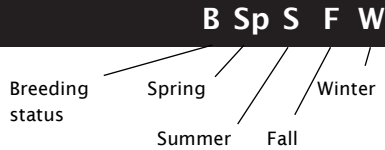




# Birds of Sugarite

Deep, hooting calls of a Great Horned Owl resonate across a grassy meadow. A Red-tailed Hawk swoops down on a deer mouse running along the creek. A long cascade of musical whistles reveals a tiny Canyon Wren hidden among the rock cliffs. These are just a few of the many birds—201 species in all—that add color and song to the diverse habitats found in Sugarite Canyon State Park. Birding is one of the park’s principal attractions. Its position on the Central Flyway and its mosaic of habitats such as pinyon-juniper and ponderosa pine forest, oak shrubland, and montane riparian systems support a wonderful array of bird diversity throughout the year.

## Key



## Breeding

B - Breeding status  
+ - Breeds in Colfax County, New Mexico.

## Seasons

Sp - Spring (March 1–May 31)  
S - Summer (June 1–August 31)  
F - Fall (September 1–November 30)  
W - Winter (December–February 28)

## Abundance

c - Common. Present in the proper habitat and season.  
fc - Frequently common. Often present in the proper habitat and season.  
u - Uncommon. Occasionally present in the proper habitat and season.  
r - Rare. Seldom present in suitable habitat; few records.

Name	B	Sp	S	F	W
<b>Ducks, Geese, and Swans</b>					
Snow Goose					r
Cackling Goose	+	u		u	u
Canada Goose	+	c	c	c	c
Wood Duck		fc	fc	fc	
Blue-winged Teal	+	fc	u	u	
Cinnamon Teal	+	fc	u	u	
Northern Shoveler		c	u	c	fc
Gadwall	+	c	fc	c	fc
American Wigeon	+	c	u	c	fc
Mallard	+	c	fc	c	c
Northern Pintail				fc	
Green-winged Teal	+	c	u	c	fc
Canvasback	+	c	r	fc	fc
Redhead	+	c	fc	fc	fc
Ring-necked Duck		c	fc	c	fc
Greater Scaup				r	
Lesser Scaup		fc	u	fc	u
White-winged Scoter				r	
Bufflehead		fc		fc	fc
Common Goldeneye		fc		fc	fc
Hooded Merganser		u		u	
Common Merganser	+	fc	u	fc	u
Ruddy Duck	+	fc	fc	c	u
<b>Pheasants, Grouse, and Turkeys</b>					
Wild Turkey	+	fc	fc	fc	fc
<b>Grebes</b>					
Pied-billed Grebe	+	f	f	f	r
Western Grebe		fc	u	fc	
<b>Pigeons and Doves</b>					
Rock Pigeon	+	fc	fc	fc	fc
Band-tailed Pigeon	+	u	u	u	
Eurasian Collared Dove	+	c	c	c	c
Mourning Dove	+	c	c	c	u
<b>Cuckoos, Roadrunners, Anis</b>					
Greater Roadrunner	+	r	r	r	r
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	+	r	r	r	
<b>Nightjars</b>					
Common Nighthawk	+	fc	fc	fc	

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<b>Nightjars (cont.)</b>					
Common Poorwill		+	u	u	u
<b>Swifts</b>					
Chimney Swift				r	
White-throated Swift		+	u	u	u
<b>Hummingbirds</b>					
Black-chinned Hummingbird		+	fc	fc	fc
Broad-tailed Hummingbird		+	fc	fc	fc
Rufous Hummingbird				fc	fc
Calliope Hummingbird					u
<b>Rails, Gallinules, Coots</b>					
American Coot		+	fc	c	c
<b>Cranes</b>					
Sandhill Crane			u		fc
<b>Stilts and Avocets</b>					
American Avocet		+			r
<b>Plovers</b>					
Killdeer		+	fc	fc	fc
<b>Sandpipers</b>					
Long-billed Curlew		+		r	
Long-billed Dowitcher					r
Wilson’s Snipe		+	u	u	u
Spotted Sandpiper		+	fc	fc	fc
Willet			u	r	u
Greater Yellowlegs					r
<b>Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers</b>					
Franklin’s Gull			r		
Ring-billed Gull			fc	u	fc
<b>Loons</b>					
Common Loon			u		u
<b>Cormorants</b>					
Double-crested Cormorant			u		u
<b>Bitterns and Herons</b>					
Great Blue Heron			fc	u	fc
<b>American Vultures</b>					
Turkey Vulture		+	fc	fc	fc
<b>Ospreys</b>					
Osprey			u		u

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<b>Kites, Eagles, and Hawks</b>					
Golden Eagle	+	u	u	u	u
Northern Harrier	+	u	r	u	u
Sharp-shinned Hawk	+	u	u	u	u
Cooper's Hawk	+	u	u	u	u
Northern Goshawk	+	r			
Bald Eagle	+	u	u	u	fc
Swainson's Hawk	+		u	u	
Red-tailed Hawk	+	fc	fc	fc	fc
Ferruginous Hawk	+	r			
<b>Typical Owls</b>					
Flammulated Owl	+	u	u	u	
Western Screech-Owl	+			r	
Great Horned Owl	+	fc	fc	fc	fc
Northern Pygmy-Owl	+	u	u	u	u
Long-eared Owl	+	r			
Northern Saw-whet Owl	+	u	u	u	u
<b>Kingfishers</b>					
Belted Kingfisher	+	u	u	u	u
<b>Woodpeckers</b>					
Williamson's Sapsucker	+	u			
Red-naped Sapsucker	+	u	u	u	u
Lewis's Woodpecker	+	u	u	u	
Acorn Woodpecker			r		
American Three-toed Woodpecker	+	r	r	r	
Downy Woodpecker	+	fc	fc	fc	fc
Hairy Woodpecker	+	fc	fc	fc	fc
Northern Flicker	+	c	c	c	c
<b>Falcons and Caracaras</b>					
American Kestrel	+	fc	u	fc	fc
Merlin		u		u	u
Peregrine Falcon	+	u	u	u	r
<b>Tyrant Flycatchers</b>					
Olive-sided Flycatcher	+	u	r	u	
Western Wood-Pewee	+	c	c	c	
Willow Flycatcher	+		r		
Dusky Flycatcher	+	u	u	u	
Hammond's Flycatcher			r		
Cordilleran Flycatcher	+	fc	fc	fc	

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<b>Tyrant Flycatchers (cont.)</b>					
Eastern Phoebe	+	fc	fc	fc	
Say's Phoebe	+	c	c	c	
Ash-throated Flycatcher	+	u	u	u	
Cassin's Kingbird	+	fc	fc	fc	
Western Kingbird	+	fc	fc	fc	
<b>Shrikes</b>					
Northern Shrike					r
<b>Vireos</b>					
Cassin's Vireo			u	r	
Plumbeous Vireo	+	u	u	u	
Warbling Vireo	+	fc	fc	fc	
Red-eyed Vireo		r			
<b>Jays, Magpies, and Crows</b>					
Canada Jay	+		r		
Pinyon Jay	+	u	u	u	u
Steller's Jay	+	fc	fc	fc	fc
Blue Jay		r		r	
Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay	+	fc	fc	fc	fc
Black-billed Magpie	+	c	c	c	c
American Crow	+	fc	fc	fc	fc
Chihuahuan Raven	+		r		
Common Raven	+	c	c	c	c
<b>Larks</b>					
Horned Lark	+	u	u	u	u
<b>Swallows</b>					
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	+	fc	fc	fc	
Tree Swallow	+	u	u	u	
Violet-green Swallow	+	c	c	c	
Barn Swallow	+	fc	fc	Fc	
Cliff Swallow	+	c	c	c	
<b>Chickadees and Titmice</b>					
Black-capped Chickadee	+	fc	fc	fc	fc
Mountain Chickadee	+	fc	fc	fc	fc
Juniper Titmouse	+	u	u	u	u
<b>Bushtit</b>					
Bushtit	+	u	u	u	u
<b>Nuthatches</b>					
Red-breasted Nuthatch	+	u	u	u	u

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<b>Nuthatches (cont.)</b>					
White-breasted Nuthatch	+	fc	fc	fc	fc
Pygmy Nuthatch	+	fc	fc	fc	fc
<b>Creepers</b>					
Brown Creeper	+	u	u	u	u
<b>Wrens</b>					
Rock Wren	+	fc	fc	fc	u
Canyon Wren	+	u	u	u	u
House Wren	+	fc	fc	fc	
Pacific Wren					r
Marsh Wren	+		r		
Bewick's Wren	+	u	u	u	u
<b>Gnatcatchers,</b>					
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	+	u	u	u	
<b>Dippers</b>					
American Dipper	+	u	u	u	u
<b>Kinglets</b>					
Golden-crowned Kinglet	+	u	u	u	u
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	+	u	u	u	u
<b>Thrushes</b>					
Eastern Bluebird				u	u
Western Bluebird	+	fc	u	fc	fc
Mountain Bluebird	+	fc	u	fc	fc
Townsend's Solitaire	+	u	u	u	fc
Hermit Thrush	+	fc	fc	fc	
American Robin	+	c	c	c	fc
<b>Mockingbirds and Thrashers</b>					
Gray Catbird	+	fc	fc	fc	
Northern Mockingbird	+	r	r	r	
<b>Starlings</b>					
European Starling	+	u	u	u	
<b>Waxwings</b>					
Cedar Waxwing		u		u	u
<b>Old World Sparrows</b>					
House Sparrow	+	c	c	c	c
<b>Wagtails and Pipits</b>					
American Pipit	+			r	
<b>Finches</b>					
Evening Grosbeak	+	fc	u	fc	fc

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<b>Finches (cont.)</b>					
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch					r
Black Rosy-Finch					r
Brown-capped Rosy-Finch					r
House Finch	+	c	c	c	c
Cassin's Finch	+	u	u	u	u
Red Crossbill	+	r	r		
Pine Siskin	+	c	fc	c	c
Lesser Goldfinch	+	c	u	c	fc
American Goldfinch	+	c	u	c	fc
<b>Towhees, Sparrows and Juncos</b>					
Cassin's Sparrow	+	u	u	u	
Chipping Sparrow	+	fc	u	c	
Clay-colored Sparrow		r		u	
Brewer's Sparrow	+	u	u	u	
Lark Sparrow	+	fc	u	fc	
Fox Sparrow				r	
American Tree Sparrow				r	
Dark-eyed Junco	+	fc	fc	c	c
White-crowned Sparrow	+	c	r	c	fc
White-throated Sparrow		r		r	
Vesper Sparrow	+	c	c	c	
Song Sparrow	+	fc	fc	u	fc
Lincoln's Sparrow	+	u	r	u	u
Swamp Sparrow				r	
Canyon Towhee	+	u	u	u	u
Green-tailed Towhee	+	u	u	u	
Spotted Towhee	+	fc	fc	fc	U
<b>Yellow Breasted Chat</b>					
Yellow-breasted Chat	+	u	u	u	
<b>Blackbirds and Orioles</b>					
Yellow-headed Blackbird	+			r	
Western Meadowlark	+	u	u	u	
Bullock's Oriole	+	c	c	c	
Red-winged Blackbird	+	c	c	c	u
Brown-headed Cowbird	+	c	c	c	u
Brewer's Blackbird	+	c	c	c	fc
Common Grackle	+	c	c	c	r
Great-tailed Grackle	+	u	u	u	r

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<b>Wood-Warblers</b>					
Northern Waterthrush				r	
Ovenbird			r		
Orange-crowned Warbler		u		u	
Virginia's Warbler	+	fc	fc	fc	
MacGillivray's Warbler	+	u	u	u	
Common Yellowthroat	+	fc	fc	fc	
American Redstart				r	
Yellow Warbler	+	fc	fc	fc	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	+	fc	u	c	r
Grace's Warbler			r		
Townsend's Warbler			r	r	
Wilson's Warbler		fc	r	fc	
<b>Tanagers, Cardinals, and Grosbeaks</b>					
Hepatic Tanager	+		r		
Western Tanager	+	fc	fc	fc	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak		r			
Black-headed Grosbeak	+	fc	fc	fc	
Blue Grosbeak	+	fc	fc	fc	
Lazuli Bunting	+	u	u	u	
Indigo Bunting	+	u	u	u	
Dickcissel			r		

