

## Birds of the Tucson Mountains, AZ

Birds seen within about 1 mile of Camino De Oeste and Gates Pass Road, compiled by Roger Wolf, Tucson Audubon Society and Roger Carpenter. Asterisks in the lists indicate species we believe likely, but for which confirmation is needed.

### Vultures, Hawks, and Falcons

Northern harrier  
Cooper's hawk  
Red-tailed hawk  
Golden eagle  
Turkey vulture  
American kestrel

### Gallinaceous Birds

Gambell's quail

### Hérons and Allies

Great blue heron  
White-faced ibis

### Pigeons and Doves

Mourning dove  
White winged dove  
Rock dove (dom. pigeon)

### Cuckoos; Anis, and Roadrunners

Roadrunner

### Owls

Barn owl  
Western screech owl  
Great horned owl  
Elf owl  
Ferruginous pygmy owl (Sighted on Las Lomas property in 1989, 1991 and 1992.)

### Goatsuckers

Common poor-will  
Lesser nighthawk

### Swifts and Hummingbirds

White throated swift  
Rufous hummingbird  
Allen's hummingbird  
Costa's hummingbird

### Woodpeckers

Gilded flicker  
Ladder-backed woodpecker  
Gila woodpecker

### Perching Birds

Ash-throated flycatcher  
Gray flycatcher  
Western flycatcher\*  
Black phoebe  
Say's phoebe  
Purple martin  
Barn swallow  
Raven (common?)  
Bushtit  
Verdin  
House wren  
Rock wren  
Cactus wren  
Canyon wren  
Ruby crowned kinglet  
Gnatcatchers, black tailed  
Northern mockingbird  
Curve-billed thrasher  
Hermit thrush  
Swainson's thrush  
European starling  
Phainopepla  
Solitary vireo  
Gray vireo  
Townsend's warbler  
Hermit warbler  
Black-throated (green?) warbler  
Lucy's warbler  
MacGillivray's warbler  
Yellow warbler  
Wilson's warbler  
Gray warbler?  
Western meadowlark  
Brown headed cowbird  
Bronzed cowbird  
Hooded oriole  
Scott's oriole  
Summer tanager  
White-crowned sparrow  
Black-throated sparrow  
black-chinned sparrow  
Chipping sparrow  
Song sparrow  
Abert's towhee  
Canyon towhee  
Green-tailed towhee  
Black-headed grossbeak  
Pyrrhuloxia  
Cardinal  
House finch  
Lesser goldfinch  
House sparrow

### Passing through Gates Pass:

Some years ago, I found a mallard duck taking a migration break in a very small puddle where the road crosses Camino de Oeste Wash. When the Wildlife Museum added fish to their entry pond, it didn't take long for egrets from Pima County's Sweetwater Wetlands to notice and eat them all.

Crested caracaras were in residence in Sells by 2018, with sightings at the Wetlands. I saw a single caracara high flying over the Camino de Oeste Wash one morning on my walk. Bird populations fluctuate with the availability of food, nesting sites, plus temperature and rainfall changes.

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Current birding information for Pima County at: Tucson Audubon Society - Sweetwater Wetlands and Pima County: Birdwatching Opportunities and Protocols.