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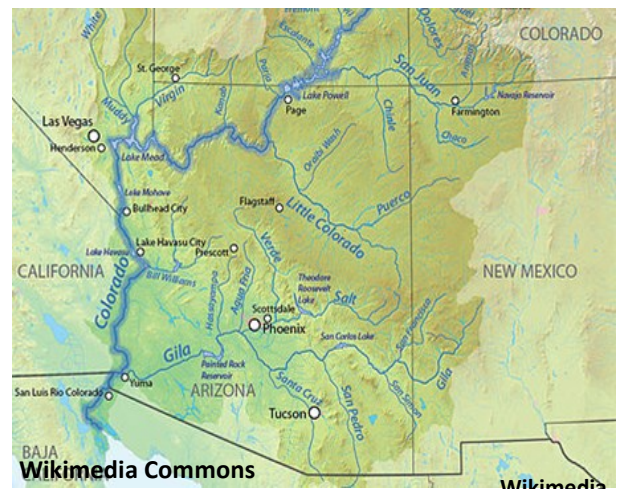
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The Little Colorado River:

- **The Little Colorado River (LCR) is one of only two major tributaries to the Colorado River.**
- **The LCR drains 27,000 square miles - nearly 20% of Arizona's total land area.**
- Due to diversions and groundwater pumping, many reaches of the LCR are dry below Lyman Lake, a large reservoir and State Park in the White Mountain community of St. Johns.
- The Upper Little Colorado River Watershed Important Bird Area, which encompasses nearly 27 miles of the LCR from its headwaters on Mount Baldy, **provides habitat for several bird species of conservation concern** including Mexican spotted owl, northern goshawk, southwestern willow flycatcher, and bald eagle.
- **Many of Arizona's native fish still persist in the LCR** including the Apache trout and the endangered humpback chub.
- **Flow in the LCR is directly connected to the health of over 5,000 acres of streamside habitat** which range from high elevation woodlands and meadows to lower elevation deserts and cottonwood-willow forests.
- **Several endangered species depend upon the habitats within the LCR basin** including the Mexican gray wolf and black-footed ferret.
- **Reductions to flow caused by groundwater pumping, loss of native vegetation due to lowering water table levels, and extended wildfires fueled by drought conditions continue to threaten the LCR.**



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Where to Find More Information:

- [Audubon Arizona](http://az.audubon.org), az.audubon.org
- [Western Rivers Action Network - Arizona](http://az.audubon.org/western-rivers-action-network-0), az.audubon.org/western-rivers-action-network-0
- [White Mountain Audubon Society](http://whitemountainaudubon.org), whitemountainaudubon.org
- [Northern Arizona Audubon Society](http://northernarizonaaudubon.org), northernarizonaaudubon.org
- [Trout Unlimited - Arizona](http://az-tu.org), az-tu.org
- [Arizona Wildlife Federation](http://azwildlife.org), azwildlife.org
- [Upper Little Colorado River Watershed IBA](http://aziba.org), aziba.org

Join Audubon's Western Rivers Action Network as we rise to this historic challenge to create healthier western rivers for birds, other wildlife, and people.

<http://audubonaction.org/western-rivers>

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