

**DUCKS, GEESE, SWANS**

\_\_\_ Greater White-fronted Goose  
 \_\_\_ Snow Goose  
 \_\_\_ Ross's Goose  
 \_\_\_ Cackling Goose  
 \_\_\_ Canada Goose  
 \_\_\_ Trumpeter Swan  
 \_\_\_ Tundra Swan  
 \_\_\_ **Wood Duck**  
 \_\_\_ **Gadwall**  
 \_\_\_ Eurasian Wigeon  
 \_\_\_ **American Wigeon**  
 \_\_\_ **Mallard**  
 \_\_\_ **Blue-winged Teal**  
 \_\_\_ **Cinnamon Teal**  
 \_\_\_ **Northern Shoveler**  
 \_\_\_ **Northern Pintail**  
 \_\_\_ **Green-winged Teal**  
 \_\_\_ Canvasback  
 \_\_\_ Redhead  
 \_\_\_ **Ring-necked Duck**  
 \_\_\_ Greater Scaup  
 \_\_\_ **Lesser Scaup**  
 \_\_\_ Surf Scoter  
 \_\_\_ White-winged Scoter  
 \_\_\_ **Bufflehead**  
 \_\_\_ Common Goldeneye  
 \_\_\_ Hooded Merganser  
 \_\_\_ **Common Merganser**  
 \_\_\_ Red-breasted Merganser  
 \_\_\_ **Ruddy Duck**

**QUAIL**

\_\_\_ **Scaled Quail**  
 \_\_\_ **Gambel's Quail**

**LOONS**

\_\_\_ Pacific Loon  
 \_\_\_ Common Loon

**GREBES**

\_\_\_ **Pied-billed Grebe**  
 \_\_\_ Horned Grebe  
 \_\_\_ Eared Grebe  
 \_\_\_ Western Grebe  
 \_\_\_ Clark's Grebe

**PELICANS**

\_\_\_ American White Pelican  
 \_\_\_ Brown Pelican

**CORMORANTS**

\_\_\_ **Neotropic Cormorant**  
 \_\_\_ **Double-crested Cormorant**

**BITTERNS, HERONS**

\_\_\_ American Bittern  
 \_\_\_ Least Bittern  
 \_\_\_ **Great Blue Heron**  
 \_\_\_ **Great Egret**  
 \_\_\_ **Snowy Egret**  
 \_\_\_ Little Blue Heron  
 \_\_\_ Tricolored Heron  
 \_\_\_ **Cattle Egret**  
 \_\_\_ **Green Heron**  
 \_\_\_ **Black-crowned Night-Heron**  
 \_\_\_ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

**IBISES, SPOONBILLS**

\_\_\_ **White-faced Ibis**

**NEW WORLD VULTURES**

\_\_\_ Black Vulture  
 \_\_\_ **Turkey Vulture**

**KITES, EAGLES, HAWKS**

\_\_\_ **Osprey**  
 \_\_\_ White-tailed Kite  
 \_\_\_ Mississippi Kite  
 \_\_\_ Bald Eagle  
 \_\_\_ **Northern Harrier**  
 \_\_\_ **Sharp-shinned Hawk**  
 \_\_\_ **Cooper's Hawk**  
 \_\_\_ Northern Goshawk  
 \_\_\_ Gray Hawk  
 \_\_\_ Common Black-Hawk  
 \_\_\_ Harris's Hawk  
 \_\_\_ Red-shouldered Hawk  
 \_\_\_ Broad-winged Hawk  
 \_\_\_ **Swainson's Hawk**  
 \_\_\_ Zone-tailed Hawk  
 \_\_\_ **Red-tailed Hawk**  
 \_\_\_ **Ferruginous Hawk**  
 \_\_\_ Rough-legged Hawk  
 \_\_\_ Golden Eagle

**CARACARAS, FALCONS**

\_\_\_ **American Kestrel**  
 \_\_\_ **Merlin**  
 \_\_\_ **Peregrine Falcon**  
 \_\_\_ **Prairie Falcon**

**RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS**

\_\_\_ **Virginia Rail**  
 \_\_\_ **Sora**  
 \_\_\_ **Common Gallinule**  
 \_\_\_ **American Coot**

**CRANES**

\_\_\_ **Sandhill Crane**

**PLOVERS**

\_\_\_ Snowy Plover  
 \_\_\_ Semipalmated Plover  
 \_\_\_ **Killdeer**

**STILTS, AVOCETS**

\_\_\_ **Black-necked Stilt**  
 \_\_\_ **American Avocet**

**SANDPIPERS, PHALAROPES**

\_\_\_ **Greater Yellowlegs**  
 \_\_\_ **Lesser Yellowlegs**  
 \_\_\_ **Solitary Sandpiper**  
 \_\_\_ Willet  
 \_\_\_ **Spotted Sandpiper**  
 \_\_\_ Upland Sandpiper  
 \_\_\_ Whimbrel  
 \_\_\_ **Long-billed Curlew**  
 \_\_\_ Marbled Godwit  
 \_\_\_ Sanderling  
 \_\_\_ **Western Sandpiper**  
 \_\_\_ **Least Sandpiper**  
 \_\_\_ **Baird's Sandpiper**  
 \_\_\_ Pectoral Sandpiper  
 \_\_\_ Dunlin  
 \_\_\_ Stilt Sandpiper  
 \_\_\_ **Long-billed Dowitcher**  
 \_\_\_ **Wilson's Snipe**  
 \_\_\_ **Wilson's Phalarope**  
 \_\_\_ Red-necked Phalarope  
 \_\_\_ Red Phalarope

**GULLS, TERNS, SKIMMERS**

\_\_\_ **Franklin's Gull**  
 \_\_\_ Bonaparte's Gull

**Ring-billed Gull**

\_\_\_ California Gull  
 \_\_\_ Herring Gull  
 \_\_\_ Glaucous Gull  
 \_\_\_ Black-legged Kittiwake  
 \_\_\_ Caspian Tern  
 \_\_\_ Elegant Tern  
 \_\_\_ Common Tern  
 \_\_\_ **Forster's Tern**  
 \_\_\_ Least Tern  
 \_\_\_ **Black Tern**

**PIGEONS, DOVES**

\_\_\_ **Rock Pigeon**  
 \_\_\_ Band-tailed Pigeon  
 \_\_\_ **Eurasian Collared-Dove**  
 \_\_\_ **White-winged Dove**  
 \_\_\_ **Mourning Dove**  
 \_\_\_ **Inca Dove**  
 \_\_\_ Common Ground-Dove  
 \_\_\_ Ruddy Ground-Dove

**CUCKOOS,****ROADRUNNERS, ANIS**

\_\_\_ **Yellow-billed Cuckoo**  
 \_\_\_ **Greater Roadrunner**  
 \_\_\_ Groove-billed Ani

**BARN OWL**

\_\_\_ **Barn Owl**

**TYPICAL OWLS**

\_\_\_ Western Screech-Owl  
 \_\_\_ **Great Horned Owl**  
 \_\_\_ **Burrowing Owl**  
 \_\_\_ Long-eared Owl

**NIGHTJARS**

\_\_\_ **Lesser Nighthawk**  
 \_\_\_ **Common Nighthawk**  
 \_\_\_ **Common Poorwill**  
 \_\_\_ Mexican Whip-poor-will

**SWIFTS**

\_\_\_ Chimney Swift  
 \_\_\_ Vaux's Swift  
 \_\_\_ **White-throated Swift**

**HUMMINGBIRDS**

\_\_\_ Broad-billed Hummingbird

\_\_\_ Violet-crowned Hummingbird  
 \_\_\_ Blue-throated Hummingbird  
 \_\_\_ Magnificent Hummingbird  
 \_\_\_ **Black-chinned Hummingbird**  
 \_\_\_ Anna's Hummingbird  
 \_\_\_ Costa's Hummingbird  
 \_\_\_ **Calliope Hummingbird**  
 \_\_\_ **Broad-tailed Hummingbird**  
 \_\_\_ **Rufous Hummingbird**

**KINGFISHERS**

\_\_\_ **Belted Kingfisher**

**WOODPECKERS**

\_\_\_ Lewis's Woodpecker  
 \_\_\_ Red-headed Woodpecker  
 \_\_\_ Acorn Woodpecker  
 \_\_\_ Williamson's Sapsucker  
 \_\_\_ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker  
 \_\_\_ **Red-naped Sapsucker**  
 \_\_\_ **Ladder-backed Woodpecker**  
 \_\_\_ Downy Woodpecker  
 \_\_\_ **Northern Flicker**

**TYRANT FLYCATCHERS**

\_\_\_ **Olive-sided Flycatcher**  
 \_\_\_ Greater Pewee  
 \_\_\_ **Western Wood-Pewee**  
 \_\_\_ **Willow Flycatcher**  
 \_\_\_ Least Flycatcher  
 \_\_\_ **Hammond's Flycatcher**  
 \_\_\_ **Gray Flycatcher**  
 \_\_\_ **Dusky Flycatcher**  
 \_\_\_ Pacific-slope Flycatcher  
 \_\_\_ **Cordilleran Flycatcher**  
 \_\_\_ Buff-breasted Flycatcher  
 \_\_\_ **Black Phoebe**

\_\_\_ Eastern Phoebe  
 \_\_\_ **Say's Phoebe**  
 \_\_\_ Vermilion Flycatcher  
 \_\_\_ Dusky-capped Flycatcher  
 \_\_\_ **Ash-throated Flycatcher**  
 \_\_\_ Brown-crested Flycatcher  
 \_\_\_ Great Kiskadee  
 \_\_\_ **Cassin's Kingbird**  
 \_\_\_ **Western Kingbird**  
 \_\_\_ Eastern Kingbird  
 \_\_\_ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

**SHRIKES**

\_\_\_ **Loggerhead Shrike**  
 \_\_\_ Northern Shrike

**VIREOS**

\_\_\_ **Bell's Vireo**  
 \_\_\_ **Plumbeous Vireo**  
 \_\_\_ **Cassin's Vireo**  
 \_\_\_ Blue-headed Vireo  
 \_\_\_ **Hutton's Vireo**  
 \_\_\_ **Warbling Vireo**  
 \_\_\_ Philadelphia Vireo  
 \_\_\_ Red-eyed Vireo

**JAYS, CROWS**

\_\_\_ Steller's Jay  
 \_\_\_ **Western Scrub-Jay**  
 \_\_\_ Pinyon Jay  
 \_\_\_ **American Crow**  
 \_\_\_ **Chihuahuan Raven**  
 \_\_\_ **Common Raven**

**LARKS**

\_\_\_ **Horned Lark**

**SWALLOWS**

\_\_\_ Purple Martin  
 \_\_\_ **Tree Swallow**  
 \_\_\_ **Violet-green Swallow**  
 \_\_\_ **Northern Rough-winged Swallow**  
 \_\_\_ **Bank Swallow**  
 \_\_\_ **Cliff Swallow**  
 \_\_\_ **Cave Swallow**  
 \_\_\_ **Barn Swallow**

**TITMICE**

\_\_\_ Mountain Chickadee

**VERDINS**

\_\_\_ Verdin

**NUTHATCHES**

\_\_\_ Red-breasted Nuthatch

\_\_\_ White-breasted Nuthatch

\_\_\_ Pygmy Nuthatch

**CREEPERS**

\_\_\_ Brown Creeper

**WRENS**

\_\_\_ Cactus Wren

\_\_\_ Rock Wren

\_\_\_ Canyon Wren

\_\_\_ Bewick's Wren

\_\_\_ House Wren

\_\_\_ Pacific Wren

\_\_\_ Marsh Wren

**KINGLETS**

\_\_\_ Golden-crowned Kinglet

\_\_\_ Ruby-crowned Kinglet

**GNATCATCHERS**

\_\_\_ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

\_\_\_ Black-tailed Gnatcatcher

**THRUSHES**

\_\_\_ Eastern Bluebird

\_\_\_ Western Bluebird

\_\_\_ Mountain Bluebird

\_\_\_ Townsend's Solitaire

\_\_\_ Swainson's Thrush

\_\_\_ Hermit Thrush

\_\_\_ Wood Thrush

\_\_\_ American Robin

\_\_\_ Varied Thrush

**MOCKINGBIRDS,  
THRASHERS**

\_\_\_ Gray Catbird

\_\_\_ Northern Mockingbird

\_\_\_ Brown Thrasher

\_\_\_ Bendire's Thrasher

\_\_\_ Curve-billed Thrasher

\_\_\_ Crissal Thrasher

**STARLINGS**

\_\_\_ European Starling

**PIPITS**

\_\_\_ American Pipit

**WAXWINGS**

\_\_\_ Cedar Waxwing

**SILKY-FLYCATCHERS**

\_\_\_ Phainopepla

**OLIVE WARBLER**

\_\_\_ Olive Warbler

**WOOD-WARBLERS**

\_\_\_ Blue-winged Warbler

\_\_\_ Tennessee Warbler

\_\_\_ Orange-crowned Warbler

\_\_\_ Nashville Warbler

\_\_\_ Virginia's Warbler

\_\_\_ Lucy's Warbler

\_\_\_ Northern Parula

\_\_\_ Yellow Warbler

\_\_\_ Chestnut-sided Warbler

\_\_\_ Black-throated Blue Warbler

\_\_\_ Yellow-rumped Warbler

\_\_\_ Black-throated Gray Warbler

\_\_\_ Black-throated Green Warbler

\_\_\_ Townsend's Warbler

\_\_\_ Hermit Warbler

\_\_\_ Yellow-throated Warbler

\_\_\_ Blackpoll Warbler

\_\_\_ Black-and-white Warbler

\_\_\_ American Redstart

\_\_\_ Prothonotary Warbler

\_\_\_ Worm-eating Warbler

\_\_\_ Ovenbird

\_\_\_ Northern Waterthrush

\_\_\_ MacGillivray's Warbler

\_\_\_ Common Yellowthroat

\_\_\_ Hooded Warbler

\_\_\_ Wilson's Warbler

\_\_\_ Canada Warbler

\_\_\_ Painted Redstart

\_\_\_ Yellow-breasted Chat

**TANAGERS**

\_\_\_ Hepatic Tanager

\_\_\_ Summer Tanager

\_\_\_ Scarlet Tanager

\_\_\_ Western Tanager

**SPARROWS**

\_\_\_ Green-tailed Towhee

\_\_\_ Spotted Towhee

\_\_\_ Canyon Towhee

\_\_\_ Cassin's Sparrow

\_\_\_ Chipping Sparrow

\_\_\_ Clay-colored Sparrow

\_\_\_ Brewer's Sparrow

\_\_\_ Field Sparrow

\_\_\_ Vesper Sparrow

\_\_\_ Lark Sparrow

\_\_\_ Black-throated Sparrow

\_\_\_ Sage Sparrow

\_\_\_ Lark Bunting

\_\_\_ Savannah Sparrow

\_\_\_ Grasshopper Sparrow

\_\_\_ Fox Sparrow

\_\_\_ Song Sparrow

\_\_\_ Lincoln's Sparrow

\_\_\_ Swamp Sparrow

\_\_\_ White-throated Sparrow

\_\_\_ Harris's Sparrow

\_\_\_ White-crowned Sparrow

\_\_\_ Golden-crowned Sparrow

\_\_\_ Dark-eyed Junco

\_\_\_ Chestnut-collared Longspur

**CARDINALS,  
GROSBEAKS**

\_\_\_ Northern Cardinal

\_\_\_ Pyrrhuloxia

\_\_\_ Rose-breasted Grosbeak

\_\_\_ Black-headed Grosbeak

\_\_\_ Blue Grosbeak

\_\_\_ Lazuli Bunting

\_\_\_ Indigo Bunting

\_\_\_ Varied Bunting

\_\_\_ Painted Bunting

\_\_\_ Dickcissel

**BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES**

\_\_\_ Bobolink

\_\_\_ Red-winged Blackbird

\_\_\_ Eastern Meadowlark

\_\_\_ Western Meadowlark

\_\_\_ Yellow-headed Blackbird

\_\_\_ Rusty Blackbird

\_\_\_ Brewer's Blackbird

\_\_\_ Common Grackle

\_\_\_ Great-tailed Grackle

\_\_\_ Bronzed Cowbird

\_\_\_ Brown-headed Cowbird

\_\_\_ Orchard Oriole

\_\_\_ Hooded Oriole

\_\_\_ Streak-backed Oriole

\_\_\_ Bullock's Oriole

\_\_\_ Baltimore Oriole

\_\_\_ Scott's Oriole

**FINCHES**

\_\_\_ Purple Finch

\_\_\_ Cassin's Finch

\_\_\_ House Finch

\_\_\_ Red Crossbill

\_\_\_ Pine Siskin

\_\_\_ Lesser Goldfinch

\_\_\_ Lawrence's Goldfinch

\_\_\_ American Goldfinch

\_\_\_ Evening Grosbeak

**OLD WORLD  
SPARROWS**

\_\_\_ House Sparrow

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Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park, and the  
Rio Grande River)**

This checklist includes 348 species of birds that have been documented as occurring within the subject area in recent decades, for which reports have been filed with and accepted by state and/or local bird records committees. The majority of these records can be viewed in the Field Notes Database of the New Mexico Ornithological Society, via <http://www.nmbirds.org>. The annotated species listings in the out-of-print book *Birds and Birdfinding in the El Paso Area* by James N. Paton and Barry R. Zimmer (1996) were also consulted in the creation of this list. Species shown in bold type are regular in occurrence and are generally expected in the checklist area at least yearly; species in light type are irregular, rare, or casual in occurrence.

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