

- Red Crossbill (Y)
- White-winged Crossbill (I)
- Common Redpoll (I)
- Pine Siskin (Y)
- Lesser Goldfinch (S)
- American Goldfinch (S, M)
- Evening Grosbeak (S, M)

Sparrows and Allies

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

Icterids

- Red-winged Blackbird (S)
- Western Meadowlark (S)
- Brewer's Blackbird (S)
- Common Grackle (S)
- Brown-headed Cowbird (S)
- Bullock's Oriole (S)

Wood-Warblers

- Orange-crowned Warbler (M)
- Virginia's Warbler (S)
- Yellow Warbler (S)
- Yellow-rumped Warbler (S)
- Townsend's Warbler (M)
- MacGillivray's Warbler (S)
- Common Yellowthroat (S)
- Wilson's Warbler (S)
- Yellow-breasted Chat (S)

Tanagers and Allies

- Western Tanager (S)
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak (M)
- Black-headed Grosbeak (S)
- Lazuli 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



Dark eyed Junco

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Seasonal Visibility Key

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

Ducks, Geese, and Swans

- Canada Goose (S, M)
- Gadwall (M)
- Mallard (S, M)
- Blue-winged Teal (S, M)
- Cinnamon Teal (M)
- Ring-Necked Duck (S, M)
- Green-winged Teal (S, M)
- Ruddy Duck (M)

Landfowl

- Dusky Grouse (Y)
- Wild Turkey (Y)

Pigeons, Doves and Cuckoos

- Rock Pigeon (S)
- Eurasian Collared-Dove (I)
- Mourning Dove (S)

Goatsuckers

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

Swifts

- White-throated Swift (S)

Hummingbirds

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

Shorebirds

- Killdeer (S)
- Spotted Sandpiper (S)
- Wilson's Snipe (S)

Cormorants

- Double-crested Cormorant (M)

Pelicans

- American White Pelican (M)

Bitterns and Herons

- Great Blue Heron (S)

New World Vultures

- Turkey Vulture (S)

Osprey

- Osprey (S)

Diurnal Raptors

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

Owls

- Flammulated Owl (S)
- Northern Pygmy-Owl (Y)
- Great Horned Owl (Y)
- Long-eared Owl (Y)
- Boreal Owl (Y)
- Northern Saw-whet Owl (Y)

Kingfishers

- Belted Kingfisher (Y)

Woodpeckers

- Lewis's Woodpecker (S)
- Red-headed Woodpecker (S)
- Williamson's Sapsucker (S)
- Red-naped Sapsucker (S)
- Downy Woodpecker (Y)
- Hairy Woodpecker (Y)
- American Three-toed Woodpecker (Y)
- Northern Flicker (Y)

Falcons

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

Tyrant Flycatchers

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

Shrikes and Vireos

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

Jays, Crows, and Allies

- Gray Jay (Y)
- Pinyon Jay (M)
- Steller's Jay (Y)

- Blue Jay (I)
- Western Scrub-Jay (M)
- Clark's Nutcracker (Y)
- Black-billed Magpie (Y)
- American Crow (Y)
- Common Raven (Y)

Larks

- Horned Lark (M)

Swallows

- 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)

Nuthatches and Creepers

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

Wrens

- Rock Wren (S)
- Canyon Wren (Y)
- House Wren (S)

Old World Warblers, Thrushes, and Allies

- American Dipper (Y)
- Golden-crowned Kinglet (Y)
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet (S)
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (M)
- 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 (S)

Waxwings

- Bohemian Waxwing (W)

Finches, Pipits, and Old World Sparrows

- American Pipit (M)
- Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch (I)
- Black Rosy-Finch (I)
- Brown-capped Rosy-Finch (I)
- Pine Grosbeak (I)
- Purple Finch (I)
- Cassin's Finch (S, M)
- House Finch (S, M)