



# 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 (*Cynanthus 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*)  
  
Bushtit (*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 (*Poliophtila 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 (*Empidonax hammondii*)  
Gray Flycatcher (*Empidonax wrightii*)  
Dusky Flycatcher (*Empidonax oberholseri*)  
Pacific-slope Flycatcher (*Empidonax 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 (*Poliophtila 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 lincolnii*)  
Red-winged Blackbird (*Agelaius phoeniceus*)  
House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*)