

Wrens

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

Old World Warblers, Thrushes, and Allies

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

Starlings and Mimids

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

Waxwings

- Cedar Waxwing (S, M)

Finches, Pipits, and Old World Sparrows

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

Sparrows and Allies

- Green-tailed Towhee (S)
- Spotted Towhee (Y)
- American Tree Sparrow (W)
- Cassin's Sparrow (S)
- Chipping Sparrow (S, M)
- Clay-colored Sparrow (S)
- Brewer's Sparrow (M)
- Field Sparrow (W, M)
- Vesper Sparrow (S, M)
- Lark Sparrow (S, M)
- Lark Bunting (M)
- Black-throated Sparrow (M)
- Savannah Sparrow (S)
- Fox Sparrow (S)
- Song Sparrow (Y)
- Lincoln's Sparrow (S)

- Rufous-crowned Sparrow (S, M)
- White-crowned Sparrow (S, M)
- Dark-eyed Junco (S, M)

Icterids

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

Wood-Warblers

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

Tanagers and Allies

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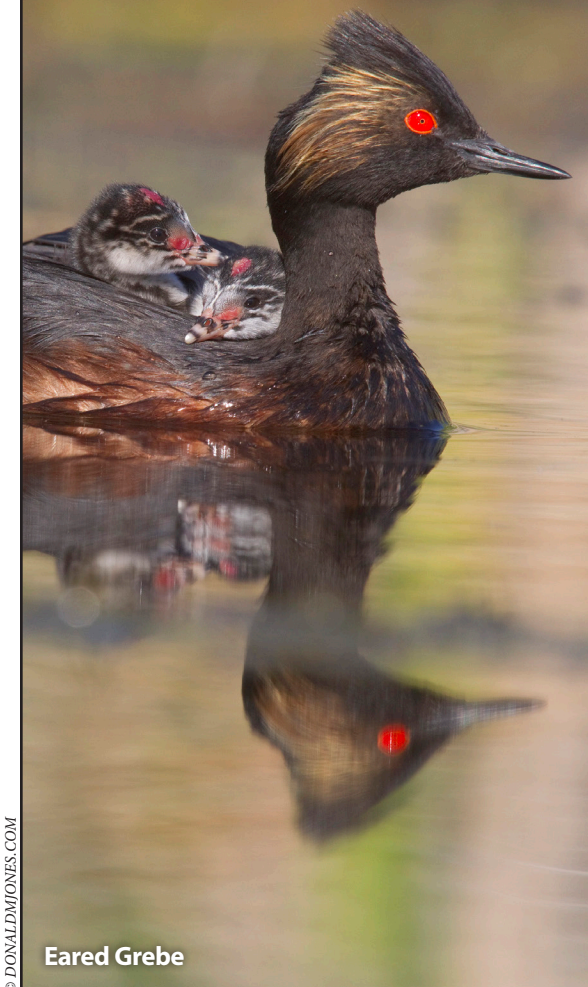


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Birds at Vega State Park



BIRD SPECIES CHECKLIST



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

Landfowl

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

Grebes

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

Pigeons, Doves and Cuckoos

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

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

Goatsuckers

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

Swifts

- White-throated Swift (M)

Hummingbirds

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

Rails, Coots, and Cranes

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

Shorebirds

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

Gulls and Terns

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

Loons

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

Cormorants

- Double-crested Cormorant (M)

Pelicans

- American White Pelican (M)

Bitterns and Herons

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

Ibises

- White-faced Ibis (M, S)

New World Vultures

- Turkey Vulture (S, M)

Osprey

- Osprey (S)

Diurnal Raptors

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

Owls

- Barn Owl (I)
- Flammulated Owl (I)
- Western Screech-Owl (I)
- Great Horned Owl (Y)
- Burrowing Owl (I)
- Northern Pygmy-Owl (Y)
- Long-eared Owl (Y)
- Northern Saw-whet Owl (Y)

Kingfishers

- Belted Kingfisher (Y)

Woodpeckers

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

Falcons

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

Tyrant Flycatchers

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

Shrikes and Vireos

- Loggerhead Shrike (M)
- Northern Shrike (W)
- Gray Vireo (S, M)
- Cassin's Vireo (M)
- Plumbeous Vireo (S, M)
- Warbling Vireo (S, M)

Jays, Crows, and Allies

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

Larks

- Horned Lark (M)

Swallows

- Purple Martin (S)
- 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)
- Juniper Titmouse (M)
- Bushtit (Y)

Nuthatches and Creepers

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