



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
- ___ 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
- ___ Hudsonian 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
___ Eastern Warbling Vireo
___ Western 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
___ Thick-billed Kingbird
___ Western Kingbird
___ Eastern Kingbird

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 (Poliophtilidae)

___ 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

___ Spotted Towhee

___ Eastern Towhee

Yellow-breasted Chat

(Icteridae)

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

___ Northern 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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