

Recently Recorded Birds of

University of California Natural Reserve System's Burns Piñon Ridge Reserve



Legend

This bird list includes 104 species that have been recorded from the UCNRS Burns Piñon Ridge Reserve and is based upon a checklist compiled by Charles Hood and Peter Bowler in 2005, and on banding data from Walter Sakai.

Symbols used are as follows:

Season:

S: Spring March - May

s: Summer June - August

F: Fall September - November

W: Winter December - February

Status:

a - Abundant: a common species that is very numerous

c - Common: likely to be seen in suitable habitat

u - Uncommon: present, but not certain to be seen

o - Occasional: usually present but seldom seen

r - Rare: seen at irregular intervals

+ - Accidental: seen once or only on a few occasions

COMMON NAME	S	s	F	W
GEESE & DUCKS				
Canada Goose				+
QUAIL				
Mountain Quail	o	o	o	o
California Quail	r	r	r	r
Gambel's Quail	c	c	c	c
PELICANS				
American White Pelican	+		+	+
CORMORANTS				
Double-Crested Cormorant				+
NEW WORLD VULTURES				
Turkey Vulture	u	u	u	r
HAWKS				
Cooper's Hawk	u	u	u	u
Sharp-Shinned Hawk	r		r	r
Golden Eagle	r	r	r	r
Red-Tailed Hawk	c	c	c	c
FALCONS				
American Kestrel	r		r	u
Prairie Falcon	+	+	+	+
SKUAS, GULLS, TERNS & SKIMMERS				
California Gull	+		+	+
PIGEONS & DOVES				
Rock Dove	o	o	o	o
Mourning Dove	c	c	c	c
CUCKOOS				
Greater Roadrunner	u	u	u	u
BARN OWLS				
Barn Owl	r	r	r	r
TYPICAL OWLS				
Western Screech-Owl	r	r	r	r
Great Horned Owl	o	o	o	o
GOATSUCKERS				
Common Poorwill	o	o	o	o
SWIFTS				
White-Throated Swift	u	o		

COMMON NAME	S	s	F	W
HUMMINGBIRDS				
Black-Chinned Hummingbird	o	o		
Anna's Hummingbird	u	u	r	r
Costa's Hummingbird	o	o		
Calliope Hummingbird	o	o		
Rufous Hummingbird	u			
Allen's Hummingbird	+			
WOODPECKERS				
Red-Naped Sapsucker	+		+	
Ladder-Backed Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
Northern Flicker	r	r	r	r
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS				
Western Wood-Pewee	r			
Willow Flycatcher	+			
Hammond's Flycatcher	r			
Gray Flycatcher	r	r		
Dusky Flycatcher	r			
Pacific-Slope Flycatcher	r			
Ash-Throated Flycatcher	c	c		
Western Kingbird	c	c		
SHRIKES				
Loggerhead Shrike	u	u	u	u
VIREOS				
Gray Vireo		r		
Plumbeous Vireo	r	r		
Cassin's Vireo	r			
Warbling Vireo	r			
JAYS, MAGPIES & CROWS				
Western Scrub-Jay	u	u	u	u
Pinyon Jay	r	r	r	r
Common Raven	c	c	c	c
SWALLOWS				
Tree Swallow	r			
Violet-Green Swallow	u	u		
No. Rough-Winged Swallow	r	o	o	
Barn Swallow	r	r	r	

COMMON NAME		S	s	F	W
TITS & ALLIES					
Mountain Chickadee		r	r	r	r
Oak Titmouse		u	u	u	u
Verdin		r			
Bushtit		c	c	c	c
NUTHATCHES					
White-Breasted Nuthatch		r			
WRENS					
Cactus Wren		u	u	u	u
Rock Wren		u	u	u	u
Bewick's Wren		u	u	u	u
KINGLETS					
Ruby-Crowned Kinglet				r	c
GNATCATCHERS					
Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher		r		r	u
THRUSHES					
Western Bluebird		r		r	r
Mountain Bluebird		r		r	u
Townsend's Solitaire		r		r	
Swainson's Thrush		r			
Hermit Thrush		r			
American Robin		r		r	r
BABLERS					
Wrentit		r	r	r	r
MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS					
Northern Mockingbird		u	u	u	u
Sage Thrasher		+			
California Thrasher		u	u	u	u
SILKY-FLYCATCHERS					
Phainopepla		c	c	c	c
WARBLERS					
Orange-Crowned Warbler		c			
Nashville Warbler		u			
Yellow Warbler		r			
Yellow-Rumped Warbler		u			
Black-Throated Gray Warbler		u			

COMMON NAME		S	s	F	W
WARBLERS (continued)					
Black-Throated Green Warbler				+	
Townsend's Warbler		r			
Hermit Warbler		r			
MacGillivray's Warbler		o			
Wilson's Warbler		u			
TANAGERS					
Western Tanager		o			
SPARROWS					
Green-Tailed Towhee		o		o	
Spotted Towhee		u	u	u	u
California Towhee		c	c	c	c
Rufous-Crowned Sparrow		r	r	r	r
Chipping Sparrow		u	u		
Brewer's Sparrow		u	u	u	u
Black-Chinned Sparrow		r	r	r	r
Vesper Sparrow		r		r	u
Black-Throated Sparrow		u	u	u	u
Sage Sparrow		r	r	r	r
Lincoln's Sparrow		r		r	r
White-Crowned Sparrow		u		a	a
Dark-Eyed Junco		c	r	c	c
GROSBEAKS					
Black-Headed Grosbeak		o			
ORIOLES					
Hooded Oriole		u	u		
Bullock's Oriole		u	u		
Scott's Oriole		u	u		
FINCHES					
House Finch		a	a	a	a
Lesser Goldfinch		r	r	r	r
Lawrence's Goldfinch		r			r
American Goldfinch		r		r	r

Notes

Date _____ No. Species _____

Time Afield _____

Observers _____

Weather _____

Remarks/Other Species Observed _____

The University of California Natural Reserve System's Burns Piñon Ridge Reserve was established in 1972, and is administered by the University of California. The 306 acre Reserve consists of a dry, boulder-strewn landscape of shallow canyons and ridges of sculptured granite. Three floristic regions meet at the site: Transverse Range, Sonoran Desert, and Mojave Desert, creating a diverse mixture of flora and fauna characteristic of both deserts and mountains. Habitats intermingling at the Reserve include piñon-juniper woodland with elements of Joshua tree woodland and montane chaparral, desert wash, and freshwater seep. The Reserve is located in the ecotone between piñon-juniper and Joshua tree habitats.

Approximately 86 species have been documented from the Reserve during surveys in recent years. In addition, Reserve checklists report 275 species of vascular plants (Elvin, Bowler and Sanders, 2006), no amphibian, 24 reptile, and 29 mammal species.

The plant, reptile, and mammal lists, base maps and other information may be obtained from the Reserve website (<http://nrs.ucop.edu/> or <http://burns.ucnrs.org>), the Reserve Manager Dr. William "Bill" Bretz (wlbretz@uci.edu), or Dr. Peter Bowler (pabowler@uci.edu), the Reserve's Academic Coordinator. Sightings of unusual or rare birds should be reported to Bill Bretz, Charles Hood (chood@avc.edu) or Peter Bowler.

Frontispiece of Scott's Oriole by Bruce Bartrug

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