

## Birds of Cold Canyon

FAMILY/Common Name	Scientific Name	Seasonal Abundance <sup>1</sup>				Nesting <sup>2</sup>
		Win	Spr	Sum	Fall	
<b>CATHARTIDAE</b>						
Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	Uc	A	A	A	Y
<b>ACCIPITRIDAE</b>						
Sharp-shinned Hawk	<i>Accipiter striatus</i>	Uc	R	-	Uc	-
Cooper's Hawk	<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	Uc	R	R	Uc	S
Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	A	A	A	A	S
Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	R	R	R	Uc	-
Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	R	R		R	-
<b>FALCONIDAE</b>						
American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	C	R	R	Uc	S
Prairie Falcon	<i>Falco mexicanus</i>	R	R	R	R	Y
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca	S
<b>PHASIANIDAE</b>						
California Quail	<i>Callipepla californica</i>	R	A	A	A	Y
Mountain Quail	<i>Oreortyx pictus</i>	R	A	Uc	Uc	S
Wild Turkey	<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	R	R	R	Uc	S
<b>COLUMBIDAE</b>						
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca	-
Band-tailed Pigeon	<i>Columba fasciata</i>	Uc	R	-	-	-
Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>	A	A	A	A	Y
<b>STRIGIDAE</b>						
Western Screech Owl	<i>Otus kennicottii</i>	C	C	C	C	Y
Great Horned Owl	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>	Uc	Uc	Uc	Uc	Y
Long-eared Owl	<i>Asio otus</i>	R	-	-	-	-
Northern Pygmy Owl	<i>Glaucidium gnoma</i>	Uc	Uc	Uc	Uc	Y
Northern Saw-Whet Owl	<i>Aegolius acadicus</i>	R	-	-	-	-
<b>CAPRIMULGIDAE</b>						
Common Poorwill	<i>Phalaenoptilus nuttallii</i>	-	C	C	C	S
<b>APODIDAE</b>						
White-throated Swift	<i>Aeronautes saxatalis</i>	Uc	A	C	Uc	Y
Vaux's Swift	<i>Chaetura vauxi</i>	-	R	R	R	-
<b>TROCHILIDAE</b>						
Black-chinned Hummingbird	<i>Archilochus alexandri</i>	-	R	R	Uc	S
Anna's Hummingbird	<i>Calypte anna</i>	A	A	A	A	Y

Calliope Hummingbird	<i>Stella calliope</i>	-	R	-	R	-
Rufous Hummingbird	<i>Selasphorus rufus</i>	-	R	-	Uc	-
Allen's Hummingbird	<i>Selasphorus sasin</i>	-	R	-	-	-
PICIDAE						
Acorn Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes formicivorus</i>	Ca	Ca	-	Ca	-
Red-breasted Sapsucker	<i>Sphyrapicus ruber</i>	Ca	Ca	-	-	-
Nuttall's Woodpecker	<i>Picoides nuttallii</i>	A	A	A	A	Y
Downy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides pubescens</i>	R	R	-	R	S
Hairy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides villosus</i>	Ca	-	-	-	-
Northern Flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	A	Uc	R	Uc	S
Pileated Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus pileatus</i>	-	Ca	-	-	-
TYRANNIDAE						
Olive-sided Flycatcher	<i>Contopus borealis</i>	-	Ca	-	-	-
Western Wood-Pewee	<i>Contopus sordidulus</i>	-	R	-	-	-
Willow Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax traillii</i>	-	R	-	R	-
Hammond's Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax hammondi</i>	-	R	-	R	-
Gray Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax wrightii</i>	-	Ca	-	-	-
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax difficilis</i>	-	Uc	-	Uc	-
Black Phoebe	<i>Sayornis nigricans</i>	A	A	C	A	Y
Say's Phoebe	<i>Sayornis saya</i>	Ca	-	-	-	-
Ash-throated Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus cinerascens</i>	-	A	C	R	Y
Western Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus verticalis</i>	-	Ca	Ca	-	S
VIREONIDAE						
Cassin's Vireo	<i>Vireo cassinii</i>	-	R	-	Uc	-
Huttons's Vireo	<i>Vireo huttoni</i>	C	C	C	C	Y
Warbling Vireo	<i>Vireo gilvus</i>	-	Uc	Ca	Uc	S
CORVIDAE						
Steller's Jay	<i>Cyanocitta stelleri</i>	Uc	Uc	-	R	S
Western Scrub-jay	<i>Aphelocoma coerulescens</i>	A	A	A	A	Y
Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	Uc	R	-	R	-
American Crow	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	-	-	-	R	-
HIRUNDINIDAE						
Tree Swallow	<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>	-	Uc	C	Uc	Y
Violet-green Swallow	<i>Tachycineta thalassina</i>	-	R	R	-	S
Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>	-	Ca	-	-	S
Cliff Swallow	<i>Hirundo pyrrhonota</i>	-	A	A	C	Y
PARIDAE						
Oak Titmouse	<i>Baeolophus inornatus</i>	A	A	A	A	Y
AEGITHALIDAE						

Bushtit	<i>Psaltriparus minimus</i>	A	A	A	A	Y
SITTIDAE						
White-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>	R	R	-	R	S
CERTHIDAE						
Brown Creeper	<i>Certhia americana</i>	-	Ca	-	-	-
TROGLODYTIDAE						
Rock Wren	<i>Salpinctes obsoletus</i>	R	R	R	Uc	S
Canyon Wren	<i>Catherpes mexicanus</i>	Uc	Uc	C	C	S
Bewick's Wren	<i>Thryomanes bewickii</i>	A	A	A	A	Y
House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	R	R	R	R	S
CINCLIDAE						
American Dipper	<i>Cinclus mexicanus</i>	Ca	-	-	-	-
REGULIDAE						
Golden-crowned Kinglet	<i>Regulus satrapa</i>	R	-	-	R	-
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<i>Regulus calendula</i>	A	C	-	C	-
SYLVIIDAE						
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	<i>Poliophtila caerulea</i>	-	Uc	Uc	Uc	Y
TURDIDAE						
Western Bluebird	<i>Sialia mexicana</i>	Ca	Ca	-	Ca	S
Townsend's Solitaire	<i>Myadestes townsendi</i>	Ca	-	-	-	-
Swainson's Thrush	<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>	-	R	-	-	-
Hermit Thrush	<i>Catharus guttatus</i>	A	Uc	-	A	-
American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	A	C	-	Uc	-
Varied Thrush	<i>Ixoreus naevius</i>	R	-	-	R	-
TIMALIIDAE						
Wrentit	<i>Chamaea fasciata</i>	A	A	A	A	Y
MIMIDAE						
Northern Mockingbird	<i>Mimus polyglottus</i>	-	Ca	Ca	Ca	S
California Thrasher	<i>Toxostoma redivivum</i>	C	C	C	C	Y
STURNIDAE						
European Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	R	R	-	R	S
BOMBYCILLIDAE						
Cedar Waxwing	<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>	Ca	-	-	Ca	-
PTILOGONATIDAE						

Phainopepla	<i>Phainopepla nitens</i>	-	Ca	-	-	S
PARULIDAE						
Orange-crowned Warbler	<i>Vermivora celata</i>	Ca	A	-	C	S
Nashville Warbler	<i>Vermivora ruficapilla</i>	-	Uc	-	Uc	-
Yellow Warbler	<i>Dendroica petechia</i>	-	Uc	-	Uc	-
Yellow-rumped Warbler	<i>Dendroica coronata</i>	A	C	-	C	-
Black-throated Gray Warbler	<i>Dendroica nigrescens</i>	-	C	Ca	Uc	S
Townsend's Warbler	<i>Dendroica townsendi</i>	-	R	-	R	-
Hermit Warbler	<i>Dendroica occidentalis</i>	-	R	-	Uc	-
MacGillivray's Warbler	<i>Oporornis tolmiei</i>	-	R	-	-	-
Wilson's Warbler	<i>Wilsonia pusilla</i>	-	Uc	Ca	Uc	-
THRAUPIDAE						
Western Tanager	<i>Piranga ludoviciana</i>	-	Uc	-	Uc	-
EMBERIZIDAE						
Spotted Towhee	<i>Pipilo maculatus</i>	A	A	A	A	Y
California Towhee	<i>Pipilo crissalis</i>	A	A	A	A	Y
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	<i>Aimophila ruficeps</i>	Uc	Uc	Uc	Uc	S
Sage Sparrow	<i>Amphispiza belli</i>	Uc	Uc	Uc	Uc	S
Chipping Sparrow	<i>Spizella passerina</i>	-	Ca	-	-	-
Black-chinned Sparrow	<i>Spizella atrogularis</i>	-	Ca	-	-	-
Lark Sparrow	<i>Chondestes grammacus</i>	-	Ca	-	-	-
Fox Sparrow	<i>Passerculus iliaca</i>	C	Uc	-	Uc	-
Song Sparrow	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>	R	-	-	R	-
Lincoln's Sparrow	<i>Melospiza lincolnii</i>	Ca	-	-	-	-
White-throated Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia albicollis</i>	Ca	-	-	-	-
Golden-crowned Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia altricapilla</i>	A	C	-	C	-
White-crowned Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>	A	C	-	C	-
Dark-eyed Junco	<i>Junco hyemalis</i>	A	Uc	-	C	-
CARDINALIDAE						
Black-headed Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus melanocephalus</i>	-	C	C	R	-
Lazuli Bunting	<i>Passerina amoena</i>	-	Ca	Ca	-	Y
ICTERIDAE						
Western Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella neglecta</i>	Ca	-	-	Ca	-
Brewer's Blackbird	<i>Euphagus cyanocephalus</i>	Uc	Uc	Uc	Uc	Y
Brown-headed Cowbird	<i>Molothrus ater</i>	-	Ca	-	-	S
Bullock's Oriole	<i>Icterus bullocki</i>	-	Uc	Uc	R	Y
FRINGILLIDAE						
Purple Finch	<i>Carpodacus purpureus</i>	Uc	-	-	Uc	-
House Finch	<i>Carpodacus mexicanus</i>	A	A	A	A	Y
Pine Siskin	<i>Carduelis pinus</i>	Ca	-	-	-	-

Lesser Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis psaltria</i>	A	A	A	A	Y
Lawrence's Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis lawrencei</i>	-	Ca	-	-	-
American Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis tristis</i>	C	Uc	-	Uc	S

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### Footnotes

(1) Because species abundance is so seasonal, the checklist above includes estimates for seasonal abundance, abbreviated as follows:

<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Observability</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
A	Abundant	100-76%	Hard to miss
C	Common	75-51%	Should see
Uc	Uncommon	50-26%	May see
R	Rare	25-11%	Hard to see
Ca	Casual	10-1%	You'll be very lucky

This classification ignores “fly overs,” e.g., waterfowl and gulls that do not actually land in the canyon.

(2) Y–confirmed nesting, S–suspected nesting.

The checklist reflects observations made by many people between 1975 and 1999, with fairly extensive surveys by Andrew Engilis, Jr., Cameron Barrows, Katherine Barrows, Ron Cole, Sid England, and Wesley Weathers. In addition, a number of casual birders and also more organized outings (e.g., the Audubon’s Christmas bird count) have contributed to this table. Starting in 1976, the Cold Canyon basin has been included within the Audubon Christmas bird count circle (Area 10). Records from these counts are published in *Burrowing Owl*, the official publication of the Davis Audubon Society.