

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	Heron Black-crowned Night Great Blue Green	Sparrow Black-chinned Black-throated Brewer's Chipping Fox House Lark Lincoln's Rufous-crowned Sage Savannah Song White-crowned
Bluebird, Western	Hummingbird Anna's Broad-billed Costa's Rufous	Swallow Cliff Northern Rough-winged Violet-green
Bufflehead	Jay Steller's Western Scrub	Tanager Summer Western
Bunting, Lark	Killdeer	Teal Cinnamon Green-winged
Bushtit	Kingbird, Western	Thrasher Bendire's Crissal Curve-billed
Coot, American	Kingfisher, Belted	Thrush Hermit Varied
Cormorant	Kinglet, Ruby-crowned	Titmouse Bridled Juniper
Cowbird Bronzed Brown-headed	Lark, Horned	Towhee Abert's Brown Canyon Green-tailed Rufous-sided Spotted
Crane, Sandhill	Loon, Common	Verdin
Creepers, Brown	Mallard	Vireo Bell's Hutton's Warbling
Dove Common Ground Inca Rock White-winged	Martin, Purple	Vulture Black Turkey
Dowitcher, Long-bill	Meadowlark, Western	Warbler Black-throated Gray Lucy's MacGillivray's Orange-crowned Townsend's Wilson's Yellow Yellow-rumped
Duck Ring-necked Ruddy	Merganser, Common	Wigeon, American
Eagle Bald Golden	Mockingbird, Northern	Woodpecker Gila Ladder-backed
Egret, Cattle	Moorhen, Common	Wren Bewick's Cactus Canyon House Rock
Falcon Peregrine Prairie	Nighthawk, Lesser	Yellowthroat, Common
Finch, House	Nuthatch Red-breasted White-breasted	
Flicker Northern	Oriole Bullock's Hooded Scott's	
Flycatcher Brown-crested Gray Vermilion	Osprey	
Gnatcatcher Black-tailed Blue-gray	Owl Burrowing Common Barn Elf Great Horned Long-eared	
Godwit, Marbled	Pelican, Am. White	
Goldfinch Lawrence's Lesser	Phoebe Black Say's	
Goose Canada Snow	Pipit, Water	
Grackle, Great-tailed	Poorwill, Common	
Grebe Eared Pied-billed Western	Pyrruloxia	
Grosbeak Black-headed Rose-breasted	Rail, Sora	
Gull, Ring-billed	Robin American	
Harrier, Northern	Sandpiper Least Spotted	
Hawk Cooper's Ferruginous Sharp-shinned Zone-tailed	Sapsucker, Red-naped	
Junco, Dark-eyed	Scaup, Lesser	
	Shoveler, Northern	
	Shrike, Loggerhead	
	Snipe, Common	
	Solitaire, Townsend's	
	Starling, European	
	Stilt, Black-necked	
	Swift, White-throated	

Birds



Cactus Wren

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Notes:



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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 *Zenaidura 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.



Hawk, Red-tailed *Buteo jamaicensis*
Most frequently seen hawk in U.S., year round in SW. Back dark, front dark or light. Rusty red tail is adult identifier.



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. 3½" 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 with pointed crest, red eyes and white wing bar seen in flight.

Quail, Gambel's *Callipepla gambelii*
Birds mostly gray. Belly tan, black spots. Male, rust on wings, chestnut cap, face, and forward leaning head plume black.



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 'whit-wheet!' 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.

