



NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND FISH

Bird Specimen Limits for New Mexico Collection Permits

The attached list specifies retention limits for each bird species that may be taken under a New Mexico scientific collection permit. It follows the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Region 2 list and is adapted to New Mexico based on population levels within the state.

Retention Limit is defined as the number of specimens per species that may be captured, retained, and/or possessed in a permit year.

Retention Limit Category Descriptions:

Retention Limits	Description
Unlimited	Introduced and established non-native species that are widespread and can occur in high densities.
50	Common species that are widespread over much of New Mexico and occur in high densities. Generally, these species are also common and widespread throughout much of North America.
25	Common species with localized distributions; widespread species that occur in medium densities; species that are widespread in North America but have medium-sized New Mexico breeding or wintering populations.
10	Moderately common species; common low-density species; species with medium densities and localized distribution.
5 or 2	Uncommon species; species with generally small New Mexico populations.
Not on this list	Any species not on this list has a take limit of 0 (zero). These include: most game species; rare species; state and/or federally listed Threatened or Endangered species; eagles; species with very small New Mexico populations; uncommon migrants; vagrants and accidentals; species that rarely occur in New Mexico.

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Common Name and Scientific Name	Limit
Family PODICIPEDIDAE: Grebes	
Pied-billed Grebe, <i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	25
Horned Grebe, <i>Podiceps auritus</i>	10
Eared Grebe, <i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	25
Western Grebe, <i>Aechmophorus occidentalis</i>	25
Clark's Grebe, <i>Aechmophorus clarkii</i>	5
Family COLUMBIDAE: Pigeons, Doves	
Rock Pigeon, <i>Columba livia</i>	unlimited
Eurasian Collared-Dove, <i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	unlimited
Inca Dove, <i>Columbina inca</i>	10
Family CUCULIDAE: Cuckoos, Roadrunners, Anis	
Greater Roadrunner, <i>Geococcyx californianus</i>	5
Family CAPRIMULGIDAE: Nightjars	
Lesser Nighthawk, <i>Chordeiles acutipennis</i>	25
Common Nighthawk, <i>Chordeiles minor</i>	25
Common Poorwill, <i>Phalaenoptilus nuttallii</i>	25
Mexican Whip-poor-will, <i>Antrastomus arizonae</i>	2
Family APODIDAE: Swifts	
Chimney Swift, <i>Chaetura pelagica</i>	5
White-throated Swift, <i>Aeronautes saxatalis</i>	25
Family TROCHILIDAE: Hummingbirds	
Black-chinned Hummingbird, <i>Archilochus alexandri</i>	25
Anna's Hummingbird, <i>Calypte anna</i>	5
Broad-tailed Hummingbird, <i>Selasphorus platycercus</i>	25
Rufous Hummingbird, <i>Selasphorus rufus</i>	25
Calliope Hummingbird, <i>Selasphorus calliope</i>	10
Family RECURVIROSTRIDAE: Stilts, Avocets	
Black-necked Stilt, <i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>	2
American Avocet, <i>Recurvirostra americana</i>	2
Family CHARADRIIDAE: Plovers	
Killdeer, <i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	50
Family SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers	
Least Sandpiper, <i>Calidris minutilla</i>	2
Long-billed Dowitcher, <i>Limnodromus scolopaceus</i>	2
Spotted Sandpiper, <i>Actitis macularius</i>	5
Solitary Sandpiper, <i>Tringa solitaria</i>	2
Greater Yellowlegs, <i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>	5
Willet, <i>Tringa semipalmata</i>	2
Lesser Yellowlegs, <i>Tringa flavipes</i>	2
Family LARIDAE: Gulls, Terns, Skimmers	
Ring-billed Gull, <i>Larus delawarensis</i>	50
Herring Gull, <i>Larus argentatus</i>	10
Family PHALACROCORACIDAE: Cormorants	
Double-crested Cormorant, <i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i>	25

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Family PELECANIDAE: Pelicans	
American White Pelican, <i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>	2
Family ARDEIDAE: Bitterns, Herons	
Great Blue Heron, <i>Ardea herodias</i>	5
Great Egret, <i>Ardea alba</i>	2
Snowy Egret, <i>Egretta thula</i>	2
Cattle Egret, <i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	50
Green Heron, <i>Butorides virescens</i>	2
Black-crowned Night-Heron, <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	5
Family THRESKIORNITHIDAE: Ibises, Spoonbills	
White-faced Ibis, <i>Plegadis chihi</i>	5
Family CATHARTIDAE: American Vultures	
Turkey Vulture, <i>Cathartes aura</i>	50
Family ACCIPITRIDAE: Kites, Eagles, Hawks	
Northern Harrier, <i>Circus cyaneus</i>	10
Sharp-shinned Hawk, <i>Accipiter striatus</i>	10
Cooper's Hawk, <i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	10
Northern Goshawk, <i>Accipiter gentilis</i>	2
Harris's Hawk, <i>Parabuteo unicinctus</i>	2
Swainson's Hawk, <i>Buteo swainsoni</i>	10
Red-tailed Hawk, <i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	25
Family TYTONIDAE: Barn Owls	
Barn Owl, <i>Tyto alba</i>	10
Family STRIGIDAE: Typical Owls	
Flammulated Owl, <i>Psiloscoops flammeolus</i>	2
Western Screech-Owl, <i>Megascops kennicottii</i>	10
Great Horned Owl, <i>Bubo virginianus</i>	25
Northern Pygmy-Owl, <i>Glaucidium gnoma</i>	10
Elf Owl, <i>Micrathene whitneyi</i>	2
Northern Saw-whet Owl, <i>Aegolius acadicus</i>	10
Family ALCEDINIDAE: Kingfishers	
Belted Kingfisher, <i>Megaceryle alcyon</i>	5
Family PICIDAE: Woodpeckers	
Lewis's Woodpecker, <i>Melanerpes lewis</i>	5
Acorn Woodpecker, <i>Melanerpes formicivorus</i>	25
Williamson's Sapsucker, <i>Sphyrapicus thyroideus</i>	10
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, <i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>	25
Red-naped Sapsucker, <i>Sphyrapicus nuchalis</i>	10
Ladder-backed Woodpecker, <i>Picoides scalaris</i>	25
Downy Woodpecker, <i>Picoides pubescens</i>	25
Hairy Woodpecker, <i>Picoides villosus</i>	25
Northern Flicker, <i>Colaptes auratus</i>	50
Family FALCONIDAE: Caracaras, Falcons	
American Kestrel, <i>Falco sparverius</i>	25
Merlin, <i>Falco columbarius</i>	2

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Family TYRANNIDAE: Tyrant Flycatchers	
Olive-sided Flycatcher, <i>Contopus cooperi</i>	10
Western Wood-Pewee, <i>Contopus sordidulus</i>	10
Willow Flycatcher, <i>Empidonax traillii</i> (East of Pecos Valley)	10
Least Flycatcher, <i>Empidonax minimus</i>	2
Hammond's Flycatcher, <i>Empidonax hammondii</i>	10
Gray Flycatcher, <i>Empidonax wrightii</i>	25
Dusky Flycatcher, <i>Empidonax oberholseri</i>	25
Cordilleran Flycatcher, <i>Empidonax occidentalis</i>	25
Black Phoebe, <i>Sayornis nigricans</i>	25
Eastern Phoebe, <i>Sayornis phoebe</i>	10
Say's Phoebe, <i>Sayornis saya</i>	25
Vermilion Flycatcher, <i>Pyrocephalus rubinus</i>	10
Dusky-capped Flycatcher, <i>Myiarchus tuberculifer</i>	2
Ash-throated Flycatcher, <i>Myiarchus cinerascens</i>	25
Brown-crested Flycatcher, <i>Myiarchus tyrannulus</i>	2
Cassin's Kingbird, <i>Tyrannus vociferans</i>	25
Western Kingbird, <i>Tyrannus verticalis</i>	50
Eastern Kingbird, <i>Tyrannus tyrannus</i>	2
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, <i>Tyrannus forficatus</i>	2
Family LANIIDAE: Shrikes	
Loggerhead Shrike, <i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>	5
Family VIREONIDAE: Vireos	
Hutton's Vireo, <i>Vireo huttoni</i>	10
Cassin's Vireo, <i>Vireo cassinii</i>	25
Plumbeous Vireo, <i>Vireo plumbeous</i>	25
Warbling Vireo, <i>Vireo gilvus</i>	25
Family CORVIDAE: Jays, Magpies, Crows	
Canada Jay, <i>Perisoreus canadensis</i>	5
Pinyon Jay, <i>Gymnorhinus cyanocephalus</i>	5
Steller's Jay, <i>Cyanocitta stelleri</i>	25
Blue Jay, <i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>	2
Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay, <i>Aphelocoma woodhouseii</i>	10
Mexican Jay, <i>Aphelocoma wollweberi</i>	2
Clark's Nutcracker, <i>Nucifraga columbiana</i>	10
Black-billed Magpie, <i>Pica hudsonia</i>	10
American Crow, <i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	50
Chihuahuan Raven, <i>Corvus cryptoleucus</i>	50
Common Raven, <i>Corvus corax</i>	50
Family ALAUDIDAE: Larks	
Horned Lark, <i>Eremophila alpestris</i>	50
Family HIRUNDINIDAE: Swallows	
Purple Martin, <i>Progne subis</i>	5
Tree Swallow, <i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>	25
Violet-green Swallow, <i>Tachycineta thalassina</i>	25

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Northern Rough-winged Swallow, <i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>	25
Cliff Swallow, <i>Petrochelidon pyrrhonota</i>	50
Cave Swallow, <i>Petrochelidon fulva</i>	2
Barn Swallow, <i>Hirundo rustica</i>	50
Family PARIDAE: Chickadees, Titmice	
Black-capped Chickadee, <i>Poecile atricapillus</i>	10
Mountain Chickadee, <i>Poecile gambeli</i>	50
Bridled Titmouse, <i>Baeolophus wollweberi</i>	10
Juniper Titmouse, <i>Baeolophus ridgwayi</i>	10
Family REMIZIDAE: Verdins	
Verdin, <i>Auriparus flaviceps</i>	25
Family AEGITHALIDAE: Bushtits	
Bushtit, <i>Psaltriparus minimus</i>	25
Family SITTIDAE: Nuthatches	
Red-breasted Nuthatch, <i>Sitta canadensis</i>	50
White-breasted Nuthatch, <i>Sitta carolinensis</i>	50
Pygmy Nuthatch, <i>Sitta pygmaea</i>	10
Family CERTHIIDAE: Creepers	
Brown Creeper, <i>Certhia americana</i>	25
Family TROGLODYTIDAE: Wrens	
Rock Wren, <i>Salpinctes obsoletus</i>	25
Canyon Wren, <i>Catherpes mexicanus</i>	25
House Wren, <i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	50
Marsh Wren, <i>Cistothorus palustris</i>	5
Bewick's Wren, <i>Thryomanes bewickii</i>	25
Cactus Wren, <i>Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus</i>	25
Family POLIOPTILIDAE: Gnatcatchers	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, <i>Polioptila caerulea</i>	50
Black-tailed Gnatcatcher, <i>Polioptila melanura</i>	2
Family CINCLIDAE: Dippers	
American Dipper, <i>Cinclus mexicanus</i>	5
Family REGULIDAE: Kinglets	
Golden-crowned Kinglet, <i>Regulus satrapa</i>	25
Ruby-crowned Kinglet, <i>Regulus calendula</i>	50
Family TURDIDAE: Thrushes	
Eastern Bluebird, <i>Sialia sialis</i>	25
Western Bluebird, <i>Sialia mexicana</i>	25
Mountain Bluebird, <i>Sialia currucoides</i>	25
Townsend's Solitaire, <i>Myadestes townsendi</i>	25
Swainson's Thrush, <i>Catharus ustulatus</i>	10
Hermit Thrush, <i>Catharus guttatus</i>	25
American Robin, <i>Turdus migratorius</i>	50
Family MIMIDAE: Mockingbirds, Thrashers	
Gray Catbird, <i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>	10
Curve-billed Thrasher, <i>Toxostoma curvirostre</i>	25

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Crissal Thrasher, <i>Toxostoma crissale</i>	25
Sage Thrasher, <i>Oreoscoptes montanus</i>	25
Northern Mockingbird, <i>Mimus polyglottos</i>	50
Family STURNIDAE: Starlings	
European Starling, <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	unlimited
Family BOMBYCILLIDAE: Waxwings	
Cedar Waxwing, <i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>	50
Family PTILIOGONATIDAE: Silky-flycatchers	
Phainopepla, <i>Phainopepla nitens</i>	5
Family PEUCEDRAMIDAE: Olive Warbler	
Olive Warbler, <i>Peucedramus taeniatus</i>	2
Family PASSERIDAE: Old World Sparrows	
House Sparrow, <i>Passer domesticus</i>	unlimited
Family MOTACILLIDAE: Wagtails, Pipits	
American Pipit, <i>Anthus rubescens</i>	50
Family FRINGILLIDAE: Finches	
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch, <i>Leucosticte tephrocotis</i>	2
Pine Grosbeak, <i>Pinicola enucleator</i>	2
House Finch, <i>Haemorhous mexicanus</i>	50
Cassin's Finch, <i>Haemorhous cassinii</i>	25
Red Crossbill, <i>Loxia curvirostra</i>	5
Pine Siskin, <i>Spinus pinus</i>	50
Lesser Goldfinch, <i>Spinus psaltria</i>	25
American Goldfinch, <i>Spinus tristis</i>	50
Evening Grosbeak, <i>Coccothraustes vespertinus</i>	10
Family CALCARIIDAE: Longspurs, Snow Buntings	
Chestnut-collared Longspur, <i>Calcarius ornatus</i>	25
Thick-billed Longspur, <i>Rhynchophanes mccownii</i>	5
Family PARULIDAE: Wood-Warblers	
Orange-crowned Warbler, <i>Oreothlypis celata</i>	50
Lucy's Warbler, <i>Oreothlypis luciae</i>	10
Virginia's Warbler, <i>Oreothlypis virginiae</i>	10
MacGillivray's Warbler, <i>Geothlypis tolmiei</i>	10
Common Yellowthroat, <i>Geothlypis trichas</i>	50
Yellow Warbler, <i>Setophaga petechia</i>	25
Yellow-rumped Warbler, <i>Setophaga coronata</i>	50
Grace's Warbler, <i>Setophaga graciae</i>	10
Black-throated Gray Warbler, <i>Setophaga nigrescens</i>	10
Townsend's Warbler, <i>Setophaga townsendi</i>	10
Wilson's Warbler, <i>Cardellina pusilla</i>	50
Red-faced Warbler, <i>Cardellina rubrifrons</i>	2
Painted Redstart, <i>Myioborus pictus</i>	2
Yellow-breasted Chat, <i>Icteria virens</i>	25
Family EMBERIZIDAE: Sparrows	
Green-tailed Towhee, <i>Pipilo chlorurus</i>	25

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Spotted Towhee, <i>Pipilo maculatus</i>	50
Rufous-crowned Sparrow, <i>Aimophila ruficeps</i>	25
Canyon Towhee, <i>Melospiza fusca</i>	25
Cassin's Sparrow, <i>Peucaea cassinii</i>	10
American Tree Sparrow, <i>Spizelloides arborea</i>	10
Chipping Sparrow, <i>Spizella passerina</i>	50
Clay-colored Sparrow, <i>Spizella pallida</i>	25
Brewer's Sparrow, <i>Spizella breweri</i>	25
Black-chinned Sparrow, <i>Spizella atrogularis</i>	10
Vesper Sparrow, <i>Pooecetes gramineus</i>	25
Lark Sparrow, <i>Chondestes grammacus</i>	25
Black-throated Sparrow, <i>Amphispiza bilineata</i>	25
Sagebrush Sparrow, <i>Artemisospiza nevadensis</i>	25
Lark Bunting, <i>Calamospiza melanocorys</i>	10
Savannah Sparrow, <i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>	25
Grasshopper Sparrow, <i>Ammodramus savannarum</i> (outside Hidalgo County)	5
Fox Sparrow, <i>Passerella iliaca</i>	5
Song Sparrow, <i>Melospiza melodia</i>	50
Lincoln's Sparrow, <i>Melospiza lincolni</i>	25
Swamp Sparrow, <i>Melospiza georgiana</i>	10
White-throated Sparrow, <i>Zonotrichia albicollis</i>	25
White-crowned Sparrow, <i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>	50
Dark-eyed Junco, <i>Junco hyemalis</i>	50
Family CARDINALIDAE: Tanagers, Cardinals, Grosbeaks	
Hepatic Tanager, <i>Piranga flava</i>	10
Summer Tanager, <i>Piranga rubra</i>	10
Western Tanager, <i>Piranga ludoviciana</i>	25
Northern Cardinal, <i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>	10
Pyrrhuloxia, <i>Cardinalis sinuatus</i>	25
Black-headed Grosbeak, <i>Pheucticus melanocephalus</i>	50
Blue Grosbeak, <i>Passerina caerulea</i>	50
Lazuli Bunting, <i>Passerina amoena</i>	10
Dickcissel, <i>Spiza americana</i>	5
Family ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds, Orioles	
Red-winged Blackbird, <i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	50
Eastern Meadowlark, <i>Sturnella magna</i>	50
Western Meadowlark, <i>Sturnella neglecta</i>	50
Yellow-headed Blackbird, <i>Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus</i>	10
Brewer's Blackbird, <i>Euphagus cyanocephalus</i>	50
Common Grackle, <i>Quiscalus quiscula</i>	50
Great-tailed Grackle, <i>Quiscalus mexicanus</i>	50
Bronzed Cowbird, <i>Molothrus aeneus</i>	10
Brown-headed Cowbird, <i>Molothrus ater</i>	50
Hooded Oriole, <i>Icterus cucullatus</i>	2

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Bullock's Oriole, <i>Icterus bullockii</i>	25
Scott's Oriole, <i>Icterus parisorum</i>	10