



Western Bluebird



Lesser Goldfinch*



Green-tailed Towhee

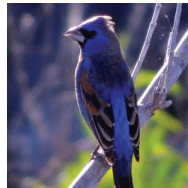


Black-throated Sparrow*



Yellow-breasted Chat

- _____ Swainson's Thrush
- _____ Hermit Thrush
- _____ American Robin
- _____ Varied Thrush
- _____ Gray Catbird
- _____ Curve-billed Thrasher*
- _____ Brown Thrasher
- _____ Crissal Thrasher*
- _____ Sage Thrasher
- _____ Northern Mockingbird*
- _____ European Starling
- _____ Cedar Waxwing
- _____ Phainopepla*
- _____ House Sparrow*
- _____ American Pipit
- _____ House Finch*
- _____ Pine Siskin
- _____ Lesser Goldfinch*
- _____ American Goldfinch
- _____ Green-tailed Towhee
- _____ Spotted Towhee
- _____ Rufous-crowned Sparrow
- _____ Canyon Towhee*
- _____ Cassin's Sparrow
- _____ Chipping Sparrow
- _____ Clay-colored Sparrow
- _____ Brewer's Sparrow
- _____ Field Sparrow
- _____ Black-chinned Sparrow*
- _____ Vesper Sparrow
- _____ Lark Sparrow
- _____ Black-throated Sparrow*
- _____ Sagebrush Sparrow
- _____ Lark Bunting
- _____ Savannah Sparrow
- _____ Grasshopper Sparrow
- _____ Fox Sparrow
- _____ Song Sparrow
- _____ Lincoln's Sparrow
- _____ Swamp Sparrow
- _____ White-throated Sparrow
- _____ White-crowned Sparrow
- _____ Dark-eyed Junco
- _____ Yellow-breasted Chat
- _____ Yellow-headed Blackbird
- _____ Eastern Meadowlark
- _____ Western Meadowlark
- _____ Orchard Oriole
- _____ Hooded Oriole
- _____ Baltimore Oriole



Blue Grosbeak*



Painted Bunting

- _____ Bullock's Oriole
- _____ Scott's Oriole
- _____ Red-winged Blackbird
- _____ Bronzed Cowbird
- _____ Brown-headed Cowbird
- _____ Brewer's Blackbird
- _____ Great-tailed Grackle
- _____ Louisiana Waterthrush
- _____ Northern Waterthrush
- _____ Black-and-white Warbler
- _____ Tennessee Warbler
- _____ Orange-crowned Warbler
- _____ Nashville Warbler
- _____ MacGillivray's Warbler
- _____ Common Yellowthroat
- _____ Black-throated Gray Warbler
- _____ Hooded Warbler
- _____ American Redstart
- _____ Yellow Warbler
- _____ Yellow-rumped Warbler
- _____ Townsend's Warbler
- _____ Wilson's Warbler
- _____ Painted Redstart
- _____ Hepatic Tanager
- _____ Summer Tanager
- _____ Western Tanager
- _____ Northern Cardinal*
- _____ Pyrrhuloxia*
- _____ Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- _____ Black-headed Grosbeak*
- _____ Blue Grosbeak*
- _____ Lazuli Bunting
- _____ Indigo Bunting
- _____ Varied Bunting
- _____ Painted Bunting
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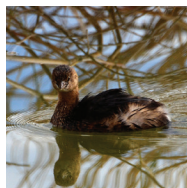
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CHECKLIST:
BIRDS
of the CHRISTMAS MOUNTAINS

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This checklist includes species observed frequently (at least once every three years) on the Christmas Mountains and in the surrounding area. Proximity to Mexico and major migratory flyways and varying climatic conditions may increase the likelihood for observing additional species regarded as "accidentals." Space is provided at the bottom of the list allowing notation of species that may infrequently occur.

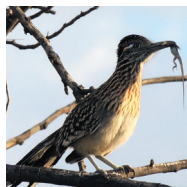
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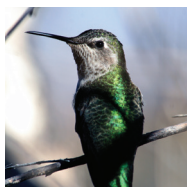
Pied-billed Grebe



White-ringed Dove



Greater Roadrunner*



Anna's Hummingbird

Order Anseriformes

- _____ Blue-winged Teal
- _____ Cinnamon Teal
- _____ Northern Shoveler
- _____ Gadwall
- _____ American Wigeon
- _____ Mallard
- _____ Northern Pintail
- _____ Green-winged Teal
- _____ Ring-necked Duck

Order Galliformes

- _____ Scaled Quail*

Order Podicipediformes

- _____ Pied-billed Grebe
- _____ Eared Grebe

Order Columbiformes

- _____ Rock (Dove) Pigeon*
- _____ Eurasian Collared-Dove*
- _____ Inca Dove
- _____ Common Ground-Dove*
- _____ White-winged Dove*
- _____ Mourning Dove*

Order Cuculiformes

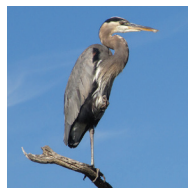
- _____ Yellow-billed Cuckoo
- _____ Greater Roadrunner*

Order Caprimulgiformes

- _____ Lesser Nighthawk*
- _____ Common Nighthawk
- _____ Common Poorwill
- _____ Mexican Whip-poor-will

Order Apodiformes

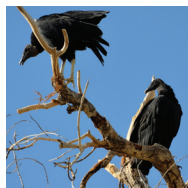
- _____ White-throated Swift
- _____ Lucifer Hummingbird*
- _____ Ruby-throated Hummingbird
- _____ Black-chinned Hummingbird*
- _____ Anna's Hummingbird
- _____ Costa's Hummingbird
- _____ Broad-tailed Hummingbird
- _____ Rufous Hummingbird



Great Blue Heron



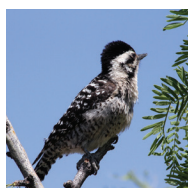
Green Heron



Black Vulture



The drawing of an Elf Owl, abundant in the Christmas Mountains, is by Sandra S. Chapman



Ladder-backed Woodpecker

- _____ Allen's Hummingbird
- _____ Calliope Hummingbird
- _____ Broad-billed Hummingbird

Order Gruiformes

- _____ Sandhill Crane

Order Charadriiformes

- _____ Killdeer
- _____ Upland Sandpiper
- _____ Least Sandpiper
- _____ Common Snipe
- _____ Wilson's Snipe
- _____ Spotted Sandpiper
- _____ Solitary Sandpiper
- _____ Laughing Gull

Order Pelecaniformes

- _____ Great Blue Heron
- _____ Great Egret
- _____ Reddish Egret
- _____ Green Heron

Order Cathartiformes

- _____ Black Vulture
- _____ Turkey Vulture*

Order Accipiteriformes

- _____ Osprey
- _____ Northern Harrier
- _____ Sharp-shinned Hawk
- _____ Cooper's Hawk
- _____ Swainson's Hawk
- _____ Zone-tailed Hawk
- _____ Red-tailed Hawk*
- _____ Golden Eagle

Order Strigiformes

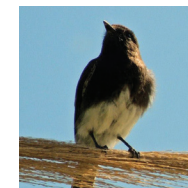
- _____ Barn Owl*
- _____ Western Screech Owl*
- _____ Great Horned Owl*
- _____ Elf Owl*
- _____ Burrowing Owl*

Order Coraciiformes

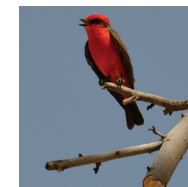
- _____ Belted Kingfisher
- _____ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
- _____ Red-naped Sapsucker
- _____ Northern Flicker
- _____ Acorn Woodpecker
- _____ Golden-fronted Woodpecker
- _____ Ladder-backed Woodpecker*

Order Falconiformes

- _____ Merlin
- _____ American Kestrel*
- _____ Prairie Falcon
- _____ Peregrine Falcon



Black Phoebe



Vermillion Flycatcher*



Ash-throated Flycatcher*



Bell's Vireo



Verdin*



Common Raven

Order Passeriformes

- _____ Olive-sided Flycatcher
- _____ Western Wood-Pewee
- _____ Willow Flycatcher
- _____ Least Flycatcher
- _____ Hammond's Flycatcher
- _____ Gray Flycatcher
- _____ Dusky Flycatcher
- _____ Cordilleran Flycatcher
- _____ Black Phoebe
- _____ Eastern Phoebe
- _____ Say's Phoebe*
- _____ Vermillion Flycatcher*
- _____ Ash-throated Flycatcher*
- _____ Brown-crested Flycatcher
- _____ Cassin's Kingbird
- _____ Western Kingbird
- _____ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
- _____ Loggerhead Shrike*
- _____ Bell's Vireo
- _____ Gray Vireo
- _____ Cassin's Vireo
- _____ Blue-headed Vireo
- _____ Plumbeous (Solitary) Vireo
- _____ Warbling Vireo
- _____ Red-eyed Vireo
- _____ Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay
- _____ Chihuahuan Raven
- _____ Common Raven
- _____ Tree Swallow
- _____ Violet-green Swallow
- _____ No. Rough-winged Swallow
- _____ Cliff Swallow
- _____ Cave Swallow
- _____ Barn Swallow*
- _____ Verdin*
- _____ Bushtit
- _____ Black-crested Titmouse
- _____ Red-breasted Nuthatch
- _____ Rock Wren*
- _____ Canyon Wren*
- _____ House Wren
- _____ Winter Wren
- _____ Bewick's Wren*
- _____ Cactus Wren*
- _____ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*
- _____ Black-tailed Gnatcatcher*
- _____ Ruby-crowned Kinglet
- _____ Western Bluebird
- _____ Mountain Bluebird