



Graham County Checklist of Birds

Edited by Diane Drobka

This checklist documents 390 species with 189 confirmed as breeding as of December 2022.

- C** Common present in large numbers in proper habitat and season; usually seen
- U** Uncommon present in small numbers in proper habitat and season; not always seen
- R** Rare occurs annually, but infrequently or very locally distributed
- CA** Casual out of usual range, not annual, greater than 5 records
- X** Extremely Rare out of range; 5 or fewer records
- EX** Extirpated no longer present
- p** permanent resident
s summer resident
w winter resident
m migrant
l localized populations
i irregular, not predictable in occurrence
int introduced nonnative species
n has bred in the county

* Arizona Bird Committee Review Species

Ducks, Geese and Swans (Anatidae)

- Black-bellied Whistling-Duck X
- Snow Goose U-w m
- Ross's Goose CA- w m
- Greater White-fronted Goose CA-w m
- Brant * X
- Cackling Goose X-w m
- Canada Goose R-w m
- Tundra Swan X-w
- Trumpeter Swan * X-w
- Tundra Swan X-w
- Wood Duck R-w
- Blue-winged Teal U-m, R-w
- Cinnamon Teal U-p
- Northern Shoveler C-w, U-s m
- Gadwall U-w m n

- Eurasian Wigeon X-w
- American Wigeon C-w m
- Mallard C-w, U-p n
- Mexican Duck C-p n
- Northern Pintail U-w m
- Green-winged Teal C-w m
- Canvasback U-w m
- Redhead U-w m, R-s
- Ring-necked Duck C-w m
- Greater Scaup CA-w m
- Lesser Scaup U-w m
- Surf Scoter X
- Bufflehead U-w m
- Common Goldeneye R-w m
- Barrow's Goldeneye X-w
- Hooded Merganser R-w m
- Common Merganser C-w m
- Red-breasted Merganser CA-w m
- Ruddy Duck C-w, U-s n

New World Quail (Odontophoridae)

- Scaled Quail U-p n
- Gambel's Quail C-p n
- Montezuma Quail U-p n

Partridges, Grouse, and Turkeys (Phasianidae)

- Wild Turkey U-p n
- Ring-necked Pheasant R-p int

Grebes (Podicipedidae)

- Pied-billed Grebe C-w, U-s n
- Horned Grebe CA-w m
- Eared Grebe U-w m, R-s
- Western Grebe C-w n
- Clark's Grebe U-w

Pigeons and Doves (Columbidae)

- Rock Pigeon C-p int n
- Band-tailed Pigeon U-s m
- Eurasian Collared-Dove C-p int n
- Inca Dove U-p n
- Common Ground Dove R-p n
- Ruddy Ground Dove X-w
- White-winged Dove C-s, U-w n
- Mourning Dove C-p n

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Cuckoos, Roadrunners, and Anis (Cuculidae)

- Greater Roadrunner U-p n
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo R-s n

Nighthawks and Nightjars (Caprimulgidae)

- Lesser Nighthawk C-s n
- Common Nighthawk R-s n
- Common Poorwill U-s, X-w n
- Mexican Whip-poor-will U-s n

Swifts (Apodidae)

- Vaux's Swift R-m
- White-throated Swift U-s, CA-w n

Hummingbirds (Trochilidae)

- Rivoli's Hummingbird U-s, CA-w
- Blue-throated Mountain-gem R-s n
- Lucifer Hummingbird X
- Black-chinned Hummingbird C-s n
- Anna's Hummingbird C-w, U-s n
- Costa's Hummingbird U-su n
- Calliope Hummingbird R-m
- Rufous Hummingbird U-m
- Allen's Hummingbird X-m
- Broad-tailed Hummingbird C-s n
- Broad-billed Hummingbird U-s, X-w n
- White-eared Hummingbird X
- Violet-crowned Hummingbird R l n

Rails, Gallinules, and Coots (Rallidae)

- Virginia Rail U-p n
- Sora U-w m, R-p n
- Common Gallinule R-p n
- American Coot C-p n

Cranes (Gruidae)

- Sandhill Crane U-w

Stilts and Avocets (Recurvirostridae)

- Black-necked Stilt U-s m, R-w n
- American Avocet U-s m n

Plovers (Charadriidae)

- Black-bellied Plover CA-m
- American Golden-Plover X-m
- Killdeer C-p n
- Semipalmated Plover R-m
- Mountain Plover X-w
- Snowy Plover CA-m

Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies (Scolopacidae)

- Upland Sandpiper * X
- Whimbrel X-m
- Long-billed Curlew R-m
- Marbled Godwit CA-m
- Stilt Sandpiper R-m
- Sanderling CA-m
- Dunlin CA-w m
- Baird's Sandpiper U-m
- Least Sandpiper C-p
- White-rumped Sandpiper X-m
- Pectoral Sandpiper R-m
- Semipalmated Sandpiper X
- Western Sandpiper C-m
- Short-billed Dowitcher CA-m
- Long-billed Dowitcher U-m
- Wilson's Snipe U-w m
- Spotted Sandpiper U-w m n
- Solitary Sandpiper R-m
- Lesser Yellowlegs U-m
- Willet U-m
- Greater Yellowlegs U-w m
- Wilson's Phalarope U-m
- Red-necked Phalarope X-w m
- Red Phalarope X-w m

Jaegers (Stercorariidae)

- Pomarine Jaeger * X-m

Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers (Laridae)

- Sabine's Gull X-m
- Bonaparte's Gull R-m
- Laughing Gull X
- Franklin's Gull R-m
- Heermann's Gull X
- Short-billed Gull * X
- Ring-billed Gull U-m, R-s w
- California Gull R-w m

- Herring Gull CA-w m
- Iceland Gull X-w
- Lesser Black-backed Gull * X-w
- Least Tern CA-s
- Caspian Tern CA-m
- Black Tern R-m
- Common Tern * X
- Arctic Tern * X-m
- Forster's Tern U-m
- Elegant Tern * X

Loons (Gaviidae)

- Red-throated Loon X-w
- Common Loon R-w m

Cormorants (Phalacrocoracidae)

- Double-crested Cormorant U-p n
- Neotropic Cormorant C-p n

Pelicans (Pelecanidae)

- American White Pelican U-m
- Brown Pelican CA-m

Hérons, Egrets, and Bitterns (Ardeidae)

- American Bittern CA-w
- Least Bittern U n
- Great Blue Heron C-p n
- Great Egret R-p, U-m
- Snowy Egret U-s m, CA-w n
- Cattle Egret R-m, CA-s n
- Green Heron U-p n
- Black-crowned Night-Heron U-p n

Ibises (Threskiornithidae)

- White-faced Ibis U-s

New World Vultures (Cathartidae)

- Turkey Vulture C-s n

Osprey (Pandionidae)

- Osprey U-m, R-w

Hawks, Eagles, and Kites (Accipitridae)

<input type="checkbox"/> White-tailed Kite	CA-m n
<input type="checkbox"/> Golden Eagle	R-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Harrier	C-w m
<input type="checkbox"/> Sharp-shinned Hawk	U-w m, R-s n
<input type="checkbox"/> Cooper's Hawk	U-p m n
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Goshawk	R-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Bald Eagle	R-w, CA-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Mississippi Kite	CA-m
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Black Hawk	U-s n
<input type="checkbox"/> Harris's Hawk	CA
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Hawk	U-s n
<input type="checkbox"/> Short-tailed Hawk	R-s
<input type="checkbox"/> Swainson's Hawk	C-s, U-m n
<input type="checkbox"/> Zone-tailed Hawk	U-s n
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk	C-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Rough-legged Hawk	CA-w
<input type="checkbox"/> Ferruginous Hawk	R-w

Barn Owls (Tytonidae)

<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Owl	U-p n
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Typical Owls (Strigidae)

<input type="checkbox"/> Flammulated Owl	R-s n
<input type="checkbox"/> Whiskered Screech-Owl	CA
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Screech-Owl	U-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Horned Owl	C-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Pygmy-Owl	R-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl	X
<input type="checkbox"/> Elf Owl	U-s n
<input type="checkbox"/> Burrowing Owl	R-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Spotted Owl	U-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Long-eared Owl	R-w, s n
<input type="checkbox"/> Short-eared Owl	CA
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Saw-whet Owl	R-p n

Trogons (Trogonidae)

<input type="checkbox"/> Elegant Trogon	CA-s l
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Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)

<input type="checkbox"/> Ringed Kingfisher *	X
<input type="checkbox"/> Belted Kingfisher	U-w n

Woodpeckers (Picidae)

<input type="checkbox"/> Lewis's Woodpecker	R-w l m n
<input type="checkbox"/> Acorn Woodpecker	C-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Gila Woodpecker	C-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Williamson's Sapsucker	U-w m
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	R-w m
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-naped Sapsucker	U-w m
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-breasted Sapsucker	X
<input type="checkbox"/> Downy Woodpecker	R-p m
<input type="checkbox"/> Ladder-backed Woodpecker	C-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Hairy Woodpecker	C-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Arizona Woodpecker	U-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker	C-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Gilded Flicker	R-p n

Falcons and Caracaras (Falconidae)

<input type="checkbox"/> Crested Caracara	X
<input type="checkbox"/> American Kestrel	C-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Merlin	U-w m
<input type="checkbox"/> Peregrine Falcon	U-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Prairie Falcon	U-w, R-s n

New World and African Parrots (Psittacidae)

<input type="checkbox"/> Thick-billed Parrot	EX
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Becards (Tityridae)

<input type="checkbox"/> Rose-throated Becard	X
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Tyrant Flycatchers (Tyrannidae)

<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet	U-s, R-w n
<input type="checkbox"/> Dusky-capped Flycatcher	U-s n
<input type="checkbox"/> Ash-throated Flycatcher	C-s R-w m n
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown-crested Flycatcher	U-s n
<input type="checkbox"/> Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher	R-s n
<input type="checkbox"/> Tropical Kingbird	X
<input type="checkbox"/> Cassin's Kingbird	U-s m n
<input type="checkbox"/> Thick-billed Kingbird	X
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Kingbird	C-s m n
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Kingbird	X
<input type="checkbox"/> Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	X
<input type="checkbox"/> Olive-sided Flycatcher	R-m
<input type="checkbox"/> Greater Pewee	U-s n
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Wood-Pewee	C-s m n
<input type="checkbox"/> Willow Flycatcher	R-s n
<input type="checkbox"/> Hammond's Flycatcher	U-m
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Flycatcher	U-m n

<input type="checkbox"/> Dusky Flycatcher	R-w m
<input type="checkbox"/> Pacific-slope Flycatcher	CA-m
<input type="checkbox"/> Cordilleran Flycatcher	C-s n
<input type="checkbox"/> Buff-breasted Flycatcher	CA-s n
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Phoebe	C-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Phoebe	X-m
<input type="checkbox"/> Say's Phoebe	C-w, U-s n
<input type="checkbox"/> Vermilion Flycatcher	C-p n

Vireos (Vireonidae)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bell's Vireo	C-s n
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Vireo	U-s n
<input type="checkbox"/> Hutton's Vireo	U-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Cassin's Vireo	U-m
<input type="checkbox"/> Plumbeous Vireo	U-s, R-w n
<input type="checkbox"/> Warbling Vireo	U-s n
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-eyed Vireo	X

Shrikes (Laniidae)

<input type="checkbox"/> Loggerhead Shrike	U-p n
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Jays, Magpies, Crows, and Ravens (Corvidae)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pinyon Jay	R n
<input type="checkbox"/> Steller's Jay	C-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay	U-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Mexican Jay	C-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Clark's Nutcracker	R i
<input type="checkbox"/> American Crow	R-w, CA-s i n
<input type="checkbox"/> Chihuahuan Raven	U-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Raven	C-p n

Verdins (Remizidae)

<input type="checkbox"/> Verdin	C-p n
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Chickadees, and Titmice (Paridae)

<input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Chickadee	C-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Bridled Titmouse	C-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Juniper Titmouse	U-p n

Larks (Alaudidae)

<input type="checkbox"/> Horned Lark	U-p n
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Swallows (Hirundinidae)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank Swallow	U-s
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Swallow	C-m
<input type="checkbox"/> Violet-green Swallow	C-s n
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Rough-winged Swallow	U-s n
<input type="checkbox"/> Purple Martin	R-s n
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Swallow	C-s n
<input type="checkbox"/> Cliff Swallow	C-s n
<input type="checkbox"/> Cave Swallow *	X

Bushtits (Aegithalidae)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bushtit	U-p n
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Kinglets (Regulidae)

<input type="checkbox"/> Golden-crowned Kinglet	U-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C-w m, R-s n

Waxwings (Bombycillidae)

<input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Waxwing	U-w m i
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Silky-flycatchers (Ptilionotidae)

<input type="checkbox"/> Phainopepla	C-p n
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Nuthatches (Sittidae)

<input type="checkbox"/> Red-breasted Nuthatch	C-s, U-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> White-breasted Nuthatch	C-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Pygmy Nuthatch	C-p n

Creepers (Certhiidae)

<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Creeper	U-p n
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Gnatcatchers (Poliophtidae)

<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	U-p m n
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-tailed Gnatcatcher	U-p n

Wrens (Troglodytidae)

<input type="checkbox"/> Rock Wren	C-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Canyon Wren	C-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Cactus Wren	C-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Bewick's Wren	C-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> House Wren	C-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Wren	X
<input type="checkbox"/> Winter Wren	X-w
<input type="checkbox"/> Marsh Wren	U-w m

Catbirds, Mockingbirds and Thrashers (Mimidae)

<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Catbird	X
<input type="checkbox"/> Curve-billed Thrasher	C-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Thrasher	X-w
<input type="checkbox"/> Bendire's Thrasher	R-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Crissal Thrasher	C-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Sage Thrasher	U-w m
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Mockingbird	C-p n

Starlings (Sturnidae)

<input type="checkbox"/> European Starling	U-p int n
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Dippers (Cinclidae)

<input type="checkbox"/> American Dipper	R n
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Thrushes (Turdidae)

<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Bluebird	CA-w
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Bluebird	U-w, R-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Bluebird	U-w l n
<input type="checkbox"/> Townsend's Solitaire	R-w m
<input type="checkbox"/> Swainson's Thrush	R-m
<input type="checkbox"/> Hermit Thrush	C-s m, U-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> American Robin	C-p n

Olive Warbler (Peucedramidae)

<input type="checkbox"/> Olive Warbler	U-p n
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Old World Sparrows (Passeridae)

<input type="checkbox"/> House Sparrow	C-p int n
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Wagtails and Pipits (Motacillidae)

<input type="checkbox"/> American Pipit	U-w m
<input type="checkbox"/> Sprague's Pipit	X

Finches and Allies (Fringillidae)

<input type="checkbox"/> Evening Grosbeak	X m
<input type="checkbox"/> House Finch	C-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Purple Finch	X
<input type="checkbox"/> Cassin's Finch	R-w m
<input type="checkbox"/> Red Crossbill	U-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Pine Siskin	U-p
<input type="checkbox"/> Lesser Goldfinch	C-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Lawrence's Goldfinch	R-w
<input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch	R-w

Longspurs and Snow Buntings (Calcariidae)

<input type="checkbox"/> Lapland Longspur	X
<input type="checkbox"/> Chestnut-collared Longspur	U-w m
<input type="checkbox"/> Thick-billed Longspur	R-w m
<input type="checkbox"/> Snow Bunting *	X

New World Sparrows (Passerellidae)

<input type="checkbox"/> Rufous-winged Sparrow	R-w l
<input type="checkbox"/> Botteri's Sparrow	R-s n
<input type="checkbox"/> Cassin's Sparrow	U-s n
<input type="checkbox"/> Grasshopper Sparrow	R-w m
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-throated Sparrow	C-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Lark Sparrow	U-p
<input type="checkbox"/> Lark Bunting	U-w, R-s m
<input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow	U-p m n
<input type="checkbox"/> Clay-colored Sparrow	CA-m
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-chinned Sparrow	R-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Brewer's Sparrow	C-w m
<input type="checkbox"/> Fox Sparrow	CA-m
<input type="checkbox"/> Dark-eyed Junco	C-w m
<input type="checkbox"/> Oregon	
<input type="checkbox"/> Slate-colored	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray-headed	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-backed	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-eyed Junco	C-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> White-crowned Sparrow	C-w, R-s m
<input type="checkbox"/> Golden-crowned Sparrow	X
<input type="checkbox"/> Harris's Sparrow	X
<input type="checkbox"/> White-throated Sparrow	CA-w
<input type="checkbox"/> Sagebrush Sparrow	R-w
<input type="checkbox"/> Vesper Sparrow	U-w m
<input type="checkbox"/> Baird's Sparrow	X-m
<input type="checkbox"/> Savannah Sparrow	U-w m n
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow	C-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln's Sparrow	U-w m
<input type="checkbox"/> Swamp Sparrow	CA-w m
<input type="checkbox"/> Canyon Towhee	U-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Abert's Towhee	C-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Rufous-crowned Sparrow	U-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Green-tailed Towhee	U-w m
<input type="checkbox"/> Spotted Towhee	C-p n
Chat (Icteriidae)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-breasted Chat	C-s n

Blackbirds and Allies (Icteridae)

<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-headed Blackbird	C-w m, R-s
<input type="checkbox"/> Chihuahuan Meadowlark	U-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Meadowlark	U-w
<input type="checkbox"/> Orchard Oriole	X-m
<input type="checkbox"/> Hooded Oriole	C-s m n
<input type="checkbox"/> Bullock's Oriole	U-s m n
<input type="checkbox"/> Scott's Oriole	U-s m n
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged Blackbird	C-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Bronzed Cowbird	R-s m n
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Cowbird	U-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Rusty Blackbird *	X-w m
<input type="checkbox"/> Brewer's Blackbird	C-w m
<input type="checkbox"/> Great-tailed Grackle	C-p n

New World Warblers (Parulidae)

<input type="checkbox"/> Ovenbird	X
<input type="checkbox"/> Louisiana Waterthrush	X
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Waterthrush	R-m
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-and-white Warbler	CA-w m
<input type="checkbox"/> Prothonotary Warbler	X
<input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee Warbler	X
<input type="checkbox"/> Orange-crowned Warbler	U-w m, R-s
<input type="checkbox"/> Lucy's Warbler	C-s m n
<input type="checkbox"/> Nashville Warbler	U-m
<input type="checkbox"/> Virginia's Warbler	U-s m n
<input type="checkbox"/> MacGillivray's Warbler	U-m n
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat	C-s n
<input type="checkbox"/> Hooded Warbler	CA-m
<input type="checkbox"/> American Redstart	CA-m
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Parula	CA-m
<input type="checkbox"/> Magnolia Warbler	X
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Warbler	C-s m n
<input type="checkbox"/> Chestnut-sided Warbler	X
<input type="checkbox"/> Palm Warbler	X-m
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-rumped Warbler	
<input type="checkbox"/> Audubon's	C-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Myrtle	R-w m
<input type="checkbox"/> Prairie Warbler *	X
<input type="checkbox"/> Grace's Warbler	U-s n
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-throated Gray Warbler	U-s m, R-w n
<input type="checkbox"/> Townsend's Warbler	U-m
<input type="checkbox"/> Hermit Warbler	U-m
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Warbler	C-m
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-faced Warbler	U-s n
<input type="checkbox"/> Painted Redstart	C-s, CA-w n

Cardinals, Grosbeaks, and Allies (Cardinalidae)

<input type="checkbox"/> Hepatic Tanager	U-s n
<input type="checkbox"/> Summer Tanager	C-s m n
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Tanager	C-s m n
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Cardinal	C-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Pyrrhuloxia	U-p n
<input type="checkbox"/> Rose-breasted Grosbeak	X-s m
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-headed Grosbeak	U-s m n
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Grosbeak	U-s m n
<input type="checkbox"/> Lazuli Bunting	U-s m n
<input type="checkbox"/> Indigo Bunting	R-s m n
<input type="checkbox"/> Varied Bunting	R-s
<input type="checkbox"/> Painted Bunting	X
<input type="checkbox"/> Dickcissel	CA-m

Additions to Species Listed

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Please submit new sightings and other updates to Diane Drobka at sunnylaz@yahoo.com

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