



BIRDS OF Colossal Cave Mountain Park



The following is a (loosely kept) list of birds seen in Colossal Cave Mountain Park over the last forty-plus years by Park residents and visitors. We extend particular thanks to Mark Stevenson, who has not only added a number of species to the list, but also generously shared his expertise with the Park:

- Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*)
- Northern Harrier (*Circus cyaneus*)
- Sharp-shinned Hawk (*Accipiter striatus*)
- Cooper's Hawk (*Accipiter cooperii*)
- Common Black-Hawk (*Buteogallus anthracinus*)
- Zone-tailed Hawk (*Buteo albonotatus*)
- Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*)
- Ferruginous Hawk (*Buteo regalis*)
- Golden Eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*)
- Crested Caracara (*Caracara plancus*)
- American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*)
- Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*)
- Prairie Falcon (*Falco mexicanus*)
- Scaled Quail (*Callipepla squamata*)
- Gambel's Quail (*Callipepla gambelii*)
- Rock Dove (*Columba livia*)
- White-winged Dove (*Zenaida asiatica*)
- Mourning Dove (*Zenaida macroura*)
- Greater Roadrunner (*Geococcyx californianus*)
- Western Screech Owl (*Otus kennicottii*)
- Great Horned Owl (*Bubo virginianus*)
- Elf Owl (*Micrathene whitneyi*)
- Burrowing Owl (*Athene cucularia*)
- Common Poorwill (*Phalaenoptilus nuttallii*)
- White-throated Swift (*Aeronautes saxatalis*)
- Broad-billed Hummingbird (*Cyanthus latirostris*)
- Lucifer Hummingbird (*Calothorax lucifer*)
- Black-chinned Hummingbird (*Archilocus alexandri*)
- Costa's Hummingbird (*Calypte costae*)
- Rufous Hummingbird (*Selasphorus rufus*)
- Allen's Hummingbird (*Selasphorus sasin*)
- Gila Woodpecker (*Melanerpes uropygialis*)
- Williamson's Sapsucker (*Sphyrapicus thyroideus*)
- Red-naped Sapsucker (*Sphyrapicus nuchalis*)
- Ladder-backed Woodpecker (*Picoides scalaris*)
- Gilded Flicker (*Colapteschrysoides*)
- Black Phoebe (*Sayornis nigricans*)
- Say's Phoebe (*Sayornis saya*)
- Ash-throated Flycatcher (*Myiarchus cinerascens*)
- Brown-crested Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tyrannulus*)
- Loggerhead Shrike (*Lanius ludovicianus*)
- Bell's Vireo (*Vireo bellii*)
- Western Scrub-Jay (*Aphelocoma californica*)
- Common Raven (*Corvus corax*)
- Purple Martin (*Progne subis*)
- Cliff Swallow (*Hirundo pyrrhonota*)
- Bridled Titmouse (*Parus wollweberi*)
- Juniper Titmouse (*Baeolophus ridgewayi*)
- Bush-tit (*Psaltriparus minimus*)
- Verdin (*Auriparus flaviceps*)
- Cactus Wren (*Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus*)
- Rock Wren (*Salpinctes obsoletus*)
- Canyon Wren (*Catherpes mexicanus*)
- Bewick's Wren (*Thryomanes bewickii*)
- House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*)
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet (*Regulus calendula*)
- Black-tailed Gnatcatcher (*Polioptila melanura*)
- Northern Mockingbird (*Mimus polyglottos*)
- Curve-billed Thrasher (*Toxostoma curvirostre*)
- Crissal Thrasher (*Toxostoma crissale*)
- Phainopepla (*Phainopepla nitens*)
- Virginia's Warbler (*Vermivora virginiae*)
- Lucy's Warbler (*Vermivora luciae*)
- Yellow Warbler (*Dendroica petechia*)
- Black-throated Gray Warbler (*Dendroica nigrescens*)
- MacGillivray's Warbler (*Oporornis tolmiei*)
- Wilson's Warbler (*Wilsonia pusilla*)
- Summer Tanager (*Piranga rubra*)
- Western Tanager (*Piranga ludoviciana*)
- Green-tailed Towhee (*Pipilo chlorurus*)
- Spotted Towhee (*Pipilo maculatus*)
- Canyon Towhee (*Pipilo fuscus*)
- Abert's Towhee (*Pipilo aberti*)
- Rufous-winged Sparrow (*Aimophila carpalis*)
- Rufous-crowned Sparrow (*Aimophila ruficeps*)
- Chipping Sparrow (*Spizella passerina*)
- Black-chinned Sparrow (*Spizella atrigularis*)
- Black-throated Sparrow (*Amphispiza bilineata*)
- Savannah Sparrow (*Passerculus sandwichensis*)
- White-crowned Sparrow (*Zonotrichia leucophrys*)
- Dark-eyed Junco (*Junco hyemalis*)
- Northern Cardinal (*Cardinalis cardinalis*)
- Pyrrhuloxia (*Cardinalis sinuatus*)
- Black-headed Grosbeak (*Pheucticus melancephalus*)
- Blue Grosbeak (*Guiraca caerulea*)
- Lazuli Bunting (*Passerina amoena*)
- Bronzed Cowbird (*Molothrus aeneus*)
- Brown-headed Cowbird (*Molothrus ater*)
- Hooded Oriole (*Icterus cucullatus*)
- Streak-backed Oriole (*Icterus pustulatus*)
- Bullock's Oriole (*Icterus bullockii*)
- Scott's Oriole (*Icterus parisorum*)
- Cassin's Finch (*Carpodacus cassinii*)
- House Finch (*Carpodacus mexicanus*)
- Pine Siskin (*Carduelis pinus*)
- Lesser Goldfinch (*Carduelis psaltria*)
- (over for birds seen only at the Ranch)

Some birds have been sighted on La Posta Quemada Ranch but, to date, not elsewhere in Colossal Cave Mountain Park; these are listed below:

- Great Blue Heron (*Ardea herodias*)
- Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*)
- Gray Hawk (*Buteo nitidus*)
- Anna's Hummingbird (*Calypte anna*)
- Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet (*Camptostoma imberbe*)
- Hammond's Flycatcher (*Emponidax hammondii*)
- Gray Flycatcher (*Emponidax wrightii*)
- Dusky Flycatcher (*Emponidax oberholseri*)
- Pacific-slope Flycatcher (*Emponidax difficilis*)
- Vermilion Flycatcher (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*)
- Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannus melancholicus*)
- Cassin's Kingbird (*Tyrannus vociferans*)
- Western Kingbird (*Tyrannus verticalis*)
- Hutton's Vireo (*Vireo huttoni*)
- Warbling Vireo (*Vireo gilvus*)
- Plumbeous Vireo (*Vireo plumbeus*)
- Cassin's Vireo (*Vireo cassinii*)
- White-breasted Nuthatch (*Sitta carolinensis*)
- Brown Creeper (*Certhia americana*)
- Marsh Wren (*Cistothorus palustris*)
- Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher (*Polioptila melanura*)
- Hermit Thrush (*Catharus guttatus*)
- American Robin (*Turdus migratorius*)
- European Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*)
- Yellow-rumped Warbler (*Dendroica coronata*)
- Orange-crowned Warbler (*Vermivora celata*)
- Common Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis trichas*)
- Song Sparrow (*Melospiza melodia*)
- Lincoln's Sparrow (*Melospiza lincolni*)
- Red-winged Blackbird (*Agelaius phoeniceus*)
- House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*)

