

Finches, Pipits and Old World Sparrows

- Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch (M, W)
- Black Rosy-Finch (M, W)
- Brown-capped Rosy-Finch (M, W)
- Pine Grosbeak (Y)
- House Finch (Y)
- Cassin's Finch (Y)
- Red Crossbill (Y)
- Common Redpoll (W)
- Pine Siskin (Y)
- Lesser Goldfinch (S, M)
- American Goldfinch (Y)
- Evening Grosbeak (Y)
- House Sparrow (Y)

Longspurs

- Snow Bunting (W)

Sparrows and Allies

- Green-tailed Towhee (S, M)
- Spotted Towhee (S)
- Eastern Towhee (M)
- Rufous-crowned Sparrow (S, M)
- Canyon Towhee (M)
- American Tree Sparrow (W)
- Chipping Sparrow (S)
- Clay-colored Sparrow (M)
- Brewer's Sparrow (S, M)
- Vesper Sparrow (S)
- Lark Sparrow (S)
- Black-throated Sparrow (S)
- Lark Bunting (S, M)
- Savannah Sparrow (S)
- Fox Sparrow (S)
- Song Sparrow (S)
- Lincoln's Sparrow (S)
- Swamp Sparrow (M, W)

- White-throated Sparrow (M)
- Harris's Sparrow (M, W)
- White-crowned Sparrow (S, M)
- Golden-crowned Sparrow (M, W)
- Dark-eyed Junco (Y)

Icterids

- Yellow-breasted Chat (S)
- Bobolink (S, M)
- Red-winged Blackbird (S)
- Western Meadowlark (S)
- Yellow-headed Blackbird (S)
- Rusty Blackbird (M, W)
- Brewer's Blackbird (S)
- Common Grackle (S)
- Great-tailed Grackle (S)
- Brown-headed Cowbird (S)
- Bullock's Oriole (S)

Wood-Warblers

- Ovenbird (M)
- Worm-eating Warbler (M)
- Northern Waterthrush (M)
- Golden-winged Warbler (M)
- Black-and-white Warbler (M)
- Blue-winged Warbler (M)
- Prothonotary Warbler (M)
- Tennessee Warbler (M)
- Orange-crowned Warbler (S)
- Nashville Warbler (M)
- Virginia's Warbler (S)
- Connecticut Warbler (M)
- MacGillivray's Warbler (S)
- Common Yellowthroat (S)

- American Redstart (S, M)
- Northern Parula (M)
- Magnolia Warbler (M)
- Yellow Warbler (S)
- Black-throated Blue Warbler (M)
- Palm Warbler (M)
- Yellow-rumped Warbler (S)
- Yellow-throated Warbler (M)
- Black-throated Gray Warbler (S)
- Townsend's Warbler (M)
- Canada Warbler (M)
- Wilson's Warbler (S, M)

Tanagers and Allies

- Hepatic Tanager (M)
- Summer Tanager (S, M)
- Scarlet Tanager (M)
- Western Tanager (S)
- Northern Cardinal (M)
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak (M)
- Black-headed Grosbeak (S)
- Blue Grosbeak (S)
- Lazuli Bunting (S)
- Indigo Bunting (S, M)

Other Birds Sighted/Field Notes

Disclaimer: This checklist is composed of bird species that are most likely to be seen at this state park. The intent of this list is to help park visitors identify the breadth of species most commonly associated with this location. Other species that are rarely observed were purposely omitted from this list.

Sources: CPW Resource Stewardship Breeding Bird Survey Project (CPW Parkwide Breeding Bird Survey, CPW State Park Raptor Monitoring Project, Colorado Breeding Bird Atlas II, eBird, and other researched sources when available).

Birding Tips



Always view birds and other wildlife from a safe distance.



Use binoculars or a spotting scope for a closer view.



Protect young by avoiding nests or dens.



Help protect birds by using your senses to find them, not recorded calls.



To see more birds, keep voices and other sounds low.



Protect plants and wildlife by staying on trails and respecting closures.



Keep dogs leashed and under control at all times.



For the best viewing experience, leave pets at home.



Human food can hurt wildlife—please keep their diets wild.



Take nothing but pictures—leave what you find for others to enjoy.



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BIRD SPECIES CHECKLIST



Northern Flicker

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Seasonal Visibility Key

(S)—Summer
(M)—Migration (Spring/Fall)
(W)—Winter
(I)—Infrequent
(Y)—Year-round

Ducks, Geese, and Swans

- Greater White-fronted Goose (M)
- Snow Goose (M)
- Ross's Goose (M)
- Brant (M)
- Cackling Goose (M)
- Canada Goose (S, M)
- Trumpeter Swan (M)
- Tundra Swan (M)
- Wood Duck (S, M)
- Gadwall (S, M)
- American Wigeon (S, M)
- Mallard (S, M)
- Blue-winged Teal (S, M)
- Cinnamon Teal (S, M)
- Northern Shoveler (M)
- Northern Pintail (M)
- Green-winged Teal (S, M)
- Canvasback (M)
- Redhead (M)
- Ring-necked Duck (S, M)
- Greater Scaup (M)
- Lesser Scaup (S, M)
- White-winged Scoter (M)
- Black Scoter (M)
- Bufflehead (M)
- Common Goldeneye (M, W)
- Barrow's Goldeneye (M, W)
- Hooded Merganser (M, W)
- Common Merganser (Y)
- Red-breasted Merganser (M)
- Ruddy Duck (M)

Landfowl

- Scaled Quail (Y)
- Northern Bobwhite (Y)
- Chukar (Y)
- Ring-necked Pheasant (Y)
- Dusky Grouse (Y)
- Wild Turkey (Y)

Grebes

- Pacific Loon (M)
- Common Loon (M)
- Pied-billed Grebe (S, M)
- Horned Grebe (S, M)
- Red-necked Grebe (M)
- Eared Grebe (S, M)
- Western Grebe (S, M)
- Clark's Grebe (S, M)

Pigeons, Doves, and Cuckoos

- Rock Pigeon (S)
- Band-tailed Pigeon (S)
- Eurasian Collared-Dove (Y)
- White-winged Dove (S)
- Mourning Dove (S)
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo (S)
- Greater Roadrunner (Y)

Goatsuckers

- Common Nighthawk (S)
- Common Poorwill (S)

Swifts

- Black Swift (S)
- Chimney Swift (S)
- White-throated Swift (S)

Hummingbirds

- Black-chinned Hummingbird (S)
- Broad-tailed Hummingbird (S)
- Rufous Hummingbird (M)
- Calliope Hummingbird (M)

Coots, Rails, and Cranes

- Virginia Rail (S)
- Sora (S)
- American Coot (S)
- Greater Sandhill Crane (M)
- Whooping Crane (M)

Shorebirds

- Black-necked Stilt (M)
- American Avocet (S, M)
- Black-bellied Plover (M)
- Snowy Plover (M)
- Semipalmated Plover (M)
- Piping Plover (M)
- Killdeer (S)
- Spotted Sandpiper (S)
- Solitary Sandpiper (M)
- Greater Yellowlegs (M)
- Willet (M)
- Lesser Yellowlegs (M)
- Upland Sandpiper (M)
- Whimbrel (M)
- Long-billed Curlew (M)
- Marbled Godwit (M)
- Ruddy Turnstone (M)
- Stilt Sandpiper (M)
- Sanderling (M)
- Dunlin (M)
- Baird's Sandpiper (M)
- Least Sandpiper (M)

- Pectoral sandpiper (M)
- Semipalmated sandpiper (M)
- Western Sandpiper (M)
- Short-billed Dowitcher (M)
- Long-billed Dowitcher (M)
- Wilson's Snipe (S)
- Wilson's Phalarope (S)
- Red-necked Phalarope (M)
- Red Phalarope (M)

Gulls and Terns

- Black-legged Kittiwake (M)
- Sabine's Gull (M)
- Black-headed Gull (M)
- Bonaparte's Gull (M)
- Franklin's Gull (S, M)
- Ring-billed Gull (S, M)
- California Gull (S, M)
- Herring Gull (M)
- Glaucous Gull (M)
- Least Tern (M)
- Caspian Tern (M)
- Black Tern (M)
- Common Tern (M)
- Forster's Tern (M)

Loons

- Pacific Loon (M)
- Common Loon (M)

Cormorants

- Double-crested Cormorant (M)
- #### Pelicans
- American White Pelican (M)

Bitterns and Herons

- American Bittern (S)
- Great Blue Heron (S)
- Great Egret (S, M)

- Snowy Egret (M)
- Little Blue Heron (M)
- Cattle Egret (M)
- Green Heron (S, M)
- Black-crowned Night-Heron (S, M)

Ibises

- White-faced Ibis (S, M)

New World Vultures

- Turkey Vulture (S)

Osprey

- Osprey (S)

Diurnal Raptors

- Bald Eagle (Y)
- Northern Harrier (S, M)
- Sharp-shinned Hawk (S, M)
- Cooper's Hawk (S, M)
- Northern Goshawk (S, M)
- Broad-winged Hawk (M)
- Swainson's Hawk (S, M)
- Red-tailed Hawk (Y)
- Rough-legged Hawk (W)
- Ferruginous Hawk (M)
- Golden Eagle (Y)

Owls

- Barn Owl (Y)
- Flammulated Owl (S)
- Western Screech-Owl (Y)
- Great Horned Owl (Y)
- Northern Pygmy-Owl (Y)
- Long-eared Owl (Y)
- Northern Saw-whet Owl (Y)

Kingfishers

- Belted Kingfisher (Y)

Woodpeckers (Picidae)

- Lewis's Woodpecker (S)

- Williamson's Sapsucker (S)
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (M, W)
- Red-naped Sapsucker (S)
- Ladder-backed Woodpecker (Y)
- Downy Woodpecker (Y)
- Hairy Woodpecker (Y)
- American Three-Toed Woodpecker (Y)
- Northern Flicker (Y)

Falcons

- American Kestrel (Y)
- Merlin (M)
- Peregrine Falcon (S, M)
- Prairie Falcon (S, M)

Tyrant Flycatchers

- Olive-sided Flycatcher (S)
- Western Wood-Pewee (M)
- Eastern Wood-Pewee (M)
- Willow Flycatcher (S)
- Least Flycatcher (M)
- Hammond's Flycatcher (S)
- Gray Flycatcher (S)
- Dusky Flycatcher (S)
- Cordilleran Flycatcher (S)
- Black Phoebe (S)
- Eastern Phoebe (S, M)
- Say's Phoebe (S, M)
- Vermilion Flycatcher (M)
- Ash-throated Flycatcher (S)
- Great Crested Flycatcher (M)
- Cassin's Kingbird (S, M)
- Western Kingbird (S, M)
- Eastern Kingbird (S, M)

Shrikes and Vireos

- Loggerhead Shrike (S)
- Northern Shrike (W)
- White-eyed Vireo (M)

- Gray Vireo (S)
- Yellow-throated Vireo (M)
- Plumbeous Vireo (S)
- Cassin's Vireo (M)
- Warbling Vireo (S)
- Red-eyed Vireo (S)

Jays, Crows, and Allies

- Gray Jay (Y)
- Pinyon Jay (Y)
- Steller's Jay (Y)
- Blue Jay (Y)
- Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay (Y)
- Black-billed Magpie (Y)
- Clark's Nutcracker (Y)
- American Crow (Y)
- Chihuahuan Raven (Y)
- Common Raven (Y)

Larks

- Horned Lark (S, M)

Swallows

- Purple Martin (S, M)
- Tree Swallow (S)
- Violet-green Swallow (S)
- Northern Rough-winged Swallow (S)
- Bank Swallow (S)
- Cliff Swallow (S)
- Barn Swallow (S)

Chickadees

- Black-capped Chickadee (Y)
- Mountain Chickadee (Y)
- Juniper Titmouse (Y)
- Bushtit (Y)

Nuthatches and Creepers

- Red-breasted Nuthatch (Y)
- White-breasted Nuthatch (Y)

- Pygmy Nuthatch (M)
- Brown Creeper (Y)

Wrens

- Rock Wren (S)
- Canyon Wren (Y)
- House Wren (S)
- Pacific/Winter Wren (M, W)
- Winter Wren (M, W)
- Marsh Wren (M)
- Carolina Wren (M)
- Bewick's Wren (S)

Old World Warblers, Thrushes, and Allies

- American Dipper (Y)
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (S)
- Golden-crowned Kinglet (Y)
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet (S)
- Eastern Bluebird (M, W)
- Western Bluebird (S)
- Mountain Bluebird (S)
- Townsend's Solitaire (Y)
- Veery (S)
- Swainson's Thrush (S)
- Hermit Thrush (S)
- American Robin (Y)

Starlings and Mimids

- European Starling (Y)
- Gray Catbird (S)
- Curve-billed Thrasher (Y)
- Brown Thrasher (M)
- Sage Thrasher (S)
- Northern Mockingbird (S)

Waxwings

- Bohemian Waxwing (W)
- Cedar Waxwing (S)