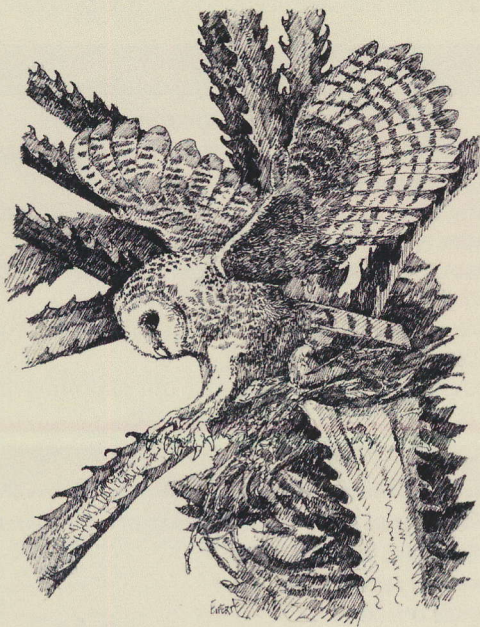




Birds
of
Big Morongo Canyon
Preserve
and adjacent Covington Park



Checklist of Birds

Big Morongo Canyon Preserve & Covington Park

FREQUENCY OF OBSERVATIONS

The first letter indicates abundance

- C** Common, almost always found in the right habitat and under appropriate conditions
F Fairly Common, often found in the right habitat and under appropriate conditions
U Uncommon, sometimes found in the right habitat and under appropriate conditions
R Rare, seldom found, but of regular, or near regular occurrence
X Extremely Rare or Accidental, out of normal range or habitat, only a few prior records

NORMAL SEASONAL OCCURRENCE

The second letter shows season of occurrence

- y** Year-round resident
s Summer resident
w Winter resident
t Spring and/or fall transient or migrant
☐ Normally occurs in Southern California
☐ Vagrant. Not normally found in Southern California
♦ Nonnative species ☐ Subspecies or other taxa

NESTING STATUS

- * Known to nest in area

Ducks, Geese, & Swans

- ☐ Snow Goose..... Xt
☐ Cackling Goose..... Xt
☐ Canada Goose..... Rt
☐ Blue-winged Teal..... Xt
☐ Cinnamon Teal..... Xt
☐ Northern Shoveler..... Xt
☐ American Wigeon..... Xt
☐ Mallard..... Ut
☐ Redhead..... Xt
☐ Ring-necked Duck..... Xt
☐ Lesser Scaup..... Xt
☐ Common Merganser..... Xt

New World Quail

- ☐ Mountain Quail..... Ry*
☐ California Quail..... Ry*
☐ Gambel's Quail..... Cy*

Partridges, Grouse, Turkeys, and Old World Quail

- ☐ Ring-necked Pheasant ♦..... Xt
☐ Indian Peafowl ♦..... Xt

Grebes

- ☐ Pied-billed Grebe..... Xt

Pigeons & Doves

- ☐ Common Ground-Dove..... Xt
☐ White-winged Dove..... Cy
☐ Mourning Dove..... Cy*
☐ Band-tailed Pigeon..... Rt
☐ Eurasian Collared-Dove ♦..... Fy*
☐ Rock Pigeon ♦..... Cy*

Cuckoos, Roadrunners & Anis

- ☐ Greater Roadrunner..... Uy*
☐ Yellow-billed Cuckoo..... Xt

Goatsuckers

- ☐ Lesser Nighthawk..... Us*
☐ Common Poorwill..... Us*

Swifts

- ☐ Black Swift..... Xt
☐ Vaux's Swift..... Rt
☐ White-throated Swift..... Uy

Hummingbirds

- ☐ Black-chinned Hummingbird..... Us*
☐ Anna's Hummingbird..... Cy*
☐ Costa's Hummingbird..... Fy*
☐ Calliope Hummingbird..... Rt
☐ Rufous Hummingbird..... Ft
☐ Allen's Hummingbird..... Xt
☐ Broad-tailed Hummingbird..... Rt
☐ Broad-billed Hummingbird..... Xt

Rails, Gallinules & Coots

- ☐ Virginia Rail..... Ry
☐ Sora Uy
☐ Common Gallinule Xt
☐ American Coot..... Rt
☐ Black Rail..... Xt

Stilts, Avocets & Plovers

- ☐ American Avocet..... Xt
☐ Killdeer..... Rt

Sandpipers, Phalaropes, & Allies

- ☐ Western Sandpiper..... Xt
☐ Long-billed Dowitcher..... Xt

Sandpipers, Phalaropes, & Allies

- ☐ Wilson's Snipe..... Xt
- ☐ Spotted Sandpiper..... Rt
- ☐ Solitary Sandpiper..... Xt
- ☐ Wilson's Phalarope..... Xt

Gulls, Skimmers, & Terns

- ☐ Caspian Tern..... Xt
- ☐ Ring-billed Gull..... Xt
- ☐ California Gull..... Xt

Loons

- ☐ Common Loon..... Xt

Cormorants

- ☐ Double-crested Cormorant..... Rt

Pelicans

- ☐ American White Pelican..... Ut

Ibises & Spoonbills

- ☐ White-faced Ibis..... Xt

Bitterns, Herons, & Allies

- ☐ American Bittern..... Xt
- ☐ Snowy Egret..... Rt
- ☐ Black-crowned Night-Heron..... Xt
- ☐ Green Heron..... Rt
- ☐ Great Egret..... Ut
- ☐ Western Cattle Egret..... Xt
- ☐ Great Blue Heron..... Rt

New World Vultures

- ☐ Turkey Vulture..... Ct

Hawks, Kites, Eagles, & Allies

- ☐ Osprey..... Rt
- ☐ White-tailed Kite..... Xt
- ☐ Golden Eagle..... Ry*
- ☐ Northern Harrier..... Rt
- ☐ Sharp-shinned Hawk..... Uw
- ☐ Cooper's Hawk..... Fy*
- ☐ Bald Eagle..... Xt
- ☐ Common Black Hawk..... Xt
- ☐ Red-shouldered Hawk..... Fy*
- ☐ Broad-winged Hawk..... Xt
- ☐ Swainson's Hawk..... Rt
- ☐ Zone-tailed Hawk..... Xt
- ☐ Red-tailed Hawk..... Fy*
- ☐ Ferruginous Hawk..... Xw

Owls

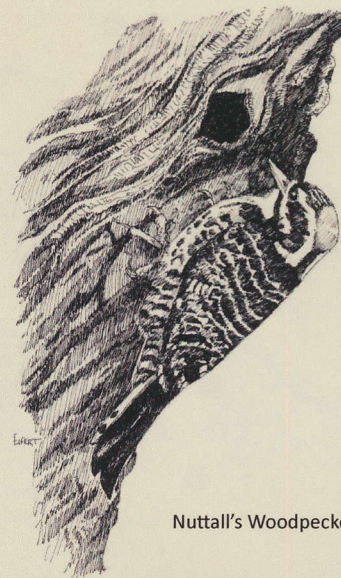
- ☐ American Barn Owl..... Fy*
- ☐ Western Screech-Owl..... Ry*
- ☐ Great Horned Owl..... Fy*
- ☐ Long-eared Owl..... Ut, Uw*
- ☐ Northern Saw-Whet Owl..... Xw

Kingfishers

- ☐ Belted Kingfisher..... Rt

Woodpeckers & Allies

- ☐ Lewis's Woodpecker..... Xw
- ☐ Acorn Woodpecker..... Rw
- ☐ Williamson's Sapsucker..... Xt
- ☐ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker..... Rw
- ☐ Red-naped Sapsucker..... Uw
- ☐ Red-breasted Sapsucker..... Uw
- ☐ Nuttall's Woodpecker..... Fy*



Nuttall's Woodpecker

- ☐ Ladder-backed Woodpecker..... Fy*
- ☐ Hairy Woodpecker..... Xw
- ☐ Northern Flicker
 - ☐ Red-shafted Fw, Rs
 - ☐ Yellow-shafted Flicker..... Xt

Falcons

- ☐ American Kestrel..... Fy*
- ☐ Merlin..... Rw
- ☐ Peregrine Falcon..... Ry
- ☐ Prairie Falcon..... Uy*

Perching Birds & Allies:

Tyrant Flycatchers

- ☐ Ash-throated Flycatcher..... Fs*
- ☐ Brown-crested Flycatcher..... Fs*
- ☐ Cassin's Kingbird Fs, Rw
- ☐ Thick-billed Kingbird..... Xt
- ☐ Western Kingbird..... Fs*
- ☐ Eastern Kingbird..... Xt
- ☐ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher..... Xt
- ☐ Olive-sided Flycatcher..... Ut
- ☐ Western Wood Pewee..... Ct
- ☐ Willow Flycatcher..... Ft, Rs*
- ☐ Least Flycatcher..... Xt
- ☐ Hammond's Flycatcher..... Ut, Xw
- ☐ Gray Flycatcher..... Ut, Xw
- ☐ Dusky Flycatcher..... Ut



Vermilion Flycatcher

- ☐ Western Flycatcher..... Ct, Xw
- ☐ Black Phoebe..... Fy*
- ☐ Eastern Phoebe..... Xt
- ☐ Say's Phoebe..... Uy*
- ☐ Vermilion Flycatcher..... Us*, Rw

Vireos

- ☐ Bell's Vireo..... Fs*
- ☐ Gray Vireo..... Xt

Vireos

- ☐ Hutton's Vireo..... Xt
- ☐ Yellow-throated Vireo..... Xt
- ☐ Cassin's Vireo..... Ft
- ☐ Blue-headed Vireo..... Xt
- ☐ Plumbeous Vireo..... Ut
- ☐ Philadelphia Vireo..... Xt
- ☐ Western Warbling-Vireo..... Ct
- ☐ Red-eyed Vireo..... Xt

Shrikes

- ☐ Loggerhead Shrike..... Uy*

Crows, Ravens, & Jays

- ☐ Pinyon Jay..... Xt
- ☐ Steller's Jay..... Rw
- ☐ California Scrub-Jay..... Cy
- ☐ Clark's Nutcracker..... Xw
- ☐ American Crow..... Uy
- ☐ Common Raven..... Cy*

Verdins

- ☐ Verdin..... Cy*

Chickadees, Titmice

- ☐ Mountain Chickadee..... Uw, Rs*
- ☐ Oak Titmouse..... Uy*

Larks

- ☐ Horned Lark..... Rt

Swallows

- ☐ Bank Swallow..... Xt
- ☐ Tree Swallow..... Ut
- ☐ Violet-green Swallow..... Ut
- ☐ Northern Rough-winged Swallow..... Ut
- ☐ Barn Swallow..... Ut
- ☐ Cliff Swallow..... Ut

Bushtits

- ☐ Bushtit..... Cy*

Wrentit

- ☐ Wrentit..... Ry

Kinglets

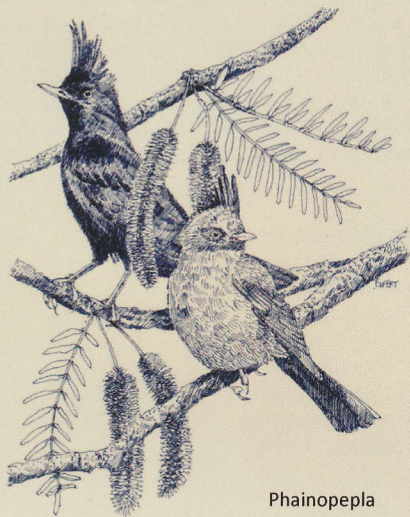
- ☐ Ruby-crowned Kinglet..... Cw
- ☐ Golden-crowned Kinglet..... Rt

Waxwings

- ☐ Bohemian Waxwing..... Xt
- ☐ Cedar Waxwing..... Fw

Silky-Flycatchers

- ☐ Phainopepla..... Cy*



Phainopepla

Nuthatches

- ☐ Red-breasted Nuthatch..... Rt
☐ White-breasted Nuthatch..... Uw
☐ Pygmy Nuthatch..... Xt

Creepers

- ☐ Brown Creeper..... Rw

Gnatcatchers

- ☐ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher..... Uy*
☐ Black-tailed Gnatcatcher..... Fy*

Wrens

- ☐ Rock Wren..... Uy*
☐ Canyon Wren..... Ry*
☐ Cactus Wren..... Fy*
☐ Bewick's Wren..... Cy*
☐ Northern House Wren..... Uy*
☐ Pacific Wren..... Xw
☐ Marsh Wren..... Ry*

Mockingbirds & Thrashers

- ☐ Gray Catbird..... Xt
☐ Brown Thrasher..... Xw
☐ Bendire's Thrasher..... Xt
☐ California Thrasher..... Cy*
☐ LeConte's Thrasher..... Xy
☐ Crissal Thrasher..... Xt
☐ Sage Thrasher..... Rw
☐ Northern Mockingbird..... Cy*

Starlings

- ☐ European Starling ♦..... Cy*

Thrushes

- ☐ Western Bluebird..... Cw, Rs
☐ Mountain Bluebird..... Rw
☐ Townsend's Solitaire..... Rw
☐ Swainson's Thrush..... Ut, Rs*
☐ Hermit Thrush..... Fw
☐ Rufous-backed Robin..... Xt
☐ American Robin..... Fw
☐ Varied Thrush..... Xt

Estreldid Finches

- ☐ Scaly-breasted Munia ♦..... Xt

Old World Sparrows

- ☐ House Sparrow ♦..... Cy*

Wagtails & Pipits

- ☐ American Pipit..... Uw

Fringilline & Cardueline Finches, & Allies

- ☐ Evening Grosbeak..... Xt
☐ House Finch..... Cy*
☐ Purple Finch..... Ut
☐ Cassin's Finch..... Rw
☐ Red Crossbill..... Rw
☐ Pine Siskin..... Uw
☐ Lesser Goldfinch..... CY*
☐ Lawrence's Goldfinch..... Fs*
☐ American Goldfinch..... Rw

Towhees & Sparrows

- ☐ Grasshopper Sparrow..... Xt
☐ Black-throated Sparrow..... Cy*
☐ Lark Sparrow..... Fy*
☐ Lark Bunting..... Xt
☐ Chipping Sparrow..... Ut, Rw
☐ Clay-colored Sparrow..... Xt
☐ Black-chinned Sparrow..... Rs*, Xw
☐ Brewer's Sparrow..... Uw
☐ Fox Sparrow..... Uw
☐ Dark-eyed Junco..... Cw
☐ Oregon Junco..... Fw
☐ Gray-headed Junco..... Rw
☐ Slate-colored Junco..... Rw
☐ Pink-sided Junco..... Rw
☐ White-crowned Sparrow..... Cw
☐ Golden-crowned Sparrow..... Uw
☐ Harris's Sparrow..... Xt
☐ White-throated Sparrow..... Rw
☐ Bell's Sparrow..... Rw

Towhees & Sparrows

- ☐ Sagebrush Sparrow..... Rw
- ☐ Vesper Sparrow..... Ut, Rw
- ☐ Savannah Sparrow..... Fw
- ☐ Song Sparrow..... Fy*
- ☐ Lincoln's Sparrow..... Fw
- ☐ Swamp Sparrow..... Xt
- ☐ California Towhee..... Fy*
- ☐ Rufous-crowned Sparrow..... Ry
- ☐ Green-tailed Towhee..... Rt, Xw
- ☐ Spotted Towhee..... Fy*

Chats

- ☐ Yellow-breasted Chat..... Fs*

Blackbirds & Orioles

- ☐ Yellow-headed Blackbird..... Rt
- ☐ Bobolink..... Xt
- ☐ Western Meadowlark..... Ut, Rw
- ☐ Orchard Oriole..... Xt
- ☐ Hooded Oriole..... Fs*
- ☐ Bullock's Oriole..... Fs*
- ☐ Baltimore Oriole..... Xt
- ☐ Scott's Oriole..... Ut, Rw
- ☐ Red-winged Blackbird..... Uy
- ☐ Bronzed Cowbird..... Xt
- ☐ Brown-headed Cowbird..... Fs*, Rw
- ☐ Rusty Blackbird..... Xt
- ☐ Brewer's Blackbird..... Fy*
- ☐ Common Grackle..... Xt
- ☐ Great-tailed Grackle..... Ry

Wood Warblers

- ☐ Ovenbird..... Rt
- ☐ Worm-eating Warbler..... Xt
- ☐ Northern Waterthrush..... Rt
- ☐ Golden-winged Warbler..... Xt
- ☐ Blue-winged Warbler..... Xt
- ☐ Black-and-white Warbler..... Rt, Xw
- ☐ Prothonotary Warbler..... Xt
- ☐ Tennessee Warbler..... Xt
- ☐ Orange-crowned Warbler..... Ct, Uw
- ☐ Lucy's Warbler..... Rs*
- ☐ Nashville Warbler..... Ut
- ☐ Virginia's Warbler..... Xt
- ☐ MacGillivray's Warbler..... Ut
- ☐ Kentucky Warbler..... Xt
- ☐ Common Yellowthroat..... Fy*
- ☐ Hooded Warbler..... Xt
- ☐ American Redstart..... Rt
- ☐ Cape May Warbler..... Xt
- ☐ Northern Parula..... Xt

Wood Warblers

- ☐ Bay-breasted Warbler..... Xt
- ☐ Blackburnian Warbler..... Xt
- ☐ Yellow Warbler..... Cs*
- ☐ Chestnut-sided Warbler..... Xt
- ☐ Blackpoll Warbler..... Xt
- ☐ Black-throated Blue Warbler..... Rt, Xw
- ☐ Palm Warbler..... Xt
- ☐ Yellow-rumped Warbler
 - ☐ Audubon's Warbler..... Ct, Cw
 - ☐ Myrtle Warbler..... Rt, Rw
- ☐ Yellow-throated Warbler..... Xt
- ☐ Prairie Warbler..... Xt
- ☐ Black-throated Gray Warbler..... Ft, Xw
- ☐ Townsend's Warbler..... Ut
- ☐ Hermit Warbler..... Ut
- ☐ Black-throated Green Warbler..... Xt
- ☐ Canada Warbler..... Xt
- ☐ Wilson's Warbler..... Ct, Xs
- ☐ Red-faced Warbler..... Xt
- ☐ Painted Redstart..... Xt

Cardinals, Tanagers, & Allies

- ☐ Hepatic Tanager..... Xt
- ☐ Summer Tanager..... Fs*
- ☐ Scarlet Tanager..... Xt
- ☐ Western Tanager..... Ft
- ☐ Rose-breasted Grosbeak..... Xt
- ☐ Black-headed Grosbeak..... Ft
- ☐ Blue Grosbeak..... Us*
- ☐ Lazuli Bunting..... Us*
- ☐ Indigo Bunting..... Rs*
- ☐ Painted Bunting..... Xt
- ☐ Dickcissel..... Xt



Black-headed Grosbeak

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