## Birds found in Maricopa County, AZ

Maricopa County is located within the Sonoran Desert, an arid region covering 120,000 sq. miles in southwestern Arizona, southeastern/Baja California, and western half of Sonora, Mexico.

Blackbird Brewer's Red-winged Yellow-headed

Yellow-headed

Bluebird, Western

Bufflehead

Bunting, Lark Bushtit Coot, American

Cormorant Cowbird

Bronzed Brown-headed Crane, Sandhill

Creeper, Brown
Dove
Common Ground

Inca Rock White-winged

Dowitcher, Long-bill

Duck Ring-necked Ruddy Eagle Bald

Golden
Egret, Cattle

Falcon Peregrine Prairie

Finch, House

Flicker Northern Flycatcher Brown-crested

Gray Vermilion Gnatcatcher

Black-tailed Blue-gray

Godwit, Marbled Goldfinch Lawrence's Lesser Goose

Snow **Grackle, Great-tailed** 

Grebe Eared Pied-billed Western

Canada

**Grosbeak** Black-headed Rose-breasted

Gull, Ring-billed Harrier, Northern

Hawk Cooper's Ferruginous Sharp-shinned Zone-tailed

Sharp-shinned
Zone-tailed
Junco, Dark-eyed

Heron

Black-crowned Night Great Blue Green

Green

Hummingbird

Anna's

Broad-billed

Costa's

Rufous

Jay

Jay Steller's Western Scrub Killdeer

Kingbird, Western Kingfisher, Belted

Kinglet, Ruby-crowned

Lark, Horned Loon, Common Mallard Martin, Purple

Meadowlark, Western Merganser, Common

Mockingbird,Northern Moorhen, Common

Nighthawk, Lesser Nuthatch

Red-breasted White-breasted **Oriole** Bullock's Hooded

Scott's

Osprey
Owl
Burrowing
Common Barn
Elf

Great Horned Long-eared

Pelican, Am. White

Phoebe Black Say's

Pipit, Water Poorwill, Common

Pyrruloxia
Rail, Sora
Robin
American
Sandpiper
Least
Spotted

Sapsucker, Red-naped

Scaup, Lesser Shoveler, Northern Shrike, Loggerhead

Snipe, Common Solitaire, Townsend's Starling, European Stilt, Black-necked Swift, White-throated Sparrow Black-chinned Black-throated

Brewer's
Chipping
Fox
House
Lark
Lincoln's
Rufous-crowned
Sage

Sage Savannah Song White-crowned

Swallow Cliff

Northern Rough-winged

Violet-green

Tanager Summer Western Teal Cinnamon Green-winged

Thrasher Bendire's Crissal Curve-billed

Thrush Hermit Varied Titmouse Bridled

Juniper
Towhee
Abert's
Brown
Canyon
Green-tailed
Rufous-sided
Spotted

Verdin
Vireo
Bell's
Hutton's
Warbling
Vulture
Black
Turkey

Warbler Black-throated Gray Lucy's

Lucy's MacGillivray's Orange-crowned Townsend's Wilson's Yellow Yellow-rumped

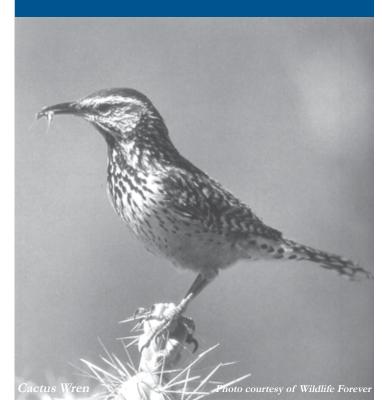
Wigeon, American

Woodpecker Gila Ladder-backed

Wren
Bewick's
Cactus
Canyon
House
Rock

Yellowthroat, Common

## Birds



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**Notes:** 





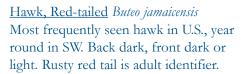
Cardinal, Northern Cardinalis cardinalis Male: bright red with crest and black face. Female: gray with some red. Stout red beaks for eating seeds. Male sings loud and clear over thickets near nest.

Dove, Mourning Zenaida macroura Sleek, gray-brown body with a pointed tail. Eats small seeds and fine gravel. Male calls out a coo-ah, coo, coo.

Flicker, Gilded Colaptes chrysoides Both sexes are brown with dark bars on the back, black crescent on the chest, and a white rump patch. Male: red mustache.

Flycatcher, Ash-throated Myiarchus cinerascens Drab olive above, yellowish below. Throat and breast grayish-white. Rounded head with fluffy crest at rear.

Hawk, Harris's Parabuteo unicinctus Tall slender black hawk with reddish shoulders and thighs. Black tail with white tip and base. These social hawks often hunt and help at the nest in family groups of 3-6 birds.



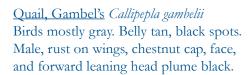
Hummingbird, Black-chinned Archilochus alexandri Male green above and sides, black chin, purple throat squared off. Female green above, white below, tail green with white corners. 31/2" body.

Kestrel, American Falco sparverius Small hawk, 9-12". Male bold rusty back and tail, gray-blue wings. Female rusty wings and back. Black stripes down face.

Owl, Great Horned Bubo virginianus Large owl with facial disk rich red-brown ringed in black, yellow eyes, ear tufts atop head. Often dark plumage, pale in desert.

Owl, Western Screech Megascops kennicottii Small (9") mottled (like bark) front, light spots on sides. Golden eyes, small facial disk framed in black, ear tufts.

Phainopepla Phainopepla nitens Male silky black; female dull gray; both wing bar seen in flight.



Raven, Common Corvus corax Large bird 24" tall (Crow 18"), all black with heavy beak and shaggy neck. Pointed fingered wings, wedge tail.

Roadrunner Geococcyx californianus Long bird (24"), large wedge tail and straight pointed beak. Streaked brown and white body, colorful eye, dark brown tail, bushy crest. When startled, runs fast.

Shrike, Loggerhead Lanius ludovicianus Striking gray, white and black. Often perched on tree and saguaro tops. Excess food stored on thorns (Butcher Bird).

Sparrow, Black-throated Amphispiza bilineata Brown back, white belly. Crown, cheeks, gray. White eyebrow and mustache. Black throat becomes "V" on chest. Moves through sage eating seeds or bugs. Drought survivor.

Thrasher, Curve-billed Toxostoma curvirostre Pale brown with long down curved bill and golden eye. Call a loud sharp 'whitwheet!' Nests in Cholla or thorn bushes. Forages on ground tossing aside litter in search of bugs.

Vulture, Turkey Cathartes aura Large (2.5' tall, 6' wings) black bird, bare red head (adults), wings silvery below. Soars for hours, wings upward, wide shallow 'V'. Finds carcasses; keen sense of smell/sight.

Woodpecker, Gila Melanerpes uropygialis Pale brown body, wings and tail zebra barred. Male, red cap. White wing patches seen in flight. Call repeating 'kip'. Kills insects in saguaro cacti, creates cavities for nesting.

Wren, Cactus Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus AZ State Bird. Large (8") speckled and striped wren. Long, white-spotted tail. Rusty crown, white eye line. Call is rapid 'chug'. Nest in cacti; mass of grass with side entrance.















