

### Nuthatches and Creepers

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

### Wrens

- Marsh Wren (Y)
- Rock Wren (S)
- Bewick's Wren (S)
- House Wren (S)

### Old World Warblers, Thrushes, and Allies

- Townsend's Solitaire (Y)
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (S)
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet (M, S)
- Mountain Bluebird (Y)
- Western Bluebird (Y)
- American Robin (Y)

### Starlings and Mimids

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

### Waxwings

- Cedar Waxwing (Y)

### Finches, Pipits, and Old World Sparrows

- House Finch (Y)
- Pine Siskin (Y)
- Lesser Goldfinch (S)
- American Goldfinch (W)
- Evening Grosbeak (Y)
- American Pipit (S)
- House Sparrow (Y)

### Longspurs

- Snow Bunting (W)

### Sparrows and Allies

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

### Icterids

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

### Wood-Warblers

- Yellow-rumped Warbler (S, M)
- Yellow Warbler (S)
- Townsend's Warbler (M)
- Common Yellowthroat (S)
- Orange-crowned Warbler (S)
- Wilson's Warbler (S)

### Tanagers and Allies

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

### Other Birds Sighted/Field Notes

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*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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# Birds at Sweetzer Lake State Park



BIRD SPECIES CHECKLIST



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Gambel's Quail

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

### Landfowl

- Chukar (Y)
- Ring-necked Pheasant (Y)
- Gambel's Quail (Y)

### Grebes

- Clark's Grebe (S)
- Western Grebe (S)
- Horned Grebe (M)
- Eared Grebe (S)
- Pied-billed Grebe (Y)

### Pigeons, Doves and Cuckoos

- Rock Pigeon (Y)

- Band-tailed Pigeon (S)
- Eurasian Collared-Dove (Y)
- Mourning Dove (Y)
- White-winged Dove (I)

### Goatsuckers

- Common Nighthawk (S)

### Swifts

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

### Hummingbirds

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

### Rails, Coots, and Cranes

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

### Shorebirds

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

### Gulls and Terns

- Black Tern (I)
- Bonaparte's Gull (M)
- Caspian Tern (I)

- Herring Gull (W)
- California Gull (S, W)
- Ring-billed Gull (W, M)
- Franklin's Gull (M)
- Forster's Tern (M)
- Common Tern (M)
- Least Tern (I)

### Loons

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

### Cormorants

- Double-crested Cormorant (M)
- Neotropic Cormorant (I)

### Pelicans

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

### Bitterns and Herons

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

### Ibises

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

### New World Vultures

- Turkey Vulture (S)

### Osprey

- Osprey (S, M)

### Diurnal Raptors

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

### Owls

- Great Horned Owl (Y)

### Kingfishers

- Belted Kingfisher (Y)

### Woodpeckers

- Northern Flicker (Y)
- Lewis's Woodpecker (Y)
- Downy Woodpecker (Y)
- Hairy Woodpecker (Y)

### Falcons

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

### Tyrant Flycatchers

- Western Wood-Pewee (S)
- Dusky Flycatcher (S)
- Willow Flycatcher (S)
- Ash-throated Flycatcher (S)
- Say's Phoebe (S)
- Eastern Kingbird (S)
- Western Kingbird (S)
- Black Phoebe (I)

### Shrikes and Vireos

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

### Jays, Crows, and Allies

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

### Larks

- Horned Lark (Y)

### Swallows

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

### Chickadees

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