



CHECKLIST OF  
**BIRDS**

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SEQUOIA AND  
KINGS CANYON  
NATIONAL PARKS

The checklist area includes all of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks; all of the forks of the Kaweah River to, and including, the town of Three Rivers; Sequoia Lake; and the area between Grant Grove and the South Fork of the Kings River, eastward to the park boundary.

Many species of birds found in the checklist area occur at different elevations and habitats during the course of the year. This checklist divides the Parks into three elevation zones (numbered 1, 2, and 3), each of which contains many distinct habitats. The number following the relative abundance code indicates the elevation zones in which the species is found, from most commonly used elevation zone to the least used zone. **Elevation zone numbers in bold-face type** indicate those zones where the species is known to breed.

Relative Abundance	Seasons
C - Common	Sp (Spring) — March, April & May
F - Fairly Common	Su (Summer) — June, July & August
U - Uncommon	F (Fall) — Sept., Oct. & Nov.
R - Rare	W (Winter) — Dec., Jan. & Feb.
E - Extraordinary	

#### Elevation Zones:

1 - Foothills	(1,000 - 5,000 feet)
2 - Middle Elevations	(5,000 - 9,000 feet)
3 - High Sierra	(9,000 feet and above)

#### COMMON —

indicates the species is *easily* found (seen or heard) in the appropriate habitat during the season indicated.

#### FAIRLY COMMON —

indicates the species can *usually* be found in the appropriate habitat during the season indicated.

#### UNCOMMON —

indicates the species *cannot always* be found unless searched for in the appropriate habitat during the season indicated.

#### RARE —

indicates that individuals are *seldom* found, but are of regular annual occurrence.

#### EXTRAORDINARY —

indicates the species that have been found in the checklist area, but are of *irregular* occurrence or have been recorded outside their normal season. Species with *very few records* and those found outside their normal range are listed together at the end of the checklist.

This list of 223 species is arranged in accordance to the A.O.U. Checklist of North American Birds, Sixth Edition, 1983, 3rd Supplement, 1989.

	Sp	Su	F	W	Elev.
<b>Grebes - Podicipedidae</b>					
_____ Pied-billed Grebe	U	U	U	U	<b>1-2</b>
_____ Eared Grebe	E	R	R		<b>3-2-1</b>

#### Hérons and Egrets - Ardeidae

_____ Great Blue Heron	R	R	R	R	<b>1-2</b>
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#### Geese and Ducks - Anatidae

_____ Canada Goose	E	E	R		1-2
_____ Wood Duck	R	E	R		1-2
_____ Mallard	U	U	U	U	<b>1-2</b>
_____ American Wigeon	R		R		1-2
_____ Lesser Scaup			R	R	1-2
_____ Canvasback			R	E	1-2
_____ Bufflehead			E	R	1-2
_____ Common Merganser	U	U	R	U	<b>1-2</b>
_____ Ruddy Duck			U	R	1-2

#### American Vultures - Cathartidae

_____ Turkey Vulture	C	C	U	R	<b>1-2</b>
_____ California Condor	(Extinct in the wild)				

#### Kites, Hawks, Eagles, and Harriers - Accipitridae

_____ Osprey	R		R		1-2
_____ Bald Eagle	R	E	R	U	1-2
_____ Northern Harrier	R		R	R	1-2-3
_____ Sharp-shinned Hawk	U	U	U	U	<b>1-2</b>
_____ Cooper's Hawk	U	U	U	U	<b>1-2</b>
_____ Northern Goshawk	R	R	R	R	<b>2</b>
_____ Red-shouldered Hawk	R	R	R	R	<b>1</b>
_____ Swainson's Hawk		R	E		3-2-1
_____ Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	C	<b>1-2-3</b>
_____ Rough-legged Hawk			R		3
_____ Golden Eagle	U	U	U	U	<b>2-1-3</b>

#### Falcons - Falconidae

_____ American Kestrel	F	F	F	F	<b>1-2-3</b>
_____ Merlin	E	E	R	E	1-2-3
_____ Peregrine Falcon	R	R	E		<b>2-1</b>
_____ Prairie Falcon	R	R	R		3-2-1

#### Grouse, Turkeys and Quail - Phasianidae

_____ Chukar	R	R	R	R	3
_____ Blue Grouse	F	F	U	U	<b>2</b>
_____ Wild Turkey	R	R	R	R	1
_____ California Quail	C	C	C	C	<b>1-2</b>
_____ Mountain Quail	U	U	U	U	<b>2-1</b>

#### Rails and Coots - Rallidae

_____ American Coot	U	U	U	U	<b>2-1-3</b>
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	Sp	Su	F	W	Elev.
<b>Plovers - Charadriidae</b>					
_____ Killdeer .....	R	R	R	R	1-2
<b>Sandpipers - Scolopacidae</b>					
_____ Spotted Sandpiper .....	R	U	R	E	1-2-3
<b>Gulls - Laridae</b>					
_____ California Gull .....	R	R	R		3-2-1
<b>Pigeons and Doves - Columbidae</b>					
_____ Rock Dove .....	R	R	R	R	1
_____ Band-tailed Pigeon .....	F	C	C	F	2-1
_____ Mourning Dove .....	C	C	C	C	1-2
<b>Roadrunners - Cuculidae</b>					
_____ Greater Roadrunner .....	R	R	R	R	1-2
<b>Barn Owls - Tytonidae</b>					
_____ Barn Owl .....	R	R	R	R	1
<b>Typical Owls - Strigidae</b>					
_____ Flammulated Owl .....	U	U			2-1
_____ Western Screech-Owl .....	F	F	F	F	1-2
_____ Great Horned Owl .....	C	C	C	C	1-2-3
_____ Northern Pygmy-Owl .....	F	F	F	F	1-2
_____ Spotted Owl .....	U	U	U	U	2-1
_____ Long-eared Owl .....	E	R	E		2
_____ Northern Saw-whet Owl .....	R	R	R	R	2
<b>Nightjars - Caprimulgidae</b>					
_____ Common Nighthawk .....		R	R		2-1
_____ Common Poorwill .....	R	U	U		1-2
<b>Swifts - Apodidae</b>					
_____ Black Swift .....	R	U	R		1-2
_____ Vaux's Swift .....	R	U	R		1-2
_____ White-throated Swift .....	C	C	U	R	1-2-3
<b>Hummingbirds - Trochilidae</b>					
_____ Black-chinned Hummingbird .....	U	U	R		1-2
_____ Anna's Hummingbird .....	C	C	C	R	1-2
_____ Calliope Hummingbird .....	U	F	R		2-1
_____ Rufous Hummingbird .....	R	C	R	E	3-2-1
_____ Allen's Hummingbird .....	E	R	E	E	3-2
<b>Kingfishers - Alcedinidae</b>					
_____ Belted Kingfisher .....	U	U	U	U	1-2

	Sp	Su	F	W	Elev.
<b>Woodpeckers - Picidae</b>					
_____ Lewis' Woodpecker .....			R		1-2
_____ Acorn Woodpecker .....	C	C	C	C	1-2
_____ Red-breasted Sapsucker .....	U	F	U	R	2-1
_____ Williamson's Sapsucker .....	U	U	U	U	2-3-1
_____ Nuttall's Woodpecker .....	C	C	C	C	1-2
_____ Downy Woodpecker .....	U	U	U	U	1-2
_____ Hairy Woodpecker .....	F	F	F	F	2-1
_____ White-headed Woodpecker .....	C	C	C	C	2
_____ Black-backed Woodpecker .....	R	R	R	R	2
_____ Northern Flicker .....	C	C	C	C	1-2-3
_____ Pileated Woodpecker .....	U	U	U	U	2
<b>Tyrant Flycatchers - Tyrannidae</b>					
_____ Olive-sided Flycatcher .....	U	C	R		2-1
_____ Western Wood-Pewee .....	U	C	R		2-1
_____ Willow Flycatcher .....		R			2
_____ Hammond's Flycatcher .....	U	U	E		2
_____ Dusky Flycatcher .....	R	R	E		2-3-1
_____ Gray Flycatcher .....		E	R		2
_____ Pacific-slope (Western) Flycatcher .....	U	U	R		2-1
_____ Black Phoebe .....	C	C	C	C	1-2
_____ Say's Phoebe .....		R	R		1-2
_____ Ash-throated Flycatcher .....	C	C			1-2
_____ Western Kingbird .....	U	U			1-2
<b>Larks - Alaudidae</b>					
_____ Horned Lark .....	R	R			3
<b>Swallows - Hirundinidae</b>					
_____ Purple Martin .....	R	R			2
_____ Tree Swallow .....	R	R			1-2
_____ Violet-green Swallow .....	C	C	R		1-2-3
_____ Northern Rough-winged Swallow .....	U	U			1-2
_____ Cliff Swallow .....	F	F			1-2
_____ Barn Swallow .....	R	R	E		1-2
<b>Jays and Ravens - Corvidae</b>					
_____ Steller's Jay .....	C	C	C	C	2-1
_____ Scrub Jay .....	C	C	C	C	1-2
_____ Pinyon Jay .....		E	R		3-2
_____ Clark's Nutcracker .....	F	F	F	F	3-2
_____ American Crow .....	R	R	E	E	1
_____ Common Raven .....	C	C	C	C	2-1-3
<b>Chickadees and Titmice - Paridae</b>					
_____ Mountain Chickadee .....	C	C	C	C	2-3-1
_____ Plain Titmouse .....	C	C	C	C	1
<b>Bushtits - Aegithalidae</b>					
_____ Bushtit .....	C	C	C	C	1-2
<b>Nuthatches - Sittidae</b>					
_____ Red-breasted Nuthatch .....	C	C	C	C	2-1
_____ White-breasted Nuthatch .....	C	C	C	C	1-3-2
_____ Pygmy Nuthatch .....	R	R	R	R	2

	Sp	Su	F	W	Elev.
<b>Creepers - Certhiidae</b>					
_____ Brown Creeper .....	C	C	C	C	2
<b>Wrens - Troglodytidae</b>					
_____ Rock Wren .....	U	U	U	U	3-2-1
_____ Canyon Wren .....	C	C	C	C	1-2-3
_____ Bewick's Wren .....	C	C	C	C	1-2
_____ House Wren .....	C	C	R	E	1-2-3
_____ Winter Wren .....	U	U	U	U	2-1
<b>Dippers - Cinclidae</b>					
_____ American Dipper .....	F	F	F	F	1-2-3
<b>Kinglets, Bluebirds and Thrushes - Muscicapidae</b>					
_____ Golden-crowned Kinglet .....	C	C	C	C	2-1
_____ Ruby-crowned Kinglet .....	U	R	R	U	1-2
_____ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher .....	F	F	F	F	1
_____ Western Bluebird .....	F	F	U	U	1-2-3
_____ Mountain Bluebird .....	U	C	R		3-2
_____ Townsend's Solitaire .....	U	U	U	R	2-1-3
_____ Swainson's Thrush .....	R	R			2-1
_____ Hermit Thrush .....	R	C	U	R	2-1-3
_____ American Robin .....	C	C	C	C	1-2-3
_____ Varied Thrush .....	R		R	R	2-1
_____ Wrentit .....	C	C	C	C	1-2
<b>Mockingbirds and Thrashers - Mimidae</b>					
_____ Northern Mockingbird .....	R	R	R	R	1
_____ California Thrasher .....	U	U	U	U	1
<b>Pipits - Motacillidae</b>					
_____ American (Water) Pipit .....	R	F	R		3
<b>Waxwings - Bombycillidae</b>					
_____ Cedar Waxwing .....	R		R	R	1-2
<b>Silky Flycatchers - Ptilonotidae</b>					
_____ Phainopepla .....	R	R	R	E	1
<b>Shrikes - Laniidae</b>					
_____ Loggerhead Shrike .....	E	R		E	1
<b>Starlings - Sturnidae</b>					
_____ European Starling .....	C	C	C	C	1
<b>Vireos - Vireonidae</b>					
_____ Solitary Vireo .....	U	U			2-1
_____ Hutton's Vireo .....	U	U	U	U	1-2
_____ Warbling Vireo .....	U	U			2-1

**Wood Warblers, Tanagers,  
Sparrows and Blackbirds - Emberizidae**

_____ Orange-crowned Warbler .....	U	F	R		2-1-3
_____ Nashville Warbler .....	F	C	E		2-1
_____ Yellow Warbler .....	U	U			2-1
_____ Yellow-rumped Warbler .....	C	C	C	U	2-1-3

**Wood Warblers, Tanagers,  
Sparrows and Blackbirds - Emberizidae (Continued)**

	Sp	Su	F	W	Elev.
_____ Black-throated Gray Warbler .....	U	U	U	E	2-1
_____ Townsend's Warbler .....	R	R	U	E	2-1
_____ Hermit Warbler .....	U	F	E		2-1
_____ MacGillivray's Warbler .....	U	F	E		2-1
_____ Yellow-breasted Chat .....		R			1
_____ Wilson's Warbler .....	U	C	R		2-3-1
_____ Western Tanager .....	F	C	R		2-1
_____ Black-headed Grosbeak .....	F	C			1-2
_____ Lazuli Bunting .....	U	U			1-2
_____ Green-tailed Towhee .....	U	F	E		2
_____ Rufous-sided Towhee .....	C	C	C	C	1-2
_____ California (Brown) Towhee .....	C	C	C	C	1
_____ Rufous-crowned Sparrow .....	R	R	R	R	1
_____ Chipping Sparrow .....	U	U	R		2-1-3
_____ Lark Sparrow .....	F	F	R		1
_____ Fox Sparrow .....	C	C	F	U	2-1
_____ Song Sparrow .....	U	U	R	R	2-1
_____ Lincoln's Sparrow .....	U	F	R	R	2-1
_____ Golden-crowned Sparrow .....	U	E	C	C	1-2
_____ White-crowned Sparrow .....	U	C	U	R	3-2-1
_____ Dark-eyed Junco .....	C	C	C	C	2-3-1
_____ Red-winged Blackbird .....	R	U	R	R	1-2
_____ Western Meadowlark .....	R	E	R	E	1
_____ Brewer's Blackbird .....	C	C	C	R	1-2-3
_____ Brown-headed Cowbird .....	U	F			1-2
_____ Northern Oriole .....	C	C		E	1-2

**Finches - Fringillidae**

_____ Rosy Finch .....	F	F	F	F	3
_____ Pine Grosbeak .....	R	R	R	R	2
_____ Purple Finch .....	U	C	U	U	2-1
_____ Cassin's Finch .....	U	C	U	R	2-3
_____ House Finch .....	C	C	C	C	1
_____ Red Crossbill .....	R	R	R	R	2
_____ Pine Siskin .....	F	F	F	F	2-1-3
_____ American Goldfinch .....	R	R	R	R	1-2
_____ Lesser Goldfinch .....	C	C	C	C	1-2
_____ Lawrence's Goldfinch .....	R	R	E	E	1-2
_____ Evening Grosbeak .....	U	U	U	R	2-1

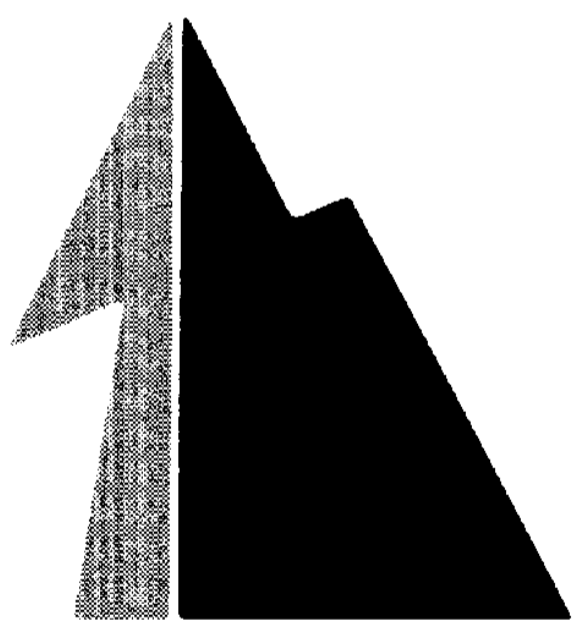
**Weavers - Passeridae**

_____ House Sparrow .....	F	F	F	F	1
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**NOTES:**

## EXTRAORDINARY SPECIES:

Common Loon	Northern Pintail
Clark's Grebe	Northern Shoveler
American White Pelican	Blue-winged Teal
Snowy Egret	Cinnamon Teal
Great Egret	Redhead
Black-crowned Night Heron	Harlequin Duck
Tundra Swan	Hooded Merganser
Gadwall	Sora
Green-winged Teal	American Avocet
Long-billed Curlew	Lucy's Warbler
Solitary Sandpiper	Black-and-white Warbler
Red-necked Phalarope	Chestnut-sided Warbler
Common Snipe	Ovenbird
Baird's Sandpiper	Common Yellowthroat
Ring-billed Gull	American Redstart
Caspian Tern	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Black-shouldered Kite	Blue Grosbeak
Short-eared Owl	Indigo Bunting
Great Gray Owl	Vesper Sparrow
Burrowing Owl	Savannah Sparrow
Whip-poor-will	Brewer's Sparrow
Blue-throated Hummingbird	Yellow-headed Blackbird
Red-naped Sapsucker	Tricolored Blackbird
Eastern Kingbird	Hooded Oriole
Marsh Wren	Summer Tanager
Bohemian Waxwing	



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