



COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Checklist of the Birds of Colorado - 522 Species

Date _____ Time _____ Locality _____ Sky _____ Wind _____ Temp _____

Observers _____ Total Species _____ Total Individuals _____

Ducks, Geese, and Swans

(Anatidae)

___ Black-bellied Whistling-Duck
___ Fulvous Whistling-Duck
___ Snow Goose
___ Ross's Goose
___ Greater White-fronted Goose
___ Pink-footed Goose
___ Brant
___ Barnacle Goose
___ Cackling Goose
___ Canada Goose
___ Trumpeter Swan
___ Tundra Swan
___ Wood Duck
___ Garganey
___ Blue-winged Teal
___ Cinnamon Teal
___ Northern Shoveler
___ Gadwall
___ Eurasian Wigeon
___ American Wigeon
___ Mallard
___ Mexican Duck
___ American Black Duck
___ Mottled Duck
___ Northern Pintail
___ Green-winged Teal
___ Canvasback
___ Redhead
___ Ring-necked Duck
___ Tufted Duck
___ Greater Scaup
___ Lesser Scaup
___ Harlequin Duck
___ Surf Scoter
___ White-winged Scoter
___ Black Scoter
___ Long-tailed Duck
___ Bufflehead
___ Common Goldeneye
___ Barrow's Goldeneye
___ Hooded Merganser
___ Common Merganser
___ Red-breasted Merganser
___ Ruddy Duck

New World Quail

(Odontophoridae)

___ Northern Bobwhite
___ Scaled Quail
___ California Quail
___ Gambel's Quail

Partridges, Grouse, Turkeys,

and Old World Quail

(Phasianidae)

___ Wild Turkey
___ Ruffed Grouse
___ White-tailed Ptarmigan
___ Greater Sage-Grouse
___ Gunnison Sage-Grouse
___ Dusky Grouse
___ Sharp-tailed Grouse
___ Greater Prairie-Chicken
___ Lesser Prairie-Chicken
___ Ring-necked Pheasant
___ Chukar

Grebes (Podicipedidae)

___ Pied-billed Grebe
___ Horned Grebe
___ Red-necked Grebe
___ Eared Grebe
___ Western Grebe
___ Clark's Grebe

Pigeons and Doves

(Columbidae)

___ Inca Dove
___ Common Ground Dove
___ Ruddy Ground Dove
___ White-winged Dove
___ Mourning Dove
___ Band-tailed Pigeon
___ Eurasian Collared-Dove
___ Rock Pigeon

Cuckoos, Roadrunners, and

Anis (Cuculidae)

___ Groove-billed Ani
___ Greater Roadrunner
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo
___ Black-billed Cuckoo

Goatsuckers (Caprimulgidae)

___ Lesser Nighthawk
___ Common Nighthawk
___ Common Poorwill
___ Eastern Whip-poor-will
___ Hooded Merganser
___ Mexican Whip-poor-will

Swifts (Apodidae)

___ Black Swift
___ Chimney Swift
___ Vaux's Swift
___ White-throated Swift

Hummingbirds (Trochilidae)

___ Mexican Violetear
___ Rivoli's Hummingbird
___ Blue-throated Mountain-gem
___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird
___ Black-chinned Hummingbird

___ Anna's Hummingbird
___ Costa's Hummingbird
___ Calliope Hummingbird
___ Rufous Hummingbird
___ Broad-tailed Hummingbird
___ Broad-billed Hummingbird
___ White-eared Hummingbird

Limpkin (Aramidae)

___ Limpkin

Cranes (Gruidae)

___ Sandhill Crane
___ Whooping Crane

Rails, Gallinules, and Coots

(Rallidae)

___ King Rail
___ Virginia Rail
___ Sora
___ Common Gallinule
___ American Coot
___ Purple Gallinule
___ Yellow Rail
___ Black Rail

Stilts and Avocets

(Recurvirostridae)

___ Black-necked Stilt
___ American Avocet

Lapwings and Plovers

(Charadriidae)

___ Black-bellied Plover
___ American Golden-Plover
___ Killdeer
___ Semipalmated Plover
___ Piping Plover
___ Mountain Plover
___ Snowy Plover

Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and

Allies (Scolopacidae)

___ Upland Sandpiper
___ Whimbrel
___ Eskimo Curlew
___ Long-billed Curlew
___ Hudsonian Godwit
___ Marbled Godwit
___ Ruddy Turnstone
___ Red Knot
___ Ruff
___ Sharp-tailed Sandpiper
___ Stilt Sandpiper
___ Curlew Sandpiper
___ Sanderling
___ Dunlin
___ Purple Sandpiper
___ Baird's Sandpiper

___ Least Sandpiper
___ White-rumped Sandpiper
___ Buff-breasted Sandpiper
___ Pectoral Sandpiper
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper
___ Western Sandpiper
___ Short-billed Dowitcher
___ Long-billed Dowitcher
___ American Woodcock
___ Wilson's Snipe
___ Spotted Sandpiper
___ Solitary Sandpiper
___ Lesser Yellowlegs
___ Willet
___ Greater Yellowlegs
___ Wilson's Phalarope
___ Red-necked Phalarope
___ Red Phalarope

Skuas and Jaegers

(Stercorariidae)

___ Pomarine Jaeger
___ Parasitic Jaeger
___ Long-tailed Jaeger

Auks, Murres, and Puffins

(Alcidae)

___ Long-billed Murrelet
___ Ancient Murrelet

Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers

(Laridae)

___ Black-legged Kittiwake
___ Ivory Gull
___ Sabine's Gull
___ Bonaparte's Gull
___ Black-headed Gull
___ Little Gull
___ Ross's Gull
___ Laughing Gull
___ Franklin's Gull
___ Short-billed Gull
___ Ring-billed Gull
___ Western Gull
___ California Gull
___ American Herring Gull
___ Iceland Gull
___ Lesser Black-backed Gull
___ Slaty-backed Gull
___ Glaucous-winged Gull
___ Glaucous Gull
___ Great Black-backed Gull
___ Kelp Gull
___ Sooty Tern
___ Least Tern
___ Caspian Tern

___ Black Tern
___ Common Tern
___ Arctic Tern
___ Forster's Tern
___ Royal Tern
___ Sandwich Tern
___ Black Skimmer

Loons (Gaviidae)

___ Red-throated Loon
___ Arctic Loon
___ Pacific Loon
___ Common Loon
___ Yellow-billed Loon

Storks (Ciconiidae)

___ Wood Stork

Frigatebirds (Fregatidae)

___ Magnificent Frigatebird

Boobies and Gannets (Sulidae)

___ Brown Booby

Darters (Anhingidae)

___ Anhinga

Cormorants

(Phalacrocoracidae)

___ Double-crested Cormorant
___ Neotropic Cormorant

Ibises and Spoonbills

(Threskiornithidae)

___ White Ibis
___ Glossy Ibis
___ White-faced Ibis
___ Roseate Spoonbill

Pelicans (Pelecanidae)

___ American White Pelican
___ Brown Pelican

Bitterns, Herons, and Allies

(Ardeidae)

___ Least Bittern
___ American Bittern
___ Little Blue Heron
___ Tricolored Heron
___ Reddish Egret
___ Snowy Egret
___ Yellow-crowned Night Heron
___ Black-crowned Night Heron
___ Green Heron
___ Great Egret
___ Western Cattle-Egret
___ Great Blue Heron

New World Vultures

(Cathartidae)

___ Black Vulture
___ Turkey Vulture

Ospreys (Pandionidae)

___ Osprey

Hawks, Kites, Eagles, and Allies

(Accipitridae)

___ White-tailed Kite
___ Swallow-tailed Kite
___ Golden Eagle
___ Northern Harrier
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk
___ Cooper's Hawk
___ American Goshawk
___ Bald Eagle
___ Mississippi Kite
___ Common Black Hawk
___ Harris's Hawk
___ Variable Hawk
___ Red-shouldered Hawk
___ Broad-winged Hawk
___ Swainson's Hawk
___ Zone-tailed Hawk
___ Red-tailed Hawk
___ Rough-legged Hawk
___ Ferruginous Hawk

Barn Owls (Tytonidae)

___ American Barn Owl

Typical Owls (Strigidae)

___ Flammulated Owl
___ Western Screech-Owl
___ Eastern Screech-Owl
___ Great Horned Owl
___ Snowy Owl
___ Northern Pygmy-Owl
___ Burrowing Owl
___ Spotted Owl
___ Barred Owl
___ Long-eared Owl
___ Short-eared Owl
___ Boreal Owl
___ Northern Saw-whet Owl

Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)

___ Belted Kingfisher

Woodpeckers and Allies

(Picidae)

___ Lewis's Woodpecker
___ Red-headed Woodpecker
___ Acorn Woodpecker
___ Golden-fronted Woodpecker
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker
___ Williamson's Sapsucker
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
___ Red-naped Sapsucker
___ Red-breasted Sapsucker
___ American Three-toed

Woodpecker
___ Downy Woodpecker
___ Ladder-backed Woodpecker
___ Hairy Woodpecker
___ Northern Flicker
Caracaras and Falcons
(Falconidae)
___ Crested Caracara
___ American Kestrel
___ Merlin
___ Gyrfalcon
___ Peregrine Falcon
___ Prairie Falcon

Tyrant Flycatchers (Tyrannidae)
___ Dusky-capped Flycatcher
___ Ash-throated Flycatcher
___ Great Crested Flycatcher
___ Brown-crested Flycatcher
___ Great Kiskadee
___ Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher
___ Tropical Kingbird
___ Couch's Kingbird
___ Cassin's Kingbird
___ Thick-billed Kingbird
___ Western Kingbird
___ Eastern Kingbird
___ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
___ Fork-tailed Flycatcher
___ Olive-sided Flycatcher
___ Western Wood-Pewee
___ Eastern Wood-Pewee
___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
___ Acadian Flycatcher
___ Alder Flycatcher
___ Willow Flycatcher
___ Least Flycatcher
___ Hammond's Flycatcher
___ Gray Flycatcher
___ Dusky Flycatcher
___ Western Flycatcher
___ Buff-breasted Flycatcher
___ Black Phoebe
___ Eastern Phoebe
___ Say's Phoebe
___ Vermilion Flycatcher

Vireos (Vireonidae)
___ White-eyed Vireo
___ Bell's Vireo
___ Gray Vireo
___ Yellow-throated Vireo
___ Cassin's Vireo
___ Blue-headed Vireo
___ Plumbeous Vireo
___ Philadelphia Vireo
___ Western Warbling-Vireo
___ Eastern Warbling-Vireo
___ Red-eyed Vireo
___ Yellow-green Vireo

Shrikes (Laniidae)
___ Loggerhead Shrike
___ Northern Shrike

Jays and Crows (Corvidae)
___ Canada Jay

___ Pinyon Jay
___ Steller's Jay
___ Blue Jay
___ Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay
___ Clark's Nutcracker
___ Black-billed Magpie
___ American Crow
___ Chihuahuan Raven
___ Common Raven

Chickadees and Titmice
(Paridae)
___ Black-capped Chickadee
___ Mountain Chickadee
___ Juniper Titmouse

Larks (Alaudidae)
___ Horned Lark

Swallows (Hirundinidae)
___ Bank Swallow
___ Tree Swallow
___ Violet-green Swallow
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow
___ Purple Martin
___ Barn Swallow
___ Cliff Swallow
___ Cave Swallow

Bushtits (Aegithalidae)
___ Bushtit

Kinglets (Regulidae)
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet

Waxwings (Bombycillidae)
___ Bohemian Waxwing
___ Cedar Waxwing

Silky-flycatchers
(Ptilionotidae)
___ Phainopepla

Nuthatches (Sittidae)
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch
___ White-breasted Nuthatch
___ Pygmy Nuthatch

Creepers (Certhiidae)
___ Brown Creeper

Gnatcatchers (Poliopitidae)
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

Wrens (Troglodytidae)
___ Rock Wren
___ Canyon Wren
___ Cactus Wren
___ Bewick's Wren
___ Carolina Wren
___ Northern House Wren
___ Pacific Wren
___ Winter Wren
___ Sedge Wren
___ Marsh Wren

Mockingbirds and Thrashers
(Mimidae)
___ Gray Catbird
___ Curve-billed Thrasher
___ Brown Thrasher
___ Long-billed Thrasher

___ Bendire's Thrasher
___ Crissal Thrasher
___ Sage Thrasher
___ Northern Mockingbird

Starlings (Sturnidae)
___ European Starling

Dippers (Cinclidae)
___ American Dipper

Thrushes (Turdidae)
___ Eastern Bluebird
___ Western Bluebird
___ Mountain Bluebird
___ Townsend's Solitaire
___ Veery

___ Gray-cheeked Thrush
___ Swainson's Thrush
___ Hermit Thrush
___ Wood Thrush
___ Rufous-backed Robin
___ American Robin
___ Varied Thrush

Old World Sparrows
(Passeridae)
___ House Sparrow

Wagtails and Pipits
(Motacillidae)
___ American Pipit
___ Sprague's Pipit

Fringilline and Cardueline
Finches and Allies (Fringillidae)

___ Brambling
___ Evening Grosbeak
___ Pine Grosbeak
___ Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch
___ Black Rosy-Finch
___ Brown-capped Rosy-Finch
___ House Finch
___ Purple Finch
___ Cassin's Finch
___ Redpoll
___ Red Crossbill
___ Cassia Crossbill
___ White-winged Crossbill
___ Pine Siskin
___ Lesser Goldfinch
___ Lawrence's Goldfinch
___ American Goldfinch

Longspurs and Snow Buntings
(Calcariidae)
___ Lapland Longspur
___ Chestnut-collared Longspur
___ Smith's Longspur
___ Thick-billed Longspur
___ Snow Bunting

New World Sparrows and
Towhees (Passerellidae)
___ Cassin's Sparrow
___ Grasshopper Sparrow
___ Black-throated Sparrow
___ Lark Sparrow
___ Lark Bunting

___ Chipping Sparrow
___ Clay-colored Sparrow
___ Black-chinned Sparrow
___ Field Sparrow
___ Brewer's Sparrow
___ Fox Sparrow
___ American Tree Sparrow
___ Dark-eyed Junco
___ White-crowned Sparrow
___ Golden-crowned Sparrow
___ Harris's Sparrow
___ White-throated Sparrow
___ Sagebrush Sparrow
___ Vesper Sparrow
___ LeConte's Sparrow
___ Nelson's Sparrow
___ Baird's Sparrow
___ Henslow's Sparrow
___ Savannah Sparrow
___ Song Sparrow
___ Lincoln's Sparrow
___ Swamp Sparrow
___ Canyon Towhee
___ Rufous-crowned Sparrow
___ Green-tailed Towhee
___ Black-throated Gray Warbler
___ Eastern Towhee

Yellow-breasted Chat
(Icteridae)
___ Yellow-breasted Chat

Blackbirds (Icteridae)
___ Yellow-headed Blackbird
___ Bobolink
___ Chihuahuan Meadowlark
___ Eastern Meadowlark
___ Western Meadowlark
___ Orchard Oriole
___ Hooded Oriole
___ Streak-backed Oriole
___ Bullock's Oriole
___ Baltimore Oriole
___ Scott's Oriole
___ Red-winged Blackbird
___ Bronzed Cowbird
___ Brown-headed Cowbird
___ Rusty Blackbird
___ Brewer's Blackbird
___ Common Grackle
___ Great-tailed Grackle

Wood-Warblers (Parulidae)
___ Ovenbird
___ Worm-eating Warbler
___ Louisiana Waterthrush
___ Northern Waterthrush
___ Golden-winged Warbler
___ Blue-winged Warbler
___ Black-and-white Warbler
___ Prothonotary Warbler
___ Swainson's Warbler
___ Tennessee Warbler
___ Orange-crowned Warbler
___ Lucy's Warbler
___ Nashville Warbler

___ Virginia's Warbler
___ Connecticut Warbler
___ MacGillivray's Warbler
___ Mourning Warbler
___ Kentucky Warbler
___ Common Yellowthroat
___ Hooded Warbler
___ American Redstart
___ Cape May Warbler
___ Cerulean Warbler
___ Northern Parula
___ Tropical Parula
___ Magnolia Warbler
___ Bay-breasted Warbler
___ Blackburnian Warbler
___ Yellow Warbler
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler
___ Blackpoll Warbler
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler
___ Palm Warbler
___ Pine Warbler
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler
___ Yellow-throated Warbler
___ Prairie Warbler
___ Grace's Warbler
___ Black-throated Gray Warbler
___ Townsend's Warbler
___ Hermit Warbler
___ Black-throated Green Warbler
___ Golden-crowned Warbler
___ Canada Warbler
___ Wilson's Warbler
___ Red-faced Warbler
___ Painted Redstart

Cardinals, Piranga Tanagers
and Allies (Cardinalidae)
___ Hepatic Tanager
___ Summer Tanager
___ Scarlet Tanager
___ Western Tanager
___ Northern Cardinal
___ Pyrrhuloxia
___ Yellow Grosbeak
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak
___ Black-headed Grosbeak
___ Blue Grosbeak
___ Lazuli Bunting
___ Indigo Bunting
___ Varied Bunting
___ Painted Bunting
___ Dickcissel

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