Bunting ^(L)			5	
Painted Bunting		4		
Dickcissel				5