

Chickadees

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

Nuthatches and Creepers

- Red-breasted Nuthatch (Y)
- White-breasted Nuthatch (Y)
- Brown Creeper (W)

Wrens

- Rock Wren (S)
- House Wren (S)
- Marsh Wren (M)

Old World Warblers, Thrushes, and Allies

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

Starlings and Mimids

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

Waxwings

- Cedar Waxwing (M)

Finches, Pipits and Old World Sparrows

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

Longspurs

- Lapland Longspur (M)
- Chestnut-collared Longspur (M)
- McCown's Longspur (S)

Sparrows and Allies

- Spotted Towhee (Y)
- Green-tailed Towhee (S)
- American Tree Sparrow (W)

- Chipping Sparrow (M)
- Clay-colored Sparrow (M)
- Brewer's Sparrow (M)
- Harris's Sparrow (W)
- Lark Sparrow (S)
- Lark Bunting (S)
- Lincoln's Sparrow (M)
- Savannah Sparrow (M)
- Song Sparrow (Y)
- Vesper Sparrow (M)
- White-crowned Sparrow (M)
- Dark-eyed Junco (W)

Icterids

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

Wood-Warblers

- Northern Waterthrush (I)
- Black-and-white Warbler (I)
- Virginia's Warbler (I)
- Common Yellowthroat (M)
- American Redstart (S)
- Magnolia Warbler (I)
- Northern Parula (I)
- Townsend's Warbler (I)
- Orange-crowned Warbler (M)
- Yellow Warbler (S)
- Blackpoll Warbler (M)
- Black-throated Green Warbler (M)
- Yellow-rumped Warbler (M)
- Wilson's Warbler (S)

Tanagers and Allies

- Western Tanager (S)
- Black-headed Grosbeak (I)
- Blue Grosbeak (S)
- Lazuli Bunting (S)
- Indigo Bunting (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



Western Meadowlark

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Seasonal Visibility Key

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

Ducks, Geese, and Swans

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

Landfowl

- Ring-necked Pheasant (Y)
- Wild Turkey (Y)

Grebes

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

Pigeons, Doves and Cuckoos

- Rock Pigeon (Y)
- Band-tailed Pigeon (I)
- Eurasian Collared-Dove (Y)
- Mourning Dove (Y)
- Inca Dove (M)

Goatsuckers

- Common Nighthawk (S)

Swifts

- Chimney Swift (S)

Hummingbirds

- Black-chinned Hummingbird (S)
- Broad-tailed Hummingbird (S)

Rails, Coots, and Cranes

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

Shorebirds

- Killdeer (S)
- American Avocet (M)
- Least Sandpiper (M)
- Spotted Sandpiper (S)
- Baird's Sandpiper (M)
- Semipalmated Sandpiper (M)
- Solitary Sandpiper (M)
- Western Sandpiper (M)
- White-rumped Sandpiper (I)
- Stilt Sandpiper (I)
- Pectoral Sandpiper (I)
- Dunlin (I)
- Black-bellied Plover (M)
- Semipalmated Plover (M)
- Piping Plover (M)
- Black-necked Stilt (M)
- Greater Yellowlegs (M)
- Lesser Yellowlegs (M)
- Sanderling (M)
- Willet (M)
- Whimbrel (M)
- Long-billed Curlew (M)
- Long-billed Dowitcher (M)
- Marbled Godwit (M)
- Wilson's Snipe (M)
- Wilson's Phalarope (S)
- Red-necked Phalarope (M)

Jaegers

- Long-tailed Jaeger (M)

Gulls and Terns

- Black-legged Kittiwake (M)
- Bonaparte's Gull (M)
- Laughing Gull (S)
- Franklin's Gull (M)
- Mew Gull (M)
- Ring-billed Gull (Y)
- California Gull (S)
- Herring Gull (M)
- Iceland Gull (W)
- Thayer's Gull (Y)
- Lesser Black-backed Gull (W)

- Glaucous Gull (W)
- Glaucous-winged Gull (W)
- Great Black-backed Gull (W)
- Sabine's Gull (M)
- Arctic Tern (M)
- Black Tern (M)
- Caspian Tern (M)
- Common Tern (S)
- Forster's Tern (M)
- Least Tern (S)

Loons

- Red-throated Loon (M)
- Yellow-billed Loon (W)
- Common Loon (M)
- Pacific Loon (M)

Cormorants

- Double-crested Cormorant (S)

Pelicans

- American White Pelican (S)
- Brown Pelican (M)

Bitterns and Herons

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

Ibises

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

New World Vultures

- Turkey Vulture (S)

Osprey

- Osprey (S)

Diurnal Raptors

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

Owls

- Barn Owl (Y)
- Eastern Screech-Owl (I)
- Great Horned Owl (Y)

Kingfishers

- Belted Kingfisher (Y)

Woodpeckers

- Downy Woodpecker (Y)
- Red-headed Woodpecker (S)
- Hairy Woodpecker (I)
- Northern Flicker (Y)

Falcons

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

Tyrant Flycatchers

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

Shrikes and Vireos

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

Jays, Crows, and Allies

- Blue Jay (Y)
- Black-billed Magpie (Y)
- American Crow (Y)
- Common Raven (Y)

Larks

- Horned Lark (S)

Swallows

- Violet-green Swallow (S)
- Bank Swallow (S)
- Cliff Swallow (S)
- Barn Swallow (S)
- Northern Rough-winged Swallow (S)
- Tree Swallow (S)