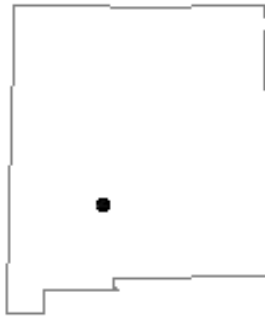


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Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge



Socorro, New Mexico

Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge lies along 9 miles of the Rio Grande in the desert of south-central New Mexico. Low dikes built since the refuge was established in the late 1930's have created extensive water impoundments, ideal winter habitat for ducks, geese, sandhill cranes and wading birds. Several accessible viewing platforms are available along the tour route.

The riparian habitat of the Rio Grande and the adjoining arid uplands provide a wide variety of bird life. Cultivated fields furnish additional food for wintering waterfowl, pheasant and other wildlife.

Neotropical migrant landbirds are those species of landbirds that nest in the United States or Canada, and spend the winter primarily south of our border in Mexico, Central or South America, or in the Caribbean. Many of them, including conspicuous or colorful hawks, hummingbirds, warblers, and tanagers, and less colorful but no less important flycatchers, thrushes, and vireos, are experiencing population declines due to widespread loss of habitats important for their survival. Preservation of many different habitats for nesting, wintering, and migratory stopover sites is becoming vital for the survival of many of these birds.

This list contains 377 species which have been observed on the refuge since 1940. Species

are listed in accordance with the sixth edition (1983) A.O.U. checklist, as amended.

Symbols used in this list are defined as follows:

Sp- Spring March to May
 S- Summer June to August
 F- Fall September to November
 W- Winter December to February

Abundance

a - Abundant; A common species that is very numerous.
 c - Common; Certain to be seen in suitable habitats.
 u - Uncommon; Present, not certain to be seen.
 o - Occasional; Seen few times during the season
 r - Rare; Unusual, 1-5 years
 v - Vagrant; Highly unusual
 * Nesting Species

Hypotheticals are reported but not verified. They are listed under species heading.

Italics = Federal Threatened or Endangered Status

LOONS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Pacific Loon		v		
___ Common Loon	r	-	r	-

GREBES	Sp	S	F	W
___ Pied-billed Grebe*	a	c	a	c
___ Horned Grebe	r	-	r	-
___ Eared Grebe	u	-	u	o
___ Western Grebe	o	u	u	o
___ Clark's Grebe	o	o	o	-

PELICANS	Sp	S	F	W
___ American White Pelican	c	o	c	o

CORMORANTS	Sp	S	F	W
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___ Double-crested Cormorant*	u	u	u	o
___ Neotropic Cormorant*	c	c	c	u
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BITTERNS AND HERONS	Sp	S	F	W
___ American Bittern*	o	o	o	o
___ Least Bittern*	u	u	u	-
___ Great Blue Heron*	a	c	c	c
___ Great Egret*	o	c	u	r
___ Snowy Egret*	c	a	c	o
___ Little Blue Heron	o	u	u	-
___ Tricolored Heron	-	r	-	-
___ Cattle Egret*	u	u	o	r
___ Green Heron*	c	c	c	-
___ Black-crowned Night-Heron*	u	c	c	o
___ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	-	r	r	-
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IBISES	Sp	S	F	W
___ White Ibis	-	v	-	-
___ White-faced Ibis*	c	c	c	r
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STORKS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Wood Stork		v	v	
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VULTURES	Sp	S	F	W
___ Turkey Vulture*	c	a	a	-
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SWANS, GEESE, AND DUCKS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Greater White-fronted Goose	o	-	o	o
___ Snow Goose	u	-	a	a
___ Ross' Goose	c	-	c	c
___ Canada Goose*	c	c	c	c
___ Brant	-	-	v	-
___ Trumpeter Swan	-	-	-	v
___ Tundra Swan	-	-	o	o
___ Wood Duck*	u	u	u	u
___ Gadwall*	c	c	c	a
___ Eurasian Widgeon	v	-	-	-
___ American Wigeon	c	o	c	u
___ American Black Duck	hypothetical			
___ Mallard*	a	c	a	a
___ Blue-winged Teal*	c	u	c	-

___ Cinnamon Teal*	c	u	c	o
___ Northern Shoveler*	c	u	a	a
___ Northern Pintail*	c	u	a	a
___ Green-winged Teal*	c	u	a	c
___ Canvasback*	u	o	u	u
___ Redhead*	u	c	u	c
___ Ring-necked Duck	u	-	u	c
___ Greater Scaup	-	-	-	r
___ Lesser Scaup	u	o	u	u
___ Surf Scoter	-	-	r	-
___ White-winged Scoter	-	-	v	-
___ Black Scoter	hypothetical			
___ Oldsquaw	v	-	r	r
___ Bufflehead	u	-	u	c
___ Common Goldeneye	r	-	r	r
___ Barrow's Goldeneye	-	-	-	v
___ Hooded Merganser	o	o	u	u
___ Common Merganser	o	-	o	c
___ Red-breasted Merganser	r	-	r	r
___ Ruddy Duck*	c	u	c	c

KITES, EAGLES, AND HAWKS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Osprey	o	-	o	-
___ White-tailed Kite	v	-	v	v
___ Mississippi Kite	r	o	r	-
___ <i>Bald Eagle</i>	o	-	u	c
___ Northern Harrier*	c	o	c	a
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	c	-	u	c
___ Cooper's Hawk*	c	u	u	c
___ Northern Goshawk	r	-	r	r
___ Common Black-Hawk	-	-	v	-
___ Harris' Hawk	r	-	r	r
___ Red-shouldered Hawk	hypothetical			
___ Swainson's Hawk*	u	u	u	-
___ Zone-tailed Hawk	hypothetical			
___ Red-tailed Hawk*	c	u	c	a
___ Ferruginous Hawk	u	o	u	u
___ Rough-legged Hawk	r	-	r	r
___ Golden Eagle*	u	u	u	u

CARACARAS AND FALCONS	Sp	S	F	W
___ American Kestrel*	c	c	c	c
___ Merlin	o	r	o	o
___ <i>Peregrine Falcon</i>	u	o	u	u
___ Prairie Falcon*	o	o	u	u

NEW WORLD QUAIL	Sp	S	F	W
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___ Scaled Quail*	u	u	u	u
___ Gambel's Quail*	c	c	c	c
___ Montezuma Quail	r	r	r	r

RAILS, GALLINULES AND COOTS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Virginia Rail*	u	u	u	-
___ Sora*	c	c	c	-
___ Purple Gallinule	v	v	v	-
___ Common Moorhen*	u	u	u	-
___ American Coot*	c	c	a	a

CRANES	Sp	Su	F	W
___ Sandhill Crane	-	-	a	a
___ Whooping Crane	o	-	u	u

LAPWINGS AND PLOVERS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Black-bellied Plover^	o	r	o	-
___ American Golden-Plover	v	-	-	-
___ Snowy Plover*^	r	r	r	-
___ Semipalmated Plover^	o	o	o	-
___ Killdeer*^	a	a	a	c
___ Mountain Plover	v	-	-	-

STILTS AND AVOCETS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Black-necked Stilt*	c	c	u	-
___ American Avocet*	c	u	u	-

SANDPIPERS, PHALAROPES AND ALLIES	Sp	S	F	W
___ Greater Yellowlegs	c	c	c	o
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	u	u	u	o
___ Solitary Sandpiper	o	u	o	-
___ Willet	o	o	o	-
___ Spotted Sandpiper*	c	c	c	-
___ Upland Sandpiper	r	-	r	-
___ Whimbrel	r	-	-	-
___ Long-billed Curlew	o	o	o	-
___ Hudsonian Godwit	v	-	-	-
___ Marbled Godwit	o	o	o	-

___ Ruddy Turnstone	hypothetical			
___ Red Knot	-	v	-	-
___ Sanderling	r	-	r	-
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper	r	-	r	-
___ Western Sandpiper	c	u	c	-
___ Least Sandpiper	c	u	c	r
___ White-rumped Sandpiper	r	r	r	-
___ Baird's Sandpiper	u	o	u	-
___ Pectoral Sandpiper	o	-	o	-
___ Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	-	-	v	-
___ Dunlin	r	-	r	r
___ Stilt Sandpiper	o	o	o	-
___ Buff-breasted Sandpiper	hypothetical			
___ Ruff	v	-	-	-
___ Short-billed Dowitcher	-	v	v	-
___ Long-billed Dowitcher	c	u	c	o
___ Common Snipe	c	r	c	u
___ Wilson's Phalarope	c	u	c	-
___ Red-necked Phalarope	o	-	o	-
___ Red Phalarope	r	r	-	-

SKUAS, GULLS, AND TERNS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Long-tailed Jaeger	-	-	v	-
___ Franklin's Gull	u	-	u	-
___ Bonaparte's Gull	o	-	u	o
___ Ring-billed Gull	c	o	c	u
___ California Gull	r	-	-	-
___ Herring Gull	o	-	o	o
___ Thayer's Gull	v	-	-	-
___ Glaucous Gull	-	-	-	v
___ Sabine's Gull	-	-	r	-
___ Black-legged Kittiwake	-	-	-	v
___ Caspian Tern	hypothetical			
___ Common Tern	-	-	r	-
___ Forster's Tern	u	o	u	-
___ <i>Least Tern (interior U.S. pop.)</i>	-	v	-	-
___ Black Tern	u	o	u	-

PIGEONS AND DOVES	Sp	S	F	W
___ Rock Dove	r	r	r	r
___ Band-tailed Pigeon	-	r	-	-
___ White-winged Dove	r	o	r	-
___ Mourning Dove*	c	a	a	u
___ Inca Dove	-	-	r	r
___ Common Ground-Dove	hypothetical			
___ Ruddy Ground-Dove	-	-	-	v

CUCKOOS, ROADRUNNERS, AND ALLIES	Sp	S	F	W
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___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	o	u	u	-
___ Greater Roadrunner*	c	c	c	c
___ Grove-billed Ani	-	-	v	-

BARN OWLS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Barn Owl*	u	u	u	u

TYPICAL OWLS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Western Screech-Owl*	u	u	u	u
___ Great Horned Owl*	u	u	u	u
___ Northern Pygmy-Owl	hypothetical			
___ Burrowing Owl*	u	u	u	o
___ Long-eared Owl	r	-	-	r
___ Short-eared Owl	-	-	r	r
___ Northern Saw-whet Owl	-	-	-	r

GOATSUCKERS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Lesser Nighthawk*	c	a	c	-
___ Common Nighthawk*	u	c	u	-
___ Common Poorwill*	o	c	o	-

SWIFTS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Chimney Swift	-	r	-	-
___ White-throated Swift	o	r	-	-

HUMMINGBIRDS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Black-chinned Hummingbird*	c	a	c	-
___ Calliope Hummingbird	-	o	o	-
___ Broad-tailed Hummingbird	u	u	u	-
___ Rufous Hummingbird*	-	u	u	-

KINGFISHERS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Belted Kingfisher*	u	o	u	o

WOODPECKERS AND ALLIES	Sp	S	F	W
___ Lewis Woodpecker	v	-	r	r
___ Red-headed Woodpecker	v	-	r	-
___ Acorn Woodpecker	-	-	r	-
___ Williamson's Sapsucker	-	-	r	v
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	-	-	r	-
___ Red-naped Sapsucker	u	-	u	u
___ Ladder-backed Woodpecker*	c	c	c	u
___ Downy Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u
___ Hairy Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u
___ Northern Flicker*	c	c	a	a

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Olive-sided Flycatcher	u	o	u	-
___ Western Wood-Pewee*	c	c	u	-
___ <i>Willow Flycatcher</i> (SW pop.)	u	u	u	-
___ Hammond's Flycatcher	r	-	r	-
___ Gray Flycatcher	o	-	o	-
___ Dusky Flycatcher	u	-	u	-
___ Cordilleran Flycatcher	o	-	o	-
___ Black Phoebe*	c	c	c	u
___ Eastern Phoebe	-	-	r	r
___ Say's Phoebe*	c	c	c	c
___ Vermilion Flycatcher*	o	u	o	r
___ Ash-throated Flycatcher*	c	c	u	-
___ Brown-crested Flycatcher	v	-	v	-
___ Couch's Kingbird	-	-	v	-
___ Cassin's Kingbird	o	o	o	-
___ Western Kingbird*	c	a	u	-
___ Eastern Kingbird	o	r		-
___ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	r	r	-	-

SHRIKES	Sp	S	F	W
___ Loggerhead Shrike*	u	u	u	u
___ Northern Shrike	-	-	-	r

VIREO	Sp	S	F	W
___ White-eyed Vireo	Hypothetical			
___ Bell's Vireo	o	o	-	-
___ Gray Vireo	Hypothetical			
___ Yellow-throated Vireo	v	-	-	-
___ Plumbeous Vireo	u	o	u	
___ Cassin's Vireo	u	-	u	-
___ Warbling Vireo	u	o	u	-
___ Red-eyed Vireo	v	-	-	-

JAYS, CROWS, AND RAVENS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Stellar's Jay	r	-	r	r
___ Blue Jay	-	-	r	-
___ Western Scrub-Jay*	u	u	u	u
___ Pinyon Jay	o	-	o	o
___ Black-billed Magpie	-	-	v	v
___ American Crow	c	-	c	a
___ Chihhahian Raven*	c	c	c	o
___ Common Raven				

LARKS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Horned Lark	c	o	u	c

SWALLOWS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Purple Martin	-	r	r	-
___ Tree Swallow*	a	u	a	o
___ Violet-green Swallow	c	u	c	-
___ North. Rough-winged Swallow*	c	u	c	-
___ Bank Swallow*	u	u	u	-
___ Cliff Swallow*	c	c	c	-
___ Barn Swallow*	a	a	a	-

TITMICE AND CHICKADEES	Sp	S	F	W
___ Black-capped Chickadee	v	-	-	-
___ Mountain Chickadee	o	-	o	u
___ Junifer Titmouse	o	o	o	o

VERDINS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Verdin*	u	u	u	u

BUSHTITS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Bushtit*	o	u	u	o

NUTHATCHES	Sp	S	F	W
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	o	-	u	u
___ White-breasted Nuthatch*	u	u	u	u
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CREEPERS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Brown Creeper	-	-	o	o
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WRENS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Cactus Wren*	o	o	o	o
___ Rock Wren*	u	u	u	u
___ Canyon Wren*	u	u	u	u
___ Carolina Wren	v	-	-	-
___ Bewick's Wren*	c	c	u	u
___ House Wren	u	-	u	-
___ Winter Wren	v	-	-	-
___ Sedge Wren	r	-	r	r
___ Marsh Wren	u	o	c	c
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KINGLETS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	-	-	-	r
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	c	-	u	c
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GNATCATCHERS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	u	-	u	-
___ Black-tailed Gnatcatcher*	o	o	o	o
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THRUSHES	Sp	S	F	W
___ Eastern Bluebird	r	-	r	o
___ Western Bluebird	u	-	c	-
___ Mountain Bluebird	u	-	u	u
___ Townsend's Solitaire	o	-	o	o
___ Swainson's Thrush	r	-	r	-
___ Hermit Thrush	u	-	u	r
___ American Robin*	c	c	c	c
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MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS	Sp	S	F	W

___ Gray Catbird*	o	o	o	r
___ Northern Mockingbird*	c	c	u	o
___ Sage Thrasher	-	r	r	o
___ Brown Thrasher	r	-	r	r
___ Bendire's Thrasher	hypothetical			
___ Curve-billed Thrasher*	u	u	u	u
___ Crissal Thrasher*	u	u	u	u

STARLINGS	Sp	S	F	W
___ European Starling*	c	c	c	c

WAGTAILS AND PIPITS	Sp	S	F	W
___ White Wagtail	v	-	-	-
___ American Pipit	u	r	u	c
___ Sprague's Pipit	-	-	v	-

WAXWINGS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Cedar Waxwing	o	r	o	o

SILKY-FLYCATCHERS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Phainopepla*	o	u	-	-

WOOD WARBLERS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Blue-winged Warbler	v	-	-	-
___ Golden-winged Warbler	v	-	-	-
___ Tennessee Warbler	r	-	r	-
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	u	-	u	-
___ Nashville Warbler	o	-	o	-
___ Virginia's Warbler	u	o	u	-
___ Lucy's Warbler*	u	u	u	-
___ Northern Parula	r	-	r	-
___ Yellow Warbler*	u	u	c	-
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler	r	-	r	-
___ Magnolia Warbler	r	-	-	-
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler	v	-	v	-
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	c	o	c	u
___ Black-throated Gray Warbler	o	-	o	-
___ Black-throated Green Warbler	-	-	r	-
___ Townsend's Warbler	o	-	o	-
___ Yellow-throated Warbler	v	-	-	-

___ Grace's Warbler	v	-	-	-
___ Prairie Warbler	v	-	-	-
___ Palm Warbler	r	-	-	-
___ Bay-breasted Warbler	v	-	-	-
___ Blackpoll Warbler	r	-	-	-
___ Black-and-White Warbler	r	-	r	-
___ American Redstart	r	r	r	-
___ Prothonotary Warbler	r	-	r	-
___ Ovenbird	o	-	-	-
___ Northern Waterthrush	r	-	r	-
___ Kentucky Warbler	r	-	-	-
___ Mourning Warbler	v	-	-	-
___ MacGillivray's Warbler	u	r	u	-
___ Common Yellowthroat*	c	c	u	-
___ Hooded Warbler	r	-	-	-
___ Wilson's Warbler	c	-	a	-
___ Canada Warbler	v	-	-	-
___ Painted Redstart	r	-	-	-
___ Yellow-breasted Chat*	c	c	u	-

TANAGERS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Hepatic Tanager	o	o	-	-
___ Summer Tanager*	u	c	u	-
___ Scarlet Tanager	v	v	v	-
___ Western Tanager	c	o	c	-

SPARROWS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Green-tailed Towhee	u	-	u	o
___ Spotted Towhee	c	c	c	c
___ Canyon Towhee*	u	u	u	u
___ Cassin's Sparrow*	-	u	o	-
___ Rufous-crowned Sparrow	o	o	o	o
___ American Tree Sparrow	-	-	-	r
___ Chipping Sparrow	c	c	c	-
___ Clay-colored Sparrow	r	-	u	-
___ Brewer's Sparrow	c	o	c	o
___ Field Sparrow	v	-	-	-
___ Black-chinned Sparrow	o	-	o	-
___ Vesper Sparrow	o	o	c	o
___ Lark Sparrow*	c	c	c	o
___ Black-throated Sparrow*	u	c	u	u
___ Sage Sparrow	u	-	u	u
___ Lark Bunting	o	u	u	o
___ Savannah Sparrow	c	-	c	u
___ LeConte's Sparrow	Hypothetical			
___ Fox Sparrow	-	-	-	r
___ Song Sparrow	c	-	c	a
___ Lincoln's Sparrow	u	-	u	u
___ Swamp Sparrow	-	r	u	u
___ White-throated Sparrow	o	-	o	o

___ Harris' Sparrow	r	-	o	o
___ White-crowned Sparrow	c	o	a	a
___ Golden-crowned Sparrow	r	-	r	r
___ Dark-eyed Junco	c	-	c	a
___ McCown's Longspur	-	-	r	-
___ Chestnut-collared Longspur	-	-	o	o

CARDINALS AND GROSBEAKS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Pyrrhuloxia*	u	u	u	u
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	r	r	r	-
___ Black-headed Grosbeak*	c	c	u	-
___ Blue Grosbeak*	a	a	u	r
___ Lazuli Bunting	u	o	u	-
___ Indigo Bunting*	u	u	u	-
___ Painted Bunting	-	-	v	-
___ Dickcissel	-	-	r	-

BLACKBIRDS AND ORIOLES	Sp	S	F	W
___ Bobolink	v	v	v	-
___ Red-winged Blackbird*	a	a	a	a
___ Eastern Meadowlark	r	-	r	r
___ Western Meadowlark*	a	a	a	a
___ Yellow-headed Blackbird	c	u	c	c
___ Rusty Blackbird	-	-	-	r
___ Brewer's Blackbird	c	-	c	c
___ Great-tailed Grackle*	c	c	c	c
___ Common Grackle	-	r	r	r
___ Bronzed Cowbird	hypothetical			
___ Brown-headed Cowbird*	c	c	c	o
___ Orchard Oriole	-	-	v	-
___ Bullock's Oriole	c	c	o	-
___ Scott's Oriole*	-	-	v	-

FINCHES	Sp	S	F	W
___ Cassin's Finch	r	-	r	r
___ House Finch*	c	c	c	c
___ Red Crossbill	-	v	-	-
___ Pine Siskin	c	o	u	c
___ Lesser Goldfinch*	c	c	c	u
___ Lawrence's Goldfinch	hypothetical			
___ American Goldfinch	u	o	u	c
___ Evening Grosbeak	-	-	r	r

OLD WORLD SPARROWS	Sp	S	F	W
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