

- Evening Grosbeak (M)
- Pine Siskin (W)
- Red Crossbill (I)
- American Pipit (M)
- House Sparrow (Y)

Longspurs

- Lapland Longspur (W)
- Chestnut-collared Longspur (I)
- McCown's Longspur (I)
- Snow Bunting (I)

Sparrows and Allies

- Green-tailed Towhee (M)
- Spotted Towhee (Y)
- Clay-colored Sparrow (M)
- American Tree Sparrow (W)
- Grasshopper Sparrow (S)
- Chipping Sparrow (M)
- Field Sparrow (I)
- Brewer's Sparrow (M)
- Lark Sparrow (S)
- Lark Bunting (M)
- Fox Sparrow (I)
- Dark-eyed Junco (W)
- White-crowned Sparrow (W)
- Golden-crowned Sparrow (I)
- Harris's Sparrow (W)
- White-throated Sparrow (M)
- Sagebrush Sparrow (I)
- Vesper Sparrow (M)
- LeConte's Sparrow (I)
- Savannah Sparrow (M)
- Song Sparrow (Y)
- Lincoln's Sparrow (M)
- Swamp Sparrow (W)

Icterids

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

Wood-Warblers

- Ovenbird (I)
- Worm-eating Warbler (I)
- Northern Waterthrush (M)
- Black-and-white Warbler (I)
- Prothonotary Warbler (I)
- Nashville Warbler (I)
- Virginia's Warbler (S)
- Northern Parula (M)
- Magnolia Warbler (I)
- Blackburnian Warbler (I)
- Chestnut-sided Warbler (I)
- Yellow Warbler (S)
- Blackpoll Warbler (I)
- Hooded Warbler (I)
- Black-throated Blue Warbler (I)
- Palm Warbler (I)
- Tennessee Warbler (I)
- Common Yellowthroat (S)
- American Redstart (S)
- Yellow-rumped Warbler (M)

- Prairie Warbler (I)
- Black-throated Gray Warbler (I)
- Canada Warbler (I)
- Townsend's Warbler (M)
- Pine Warbler (I)
- Wilson's Warbler (M)
- Orange-crowned Warbler (M)
- MacGillivray's Warbler (M)

Tanagers and Allies

- Western Tanager (M)
- Summer Tanager (I)
- Scarlet Tanager (I)
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak (M)
- Black-headed Grosbeak (S)
- Blue Grosbeak (S)
- Lazuli Bunting (S)
- Indigo Bunting (S)
- Dicksissel (I)

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



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Northern Harrier

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Seasonal Visibility Key

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

Ducks, Geese, and Swans

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

Landfowl

- Northern Bobwhite (I)
- Ring-necked Pheasant (Y)
- Wild Turkey (Y)

Grebes

- Pied-billed Grebe (S)
- Horned Grebe (M)
- Red-necked Grebe (I)
- Eared Grebe (M)
- Western Grebe (M)
- Clark's Grebe (I)

Pigeons, Doves and Cuckoos

- Rock Pigeon (Y)
- Eurasian Collared-Dove (Y)
- White-winged Dove (I)
- Mourning Dove (S)
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo (S)
- Black-billed Cuckoo (I)

Goatsuckers

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

Swifts

- Chimney Swift (I)

Hummingbirds

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

Rails, Coots, and Cranes

- American Coot (S)
- Virginia Rail (Y)
- Sora (S)
- Sandhill Crane (I)

Shorebirds

- Killdeer (Y)
- Black-bellied Plover (I)
- Semi-palmated Plover (M)
- American Golden Plover (I)
- Piping Plover (I)
- American Avocet (M)
- Baird's Sandpiper (M)
- Buff-breasted Sandpiper (I)
- Least Sandpiper (M)
- Spotted Sandpiper (S)
- Semi-palmated Sandpiper (M)
- Solitary Sandpiper (M)
- White-rumped Sandpiper (I)
- Pectoral Sandpiper (M)
- Western Sandpiper (M)
- Black-necked Stilt (I)
- Stilt Sandpiper (I)
- Greater Yellowlegs (M)
- Lesser Yellowlegs (M)
- Sanderling (M)
- Whimbrel (I)
- Willet (M)
- Dunlin (I)
- Long-billed Curlew (I)

Goatsuckers

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

- Chimney Swift (I)

- Long-billed Dowitcher (M)
- Short-billed Dowitcher (M)
- Hudsonian Gotwit (I)
- Marbled Godwit (M)
- Red Knot (I)
- Common Snipe (Y)
- Wilson's Snipe (Y)
- Wilson's Phalarope (M)
- Red Phalarope (I)
- Red-necked Phalarope (I)

Jaegers

- Pomarine Jaeger (I)
- Parasitic Jaeger (I)
- Long-tailed Jaeger (I)

Gulls and Terns

- Black-legged Kittiwake (M)
- Black-headed Gull (I)
- Ross's Gull (I)
- Bonaparte's Gull (M)
- Laughing Gull (I)
- Franklin's Gull (M)
- Iceland Gull (W, M)
- Little Gull (I)
- Mew Gull (I)
- Ring-billed Gull (Y)
- California Gull (S)
- Herring Gull (M)
- Sabine's Gull (I)
- Thayer's Gull (M)
- Lesser Black-backed Gull (I)
- Glaucous Gull (I)
- Glaucous-winged Gull (I)
- Great Black-backed Gull (I)
- Least Tern (I)
- Arctic Tern (I)
- Black Tern (M)
- Common Tern (M)
- Caspian Tern (I)
- Forster's Tern (M)

Loons

- Arctic Loon (I)
- Red-throated Loon (I)
- Yellow-billed Loon (I)
- Pacific Loon (M)
- Common Loon (M)

Cormorants

- Double-crested Cormorant (S)

Pelicans

- American White Pelican (M)

Bitterns and Herons

- Great Blue Heron (S)
- Great Egret (S, M)
- Snowy Egret (S, M)
- Cattle Egret (I)
- American Bittern (I)
- Little Blue Heron (I)
- Green Heron (M)
- Black-crowned Night Heron (Y)

Ibises

- Glossy Ibis (I)
- White-faced Ibis (M)

New World Vultures

- Turkey Vulture (S, M)

Osprey

- Osprey (M)

Diurnal Raptors

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

Owls

- Barn Owl (I)
- Eastern Screech-Owl (Y)
- Great Horned Owl (Y)
- Burrowing Owl (S)
- Long-eared Owl (Y)
- Short-eared Owl (I)
- Snowy Owl (I)

Kingfishers

- Belted Kingfisher (Y)

Woodpeckers

- Lewis's Woodpecker (I)
- Red-headed Woodpecker (M)
- Red-bellied Woodpecker (I)
- Downy Woodpecker (Y)
- Hairy Woodpecker (W)
- Red-naped Sapsucker (I)
- Northern Flicker (Y)

Falcons

- American Kestrel (Y)
- Merlin (W)
- Peregrine Falcon (M)
- Prairie Falcon (W)

Tyrant Flycatchers

- Western Wood-Pewee (S)
- Eastern Wood-Pewee (I)
- Olive-sided Flycatcher (M)
- Alder Flycatcher (I)
- Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (I)
- Gray Flycatcher (I)
- Dusky Flycatcher (M)
- Cordilleran Flycatcher (M)
- Least Flycatcher (S)
- Hammond's Flycatcher (M)
- Eastern Phoebe (M)
- Say's Phoebe (M)

- Ash-throated Flycatcher (I)
- Cassin's Kingbird (I)
- Western Kingbird (S)
- Eastern Kingbird (S)

Shrikes and Vireos

- Loggerhead Shrike (M)
- Northern Shrike (W)
- Cassin's Vireo (I)
- Plumbeous Vireo (M)
- Warbling Vireo (S)
- Red-eyed Vireo (S)

Jays, Crows, and Allies

- Steller's Jay (M)
- Blue Jay (M)
- Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay (W, M, I)
- Black-billed Magpie (Y)
- American Crow (Y)
- Common Raven (Y)
- Chihuahuan Raven (I)

Larks

- Horned Lark (Y)

Swallows

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

Chickadees

- Black-capped Chickadee (Y)
- Mountain Chickadee (W)
- Bushtit (I)

Nuthatches and Creepers

- Red-breasted Nuthatch (M)

- White-breasted Nuthatch (Y)
- Pygmy Nuthatch (I)
- Brown Creeper (W)

Wrens

- Rock Wren (S)
- House Wren (S)
- Winter Wren (W)
- Marsh Wren (W)

Old World Warblers, Thrushes, and Allies

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

Starlings and Mimids

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

Waxwings

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

Finches and Old World Sparrows

- House Finch (Y)
- Cassin's Finch (I)
- Lesser Goldfinch (S)
- American Goldfinch (Y)
- Common Redpoll (I)