Albuquerque Bird Watching Guide for An Urban Bird Treaty City

1 Alameda/Rio Grande Open Space

From the Paseo del Bosque trail ducks, geese and other wildlife can be viewed enjoying the Alameda Wetland. This constructed wetland is intended to replicate the natural wetlands that historically occupied the floodplain of the Rio Grande.


2 Open Space Visitors Center

The Open Space Visitor Center features exhibits interpreting natural and cultural resources, an art gallery, agricultural fields that draw a variety of wildlife and stunning views of the Sandia Mountains.

Sandhill crane, northern harrier, mourning dove, American kestrel, lesser goldfinch, house finch


3 Petroglyph National Monument

Petroglyph National Monument has more to offer than the cultural resources for which it is known. Various types of wildlife utilize this narrow corridor.

Red-tailed hawk, scaled quail, rock wren, canyon wren, crissal thrasher, black-throated sparrow

www.nps.gov/petr/index.htm

4 Elena Gallegos Open Space

This 640-acre park is a gem in the Open Space system. At an elevation of 6,500 feet, the park supports a piñon-juniper habitat that includes chamisa, Apache plume, scrub oak, cane cholla cactus, blue grama grass, bear grass, and soapweed yucca.

Black-chinned hummingbird, Gambel’s quail, Woodhouse’s scrub-jay, northern mockingbird, canyon towhee, white-crowned sparrow, Scott’s oriole

www.cabq.gov/parksandrecreation/open-space/lands/elena-gallegos-open-space

5 Rio Grande Nature Center State Park

Located on the central Rio Grande flyway, Rio Grande Nature Center State Park offers excellent bird watching throughout the year. Visitors can observe about 250 different species, including roadrunners and wood ducks.

Cinnamon teal, green-winged teal, sandhill crane, greater roadrunner, black phoebe, white-breasted nuthatch, summer tanager

www.emnrd.state.nm.us/spd/riograndenaturecenterstatepark.html

6 Tingley Beach

Located adjacent to the Rio Grande Bosque, Tingley Beach offers wildlife watching, paths for running and walking, and boating opportunities.

Northern shoveler, canvasback, ring-necked duck, ruddy duck, pied-billed grebe, black-crowned night-heron, belted kingfisher

www.cabq.gov/culturalservices/biopark/tingley

7 Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge

Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge is the Southwest’s first urban wildlife refuge. It serves as an urban oasis for both wildlife and people. The refuge offers a unique environmental education and recreation opportunity in a highly populated area while promoting a wildlife conservation message.

Bald eagle, Canada goose, Swainson’s hawk, killdeer, American kestrel, Say’s phoebe, cliff swallow, common black-hawk

www.fws.gov/refuge/valle_de_oro/

8 University of New Mexico Duck Pond

Located in the middle of the University of New Mexico campus, the duck pond serves as a major gathering place on campus for students and visitors alike, with wildlife-watching opportunities for all ages.

Species of note: Cooper’s hawk, ladder-backed woodpecker, barn swallow, black-crowned night heron, belted kingfisher

www.unm.edu

The Albuquerque Urban Bird Coalition is a group of non-profit organizations and government agencies working to celebrate and conserve migratory & resident birds through education, hazard reductions, citizen science, and habitat improvements.