

Wrens

- Rock Wren (S, M)
- Canyon Wren (I)
- Bewick's Wren (Y)
- House Wren (S, M)
- Marsh Wren (M)

Old World Warblers, Thrushes, and Allies

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

Starlings and Mimids

- European Starling (S, M)
- Gray Catbird (S)
- Northern Mockingbird (S, M)
- Curve-billed Thrasher (I)
- Sage Thrasher (M)

Waxwings

- Cedar Waxwing (Y)

Finches, Pipits, and Old World Sparrows

- Cassin's Finch (Y)
- House Finch (Y)
- Evening Grosbeak (S, M)
- Pine Siskin (Y)
- Red Crossbill (M)
- Lesser Goldfinch (S, M)
- American Goldfinch (S, M)
- American Pipit (M)
- House Sparrow (S, M)

Sparrows and Allies

- Green-tailed Towhee (S, M)
- Spotted Towhee (Y)
- Canyon Towhee (I)
- American Tree Sparrow (W)
- Brewer's Sparrow (M)
- Cassin's Sparrow (S)
- Chipping Sparrow (S, M)
- Vesper Sparrow (S, M)
- Lark Sparrow (S, M)
- Lark Bunting (M)
- Rufous-crowned Sparrow (S, M)
- Clay-colored Sparrow (S)
- Savannah Sparrow (M)
- Song Sparrow (Y)
- Lincoln's Sparrow (M)
- White-crowned Sparrow (Y)
- Dark-eyed Junco (W, M)

Icterids

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

Wood-Warblers

- Orange-crowned Warbler (S, M)
- Virginia's Warbler (M)
- Yellow Warbler (S, M)
- Yellow-rumped Warbler (S, M)
- Black-throated Gray Warbler (S)
- McGillivray's Warbler (S)
- Common Yellowthroat (M)
- Hooded Warbler (I)
- Wilson's Warbler (S, M)

Tanagers and Allies

- Western Tanager (S, M)
- Hepatic Tanager (S, M)
- Summer Tanager (M)
- Black-headed Grosbeak (S, M)
- Blue Grosbeak (S, M)
- Lazuli Bunting (S, M)
- Indigo Bunting (S, M)
- Dickcissel (S)

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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American Kestrel

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Seasonal Visibility Key

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

Ducks, Geese, and Swans

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

Landfowl

- Northern Bobwhite (I)
- Scaled Quail (M)
- Wild Turkey (Y)

Grebes

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

Pigeons, Doves and Cuckoos

- Rock Pigeon (I)
- Band-tailed Pigeon (I)
- Eurasian Collared-Dove (S, M)
- White-winged Dove (S, M)
- Mourning Dove (S, M)

- Greater Roadrunner (S, M)
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo (I)

Goatsuckers

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

Swifts

- Chimney Swift (I)
- White-throated Swift (I)

Hummingbirds

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

Rails, Coots, and Cranes

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

Shorebirds

- Killdeer (S, M)
- Black-necked Stilt (M)
- American Avocet (M)
- Marbled Godwit (M)
- Sanderling (M)
- Greater Yellowlegs (S, M)
- Willet (M)
- Lesser Yellowlegs (I)
- Spotted Sandpiper (S, M)
- Solitary Sandpiper (I)
- Pectoral Sandpiper (I)
- Baird's Sandpiper (S)
- Least Sandpiper (M)
- Long-billed Dowitcher (S, M)
- Wilson's Snipe (M)
- Wilson's Phalarope (M)
- Red-necked Phalarope (M)

Gulls and Terns

- Sabine's Gull (I)
- Franklin's Gull (M)
- Bonaparte's Gull (I)
- Ring-billed Gull (Y)
- California Gull (M)
- Herring Gull (M, W)
- Forster's Tern (I)
- Black Tern (I)
- Caspian Tern (S)

Loons

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

Cormorants

- Double-crested Cormorant (M)

Pelicans

- American White Pelican (S, M)

Bitterns and Herons

- Great Blue Heron (S, M)
- Cattle Egret (M)
- Black-crowned Night Heron (I)
- Snowy Egret (I)

Ibises

- White-faced Ibis (M)

New World Vultures

- Turkey Vulture (S, M)

Osprey

- Osprey (M)

Diurnal Raptors

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

Owls

- Barn Owl (I)
- Flammulated Owl (I)
- Western Screech-Owl (I)
- Great Horned Owl (S, M)
- Burrowing Owl (I)

Kingfishers

- Belted Kingfisher (S, M)

Woodpeckers

- Williamson's Sapsucker (M)
- Red-naped Sapsucker (I)
- Lewis's Woodpecker (S, M)
- Ladder-backed Woodpecker (S, M)
- Downy Woodpecker (S, M)
- Hairy Woodpecker (S, M)
- Northern Flicker (Y)

Falcons

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

Tyrant Flycatchers

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

Shrikes and Vireos

- Loggerhead Shrike (M)
- Northern Shrike (W, M)
- Plumbeous Vireo (S)
- Warbling Vireo (M)

Jays, Crows, and Allies

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

Larks

- Horned Lark (S, M)

Swallows

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

Chickadees

- Black-capped Chickadee (S, M)
- Mountain Chickadee (Y)
- Juniper Titmouse (Y)
- Bushtit (Y)

Nuthatches and Creepers

- Red-breasted Nuthatch (Y)
- White-breasted Nuthatch (Y)
- Pygmy Nuthatch (I)
- Brown Creeper (M)