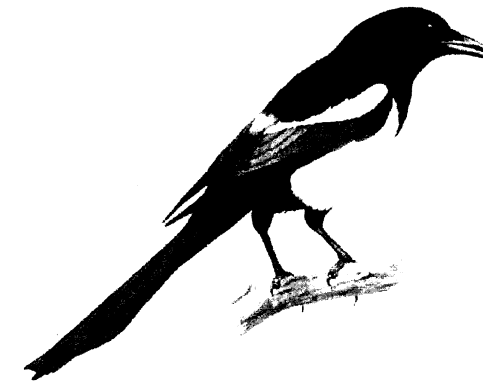


BIRDS OF COLFAX COUNTY NEW MEXICO



| | Wi | Sp | Su | Fa |
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| Red-eyed Vireo | | | R | R |
| JAYS, MAGPIES, CROWS | | | | |
| • Gray Jay | U | U | U | U |
| • Steller's Jay | FC | FC | FC | FC |
| • Blue Jay | U | U | R | U |
| • Western Scrub-Jay | FC | FC | FC | FC |
| • Pinyon Jay | U | U | U | U |
| • Clark's Nutcracker | U | U | U | U |
| • Black-billed Magpie | FC | FC | FC | FC |
| • American Crow | FC | FC | FC | FC |
| • Chihuahuan Raven | R | U | U | U |
| • Common Raven | C | C | C | C |
| LARKS | | | | |
| • Horned Lark | FC | FC | FC | FC |
| SWALLOWS | | | | |
| • Purple Martin | | U | U | U |
| • Tree Swallow | | U | U | U |
| • Violet-green Swallow | | FC | FC | FC |
| • N Rough-winged Swallow | | FC | FC | FC |
| • Bank Swallow | | U | R | U |
| • Cliff Swallow | | C | C | C |
| • Barn Swallow | | FC | R | FC |
| TITMICE | | | | |
| • Black-capped Chickadee | U | U | U | U |
| • Mountain Chickadee | FC | FC | FC | FC |
| • Juniper Titmouse | U | U | U | U |
| BUSHTITS | | | | |
| • Bushtit | U | U | U | U |
| NUTHATCHES | | | | |
| • Red-breasted Nuthatch | U | U | U | U |
| • White-breasted Nuthatch | FC | FC | FC | FC |
| • Pygmy Nuthatch | U | U | U | U |
| CREEPERS | | | | |
| • Brown Creeper | U | U | U | U |
| WRENS | | | | |
| • Rock Wren | U | FC | FC | FC |
| • Canyon Wren | U | U | U | U |
| • Bewick's Wren | U | U | U | U |
| • House Wren | | FC | FC | FC |
| • Winter Wren | R | | | U |
| • Marsh Wren | U | FC | U | FC |
| DIPPERS | | | | |
| • American Dipper | U | U | U | U |
| KINGLETS | | | | |
| • Golden-crowned Kinglet | U | U | U | U |
| • Ruby-crowned Kinglet | U | U | U | U |
| GNATCATCHERS | | | | |
| • Blue-gray Gnatcatcher | | U | U | U |
| THRUSHES | | | | |
| • Eastern Bluebird | U | U | | U |
| • Western Bluebird | FC | FC | U | FC |
| • Mountain Bluebird | FC | FC | U | FC |
| • Townsend's Solitaire | FC | U | U | U |
| • Hermit Thrush | | FC | FC | FC |
| • American Robin | FC | C | C | C |
| MOCKINGBIRDS, THRASHERS | | | | |
| • Gray Catbird | R | U | U | U |
| • Northern Mockingbird | R | C | C | C |
| • Sage Thrasher | R | U | R | U |

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|-------------------------------|----|----|----|----|
| Brown Thrasher | R | | R | R |
| Curve-billed Thrasher | | | R | |
| STARLINGS | | | | |
| • European Starling | C | C | C | C |
| PIPITS | | | | |
| • American Pipit | U | FC | U | FC |
| WAXWINGS | | | | |
| • Bohemian Waxwing | R | | | |
| • Cedar Waxwing | U | U | | U |
| WOOD WARBLERS | | | | |
| • Tennessee Warbler | | | | R |
| • Orange-crowned Warbler | | U | R | U |
| • Nashville Warbler | | R | | U |
| • Virginia's Warbler | | FC | FC | FC |
| • Yellow Warbler | | FC | FC | FC |
| • Magnolia Warbler | | | | R |
| • Yellow-rumped Warbler | R | FC | U | C |
| • Black-throated Gray Warbler | | R | R | R |
| • Townsend's Warbler | | | | U |
| • Grace's Warbler | | | R | |
| • Pine Warbler | | | | R |
| • Prairie Warbler | | | R | |
| • Palm Warbler | | | | R |
| • Black-and-white Warbler | | R | | R |
| • American Redstart | | | R | |
| • Northern Waterthrush | | R | | R |
| • MacGillivray's Warbler | | U | U | U |
| • Common Yellowthroat | | FC | FC | FC |
| • Wilson's Warbler | | FC | R | FC |
| • Yellow-breasted Chat | | U | U | U |
| TANAGERS | | | | |
| • Hepatic Tanager | | R | R | R |
| • Scarlet Tanager | | | R | |
| • Western Tanager | | FC | FC | FC |
| SPARROWS | | | | |
| • Green-tailed Towhee | | U | U | U |
| • Spotted Towhee | U | FC | FC | FC |
| • Canyon Towhee | U | U | U | U |
| • Cassin's Sparrow | | U | U | U |
| • American Tree Sparrow | FC | U | | U |
| • Chipping Sparrow | | FC | U | C |
| • Clay-colored Sparrow | | U | | U |
| • Brewer's Sparrow | | U | U | U |
| • Vesper Sparrow | | C | C | C |
| • Lark Sparrow | | FC | FC | FC |
| • Black-throated Sparrow | | R | | |
| • Sage Sparrow | | U | | U |
| • Lark Bunting | | FC | U | FC |
| • Savannah Sparrow | | FC | FC | FC |
| • Grasshopper Sparrow | | U | U | U |
| • Fox Sparrow | R | | | |
| • Song Sparrow | FC | FC | U | FC |
| • Lincoln's Sparrow | U | U | R | U |
| • Swamp Sparrow | R | U | | U |
| • White-throated Sparrow | | | | U |
| • Harris's Sparrow | | U | | U |
| • White-crowned Sparrow | FC | C | R | C |
| • Dark-eyed Junco | C | FC | FC | C |
| • McCown's Longspur | | | | R |

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| Lapland Longspur | U | U | | |
| Chestnut-collared Longspur | R | U | | U |
| Snow Bunting | | | | R |
| CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS | | | | |
| • Northern Cardinal | R | R | | |
| • Rose-breasted Grosbeak | | U | | |
| • Black-headed Grosbeak | | FC | FC | FC |
| • Blue Grosbeak | | FC | FC | FC |
| • Lazuli Bunting | | U | U | U |
| • Indigo Bunting | | U | U | U |
| • Dickcissel | | R | R | U |
| BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES | | | | |
| • Bobolink | | | R | R |
| • Red-winged Blackbird | FC | C | C | C |
| • Eastern Meadowlark | | R | R | |
| • Western Meadowlark | U | C | C | C |
| • Yellow-headed Blackbird | | FC | FC | FC |
| • Brewer's Blackbird | U | FC | FC | FC |
| • Common Grackle | R | C | C | C |
| • Great-tailed Grackle | R | U | U | U |
| • Brown-headed Cowbird | U | C | C | C |
| • Orchard Oriole | | R | R | |
| • Bullock's Oriole | | C | C | C |
| • Baltimore Oriole | | R | | |
| FINCHES | | | | |
| • Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch | U | U | | |
| • Black Rosy-Finch | U | U | | |
| • Brown-capped Rosy-Finch | U | U | R | R |
| • Pine Grosbeak | U | U | U | U |
| • Cassin's Finch | U | U | U | U |
| • House Finch | C | C | C | C |
| • Red Crossbill | U | U | U | U |
| • Pine Siskin | C | C | FC | C |
| • Lesser Goldfinch | R | FC | FC | C |
| • American Goldfinch | FC | C | U | C |
| • Evening Grosbeak | FC | FC | U | FC |
| OLD WORLD SPARROWS | | | | |
| • House Sparrow | C | C | C | C |

Sightings of unlisted species and those designated as R (rare) warrant documentation. Observers are encouraged to send their reports with complete details to: New Mexico Bird Records Committee, 1819 Meadowview Dr. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104. Accompanying audio, video, and photograph evidence is most desirable, but not returnable. Two sources for current information about Colfax County and statewide bird sightings are: (1) the New Mexico Rare Bird Alert (NMRBA) at 505-884-3269, and (2) www.birdr.com (click New Mexico on the menu). You can also report your unusual sightings at the NMRBA or email pinyonjay@aol.com.

Order this checklist by sending \$.50 per copy and a self-addressed, stamped business envelope to Angel Fire Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 547, Angel Fire, NM 87710, or download from www.AngelFireChamber.org

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COLFAX COUNTY FACTS

Area: 3,771 square miles
 Highest Point: 12,584 ft. Little Costilla Peak
 Lowest Point: 5,560 ft. at southernmost point of the Canadian River
 Number of documented bird species: 339

KEY PUBLIC ACCESS LOCATIONS

Carson National Forest
 Cimarron Canyon State Park
 Eagle Nest Lake State Park
 Maxwell National Wildlife Refuge
 Springer Lake
 Stubblefield Dam
 Sugarite Canyon State Park

- Breeds in Colfax County.
- C Common: Unlikely to be missed in suitable habitat.
- FC Fairly Common: Includes locally common as well as irruptive species; some species may only be present in numbers for part of the season.
- U Uncommon: A very broad category that includes residents that are present but usually hard to find, and migrants that may only be present for short periods of time.
- R Rare: At best, one sighting per season; gaps in occurrence may extend over many years.
- Wi Winter: December, January, February.
- Sp Spring: March, April, May
- Su Summer: June, July
- Fa Fall: August, September, October, November

| | Wi | Sp | Su | Fa | | Wi | Sp | Su | Fa | | Wi | Sp | Su | Fa | | Wi | Sp | Su | Fa | | |
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| LOONS | | | | | Bufflehead | FC | FC | R | FC | Upland Sandpiper | | | | | | Short-eared Owl | R | | | R | |
| Red-throated Loon | | | | R | Common Goldeneye | FC | FC | | FC | Whimbrel | | | | | | Boreal Owl | | | | R | |
| Pacific Loon | R | R | | U | Barrow's Goldeneye | R | R | | | • Long-billed Curlew | | | U | U | U | • Northern Saw-Whet Owl | U | U | U | U | |
| Common Loon | R | U | R | U | Hooded Merganser | U | U | R | U | Hudsonian Godwit | | | R | | | <u>NIGHTHAWKS, NIGHTJARS</u> | | | | | |
| Yellow-billed Loon | | | | R | • Common Merganser | U | FC | U | FC | Marbled Godwit | | | U | U | U | • Common Nighthawk | | | FC | FC | FC |
| GREBES | | | | | Red-breasted Merganser | U | U | | U | Ruddy Turnstone | | | R | | | • Common Poorwill | | | U | U | U |
| • Pied-billed Grebe | R | FC | FC | FC | • Ruddy Duck | U | FC | FC | C | Red Knot | | | | | | Whip-poor-will | | | R | R | |
| Horned Grebe | | U | | U | <u>KITES, EAGLES, HAWKS</u> | | | | | Sanderling | | | U | R | U | <u>SWIFTS</u> | | | | | |
| • Eared Grebe | R | FC | U | FC | Osprey | | | U | U | Semipalmated Sandpiper | | | U | R | U | Chimney Swift | | | R | R | |
| • Western Grebe | R | FC | U | FC | Mississippi Kite | | | | R | Western Sandpiper | | | FC | U | FC | • White-throated Swift | | | U | U | U |
| • Clark's Grebe | | U | U | U | • Bald Eagle | FC | U | U | U | Least Sandpiper | | | FC | U | FC | <u>HUMMINGBIRDS</u> | | | | | |
| PELICANS | | | | | • Northern Harrier | U | U | R | U | White-rumped Sandpiper | | | U | R | | Blue-throated Hummingbird | | | | | R |
| American White Pelican | | U | U | FC | • Sharp-shinned Hawk | U | U | U | U | Baird's Sandpiper | R | | FC | U | FC | Magnificent Hummingbird | | | | | R |
| CORMORANTS | | | | | • Cooper's Hawk | U | U | U | U | Pectoral Sandpiper | | | | | | • Black-chinned Hummingbird | | | FC | FC | FC |
| Neotropic Cormorant | | R | R | R | • Northern Goshawk | U | U | U | U | Dunlin | | | U | | R | Calliope Hummingbird | | | | | U |
| Double-crested Cormorant | | FC | U | FC | Common Black-Hawk | | | | R | Stilt Sandpiper | | | U | U | U | • Broad-tailed Hummingbird | | | FC | FC | FC |
| BITTERN, HERONS | | | | | Red-shouldered Hawk | | | | R | Short-billed Dowitcher | | | | U | U | Rufous Hummingbird | | | | | FC |
| American Bittern | | | | R | • Swainson's Hawk | | | FC | C | Long-billed Dowitcher | | | FC | U | FC | <u>KINGFISHERS</u> | | | | | |
| Least Bittern | | R | R | | • Red-tailed Hawk | FC | FC | FC | FC | • Wilson's Snipe | R | | U | U | U | • Belted Kingfisher | U | U | U | U | U |
| Great Blue Heron | U | FC | U | FC | • Ferruginous Hawk | FC | U | U | U | Wilson's Phalarope | | | FC | U | FC | <u>WOODPECKERS</u> | | | | | |
| Great Egret | | U | R | R | • Rough-legged Hawk | FC | U | | U | Red-necked Phalarope | | | U | R | U | • Lewis's Woodpecker | R | U | U | U | U |
| Snowy Egret | | U | U | U | • Golden Eagle | U | U | U | U | Red Phalarope | | | | R | R | Acorn Woodpecker | | | | | R |
| Little Blue Heron | | | | R | <u>FALCONS</u> | | | | | <u>GULLS, TERNS</u> | | | | | | Red-headed Woodpecker | | | | | R |
| Reddish Egret | | | R | R | • American Kestrel | FC | FC | U | FC | Long-tailed Jaeger | | | | R | R | • Williamson's Sapsucker | U | U | U | U | U |
| Cattle Egret | | U | | U | Merlin | U | U | | U | Laughing Gull | | | R | R | | Yellow-bellied Sapsucker | | | | | R |
| Green Heron | | U | U | U | • Peregrine Falcon | R | U | U | U | Franklin's Gull | | | FC | U | FC | • Red-naped Sapsucker | U | U | U | U | U |
| Black-crowned Night-Heron | | U | U | U | • Prairie Falcon | U | U | U | U | Bonaparte's Gull | R | | FC | R | U | • Ladder-backed Woodpecker | R | U | U | U | U |
| IBISES | | | | | <u>PHEASANTS, GROUSE, TURKEYS</u> | | | | | Mew Gull | | | R | | | • Downy Woodpecker | FC | FC | FC | FC | FC |
| White Ibis | | R | | | • Ring-necked Pheasant | R | R | R | R | Ring-billed Gull | U | | FC | U | FC | • Hairy Woodpecker | FC | FC | FC | FC | FC |
| Glossy Ibis | | R | | | • White-tailed Ptarmigan | R | R | R | R | California Gull | R | | U | U | U | • American Three-toed Woodpecker | R | R | R | R | R |
| White-faced Ibis | | FC | U | FC | • Blue Grouse | U | U | U | U | Herring Gull | U | | U | U | U | • Northern Flicker | C | C | C | C | C |
| AMERICAN VULTURES | | | | | • Wild Turkey | FC | FC | FC | FC | Thayer's Gull | | | | | R | <u>TYRANT FLYCATCHERS</u> | | | | | |
| • Turkey Vulture | | FC | FC | FC | <u>QUAIL</u> | | | | | Glaucous Gull | R | | | | | • Olive-sided Flycatcher | | | U | R | U |
| DUCKS, GEESE, SWANS | | | | | • Scaled Quail | U | U | U | U | Sabine's Gull | | | | | U | • Western Wood-Pewee | | | C | C | C |
| Black-bellied Whistling-Duck | R | | R | | <u>RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS</u> | | | | | Black-legged Kittiwake | | | | | R | • Willow Flycatcher | | | U | U | U |
| Greater White-fronted Goose | U | U | R | U | Black Rail | | | | | Caspian Tern | | | | | R | Least Flycatcher | | | | | R |
| Snow Goose | U | U | | FC | • Virginia Rail | U | U | U | U | Common Tern | | | | | U | • Hammond's Flycatcher | | | U | U | U |
| Ross's Goose | U | U | | FC | Sora | | | U | U | Arctic Tern | | | | | R | • Gray Flycatcher | | | U | U | U |
| Cackling Goose | U | U | | U | Common Moorhen | | | R | | Forster's Tern | | | U | U | U | • Dusky Flycatcher | | | U | U | U |
| • Canada Goose | C | C | C | C | • American Coot | U | FC | C | C | Black Tern | | | U | U | FC | • Cordilleran Flycatcher | | | FC | FC | FC |
| Tundra Swan | U | U | | U | <u>CRANES</u> | | | | | <u>PIGEONS, DOVES</u> | | | | | | • Black Phoebe | | | U | U | U |
| Wood Duck | R | U | R | U | Sandhill Crane | U | U | | FC | • Rock Pigeon | FC | FC | FC | FC | | Eastern Phoebe | | | R | | R |
| • Gadwall | FC | C | FC | C | <u>PLOVERS</u> | | | | | • Band-tailed Pigeon | | | U | U | U | • Say's Phoebe | | | C | C | C |
| Eurasian Wigeon | | | | R | Black-bellied Plover | | | U | U | • Eurasian Collared-Dove | U | U | U | U | | Vermilion Flycatcher | | | | | R |
| • American Wigeon | FC | C | U | C | American Golden-Plover | | | | R | • White-winged Dove | R | R | R | | | • Ash-throated Flycatcher | | | U | U | U |
| Mallard | C | C | FC | C | • Snowy Plover | | | U | R | • Mourning Dove | U | C | C | C | | • Cassin's Kingbird | | | FC | FC | FC |
| • Blue-winged Teal | | FC | U | U | Semipalmated Plover | R | U | U | U | Inca Dove | | | | R | | • Western Kingbird | | | FC | FC | FC |
| • Cinnamon Teal | R | C | FC | C | Piping Plover | | | R | R | <u>CUCKOOS, ROADRUNNERS</u> | | | | | | • Eastern Kingbird | | | U | U | U |
| Northern Shoveler | FC | C | U | C | • Killdeer | U | FC | FC | FC | • Yellow-billed Cuckoo | | | R | R | R | Scissor-tailed Flycatcher | | | | | R |
| Northern Pintail | FC | C | U | FC | • Mountain Plover | | | U | U | • Greater Roadrunner | U | U | U | U | | <u>SHRIKES</u> | | | | | |
| • Green-winged Teal | FC | C | U | C | <u>STILTS, AVOCETS</u> | | | | | <u>BARN-OWLS</u> | | | | | | • Loggerhead Shrike | U | U | U | U | U |
| • Canvasback | FC | C | R | FC | Black-necked Stilt | | | U | R | • Barn Owl | U | U | U | U | | Northern Shrike | U | R | | | |
| • Redhead | FC | C | FC | FC | • American Avocet | | | FC | U | FC | | | | | | <u>VIREOS</u> | | | | | |
| Ring-necked Duck | U | FC | U | FC | <u>SANDPIPERS, PHALAROPES</u> | | | | | • Flamulated Owl | | | U | U | U | White-eyed Vireo | | | | | R |
| Greater Scaup | U | U | | U | Greater Yellowlegs | | | FC | U | FC | U | U | U | U | | Yellow-throated Vireo | | | R | | U |
| Lesser Scaup | U | FC | U | FC | Lesser Yellowlegs | | | FC | U | FC | FC | U | FC | FC | FC | FC | FC | FC | FC | FC | FC |
| Surf Scoter | | R | | R | Solitary Sandpiper | | | U | U | U | U | U | U | U | | Cassin's Vireo | | | | | R |
| White-winged Scoter | | | | R | Willet | | | U | R | U | | | | | | Blue-headed Vireo | | | | | R |
| Long-tailed Duck | R | | | R | • Spotted Sandpiper | | | FC | FC | FC | | | U | U | U | • Warbling Vireo | | | FC | FC | FC |