

**WILDLIFE  
VIEWING AREA**

# Looking for Wildlife?

Wildlife is everywhere, even in your neighborhood. Still, there are some places where you are more likely to see wildlife. In Colorado, look for brown and white binocular signs on roadsides. These signs mark wildlife viewing areas. There are over 200 Colorado wildlife viewing areas. You can find a map of these viewing areas at:

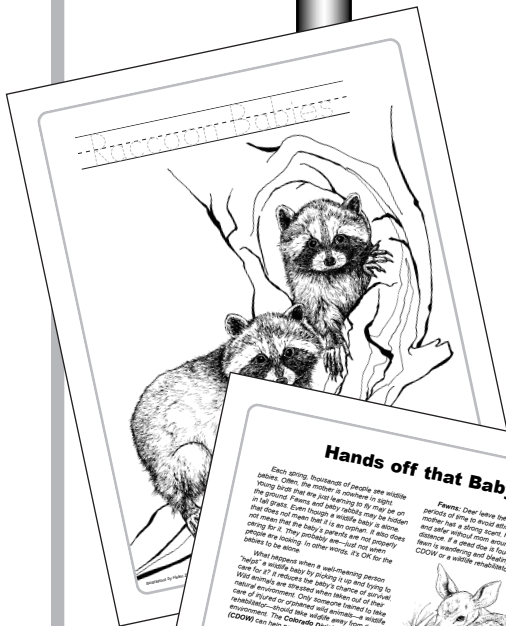
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Some wildlife viewing areas are part of the new Colorado Birding Trail. A birding trail is a collection of sites along a route that offer special opportunities to view birds and other wildlife.

Colorado Birding Trail sites are also marked by special brown and white signs. Read more about the Colorado Birding Trail by exploring the website: [www.Coloradobirdingtrail.com](http://www.Coloradobirdingtrail.com). Then—hit the trail!

Learn more about Colorado wildlife. Wildlife Discovery Pages for kids of all ages can be downloaded at:

[cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/TR-WildlifeDiscovery.aspx](http://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/TR-WildlifeDiscovery.aspx)



### Hands off that Baby!

Each spring, hundreds of parents are wildlife babies. Often, the mother is nowhere to be seen. Young birds that are just learning to fly may be on the ground. Even though a wildlife baby is alone, it does not mean that it is an orphan. In fact, the parents are probably around and just trying to be sneaky. In other words, it's OK for the

What happens when a well-meaning person sees a wildlife baby by itself? It's up to you and trying to help. Wildlife babies are the baby's chance of survival. They are often in the care of their parents, but sometimes they are abandoned. The Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW) can help you find a wildlife baby and return it to its mother.

How does someone know when a wildlife baby needs help? What is the best way to help? Here are some tips:

**Baby birds:** The best thing to do if you find a baby bird is to put it gently back in its nest. If you cannot reach the nest, leave the chick alone. The parents will return to care for the chick, and the chick will be safe on the ground.

**Baby squirrels:** If you find a baby squirrel that has fallen from a tree, make sure it is not injured. Contact CDOW or a wildlife rehabilitator.

**Feet:** Deer have their feet alone for long periods of time to avoid getting wetting. The mother has a strong scent. Parents are always close. If a deer is alone, it is a sign that the mother is nearby and looking for her baby.

**Baby rabbits:** Just like deer, baby rabbits are often left alone or put in the mother's care. They are clearly marked. They are CDOW or a wildlife rehabilitator.

**Baby raccoons:** Raccoons are very smart. They can always find their way back to their mother. Do not try to take them home and raise, and do not feed them.

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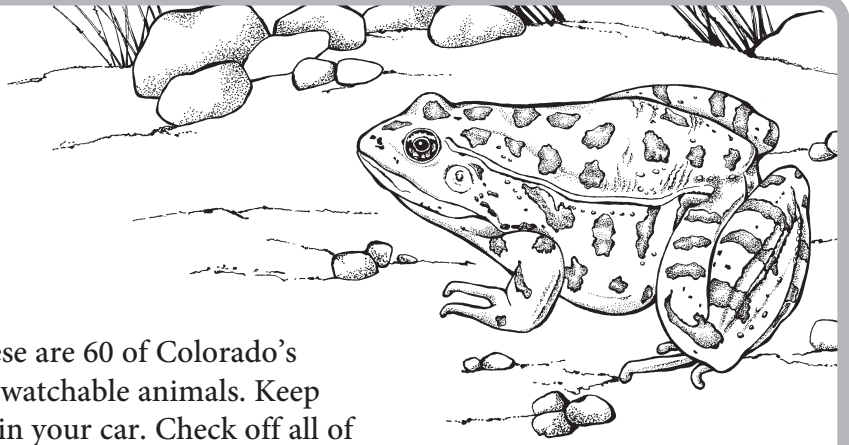
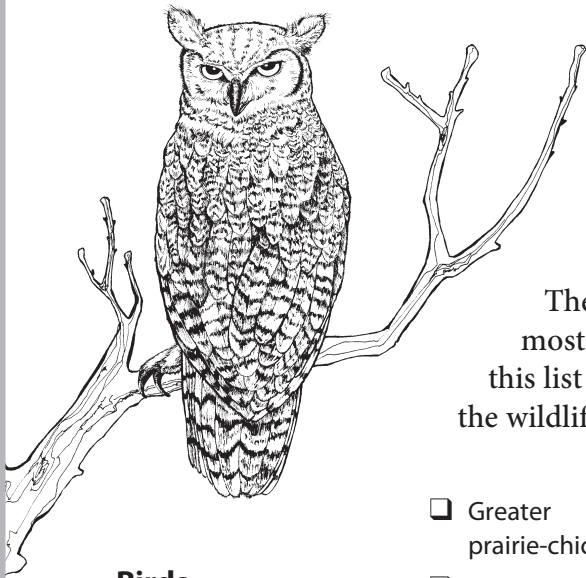


### I'm Not Lost!

It's spring! Wildlife babies are everywhere. Some babies look lost and alone. Does this mean you need your help? No! It is waiting for its mother. Just as your mother might have left you in your crib to make dinner, a wildlife mother must leave her baby to look for food. She knows where she left her little one. She plans to return soon. She may be watching nearby and waiting for you to leave. If you leave this baby alone, its mother will be able to feed and protect it, and teach it how to survive.

Please leave all wildlife babies alone.





These are 60 of Colorado's most watchable animals. Keep this list in your car. Check off all of the wildlife that you see on your travels!

**Birds**

- Bald eagle
- Broad-tailed hummingbird
- Burrowing owl
- Dipper
- Dusky grouse
- Golden eagle
- Great blue heron
- Great horned owl
- Gray jay

- Greater prairie-chicken
- Lark bunting\*
- Lesser prairie-chicken
- Magpie
- Mountain bluebird
- Mountain plover
- Osprey
- Peregrine falcon
- Red-tailed hawk
- Sandhill crane
- Sage grouse
- Sharp-tailed grouse
- Steller's jay

- Turkey vulture
- Western meadowlark
- Western tanager
- White pelican
- White-tailed ptarmigan
- Wild turkey

- Painted turtle\*
- Pika
- Porcupine
- Prairie dog
- Pronghorn
- Raccoon
- Red fox
- River otter
- Western hognose snake
- White-tailed deer

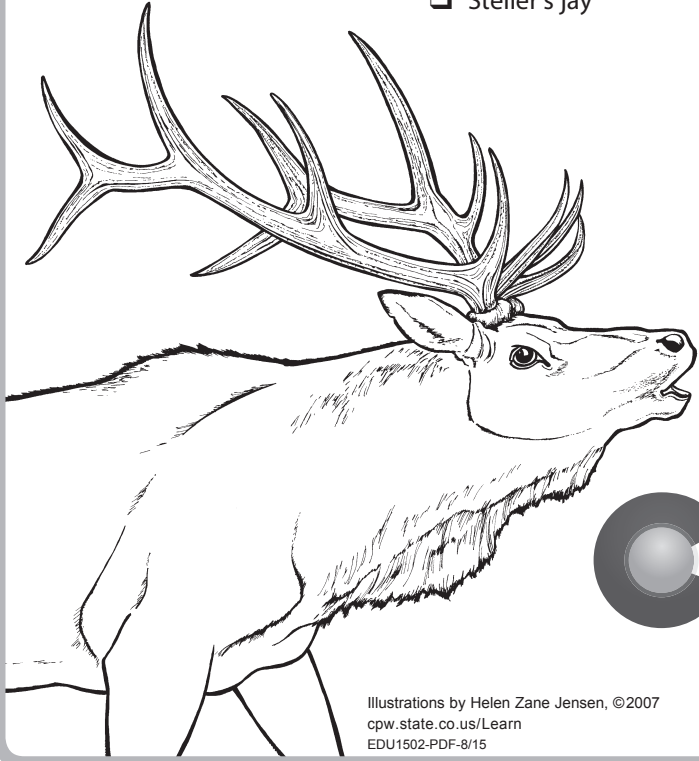
**Mammals/Reptiles**

- Abert's squirrel
- Badger
- Beaver
- Bighorn sheep\*
- Black bear
- Bullsnake
- Collared lizard
- Coyote
- Elk
- Marmot
- Moose
- Mountain goat
- Mountain lion
- Mule deer
- Ornate box turtle

**Fish/Amphibians**

- Brown trout
- Greenback cutthroat trout\*
- Lake trout
- Plains leopard frog
- Rainbow trout
- Tiger salamander
- Woodhouse's toad

\*Official Colorado State Symbols



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