

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Southeast Utah Group

Arches
Canyonlands
Hovenweep
Natural Bridges

BIRDS

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		Rel. Abundance/ Seasonal Status	Park
LOONS – Gaviidae			
Common Loon	<i>Gavia immer</i>	R/T	ABC
GREBES - Podicipedidae:			
Eared Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	/T	AB
Western Grebe	<i>Aechmophorus occidentalis</i>	O/T	AB
Pied-billed Grebe	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	R/W	BC
Horned Grebe	<i>Podiceps auritus</i>	R/W	BC
PELICANS – Pelecanidae			
American white pelican	<i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>	U/T	BC
Double-crested Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i>	U/S	B
HERONS & EGRETS - Ardeidae:			
Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>	U/P (B)	ABC
Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>	R/T	ACH
Little Blue Heron	<i>Egretta caerulea</i>	Acc./	AB
Black-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	O/T	ABC
Green-backed Heron	<i>Butorides striatus</i>	R/T	BC
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	R/T	BC
American Bittern	<i>Botaurus lentiginosus</i>	C/S	B
IBISES - Threskiornithidae:			
White-faced Ibis	<i>Plegadis chihi</i>	*O/T	AC
SWANS, GEESE, & DUCKS - Anatidae:			
Tundra (Whistling) Swan	<i>Cygnus columbianus</i>	*O/T	AB
Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	U/T	AC
Green-winged Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	U/T	AC
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	U/P(B?)	ACH
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	*R/T	AC
Blue-winged Teal	<i>Anas discors</i>	*O/T	AC
Cinnamon Teal	<i>Anas cyanoptera</i>	O/T	AC
Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	U/W	C
Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	*O/T	AC
American Wigeon	<i>Anas americana</i>	O/T	AC
Ring-necked Duck	<i>Aythya collaris</i>	U/W	C
Lesser Scaup	<i>Aythya affinis</i>	R/T	C
Common Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>	O/T	AC
Barrow's Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala islandica</i>	I/T	C
Bufflehead	<i>Bucephala albeola</i>	R/W	C
Common Merganser	<i>Mergus merganser</i>	RT	AC
NEW WORLD VULTURES - Cathartidae:			

Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	CS	ACH
OSPREY, HARRIERS, HAWKS, & EAGLES - Accipitridae:			
Osprey	<i>Pandion hahaetus</i>	RT	AC
Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	UW	ACH
Northern Harrier (Marsh Hawk)	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	CW	ACH
Sharp-shinned Hawk	<i>Accipiter striatus</i>	UT	ACH
Cooper's Hawk	<i>Accipiter cooperli</i>	US (B)	ACH
Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis.</i>	RT (B)	ABCH
Swainson's Hawk	<i>Buteo swainsoni</i>	OT	ACH
Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	CP (B)	ACH
Ferruginous Hawk	<i>Buteo regalis</i>	OT	A
Rough-legged Hawk	<i>Buteo lagopus</i>	RW	C
Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	UP (B)	AH
FALCONS - Falconidae:			
American Kestrel (Sparrow Hawk)	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	Cs (B)	ACH
Merlin (Pigeon Hawk)	<i>Falco columbaris</i>	OT	AC
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	RT	ACH
Prairie Falcon	<i>Falco mexicanus</i>	UP (B)	ACH
QUAILS & PHEASANTS - Phasianidae:			
Chukar	<i>Alectoris chukar</i>	UP (B)	ACH
Ring-necked Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	*UP	AC
Sage Grouse	<i>Centrocercus urophasianus</i>	RP	C
Gambel's Quail	<i>Callipepla gambelii</i>	UP (B)	CH
RAILS, GALLINULES, & COOTS - Rallidae:			
Virginia Rail	<i>Rallus limicola</i>	*OT	AC
Sora	<i>Porzana carolina</i>	RS	AC
American Coot	<i>Fulica americana</i>	*US	AC
Sandhill Crane	<i>Grus canadensis</i>	RT	C
PLOVERS - Charadriidae:			
Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	US (B?)	ACH
SANDPIPERS - Scolopacidae:			
Black-necked stilt	<i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>	RT	C
American Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra americana</i>	RT	C
Greater Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>	RT	C
Solitary Sandpiper	<i>Tringa solitaria</i>	RT	AC
Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularia</i>	US (B)	AC
Long-billed Curlew	<i>Numenius americanus</i>	OT	A
Willet	<i>Catoptrophorus semipalmatus</i>	UT	C
Least Sandpiper	<i>Calidris minutilla</i>	OT	A
Long-billed Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus scolopaceus</i>	*OT	AC
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	OT	A
GULLS, TERNS, AND ALCIDS - Laridae:			
Franklin's Gull	<i>Larus pipixcan</i>	RT	C
Ring-billed Gull	<i>Larus delewarensis</i>	RW	C
California Gull	<i>Larus californicus</i>	RT	C
Forster's Tern	<i>Sterna forsteri</i>	RT	C
PIGEONS & DOVES - Columbidae:			
Rock Dove (Domestic Pigeon)	<i>Columba livia</i>	OT	ACH
Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>	CS (B)	ACH

TYPICAL OWLS - Strigidae:

Flammulated Owl	<i>Otus flammeolus</i>	Acc.	AC
Western Screech~Owl	<i>Otus kennicottii</i>	RS (B?)	AC
Great Horned Owl	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>	CP (B)	ACH
Northern Pygmy-Owl	<i>Glaucidium gnoma</i>	RT	C
Burrowing Owl	<i>Athene cunicularia</i>	OT	AC
Spotted Owl	<i>Strix occidentalis</i>	UP	C
Long-eared Owl	<i>Asio otus</i>	RP (B)	ACH
Short-eared Owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i>	OT	A
Northern Saw~whet Owl	<i>Aegolius acadicus</i>	*OT	AC

NIGHTHAWKS & POORWILLS - Caprimulgidae:

Lesser Nighthawk	<i>Chordeiles acutipennis</i>	RT	C
Common Nighthawk	<i>Chordeiles minor</i>	US	ACH
Common Poorwill	<i>Phalaenoptilus nuttallii</i>	UT	ACH

SWIFTS - Apodidae:

White-throated Swift	<i>Aeronautes saxatalis</i>	CS (B)	AC
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HUMMINGBIRDS - Trochilidae:

Black-chinned Hummingbird	<i>Archilochus alexandri</i>	CS (B)	ACH
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	<i>Selasphorus platycercus</i>	UT	ACH
Rufous Hummingbird	<i>Selasphorus rufus</i>	OT	AC

KINGFISHERS - Aicedinidae:

Belted Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle alcyon</i>	RP	AC
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WOODPECKERS - Picidae:

Ladder-backed Woodpecker	<i>Picoides scalaris</i>	U	C
Lewis' Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes lewis</i>	OT	AC
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	<i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>	UT	A
Williamson's Sapsucker	<i>Sphyrapicus thyroideus</i>	Acc.	AC
Downy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides pubescens</i>	UT	AC
Hairy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides villosus</i>	UP (B)	ACH
Northern (Red-shafted) Flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	UP (B)	ACH

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS - Tyrannidae:

Olive-sided Flycatcher	<i>Contopus borealis</i>	RT	C
Western Wood-Pewee	<i>Contopus sordidulus</i>	RT	AC
Willow Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax traillii</i>	RS (B?)	AC
Hammond's Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax hammondii</i>	RT	C
Dusky Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax oberholser</i>	OT (B?)	AC
Gray Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax wrightii</i>	RT (B?)	AC
Western Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax difficilis</i>	OT	ACH
Black Phoebe	<i>Sayornis nigricans</i>	RS	C
Say's Phoebe	<i>Sayornis saya</i>	CS (B)	AC
Ash-throated Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus cinerascens</i>	CS (B)	ACH
Cassin's Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus vociferans</i>	RT (B)	AC
Western Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus verticalis</i>	CS (B)	ACH
Eastern Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus tyrannus</i>	*OT	A

LARKS - Alaudidae:

Horned Lark	<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>	CP (B)	ACH
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SWALLOWS - Hirundinidae:

Tree Swallow	<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>	RT	AC
Violet-green Swallow	<i>Tachycineta thalassina</i>	CS (B)	ACBH
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>	RT	AC

Bank Swallow	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	OT	AC
Cliff Swallow	<i>Hirundo pyrrhonota</i>	US (B)	AC
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	UT (B?)	ACH

JAYS, MAGPIES, & CROWS - Corvidae:

Grey Jay	<i>Perisoreus canadensis</i>	RT	C
Steller's Jay	<i>Cyanocitta stelleri</i>	Acc.	ACH
Scrub Jay	<i>Aphelocoma coerulescens</i>	CP (B)	ACH
Pinyon Jay	<i>Gymnorhinus cyanocephalus</i>	CP	ACH
Clark's Nutcracker	<i>Nucifraga columbiana</i>	OW	ACH
Black-billed Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	UP (B)	ACH
American Crow	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	OT	AC
Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	CP (B)	ACH

CHICKADEES & TITMICE - Paridae:

Black-capped Chickadee	<i>Parus atricapillus</i>	CW (B)	AC
Mountain Chickadee	<i>Parus gambeli</i>	UW	ACH
Plain Titmouse	<i>Parus inornatus</i>	CP (B)	ACH

BUSHTITS - Aegithalidae:

Bushtit	<i>Psaltriparus minimus</i>	CP (B)	ACH
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NUTHATCHES - Sittidae:

Red-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta canadensis</i>	RT	AC
White-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>	OT	AC

CREEPERS - Cinclidae:

Brown Creeper	<i>Certhia americana</i>	RT	AC
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WRENS - Troglodytidae:

Rock Wren	<i>Salpinctes obsoletus</i>	CP (B)	ACBH
Canyon Wren	<i>Catherpes mexicanus</i>	CP (B)	ACBH
Bewick's Wren	<i>Thryomanes bewickii</i>	CP (B)	ACBH
House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	UT	AC
Marsh Wren	<i>Cistothorus palustris</i>	RT	AC

DIPPERS - Cinclidae

American Dipper	<i>Cinclus mexicanus</i>	RP	AC
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KINGLETS & GNATCATCHERS - Sylviinae:

Golden-crowned Kinglet	<i>Regulus satrapa</i>	OT	AC
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<i>Regulus calendula</i>	UT	AC
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	<i>Polioptila caerulea</i>	CS (B)	ACBH
Black-tailed Gnatcatcher	<i>Polioptila melanura</i>	RS	C

BLUEBIRDS, SOLITAIRES, & THRUSHES - Turdinae:

Western Bluebird	<i>Sialia mexicana</i>	OT (B)	AC
Mountain Bluebird	<i>Sialia currucoides</i>	CP (B)	ACH
Townsend's Solitaire	<i>Myadestes townsendi</i>	RT	ACH
Hermit Thrush	<i>Catharus guttatus</i>	RT	ACH
American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	UP (B)	ACBH

MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS - Mimidae:

Northern Mockingbird	<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>	US (B?)	ACH
Sage Thrasher	<i>Oreoscoptes montanus</i>	RT	ACH
Brown Thrasher	<i>Toxostoma rufum</i>	OT	AC
Bendire's Thrasher	<i>Toxostoma bendirei</i>	OT	AC

PIPITS - Motacillidae:

Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>	RT	A
American Pipit	<i>Anthus rubescens</i>	RP	C

WAXWINGS - Bombycillidae:

Cedar Waxwing	<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>	OT	A
Phainopepla	<i>Phainopepla nitens</i>	IT	C

SHRIKES - Laniidae:

Northern Shrike	<i>Lanius excubitor</i>	RW	ACH
Loggerhead Shrike	<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>	CP (B)	ACH

STARLINGS - Sturnidae:

European Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	UT	ACH
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VIREOS - Vireonidae

Gray Vireo	<i>Vireo vicinior</i>	US (B)	ACH
Solitary Vireo	<i>Vireo solitarius</i>	UT (B)	AC
Warbling Vireo	<i>Vireo gilvus</i>	CT (B?)	AC

WOOD WARBLERS - Parulinae:

Orange-crowned Warbler	<i>Vermivora celata</i>	CT	AC
Nashville Warbler	<i>Vermivora ruficapilla</i>	RT	AC
Virginia's Warbler	<i>Vermivora virginiae</i>	CT	AC
Lucy's Warbler	<i>Vermivora luciae</i>	US	C
Yellow Warbler	<i>Dendrocia petechia</i>	CT	AC
Yellow-rumped Warbler	<i>Dendrocia coronata</i> – 2 races:		
"Myrtle Warbler"		OT	AC
"Audubon's Warbler"		CT	ACH
Black-throated Gray Warbler	<i>Dendrocia nigrescens</i>	CT	AC
Townsend's Warbler	<i>Dendrocia townsendi</i>	OT	AC
American Redstart	<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	OT	A
MacGillivray's Warbler	<i>Oporonis tolmiei</i>	UT	ACH
Northern Waterthrush	<i>Seiurus noveboracensis</i>	RT	C
Common Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>	US (B?)	AC
Wilson's Warbler	<i>Wilsonia pusilla</i>	CT	ACH
Yellow-breasted Chat	<i>Icteria virens</i>	CS (B?)	AC

TANAGERS - Thraupinae:

Western Tanager	<i>Piranga ludoviciana</i>	CT	AC
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GROSBEAKS & BUNTINGS - Cardinalinae:

Rose-breasted Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>	RT	A
Black-headed Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus melanocephalus</i>	CT	ACH
Blue Grosbeak	<i>Guiraca caerulea</i>	CS (B)	AC
Lazuli Bunting	<i>Passerina amoena</i>	CS (B)	ACH
Indigo Bunting	<i>Passerina cyanea</i>	RT	AC

TOWHEES, SPARROWS, & JUNCOS - Emberizinae:

Green-tailed Towhee	<i>Pipilo chlorurus</i>	CT	ACH
Spotted Towhee	<i>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</i>	UT	ACH
American Tree Sparrow	<i>Spizella arborea</i>	RW	A
Rufus-crowned Sparrow	<i>Aimophila carpalis</i>	RT	C
Chipping Sparrow	<i>Spizella passerina</i>	CT	AC
Brewer's Sparrow	<i>Spizella breweri</i>	CT	ACH
Vesper Sparrow	<i>Poocetes gramineus</i>	CT	AC

Lark Sparrow	<i>Chondestes grammacus</i>	CT	AC
Black-throated Sparrow	<i>Amphispiza bilineata</i>	CS (B)	ACH
Sage Sparrow	<i>Amphispiza belli</i>	CS (B)	AC
Lark Bunting	<i>Calamospiza melanocorys</i>	OT	A
Savannah Sparrow	<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>	OT	AC
Song Sparrow	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>	UW	AC
Lincoln's Sparrow	<i>Melospiza lincolni</i>	UW	AC
Swamp Sparrow	<i>Melospiza georgiana</i>	RT	A
White-throated Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia albicollis</i>	OT	A
Golden-crowned Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia atricapilla</i>	OW	AH
White-crowned Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>	CW	ACH
Harris' Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia querula</i>	OW	A
Dark-eyed Junco	<i>Junco hyemalis</i> - 3 races:		
"Slate-colored Junco		RW	AC
"Oregon Junco"		CW	ACH
"Gray-headed Junco"		CT	ACH

MEADOWLARKS, BLACKBIRDS, & ORIOLES - Icterinae:

Red-winged Blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	US (B)	AC
Western Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella neglecta</i>	US (B?)	ACH
Yellow-headed Blackbird	<i>Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus</i>	RT	AC
Brewer's Blackbird	<i>Euphagus cyanocephalus</i>	UT	ACH
Brown-headed Cowbird	<i>Molothrus ater</i>	CS (B)	ACBH
Northern (Bullock's) Oriole	<i>Icterus galbula</i>	US (B)	AC
Scott's Oriole	<i>Icterus parisorum</i>	US (B)	ACH

FINCHES, REDPOLLS, SISKINS, & GOLDFINCHES - Fringillidae:

Rosy Finch	<i>Leucosticte arctoa</i> - 2 races:		
"Gray-crowned Rosy Finch"		CW	ACH
"Black Rosy Finch"		CW	AC
Purple Finch	<i>Carpodacus purpureus</i>	RT	AC
Cassin's Finch	<i>Carpodacus cassinii</i>	OT	AC
House Finch	<i>Carpodacus mexicanus</i>	CP (B)	ACH
Common Redpoll	<i>Carduelis flammea</i>	OW	A
Pine Siskin	<i>Carduelis pinus</i>	UW	AC
Lesser Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis psaltria</i>	OT	AC
American Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis tristis</i>	CW	ACH

WEAVER FINCHES - Passeridae:

House (English) Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	OT	A
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NOTE: Names and the sequence of names, families, and subfamilies, follow the Sixth Edition of the American Ornithologists' Union Check-list of North American Birds . Where new names differ from long-established names, the older names are given in parentheses. Several birds that were formally considered full species are now considered subspecies (geographical races), but of course they remain easily recognizable in the field. In such cases, if more than one race has been recorded in the park, they are listed separately following the new species name, but they are not included in the total number of full species.

RELATIVE ABUNDANCE

- C = Common: Occurs regularly, often in numbers; easily found in proper season and habitat.
- U = Uncommon: Occurs more or less regularly, but generally in small numbers; usually found in proper season and habitat.
- R = Rare: Three to six records total; unusual, but to be looked for each year; may be more common than the few records indicate.
- O = Occasional: One or two records total; highly unusual, but not necessarily out of range; to be expected again.
- Acc. = Accidental: One record only; out of range; not to be expected again.

SEASONAL STATUS

- P = Permanent Resident: Present throughout the year. Generally implies nesting, but this not confirmed for all.
- S = Summer Resident: Present only during the warmer months, and migrating elsewhere for the winter. Generally implies nesting, but this not confirmed for all.
- W = Winter Visitant: Present only during the cooler months of the year, and migrating elsewhere for the summer.
- T = Transient (Through Migrant): Passes through the park in spring and fall migration, but does not remain to breed or to winter.
- * = Recorded on lands or waters immediately adjacent to the park boundary, usually within ½-mile of the park, but as yet unrecorded within the park.

BREEDING

- (B) = Known to breed in the park area, based on observation of nest building, nests with eggs, young in nests, or adults with dependent, very recently fledged young.
- (B?)= Probably breeds, based on presence of adults throughout the usual nesting season, often singing and/or defending territories, but firm evidence of nesting is lacking.

LOCATION

- A = Arches National park
- B = Natural Bridges National Monument
- C = Canyonlands National Park
- H = Hovenweep National Monument

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