

White Sands Missile Range

Bird List

Total Species: 313

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All common and scientific names from:
Chesser et al. (2022) *Checklist of North American Birds*

Order Anseriformes

Family Anatidae

Black-bellied Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna autumnalis</i>
Snow Goose	<i>Anser caerulescens</i>
Ross's Goose	<i>Anser rossii</i>
Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>
Wood Duck	<i>Aix sponsa</i>
Blue-winged Teal	<i>Spatula discors</i>
Cinnamon Teal	<i>Spatula cyanoptera</i>
Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>
Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>
American Wigeon	<i>Mareca americana</i>
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>

	Mexican Duck	<i>Anas diazi</i>
	American Black Duck	<i>Anas rubripes</i>
	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>
	Green-winged Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>
	Canvasback	<i>Aythya valisineria</i>
	Redhead	<i>Aythya americana</i>
	Ring-necked Duck	<i>Aythya collaris</i>
	Lesser Scaup	<i>Aythya affinis</i>
	Bufflehead	<i>Bucephala albeola</i>
	Common Merganser	<i>Mergus merganser</i>
	Ruddy Duck	<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>
Order Galliformes		
Family Odontophoridae	Scaled Quail	<i>Callipepla squamata</i>
	Gambel's Quail	<i>Callipepla gambelii</i>
	Montezuma Quail	<i>Cyrtonyx montezumae</i>
Family Phasianidae	Wild Turkey	<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>
Order Podicipediformes		
Family Podicipedidae	Pied-billed Grebe	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>
	Eared Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>
	Western Grebe	<i>Aechmophorus occidentalis</i>
Order Columbiformes		
Family Columbidae	Clark's Grebe	<i>Aechmophorus clarkii</i>
	Rock Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>
	Band-tailed Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas fasciata</i>
	Eurasian Collared-Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>
	Inca Dove	<i>Columbina inca</i>
	Common Ground Dove	<i>Columbina passerina</i>
	White-winged Dove	<i>Zenaida asiatica</i>
Order Cuculiformes		
Family Cuculidae	Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>
	Greater Roadrunner	<i>Geococcyx californianus</i>
Order Caprimulgiformes		
Family Caprimulgidae	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>
	Lesser Nighthawk	<i>Chordeiles acutipennis</i>

	Common Nighthawk	<i>Chordeiles minor</i>
Order Apodiformes		
Family Apodidae	Common Poorwill	<i>Phalaenoptilus nuttallii</i>
Family Trochilidae	White-throated Swift	<i>Aeronautes saxatalis</i>
	Rivoli's Hummingbird	<i>Eugenes fulgens</i>
	Black-chinned Hummingbird	<i>Archilochus alexandri</i>
	Anna's Hummingbird	<i>Calypte anna</i>
	Costa's Hummingbird	<i>Calypte costae</i>
	Calliope Hummingbird	<i>Selasphorus calliope</i>
	Rufous Hummingbird	<i>Selasphorus rufus</i>
Order Gruiformes		
Family Rallidae	Broad-tailed Hummingbird	<i>Selasphorus platycercus</i>
	Virginia Rail	<i>Rallus limicola</i>
	Sora	<i>Porzana carolina</i>
	Common Gallinule	<i>Gallinula galeata</i>
Family Gruidae	American Coot	<i>Fulica americana</i>
Order Charadriiformes		
Family Recurvirostridae	Sandhill Crane	<i>Antigone canadensis</i>
	Black-necked Stilt	<i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>
Family Charadriidae	American Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra americana</i>
	Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>
	Semipalmated Plover	<i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>
	Mountain Plover	<i>Charadrius montanus</i>
	Snowy Plover	<i>Charadrius nivosus</i>
Family Scolopacidae	Upland Sandpiper	<i>Bartramia longicauda</i>
	Long-billed Curlew	<i>Numenius americanus</i>
	Marbled Godwit	<i>Limosa fedoa</i>
	Stilt Sandpiper	<i>Calidris himantopus</i>
	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>
	Baird's Sandpiper	<i>Calidris bairdii</i>
	Least Sandpiper	<i>Calidris minutilla</i>
	Pectoral Sandpiper	<i>Calidris melanotos</i>
	Semipalmated Sandpiper	<i>Calidris pusilla</i>
	Western Sandpiper	<i>Calidris mauri</i>

	Long-billed Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus scolopaceus</i>
	Wilson's Snipe	<i>Gallinago delicata</i>
	Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularius</i>
	Solitary Sandpiper	<i>Tringa solitaria</i>
	Lesser Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa flavipes</i>
	Willet	<i>Tringa semipalmata</i>
	Greater Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>
	Wilson's Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus tricolor</i>
Family Laridae	Franklin's Gull	<i>Leucophaeus pipixcan</i>
	Ring-billed Gull	<i>Larus delawarensis</i>
	Least Tern	<i>Sternula antillarum</i>
	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>
	Forster's Tern	<i>Sterna forsteri</i>
Order Gaviiformes		
Family Gaviidae	Common Loon	<i>Gavia immer</i>
Order Suliformes		
Family Phalacrocoracidae	Double-crested Cormorant	<i>Nannopterum auritum</i>
	Neotropic Cormorant	<i>Nannopterum brasilianum</i>
Order Pelecaniformes		
Family Pelecanidae	American White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>
	Brown Pelican	<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>
Family Ardeidae	American Bittern	<i>Botaurus lentiginosus</i>
	Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>
	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>
	Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>
	Little Blue Heron	<i>Egretta caerulea</i>
	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
	Green Heron	<i>Butorides virescens</i>
	Black-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
Family Threskiornithidae	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
	White-faced Ibis	<i>Plegadis chihi</i>
Order Cathartiformes		
Family Cathartidae	Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>
Order Accipitriformes		

Family Pandionidae

Osprey

*Pandion haliaetus***Family Accipitridae**

White-tailed Kite

Elanus leucurus

Golden Eagle

Aquila chrysaetos

Northern Harrier

Circus hudsonius

Sharp-shinned Hawk

Accipiter striatus

Cooper's Hawk

Accipiter cooperii

Bald Eagle

Haliaeetus leucocephalus

Harris's Hawk

Parabuteo unicinctus

Swainson's Hawk

Buteo swainsoni

Zone-tailed Hawk

Buteo albonotatus

Red-tailed Hawk

Buteo jamaicensis

Rough-legged Hawk

Buteo lagopus

Ferruginous Hawk

*Buteo regalis***Order Strigiformes****Family Tytonidae**

Barn Owl

*Tyto alba***Family Strigidae**

Flammulated Owl

Psilosops flammeolus

Western Screech-Owl

Megascops kennicottii

Great Horned Owl

Bubo virginianus

Northern Pygmy-Owl

Glaucidium gnoma

Elf Owl

Micrathene whitneyi

Burrowing Owl

Athene cunicularia

Long-eared Owl

Asio otus

Northern Saw-whet Owl

*Aegolius acadicus***Order Coraciiformes****Family Alcedinidae**

Belted Kingfisher

*Megaceryle alcyon***Order Piciformes****Family Picidae**

Lewis's Woodpecker

Melanerpes lewis

Acorn Woodpecker

Melanerpes formicivorus

Williamson's Sapsucker

Sphyrapicus thyroideus

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

Sphyrapicus varius

Red-naped Sapsucker

Sphyrapicus nuchalis

Ladder-backed Woodpecker

Dryobates scalaris

Hairy Woodpecker

Dryobates villosus

Northern Flicker

Colaptes auratus

Order Falconiformes

Family Falconidae	American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>
	Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>
	Aplomado Falcon	<i>Falco femoralis</i>
	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
	Prairie Falcon	<i>Falco mexicanus</i>

Order Passeriformes

Family Tyrannidae	Ash-throated Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus cinerascens</i>
	Great Crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus crinitus</i>
	Great Kiskadee	<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>
	Cassin's Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus vociferans</i>
	Western Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus verticalis</i>
	Eastern Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus tyrannus</i>
	Olive-sided Flycatcher	<i>Contopus cooperi</i>
	Western Wood-Pewee	<i>Contopus sordidulus</i>
	Willow Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax traillii</i>
	Least Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax minimus</i>
	Hammond's Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax hammondi</i>
	Gray Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax wrightii</i>
	Dusky Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax oberholseri</i>
	Cordilleran Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax occidentalis</i>
	Black Phoebe	<i>Sayornis nigricans</i>
	Eastern Phoebe	<i>Sayornis phoebe</i>
	Say's Phoebe	<i>Sayornis saya</i>
	Vermilion Flycatcher	<i>Pyrocephalus rubinus</i>
Family Vireonidae	White-eyed Vireo	<i>Vireo griseus</i>
	Bell's Vireo	<i>Vireo bellii</i>
	Gray Vireo	<i>Vireo vicinior</i>
	Hutton's Vireo	<i>Vireo huttoni</i>
	Cassin's Vireo	<i>Vireo cassinii</i>
	Blue-headed Vireo	<i>Vireo solitarius</i>
	Plumbeous Vireo	<i>Vireo plumbeus</i>
	Warbling Vireo	<i>Vireo gilvus</i>
	Red-eyed Vireo	<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>

Family Laniidae	Loggerhead Shrike	<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>
Family Corvidae	Pinyon Jay	<i>Gymnorhinus cyanocephalus</i>
	Steller's Jay	<i>Cyanocitta stelleri</i>
	Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay	<i>Aphelocoma woodhouseii</i>
	Clark's Nutcracker	<i>Nucifraga columbiana</i>
	American Crow	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>
	Chihuahuan Raven	<i>Corvus cryptoleucus</i>
	Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>
Family Remizidae	Verdin	<i>Auriparus flaviceps</i>
Family Paridae	Mountain Chickadee	<i>Poecile gambeli</i>
	Juniper Titmouse	<i>Baeolophus ridgwayi</i>
Family Alaudidae	Horned Lark	<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>
Family Hirundinidae	Bank Swallow	<i>Riparia riparia</i>
	Tree Swallow	<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>
	Violet-green Swallow	<i>Tachycineta thalassina</i>
	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>
	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
	Cliff Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon pyrrhonota</i>
Family Aegithalidae	Bushtit	<i>Psaltiriparus minimus</i>
Family Regulidae	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<i>Corthylio calendula</i>
	Golden-crowned Kinglet	<i>Regulus satrapa</i>
Family Bombycillidae	Cedar Waxwing	<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>
Family Ptiliogonatidae	Phainopepla	<i>Phainopepla nitens</i>
Family Sittidae	Red-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta canadensis</i>
	White-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>
	Pygmy Nuthatch	<i>Sitta pygmaea</i>
Family Certhiidae	Brown Creeper	<i>Certhia americana</i>
Family Polioptilidae	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	<i>Polioptila caerulea</i>
	Black-tailed Gnatcatcher	<i>Polioptila melanura</i>
Family Troglodytidae	Rock Wren	<i>Salpinctes obsoletus</i>
	Canyon Wren	<i>Catherpes mexicanus</i>
	Cactus Wren	<i>Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus</i>
	Bewick's Wren	<i>Thryomanes bewickii</i>

	House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>
	Winter Wren	<i>Troglodytes hiemalis</i>
	Marsh Wren	<i>Cistothorus palustris</i>
Family Mimidae	Gray Catbird	<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>
	Curve-billed Thrasher	<i>Toxostoma curvirostre</i>
	Brown Thrasher	<i>Toxostoma rufum</i>
	Crissal Thrasher	<i>Toxostoma crissale</i>
	Sage Thrasher	<i>Oreoscoptes montanus</i>
	Northern Mockingbird	<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>
Family Sturnidae	European Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>
Family Cinclidae	American Dipper	<i>Cinclus mexicanus</i>
Family Turdidae	Eastern Bluebird	<i>Sialia sialis</i>
	Western Bluebird	<i>Sialia mexicana</i>
	Mountain Bluebird	<i>Sialia currucoides</i>
	Townsend's Solitaire	<i>Myadestes townsendi</i>
	Swainson's Thrush	<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>
	Hermit Thrush	<i>Catharus guttatus</i>
	American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>
	Varied Thrush	<i>Ixoreus naevius</i>
Family Passeridae	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
Family Motacillidae	American Pipit	<i>Anthus rubescens</i>
	Sprague's Pipit	<i>Anthus spragueii</i>
Family Fringillidae	Evening Grosbeak	<i>Coccothraustes vespertinus</i>
	House Finch	<i>Haemorhous mexicanus</i>
	Cassin's Finch	<i>Haemorhous cassinii</i>
	Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>
	Pine Siskin	<i>Spinus pinus</i>
	Lesser Goldfinch	<i>Spinus psaltria</i>
	Lawrence's Goldfinch	<i>Spinus lawrencei</i>
	American Goldfinch	<i>Spinus tristis</i>
	Chestnut-collared Longspur	<i>Calcarius ornatus</i>
Family Calcaridae	Thick-billed Longspur	<i>Rhynchophanes mccownii</i>
	Cassin's Sparrow	<i>Peucaea cassinii</i>
Family Passerellidae	Grasshopper Sparrow	<i>Ammodramus savannarum</i>

Black-throated Sparrow	<i>Amphispiza bilineata</i>
Lark Sparrow	<i>Chondestes grammacus</i>
Lark Bunting	<i>Calamospiza melanocorys</i>
Chipping Sparrow	<i>Spizella passerina</i>
Clay-colored Sparrow	<i>Spizella pallida</i>
Black-chinned Sparrow	<i>Spizella atrogularis</i>
Brewer's Sparrow	<i>Spizella breweri</i>
Fox Sparrow	<i>Passerella iliaca</i>
Dark-eyed Junco	<i>Junco hyemalis</i>
White-crowned Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>
Golden-crowned Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia atricapilla</i>
Harris's Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia querula</i>
White-throated Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia albicollis</i>
Sagebrush Sparrow	<i>Artemisiospiza nevadensis</i>
Vesper Sparrow	<i>Pooecetes gramineus</i>
Savannah Sparrow	<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>
Song Sparrow	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>
Lincoln's Sparrow	<i>Melospiza lincolnii</i>
Swamp Sparrow	<i>Melospiza georgiana</i>
Canyon Towhee	<i>Melospiza fusca</i>
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	<i>Aimophila ruficeps</i>
Green-tailed Towhee	<i>Pipilo chlorurus</i>
Spotted Towhee	<i>Pipilo maculatus</i>
Family Icteriidae Yellow-breasted Chat	<i>Icteria virens</i>
Yellow-headed Blackbird	<i>Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus</i>
Bobolink	<i>Dolichonyx oryzivorus</i>
Chihuahuan Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella lilianae</i>
Eastern Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella magna</i>
Western Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella neglecta</i>
Orchard Oriole	<i>Icterus spurius</i>
Hooded Oriole	<i>Icterus cucullatus</i>
Bullock's Oriole	<i>Icterus bullockii</i>
Baltimore Oriole	<i>Icterus galbula</i>

	Scott's Oriole	<i>Icterus parisorum</i>
	Red-winged Blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>
	Bronzed Cowbird	<i>Molothrus aeneus</i>
	Brown-headed Cowbird	<i>Molothrus ater</i>
	Rusty Blackbird	<i>Euphagus carolinus</i>
	Brewer's Blackbird	<i>Euphagus cyanocephalus</i>
	Common Grackle	<i>Quiscalus quiscula</i>
	Great-tailed Grackle	<i>Quiscalus mexicanus</i>
Family Parulidae	Ovenbird	<i>Seiurus aurocapilla</i>
	Louisiana Waterthrush	<i>Parkesia motacilla</i>
	Northern Waterthrush	<i>Parkesia noveboracensis</i>
	Blue-winged Warbler	<i>Vermivora cyanoptera</i>
	Black-and-white Warbler	<i>Mniotilta varia</i>
	Orange-crowned Warbler	<i>Leiothlypis celata</i>
	Lucy's Warbler	<i>Leiothlypis luciae</i>
	Nashville Warbler	<i>Leiothlypis ruficapilla</i>
	Virginia's Warbler	<i>Leiothlypis virginiae</i>
	MacGillivray's Warbler	<i>Geothlypis tolmiei</i>
	Mourning Warbler	<i>Geothlypis philadelphia</i>
	Kentucky Warbler	<i>Geothlypis formosa</i>
	Common Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>
	Hooded Warbler	<i>Setophaga citrina</i>
	American Redstart	<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>
	Northern Parula	<i>Setophaga americana</i>
	Blackburnian Warbler	<i>Setophaga fusca</i>
	Yellow Warbler	<i>Setophaga petechia</i>
	Chestnut-sided Warbler	<i>Setophaga pensylvanica</i>
	Black-throated Blue Warbler	<i>Setophaga caerulescens</i>
	Palm Warbler	<i>Setophaga palmarum</i>
	Yellow-rumped Warbler	<i>Setophaga coronata</i>
	Grace's Warbler	<i>Setophaga graciae</i>
	Black-throated Gray Warbler	<i>Setophaga nigrescens</i>
	Townsend's Warbler	<i>Setophaga townsendi</i>
	Hermit Warbler	<i>Setophaga occidentalis</i>

Family Cardinalidae	Wilson's Warbler	<i>Cardellina pusilla</i>
	Red-faced Warbler	<i>Cardellina rubrifrons</i>
	Painted Redstart	<i>Myioborus pictus</i>
	Hepatic Tanager	<i>Piranga flava</i>
	Summer Tanager	<i>Piranga rubra</i>
	Scarlet Tanager	<i>Piranga olivacea</i>
	Western Tanager	<i>Piranga ludoviciana</i>
	Pyrrhuloxia	<i>Cardinalis sinuatus</i>
	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>
	Black-headed Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus melanocephalus</i>
	Blue Grosbeak	<i>Passerina caerulea</i>
	Lazuli Bunting	<i>Passerina amoena</i>
	Indigo Bunting	<i>Passerina cyanea</i>
	Varied Bunting	<i>Passerina versicolor</i>
	Painted Bunting	<i>Passerina ciris</i>
	Dickcissel	<i>Spiza americana</i>