

Bird Checklist for the Granite Mountains

Currently there are 159 species on the checklist, representing species confirmed to occur in the Granite Mountains as residents, migrants, or vagrants. Resident (R) = present all year, breeds in the Granites (or area); Summer Resident (SR) = present in summer (spring-fall) and breeds in the Granites; Winter Resident (WR) = consistent presence in winter; Non-breeding Migrant (M) = present seasonally (inconsistent or for short duration), does not breed in Granites; Vagrant (V) = accidental, very unusual, presence is not predictable, or historic records only. (!) = non-native to area; (*) = direct evidence has been observed for nesting/breeding in the Granites. A pdf version of this checklist can be downloaded here: [GMBird Checklist NOV2012](#). We also have a booklet titled "Common Birds of the Sweeney Granite Mountains Desert Research Center", available at the reserve. If you are interested in obtaining one please contact a staff member.

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Checklist for Birds of the Granite Mountains (last updated Nov. 2012)

UPLAND GAME BIRDS

R	!	Chukar	<i>Alectoris chukar</i>
R		Mountain Quail	<i>Oreortyx pictus</i>
R	*	Gambel's Quail	<i>Callipepla gambelii</i>

DIURNAL RAPTORS

SR		Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>
M		Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
M		Northern Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>
WR		Sharp-shinned Hawk	<i>Accipiter striatus</i>
R		Cooper's Hawk	<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>
M		Swainson's Hawk	<i>Buteo swainsoni</i>
SR	*	Zone-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo albonotatus</i>

R	* Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>
WR	Ferruginous Hawk	<i>Buteo regalis</i>
WR	Rough-legged Hawk	<i>Buteo lagopus</i>
R	* Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>
R	* American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>
M	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
R	Prairie Falcon	<i>Falco mexicanus</i>
PIGEONS & DOVES		
R	! Rock Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>
V	Band-tailed Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas fasciata</i>
SR	White-winged Dove	<i>Zenaida asiatica</i>
R	* Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>
R	! Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>
CUCKOOS & RELATIVES		
R	* Greater Roadrunner	<i>Geococcyx californianus</i>
OWLS		
R	Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>
R	* Western Screech-Owl	<i>Megascops kennicottii</i>
R	* Great Horned Owl	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>
R	Burrowing Owl	<i>Athene cunicularia</i>
R	Long-eared Owl	<i>Asio otus</i>
V	Northern Saw-whet Owl	<i>Aegolius acadicus</i>
GOATSUCKERS		
SR	Lesser Nighthawk	<i>Chordeiles acutipennis</i>
R	Common Poorwill	<i>Phalaenoptilus nuttallii</i>
HUMMINGBIRDS & SWIFTS		
M	Vaux's Swift	<i>Chaetura vauxi</i>

R	* White-throated Swift	<i>Aeronautes saxatalis</i>
M	Black-chinned Hummingbird	<i>Archilochus alexandri</i>
SR	Anna's Hummingbird	<i>Calypte anna</i>
SR	* Costa's Hummingbird	<i>Calypte costae</i>
M	Calliope Hummingbird	<i>Stellula calliope</i>
V	Broad-tailed Hummingbird	<i>Selasphorus platycercus</i>
M	Rufous Hummingbird	<i>Selasphorus rufus</i>
WOODPECKERS		
V	Lewis's Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes lewis</i>
V	Acorn Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes formicivorus</i>
V	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	<i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>
M	Red-naped Sapsucker	<i>Sphyrapicus nuchalis</i>
M	Red-breasted Sapsucker	<i>Sphyrapicus ruber</i>
R	* Ladder-backed Woodpecker	<i>Picoides scalaris</i>
WR	Northern Flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS		
M	Olive-sided Flycatcher	<i>Contopus cooperi</i>
M	Western Wood-Pewee	<i>Contopus sordidulus</i>
M	Willow Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax traillii</i>
M	Hammond's Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax hammondii</i>
M	Gray Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax wrightii</i>
M	Dusky Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax oberholseri</i>
M	Pacific-slope Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax difficilis</i>
R	Black Phoebe	<i>Sayornis nigricans</i>
R	* Say's Phoebe	<i>Sayornis saya</i>
V	Vermilion Flycatcher	<i>Pyrocephalus rubinus</i>
SR	* Ash-throated Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus cinerascens</i>
SR	* Cassin's Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus vociferans</i>

SR	Western Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus verticalis</i>
SHRIKES & VIREOS		
R	* Loggerhead Shrike	<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>
SR	Gray Vireo	<i>Vireo vicinior</i>
M	Plumbeous Vireo	<i>Vireo plumbeus</i>
M	Cassin's Vireo	<i>Vireo cassinii</i>
M	Warbling Vireo	<i>Vireo gilvus</i>
V	Philadelphia Vireo	<i>Vireo philadelphicus</i>
JAYS, CROWS, & RAVENS		
WR	Steller's Jay	<i>Cyanocitta stelleri</i>
R	* Western Scrub-Jay	<i>Aphelocoma californica</i>
R	Pinyon Jay	<i>Gymnorhinus cyanocephalus</i>
V	Clark's Nutcracker	<i>Nucifraga columbiana</i>
R	* Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>
LARKS & SWALLOWS		
R	Horned Lark	<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>
SR	* Violet-green Swallow	<i>Tachycineta thalassina</i>
M	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
CHICKADEES & RELATIVES		
R	Mountain Chickadee	<i>Poecile gambeli</i>
R	* Juniper Titmouse	<i>Baeolophus ridgwayi</i>
R	* Verdin	<i>Auriparus flaviceps</i>
R	Bushtit	<i>Psaltiriparus minimus</i>
WR	Red-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta canadensis</i>
WRENS		
R	* Cactus Wren	<i>Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus</i>
R	* Rock Wren	<i>Salpinctes obsoletus</i>

R	* Canyon Wren	<i>Catherpes mexicanus</i>
R	* Bewick's Wren	<i>Thryomanes bewickii</i>
M	House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>

OLD WORLD WARBLERS & GNATCATCHERS

WR	Golden-crowned Kinglet	<i>Regulus satrapa</i>
WR	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<i>Regulus calendula</i>
SR	* Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	<i>Poliophtila caerulea</i>
R	* Black-tailed Gnatcatcher	<i>Poliophtila melanura</i>
M	Western Bluebird	<i>Sialia mexicana</i>
M	Townsend's Solitaire	<i>Myadestes townsendi</i>
M	Swainson's Thrush	<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>
M	Hermit Thrush	<i>Catharus guttatus</i>
M	American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>
V	Varied Thrush	<i>Ixoreus naevius</i>

THRASHERS & MOCKINGBIRDS

R	* Northern Mockingbird	<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>
M	Sage Thrasher	<i>Oreoscoptes montanus</i>
SR	* Bendire's Thrasher	<i>Toxostoma bendirei</i>
R	* Crissal Thrasher	<i>Toxostoma crissale</i>
R	* Le Conte's Thrasher	<i>Toxostoma lecontei</i>

STARLINGS

R	! European Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>
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PIPITS

M	American Pipit	<i>Anthus rubescens</i>
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WAXWINGS

M	Cedar Waxwing	<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>
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SILKY-FLYCATCHERS

R	*	Phainopepla	<i>Phainopepla nitens</i>
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WOOD-WARBLERS

M		Orange-crowned Warbler	<i>Vermivora celata</i>
M		Nashville Warbler	<i>Vermivora ruficapilla</i>
M		Virginia's Warbler	<i>Vermivora virginiae</i>
V		Northern Parula	<i>Parula americana</i>
M		Yellow Warbler	<i>Dendroica petechia</i>
M		Yellow-rumped Warbler	<i>Dendroica coronata</i>
SR	*	Black-throated Gray Warbler	<i>Dendroica nigrescens</i>
M		Townsend's Warbler	<i>Dendroica townsendi</i>
M		Hermit Warbler	<i>Dendroica occidentalis</i>
V		Blackburnian Warbler	<i>Dendroica fusca</i>
V		Prothonotary Warbler	<i>Protonotaria citrea</i>
M		MacGillivray's Warbler	<i>Oporornis tolmiei</i>
M		Common Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>
M		Wilson's Warbler	<i>Wilsonia pusilla</i>
V		Painted Redstart	<i>Myioborus pictus</i>
M		Yellow-breasted Chat	<i>Icteria virens</i>

TANAGERS, GROSBEAKS, & RELATIVES

V		Hepatic Tanager	<i>Piranga flava</i>
M		Summer Tanager	<i>Piranga rubra</i>
M		Western Tanager	<i>Piranga ludoviciana</i>
V		Rose-breasted Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>
SR		Black-headed Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus melanocephalus</i>
M		Lazuli Bunting	<i>Passerina amoena</i>
V		Indigo Bunting	<i>Passerina cyanea</i>

SPARROWS, TOWHEES, & RELATIVES

M	Green-tailed Towhee	<i>Pipilo chlorurus</i>
M	Spotted Towhee	<i>Pipilo maculatus</i>
M	Rufous-crowned Sparrow	<i>Aimophila ruficeps</i>
SR	Chipping Sparrow	<i>Spizella passerina</i>
SR	Brewer's Sparrow	<i>Spizella breweri</i>
SR	* Black-chinned Sparrow	<i>Spizella atrogularis</i>
M	Lark Sparrow	<i>Chondestes grammacus</i>
R	* Black-throated Sparrow	<i>Amphispiza bilineata</i>
WR	Sage Sparrow	<i>Amphispiza belli</i>
M	Savannah Sparrow	<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>
V	Grasshopper Sparrow	<i>Ammodramus savannarum</i>
M	Fox Sparrow	<i>Passerella iliaca</i>
M	Lincoln's Sparrow	<i>Melospiza lincolnii</i>
V	White-throated Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia albicollis</i>
WR	White-crowned Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>
M	Golden-crowned Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia atricapilla</i>
WR	Dark-eyed Junco	<i>Junco hyemalis</i>

ORIOLES, BLACKBIRDS, & RELATIVES

V	Red-winged Blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>
M	Western Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella neglecta</i>
V	Yellow-headed Blackbird	<i>Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus</i>
V	Brewer's Blackbird	<i>Euphagus cyanocephalus</i>
V	Great-tailed Grackle	<i>Quiscalus mexicanus</i>
SR	Brown-headed Cowbird	<i>Molothrus ater</i>
SR	Hooded Oriole	<i>Icterus cucullatus</i>
SR	Bullock's Oriole	<i>Icterus bullockii</i>
SR	Scott's Oriole	<i>Icterus parisorum</i>

FINCHES & OLD WORLD SPARROWS

V		Cassin's Finch	<i>Carpodacus cassinii</i>
R	*	House Finch	<i>Carpodacus mexicanus</i>
WR		Pine Siskin	<i>Carduelis pinus</i>
R	*	Lesser Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis psaltria</i>
M		Lawrence's Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis lawrencei</i>
M		American Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis tristis</i>
V		Evening Grosbeak	<i>Coccothraustes vespertinus</i>
R	!	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>