

SE AZ MONTHLY CHECKLIST

DECEMBER

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This checklist is arranged in Clements order and contains **291** species that can occur in December in southeast Arizona.

Abundance codes in proper habitat:

a-abundant, c-common, f-fairly common
u-uncommon, r-rare, i-very rare or irregular

Status: (see website notes for full details)

N=nesting, Sp/S/F/W=seasons, *=all year, not necessarily in same habitat or same individuals.
Italics = transient, Underline = localized range

Modifiers that precede the abundance code:

E = early part of month, L = later part of month
I = Irruptive or variable in numbers year to year

Examples:

rLu = rare early becoming uncommon later

Ef = fairly common early in month, absent later

Lc = absent early in the month, common later

DUCKS, GEESE, AND WATERFOWL

[] SN*Blk-bell Whistling-Duck...r
[] JW *Gtr White-fronted Goose*...r
[] JW *Snow Goose*.....u
[] JW *Ross's Goose*.....r
[] JW *Cackling Goose*.....Li
[] JW *Canada Goose*.....u
[] JW *Tundra Swan*.....i
[] JW *Wood Duck*.....r
[] Wn**Gadwall*.....c
[] JW *Eurasian Wigeon*.....i
[] JW *American Wigeon*.....a
[] WN**Mallard*.....c
[] F **Blue-winged Teal*.....i
[] n**Cinnamon Teal*.....r
[] JW **Northern Shoveler*.....a
[] JW **Northern Pintail*.....c
[] JW **Green-winged Teal*.....c
[] JW **Canvasback*.....u
[] Wn**Redhead*.....f
[] JW **Ring-necked Duck*.....c
[] JW *Greater Scaup*.....r
[] JW **Lesser Scaup*.....f
[] f *Surf Scoter*.....Ei
[] JW *Bufflehead*.....u
[] JW *Common Goldeneye*.....r
[] JW *Hooded Merganser*.....r
[] JW *Common Merganser*.....f
[] fw *Red-breasted Merganser*...i
[] N*Ruddy Duck.....c

NEW WORLD QUAIL

[] N*Scaled Quail.....f
[] N**Gambel's Quail*.....a
[] N**Montezuma Quail*.....u

PHEASANTS, GROUSE, AND ALLIES

[] N**Wild Turkey*.....r

LOONS

[] JW *Common Loon*.....r

GREBES

[] **Least Grebe*.....i
[] N**Pied-billed Grebe*.....c
[] JW *Horned Grebe*.....i
[] Wn**Eared Grebe*.....f
[] JW *Western Grebe*.....u
[] *Clark's Grebe*.....i

CORMORANTS AND SHAGS

[] N**Neotropic Cormorant*.....r
[] JW **Double-crested Cormorant*..u

PELICANS

[] *American White Pelican*...i
[] SF *Brown Pelican*.....i

HERONS, EGRETS, AND BITTERNS

[] JW *American Bittern*.....r
[] N**Least Bittern*.....i
[] N**Great Blue Heron*.....c
[] N**Great Egret*.....u
[] S **Snowy Egret*.....i
[] S *Cattle Egret*.....i
[] N**Green Heron*.....f
[] Wn**Black-crowned Night-Heron*.r

IBISES AND SPOONBILLS

[] F **White-faced Ibis*.....i

NEW WORLD VULTURES

[] N**Black Vulture*.....u
[] N**Turkey Vulture*.....r

OSPREY

[] **Osprey*.....i

HAWKS, EAGLES, AND KITES

[] n**White-tailed Kite*.....r
[] JW *Bald Eagle*.....u
[] Wn *Northern Harrier*.....c
[] Wn *Sharp-shinned Hawk*.....u
[] N**Cooper's Hawk*.....c
[] N**Northern Goshawk*.....r
[] N**Harris's Hawk*.....f
[] N**Gray Hawk*.....i
[] N**Zone-tailed Hawk*.....i
[] WN**Red-tailed Hawk*.....c
[] JW *Ferruginous Hawk*.....f
[] JW *Rough-legged Hawk*.....Ir
[] N**Golden Eagle*.....u

FALCONS AND CARACARAS

[] N**Crested Caracara*.....u
[] WN**American Kestrel*.....c
[] JW *Merlin*.....r
[] Wn**Peregrine Falcon*.....u
[] WN**Prairie Falcon*.....u

RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS

[] Wn**Virginia Rail*.....u
[] JW **Sora*.....u
[] N**Common Moorhen*.....u
[] WN**American Coot*.....a

CRANES

[] JW *Sandhill Crane*.....a

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS

[] N**Killdeer*.....c
[] JW *Mountain Plover*.....u

STILTS AND AVOCETS

[] Sn**Black-necked Stilt*.....r
[] N**American Avocet*.....i

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES

[] JW **Spotted Sandpiper*.....u
[] F **Greater Yellowlegs*.....i
[] **Long-billed Curlew*.....r
[] F **Western Sandpiper*.....i
[] JW **Least Sandpiper*.....u
[] JW *Dunlin*.....r
[] **Long-billed Dowitcher*....r
[] JW *Wilson's Snipe*.....f
[] fw *Red Phalarope*.....i

GULLS, TERNS, AND SKIMMERS

[] *Bonaparte's Gull*.....i
[] *Heermann's Gull*.....i
[] **Ring-billed Gull*.....r
[] f *California Gull*.....i

PIGEONS AND DOVES

[] N**Rock Pigeon*.....c
[] N**Band-tailed Pigeon*.....r
[] N**Eurasian Collared-Dove*...f
[] N**White-winged Dove*.....r
[] N**Mourning Dove*.....a
[] N**Inca Dove*.....f
[] N**Common Ground-Dove*.....r
[] n**Ruddy Ground-Dove*.....r

CUCKOOS

[] N**Greater Roadrunner*.....f
[] sf *Groove-billed Ani*.....Ei

BARN-OWLS

[] N**Barn Owl*.....f

OWLS

[] N**Western Screech-Owl*.....c
[] N**Whiskered Screech-Owl*...c
[] N**Great Horned Owl*.....c
[] N**Northern Pygmy-Owl*.....u
[] N**Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl*....r
[] N**Burrowing Owl*.....u
[] N**Spotted Owl*.....u
[] Wn**Long-eared Owl*.....r
[] JW *Short-eared Owl*.....Ir
[] N**Northern Saw-whet Owl*....r

NIGHTJARS AND ALLIES

[] N**Common Poorwill*.....i

SWIFTS

[] N**White-throated Swift*.....u

HUMMINGBIRDS

[] N**Magnificent Hummingbird*...r
[] N**Blue-throated Hummingbird*.r
[] WN**Anna's Hummingbird*.....c
[] N**Costa's Hummingbird*.....f
[] F *Rufous Hummingbird*.....i
[] N**Broad-billed Hummingbird*..r
[] N**Violet-crowned Hummingbird*.i

TROGONS

[] f *Eared Quetzal*.....i
[] N**Elegant Trogon*.....r

KINGFISHERS

[] JW *Belted Kingfisher*.....u
[] n**Green Kingfisher*.....r

WOODPECKERS

[] JW *Lewis's Woodpecker*.....r
[] N**Acorn Woodpecker*.....c
[] N**Gila Woodpecker*.....c
[] JW *Williamson's Sapsucker*...r
[] JW *Yellow-bellied Sapsucker*..i
[] JW *Red-naped Sapsucker*.....u
[] N**Ladder-backed Woodpecker*..c
[] N**Hairy Woodpecker*.....u
[] N**Arizona Woodpecker*.....f
[] N**Northern Flicker*.....c
[] N**Gilded Flicker*.....f

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

[] N*N. *Beardless-Tyrannulet*...r
[] N**Greater Pewee*.....i
[] JW *Hammond's Flycatcher*....r
[] Wn**Gray Flycatcher*.....f
[] JW *Dusky Flycatcher*.....u
[] N**Black Phoebe*.....c
[] JW *Eastern Phoebe*.....r
[] N**Say's Phoebe*.....c
[] N**Vermilion Flycatcher*.....u
[] N**Dusky-capped Flycatcher*...i
[] N**Ash-throated Flycatcher*...r
[] N**Cassin's Kingbird*.....i

SHRIKES

[] WN**Loggerhead Shrike*.....c

VIREOS

[] N**Plumbeous Vireo*.....r
[] *Cassin's Vireo*.....r
[] N**Hutton's Vireo*.....f

CROWS, JAYS, AND MAGPIES

[] JW *Pinyon Jay*.....Ir
[] N**Steller's Jay*.....f
[] N**Western Scrub-Jay*.....u
[] N**Mexican Jay*.....c
[] JW *Clark's Nutcracker*.....Ir
[] JW *American Crow*.....Ii
[] N**Chihuahuan Raven*.....c
[] N**Common Raven*.....c

LARKS

[] N**Horned Lark*.....a

SWALLOWS

[] N*N. Rough-winged Swallow....i
 [] *Tree Swallow.....i
 [] N*Violet-green Swallow.....i
 [] N*Barn Swallow.....i

CHICKADEES AND TITS

[] N*Mountain Chickadee.....f
 [] N*Mexican Chickadee.....u
 [] N*Bridled Titmouse.....c
 [] N*Juniper Titmouse.....u

PENDULINE-TITS

[] N*Verdin.....c

LONG-TAILED TITS

[] N*Bushtit.....c

NUTHATCHES

[] N*Red-breasted Nuthatch....f
 [] N*White-breasted Nuthatch...c
 [] N*Pygmy Nuthatch.....c

CREEPERS

[] N*Brown Creeper.....c

WRENS

[] N*Cactus Wren.....c
 [] N*Rock Wren.....f
 [] N*Canyon Wren.....c
 [] N*Bewick's Wren.....c
 [] N*House Wren.....c
 []w Pacific Wren.....r
 []w Winter Wren.....rLi
 []w Marsh Wren.....f

GNATCATCHERS

[] N*Blue-gray Gnatcatcher....r
 [] N*Black-tailed Gnatcatcher..f
 [] n*Black-capped Gnatcatcher..r

DIPPERS

[]Wn American Dipper.....r

KINGLETS

[] N*Golden-crowned Kinglet....u
 []Wn*Ruby-crowned Kinglet.....c

THRUSHES AND ALLIES

[] N*Eastern Bluebird.....u
 [] N*Western Bluebird.....f
 []w Mountain Bluebird.....If
 []w Townsend's Solitaire.....Iu
 [] N*Hermit Thrush.....f
 []w Rufous-backed Robin.....r
 [] N*American Robin.....f
 []w Varied Thrush.....i

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS

[] *Gray Catbird.....i
 [] N*Northern Mockingbird.....c
 []w Sage Thrasher.....u
 []w Brown Thrasher.....i
 [] N*Bendire's Thrasher.....f
 [] N*Curve-billed Thrasher....c
 [] N*Crissal Thrasher.....f
 [] n*Le Conte's Thrasher.....i

STARLINGS

[] N*European Starling.....a

WAGTAILS AND PIPITS

[]w American Pipit.....c
 []w Sprague's Pipit.....r

WAXWINGS

[]w Cedar Waxwing.....If

SILKY-FLYCATCHERS

[] N*Phainopepla.....c

OLIVE WARBLER

[] N*Olive Warbler.....r

LONGSPURS AND SNOW BUNTING

[]w McCown's Longspur.....r
 []w Chestnut-coll. Longspur...c

NEW WORLD WARBLERS

[] Tennessee Warbler.....i
 []Wn*Orange-crowned Warbler...u
 []s Northern Parula.....i
 [] Chestnut-sided Warbler....i
 []f Blk-thrtd Blue Warbler....i
 [] N*Yellow-rumped Warbler....a
 [] N*Blk-thrtd Gray Warbler...r
 []F *Townsend's Warbler.....r
 [] Palm Warbler.....i
 [] *Black-and-white Warbler...i
 []f *American Redstart.....i
 []w Louisiana Waterthrush....i
 [] N*Common Yellowthroat....u
 [] *Wilson's Warbler.....i
 [] N*Painted Redstart.....r
 [] n*Rufous-capped Warbler....i

BUNTINGS, SPARROWS AND ALLIES

[]w Green-tailed Towhee.....f
 [] N*Spotted Towhee.....c
 [] N*Rufous-crowned Sparrow...f
 [] N*Canyon Towhee.....c
 [] N*Abert's Towhee.....c
 [] N*Rufous-winged Sparrow....u
 [] N*Cassin's Sparrow.....r
 [] N*Chipping Sparrow.....a
 []w Clay-colored Sparrow.....i
 []w Brewer's Sparrow.....a
 [] N*Black-chinned Sparrow....u
 []w Vesper Sparrow.....c
 [] N*Lark Sparrow.....f
 [] N*Five-striped Sparrow....i
 [] N*Black-throated Sparrow...c
 []w Sage Sparrow.....u
 []w Lark Bunting.....a
 []w Savannah Sparrow.....c
 [] N*Grasshopper Sparrow.....f
 []w Baird's Sparrow.....r
 []w Fox Sparrow.....r
 [] N*Song Sparrow.....c
 []w Lincoln's Sparrow.....f
 []w Swamp Sparrow.....r
 []w White-throated Sparrow...r
 []w Harris's Sparrow.....i
 []w White-crowned Sparrow....a

[]w Golden-crowned Sparrow....i
 []w Dark-eyed Junco.....c
 [] N*Yellow-eyed Junco.....c

CARDINALS AND ALLIES

[] N*Hepatic Tanager.....i
 [] N*Northern Cardinal.....c
 [] N*Pyrrhuloxia.....c
 [] *Rose-breasted Grosbeak...i
 [] N*Blue Grosbeak.....i
 []Fn*Lazuli Bunting.....r

TROUPIALS AND ALLIES

[] N*Red-winged Blackbird.....a
 [] N*Eastern Meadowlark.....c
 []Wn*Western Meadowlark.....f
 []Wn*Yellow-headed Blackbird...a
 []w Brewer's Blackbird.....a
 [] N*Great-tailed Grackle.....a
 [] N*Bronzed Cowbird.....i
 [] N*Brown-headed Cowbird....c
 [] N*Hooded Oriole.....i
 [] n*Streak-backed Oriole.....i
 [] N*Scott's Oriole.....i

SISKINS, CROSSBILLS, AND ALLIES

[]w Purple Finch.....i
 []w Cassin's Finch.....Ir
 [] N*House Finch.....a
 [] N*Red Crossbill.....u
 [] n*Pine Siskin.....f
 [] N*Lesser Goldfinch.....c
 []w Lawrence's Goldfinch....Iu
 []w American Goldfinch.....u
 [] N*Evening Grosbeak.....Ir

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

[] N*House Sparrow.....a

Notes and additional species

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