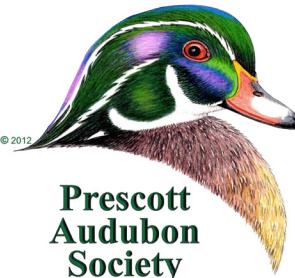


# CHECKLIST OF THE BIRDS OF YAVAPAI COUNTY



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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, statewide. 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.

For recent sightings and more information about birding this region, visit our website, [PrescottAudubon.org](http://PrescottAudubon.org).

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 occurrences recorded

(L) = Lowland occurrences only

(H) = Highland occurrences only

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	Win	Spr	Sum	Fall
<b>WHISTLING DUCKS</b>				
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	4	4	4	
<b>GEESE</b>				
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
<b>SWANS</b>				
Trumpeter Swan	5			
Tundra Swan	3	4	3	
<b>DUCKS</b>				
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
<b>QUAIL</b>				
Gambel's Quail	1	1	1	1
<b>PHEASANTS</b>				
Ring-necked Pheasant	4	4	4	
<b>TURKEYS</b>				
Wild Turkey	3	3	3	3
<b>GREBES</b>				
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
<b>PIGEONS &amp; DOVES</b>				
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
<b>CUCKOOS</b>				
Greater Roadrunner	2	2	2	2
Yellow-billed Cuckoo			3	3

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<b>NIGHTJARS</b>				
Lesser Nighthawk			3	2
Common Nighthawk			2	2
Common Poorwill			2	2
Mexican Whip-poor-will			4	3
<b>SWIFTS</b>				
Vaux's Swift			4	4
White-throated Swift		4	2	2
<b>HUMMINGBIRDS</b>				
Rivoli's Hummingbird			4	4
Blue-throated Mountain-gem				5
Black-chinned Hummingbird			1	1
Anna's Hummingbird	2	1	1	1
Costa's Hummingbird	4	3	3	3
Broad-tailed Hummingbird			1	1
Rufous Hummingbird			2	2
Calliope Hummingbird			4	3
Broad-billed Hummingbird			2	2
<b>RAILS</b>				
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
<b>CRANES</b>				
Sandhill Crane			5	
<b>AVOCETS &amp; STILTS</b>				
Black-necked Stilt		2	4	2
American Avocet	4	2	4	2
<b>PLOVERS</b>				
Black-bellied Plover				5
Snowy Plover		4	4	4
Semipalmated Plover		4	4	3
Killdeer	1	1	1	1
<b>SANDPIPER</b>				
Long-billed Curlew		4	4	4
Marbled Godwit		3	4	
Stilt Sandpiper		4	4	
Sanderling				5
Dunlin				5
Baird's Sandpiper	2	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
<b>JAEGERS &amp; GULLS</b>				
Parasitic Jaeger				5
Long-tailed Jaeger				5
Sabine's Gull				5
Bonaparte's Gull		4	3	4
<b>TERNS</b>				
Franklin's Gull	4	3	3	3
Mew Gull	3	3	4	5
Ring-billed Gull	3	3	3	3
California Gull	4	4	4	4
Herring Gull				5
Lesser Black-backed Gull				
<b>LOONS</b>				
Red-throated Loon			5	
Pacific Loon			4	4
Common Loon	3	4	3	3
<b>CORMORANTS</b>				
Neotropic Cormorant	3	1	2	2
Double-crested Cormorant	1	1	1	1
<b>PELICANS</b>				
American White Pelican	3	2	2	2
Brown Pelican	4		4	
<b>HERONS</b>				
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	2	3
Green Heron	4	2	2	2
Black-crowned Night-Heron	2	2	1	2
<b>IBISES</b>				
White-faced Ibis	4	1	2	1
<b>VULTURES</b>				
Turkey Vulture	4	1	1	1
<b>HAWKS</b>				
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			4
Broad-winged Hawk		2	2	2
Swainson's Hawk		2	2	2
Zone-tailed Hawk				2
Red-tailed Hawk	1	1	1	1
Rough-legged Hawk	4			
Ferruginous Hawk	2			3
<b>OWLS</b>				
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	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
<b>KINGFISHERS</b>				
Belted Kingfisher	1	1	1	1
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>				
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
<b>FALCONS</b>				
American Kestrel	1	1	1	1
Merlin	3	3		3
Peregrine Falcon	2	2	2	2
Prairie Falcon	2	2	3	2
<b>FLYCATCHERS</b>				
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			4
Cassin's Kingbird	1	1	2	
Western Kingbird	1	1	2	
Eastern Kingbird	5		5	
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	5		5	
<b>VIREOS</b>				
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	1
Red-eyed Vireo	4			4
<b>SHRIKES</b>				
Loggerhead Shrike	1	1	2	1
Northern Shrike	5			
<b>JAYS &amp; CROWS</b>				
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
<b>CHICKADEES</b>				
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
<b>LARKS</b>				
Horned Lark	2	1	2	2
<b>SWALLOWS</b>				
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	
<b>BUSHTITS</b>				
Bushtit	1	1	1	1
<b>KINGLETS</b>				
Golden-crowned Kinglet	4		3	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1	1	4	1
<b>NUTHATCHES</b>				
Red-breasted Nuthatch	3	2	2	2
White-breasted Nuthatch	1	1	1	1
Pygmy Nuthatch (H)	1	1	1	1
<b>CREEPERS</b>				
Brown Creeper	2	2	2	2
<b>GNATCATCHERS</b>				
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	4	2	2	3
Black-tailed Gnatcatcher (L)	1	1	1	1
<b>WRENNS</b>				
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
<b>DIPPERS</b>				
American Dipper	4	4		
<b>STARLINGS</b>				
European Starling	1	1	1	1
<b>THRASHERS</b>				
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
<b>THRUSHES</b>				
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	4	
Hermit Thrush	2	2	2	2
American Robin	1	1	1	1
Rufous-backed Robin	4			4

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<b>WAXWINGS</b>				
Cedar Waxwing	2	2		2
<b>SILKY-FLYCATCHERS</b>				
Phainopepla	3	1	1	2
<b>OLIVE WARBLER</b>				
Olive Warbler	3	2	2	3
<b>OLD WORLD SPARROWS</b>				
House Sparrow	3	2	2	3
<b>PIPITS</b>				
American Pipit	1	1	1	
Sprague's Pipit		4		
<b>FINCHES</b>				
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
<b>SPARROWS</b>				
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
<b>CHATS</b>				
Yellow-breasted Chat	4	1	1	3
<b>BLACKBIRDS</b>				
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
<b>WARBLERS</b>				
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	1
MacGillivray's Warbler	2			2
Kentucky Warbler	5			
Common Yellowthroat	3	1	1	1
Hooded Warbler	4	3	4	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		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	
<b>CARDINALS</b>				
Hepatic T				