

River of Time Museum

Tips and Tidbits

ENVIRONMENT: BIRDS

When settlers moved into our area the flow of water was inconsistent. In 1905 the Roosevelt Dam was built and opened up new opportunities for farming and crops. The canals built were of concrete so birds started to disappear and new types of birds came into the migration due to the riparian area. Blue Herron disappeared for a time and have now returned. As people came and planted things there were new water area, i.e. ponds, treatment systems and canals which brought new vegetation and new birds.

The State Bird: Cactus Wren lives in cactus

Some of the birds found in our area:

Bald Eagle	26-28 pairs left in US
Belted Kingfisher	
Bewick	
Black Phoebe	Nests on river banks
Blue Herron	Found on Verde River
Buffalo Head	Swans found in mid-Fountain Lake (black and white)
Canyon Wren	
Coot	Found around Fountain Lake
Dove:	
Ground	
Mourning	Makes sound - coo coo coo
White	Makes sound - coo coo coo coooooo
Eared Greve	
Flicker	Feeds on the ground - yellow shafted/red shafted are two types
Flycatcher	Looks like black cardinal - eats desert mistletoe (lg bush in mesquite tree)
Gila Woodpecker	Make hole in cactus (to live in) and leaves it for a year
Great Horned Owl	
Harris Hawks	Only in the desert Southwest - lives in families
Hooded Oriole	Feeds off blossoms on aloe plant
House Sparrow	1890's came from England
House Finch	From California
Hummingbirds	Texas has the most/none in Europe, Asia or Africa
Kildeer	Nests on ground - when discovered will feign a broken wing and lead you away from their nest
Mallard	
Mockingbird	A mimic
Northern Shoveller	

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Quail	Male has black stripe around belly - lays 10-12 eggs before they incubate the nest
Ravens	Black birds in our skies/no crows in Arizona
Ring Neck Duck	American Widgeon (bald pate) found on Southeast part of Lake
Roadrunner	Nests off the ground
Ruddy Duck	Found on northwest side of Fountain Lake
Thrasher	
Turkey Vulture	Eats carrion - can smell 1 mile away
Verdin	Smallest bird around
Western Meadowlark	