



COLORADO TOUR REPORT

16th – 27th APRIL 2018

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Either for rarity value, excellent views or simply a group favourite.

- Snow Goose
- Barrow's Goldeneye
- Scaled Quail
- Greater Sage Grouse
- Gunnison Sage Grouse
- White-tailed Ptarmigan
- Dusky Grouse
- Sharp-tailed Grouse
- Greater Prairie-Chicken
- Lesser Prairie-Chicken
- White-throated Swift
- Broad-tailed Hummingbird
- Mountain Plover
- Franklin's Gull
- Bald Eagle
- Rough-legged Hawk
- Ferruginous Hawk
- Lewis's Woodpecker
- American Three-toed Woodpecker
- American Grey Flycatcher
- Grey Jay
- Pinyon Jay
- Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay
- Clark's Nutcracker
- Violet-green Swallow
- Juniper Titmouse
- Pygmy Nuthatch
- American Dipper
- Mountain Bluebird
- Townsend's Solitaire
- Sage Thrasher
- Black-throated Grey Warbler
- Pine Grosbeak
- Slate-coloured Fox Sparrow
- Grey-crowned Rosy-Finch
- Brown-capped Rosy-Finch
- Black Rosy-Finch
- Cassin's Finch
- Chestnut-collared Longspur
- McCown's Longspur

SUMMARY:

The mountains and high prairies of Colorado form a perfect backdrop to the displays and leks of a number of spectacular 'gamebirds'. I'm pretty sure the White-tailed Ptarmigan that ran between member of our group was the pick of a great bunch, but the sight and bizarre sounds of a Greater Prairie-Chicken lek was awesome, as was watching Greater Sage Grouse strutting their stuff in the snow was pretty hard to beat. But then again, the male Dusky Grouse posing just a metre or so in front of us was pretty awesome. So many memorable moments and it's hard to think of another tour where the birds perform so close to you! This early spring period also gave our intrepid band of birders an opportunity to see all 3 rosy-finches, as well as American Dipper, spectacular Mountain Bluebirds, Grey and Pinyon Jays, Clark's Nutcracker, Juniper Titmouse and Pine Grosbeak. Numerous lakes were home to a wide variety of wildfowl, but one particular site held 30+ Barrow's Goldeneyes. But our final morning of this excellent tour in the vast wilderness and wide-open landscape of Pawnee National Grasslands provided a fitting finale with displaying Mountain Plovers, and both Chestnut-collared and McCown's Longspurs song-flighting beside the road. Colorado was a delight and the spectacular scenery was only enhanced by fresh snowfall and our birding in a winter wonderland provided some of our most favourite moments of any current tour.

Day 1 ARRIVAL IN DENVER - PUEBLO

For those folks who arrived early we visited Barr Lake State Park, which comes complete with breeding **Bald Eagles** – always a great bird if you're from the UK. There was a mass of waterfowl here with **Lesser Scaup**, **American Wigeon**, **Blue-winged Teal**, 300+ **Ruddy Duck**, **Green-winged Teal**, 250+ **Western Grebes**, 6 **American Avocets**, 1 **Bonaparte's Gull**, a few flyby **Ring-billed Gulls** and at least 9 summer-plumaged pink **Franklin's Gulls**.

We had group arrivals spread all over lunchtime and by 3.00pm we were on our way south to Pueblo. Upon arrival we headed along a dirt road out into the desert scrub where we met up with Rick Bowers who had been scouting the area for us. Thanks to him we quickly notched up the first of several **Sage Thrashers** along here, plus there was also a covey of 6 **Scaled Quails**, **Loggerhead Shrike**, **Curve-billed Thrasher**, **Say's Phoebe**, 3 **Coyotes**, lots of **Black-tailed Prairie-Dogs**, and a herd of **Pronghorn Antelopes**. Not a bad start to our Colorado adventure.

Day 2 PUEBLO - GUNNISON



Scaled Quail

We drove out into the desert towards the Arkansas River Valley and once away from the highway spotted a few **Scaled Quails** beside the road. One individual was extremely confiding and showed very well, even calling from a fence right in front of us. Continuing on we searched the Junipers for any sign of life in the gale force winds but it was hard work, although a **Rock Wren** gave point-blank views. We finally found ourselves at an overlook with a grand view of the Arkansas River below us. A **Mountain Bluebird** was quite close, whilst some **Chipping Sparrows** and a **Canyon Towhee** gave fleeting glimpses. A flock of **Franklin's Gulls** appeared, along with **American White Pelicans**, and we scoped **Clark's** and **Western Grebes** side-by-side. Also on the water were **American Wigeon**, **Cinnamon Teal**, **Double-crested Cormorant**, and other common

wildfowl. Hirundines were plentiful and included **Tree Swallow**, **Northern Rough-winged Swallow** and a few **Violet-green Swallows**.

We returned to the motel to collect our luggage before setting out on the drive west, and this took us through a scenic river valley. A stop along the river produced a pair of **American Dippers** feeding young at a nest, plus a male **Audubon's Warbler**, and a herd of **Bighorn Sheep** a little further on. Another roadside stop was made to view a flock of 20+ **Pinyon Jays** that performed very well although it wasn't great photo opps. The road then wound ever upwards to Monarch Pass (11,321 feet). A quick stop at the gift store for some souvenirs and even ice-cream for some was followed by a few stops where we searched for **American Three-toed Woodpecker** without luck, and our best find was a **Townsend's Solitaire**. Then we drove out into the plateau and found a pair of **Sandhill Cranes** and flocks of wildfowl before reaching our motel in Gunnison.

Day 3 GUNNISON – DODGE CITY, KANSAS

We targeted **Gunnison Sage Grouse** this morning and left the motel at 4.15am, getting settled into the hide by 4.50am. We then had to wait for sunrise before scoping two males on a distant ridge where both were in view for over an hour. It was pretty distant views of this lifer for everyone, but the need for this was very apparent, as this species is declining and also very shy. We returned to the hotel for a much-needed breakfast before heading back towards the scenic Monarch Pass, stopping along the way to check out a vast area of sagebrush flats where a **Brewer's Sparrow** was the only new bird. Up in the mountains we eventually found a pair of

American Three-toed Woodpeckers without too much hassle and enjoyed crippling views right in front of us. After another stop at the souvenir shop on the pass, we headed out on the long drive into Kansas that took around 9 hours. We checked out our long shot for **Lesser Prairie Chicken** way out in the prairies to no avail but did see a **Short-eared Owl** quartering the fields at dusk to end our day.

Day 4 DODGE CITY, KANSAS – WRAY VIA NEBRASKA

Up and at 'em early doors, and headed out into the prairie from Dodge City to a new location in our search for **Lesser Prairie Chicken**. We bowled up at the allocated spot and began scanning, but only the call of a **Great Horned Owl** could be heard. All of a sudden the distinctive call of prairie chickens wafted our way on the breeze and we strained our eyes, moved along the road and all of a sudden Brian spotted them. They were pretty far away but in the scope the views were ok as we watched displaying males leaping up into the air. Fortunately there was a road running behind the lek and it looked like we could get closer to the birds so we hot-footed it there and although directly in line with the rising sun, the views were much better and we were



Grasshopper Sparrow



American Three-toed Woodpecker

treated to a fine display of up to 16 birds strutting their stuff. Also here was a singing **Lillian's Meadowlark** (a likely future split) and a **Savannah Sparrow**. Once the prairie chicken activity died down we drove slowly along the roads that criss-cross the prairie and found some close **Grasshopper Sparrows**, as well as **Vesper Sparrow**, and a male **Yellow-headed Blackbird**. Then we began driving north and came across a large flock of **Brewer's Blackbirds**, followed by a flock of **Yellow-headed Blackbirds**, a dark morph **Rough-legged Hawk**, and **Great-tailed Grackle** at a rest stop.

Our route took us across the corner of Nebraska where some roadside ponds yielded a flock of **White-faced Ibis**, 5 **Greater Yellowlegs**, **Wood Duck**, and a perched **Cooper's Hawk**. Once back in Colorado we checked out a small lake with loads of waterfowl. There was a pair of **Lesser Scaup**, **Cinnamon Teal**, **Northern Pintail**, **Green-winged Teal**, **Blue-winged Teal**, **American Wigeon**, **Black-necked (Eared) Grebe**, **American White Pelican** and other commoner waterbirds, whilst the nearby trees held an **Eastern Bluebird**, **Eastern Phoebe** and **Chipping Sparrow**.

At 4.30pm we headed out to a nearby ranch where we had an introductory talk by the owner before driving out into the prairie and parked our two vehicles at the edge of the lekking arena. We counted up to 32 **Greater Prairie Chickens** around the area from our stationary vehicles but only 12 or so came closer into the lekking arena where a few began displaying by puffing out their throat sacs and raising their 'ear' tufts. It was a great look at our second prairie-chicken species of the day in our third state of the day.

Day 5 WRAY – PAWNEE NATIONAL GRASSLANDS - WALDEN

We returned to the **Greater Prairie-Chicken** lek before sunrise and had the most amazing experience watching up to 31 chickens performing at close range. The sounds they made were incredible, from cackles to a constant musical booming, combined with their display antics of jumping, wing stretching and chasing a couple of inquisitive females around the arena. After breakfast we drove to the Pawnee National Grasslands where we



Greater Prairie-Chicken

spent most of the day in gale force winds, getting distant and brief views of **Mountain Plover** for a couple of the group. With some rain and the strong winds, birding was practically impossible but we stuck at it all day without much joy. Then our route over Mackenzie Pass at dusk was enlivened by a heavy snowfall that made driving interesting to say the least, and seeing a silhouetted Moose in the forest at night as we drove by was very atmospheric. We eventually reached Walden a little before 9pm and it was good to reach our comfortable motel and have dinner at last!

Day 6 WALDEN

Another day, another chicken lek and this time we drove along icy, snow-covered roads to a high plateau with snow-capped mountains all around to view **Greater Sage Grouse**. The birds were already present when we arrived just before daylight and we were treated to an amazing display from these gorgeous birds as the males inflated their air sacs, threw their heads back and called. We were here for maybe 90 minutes and there were maybe 30 birds opposite us and quite close, as well as another mini-lek further along the road with up to 6 birds. What a privilege to see these birds doing their thing.... And add to this some stunning scenery all around covered in a fresh dusting of snow made it a really special experience.



Greater Sage Grouse

Then we drove back into Walden for breakfast before heading up the mountain to some feeders, where amongst a winter wonderland scene we enjoyed **Grey-headed Junco**, **Pink-sided Junco**, **Mountain** and **Black-capped Chickadee**, and finally 2 **Brown-capped Rosy-Finches** appeared. On the way we also had **Swainson's Hawk**, **Bald Eagle** and a pair of **Moose**. Leaving here we drove down to the lakes just outside of town and enjoyed a great time with **Black-necked Stilt** and **Marbled Godwit** found, both being rather scarce in these

parts. Wildfowl were well represented with **Canvasback**, **Redhead**, **Ring-necked Duck**, **Lesser Scaup**, **American Wigeon**, **Blue-winged** and **Green-winged Teal** and all the other more familiar ducks. Another longish drive took us to some feeders where several **Brown-capped Rosy-Finches**, a **Grey-crowned Rosy-Finch** and a couple male **Cassin's Finches** were the star birds. Leaving here we stopped to look at a Red-shafted **Northern Flicker** before checking out the lakes again. This time we found 24 **Snow Geese**, a few **Common Mergansers** (Goosander), **Yellow-headed Blackbirds**, and all the same wildfowl. What a great day!

Day 7 WALDEN - CRAIG

We split the group today with some people returning to the **Greater Sage Grouse** lek, which this morning was bathed in wonderful sunshine, whilst the rest of the group went back to the feeders in the hope of seeing **Black Rosy-Finch**, which was photographed. There was also a pair of **Brown-capped Rosy-Finches** and **Oregon Junco** present and giving great views. The drive back finally produced a decent sighting of **Prairie Falcon** flying across the hillside before perching on a pylon, where we scoped it. Returning to Walden for breakfast we set out to a lake where 30+ **Barrow's Goldeneyes** were present, a bird I'd wanted to see for a very long time and it was awesome to see so many birds here, with some were even displaying. Other birds here included **Common**



Grey-crowned Rosy-Finch



Brown-capped Rosy-Finch

Goldeneye, **Western**, **Horned** and **Eared Grebes**, plus there was a **Western Osprey** on a nest. The afternoon was then spent checking out a few sites without much luck before arriving at the small town of Craig where we were to spend the night.

Day 8 CRAIG – GRAND JUNCTION

We visited a known location for **Sharp-tailed Grouse** early this morning but found the lek deserted, which was quite alarming. However after some relentless scanning we scoped some birds at a distant lek, before spotting a couple of birds feeding in the nearby bushes. Phew! A **Cooper's Hawk** was also seen here. Afterwards, we followed a side canyon and over the tall crags a few **White-throated Swifts** were seen, whilst a **Golden Eagle** was perched below them. Driving into another spectacular setting, we walked along a rough road where we saw **Bald Eagle**, **Spotted Towhee** and heard a **Green-tailed Towhee** singing from the nearby hillside.

Our journey south was enlivened by a stop overlooking a large lake where **Ring-billed**, **California**, **Franklin's** and **Bonaparte's Gulls** were seen, along with **White-faced Ibis**, plus **Northern Rough-winged** and **Tree Swallows** further on. We then visited a grocery store and bought our picnic lunch before heading to another site where **Juniper Titmouse**, **Black-throated Grey Warbler** and **Grey Flycatcher** were new additions to our list. A few **Pinyon Jays** were also seen here as well, along with a **Ruby-crowned Kinglet**.

We ended the day in a desert canyon near the Colorado River where **Black-throated Sparrow**, **Rock Wren**, **Loggerhead Shrike**, and a pair of spectacular **Mountain Bluebirds** showed well. It was a very scenic location to end another great day in Colorado.

Day 9 GRAND JUNCTION - MONTROSE

We returned to the same desert canyon as yesterday just after daybreak and found more birds than on our previous visit. A **Green-tailed Towhee** showed well, as did **Mountain Bluebird** and **Blue-grey Gnatcatcher**, a recently arrived **Ash-throated Flycatcher** was seen, a **Black-chinned Hummingbird** posed nicely, and a **Chukar** appeared for Keith. Leaving here we headed up into the mountains and with snow all around enjoyed a cracking time as we notched up a pair of **Red-naped Sapsuckers**, **Slate-coloured Fox Sparrow**, **Grey Jay**, female **Pine Grosbeak**, and a **Red-breasted Nuthatch** all at the same spot. And the views were to die for!



Dusky Grouse

Dropping lower we found a pair of stunning **Lewis's Woodpeckers** in the warm sunshine before calling into a Subway for lunch. A short drive took us to our motel in Montrose where we had a siesta before heading out to the Black Canyon of Gunnison and our date with **Dusky Grouse**. After a bit of a search we found one bird skulking in the shadows but were totally underprepared for the displaying male we encountered nearby. He was really bold and stared at us before displaying just a few metres away, right in front of us. It was a totally amazing performance and another major tour highlight that will live long in our memories.

Day 10 BLACK CANYON OF THE GUNNISON – MONARCH PASS - DILLON

We returned to the Black Valley of the Gunnison this morning, seeing another 2 **Dusky Grouse**, but our attention was somewhat distracted by the awesome views of the canyon. The cracking views of **White-throated Swift** and **Violet-green Swallow** were appreciated by all, and there was also a **Sharp-shinned Hawk** flying by, **Audubon's Warbler**, brief **Virginia's Warbler**, **Ruby-crowned** and **Golden-crowned Kinglets**, **Mountain** and **Western Bluebirds**, **Townsend's Solitaire**, displaying **Wild Turkey**, close male **Northern Harrier**, many **Woodhouse's Scrub Jays**, **Mountain Chickadee**, **Bushtit**, **White-breasted Nuthatch**, **Cassin's Finch**, **Green-tailed Towhee**, as well as some other commoner species.

Leaving here we drove to Gunnison where **Brewer's Sparrow** and **Sage Thrasher** were seen, before we drove over Monarch Pass and scored with views of 5 **Clark's Nutcrackers**. The drive to Dillon was truly spectacular with snow-capped mountains, deep-sided valleys and clear blue skies. My words can't do this justice at all.

Day 11 DILLON – LOVELAND PASS – RED ROCKS

We visited some nearby feeders in a residential area after a leisurely 7am breakfast and this proved to be a great visit as there were at least 2 male **Pine Grosbeaks** and at least one female present in the surrounding trees. One male was particularly obliging as he came down to a roadside puddle to drink right in front of us. A few **Red Crossbills** were also particularly pleasing to some of our group as they were of the 'ponderosa pine' race. At least 12 **Brown-capped Rosy-Finches** were here, along with a couple of **Grey-crowned Rosy-Finches**,



Grey Jay



Clarke's Nutcracker

Cassin's Finch, **Pygmy Nuthatch** (although the views couldn't beat the ones outside our motel earlier this morning), both **Steller's** and **Grey Jays** and a posing **Clarke's Nutcracker**. We eventually moved on as the locals became a little restless and didn't seem to like us birding from the public road!

We then headed up into the snow-covered mountains to Loveland Pass, where after what seemed an eternal half an hour search, we finally caught up with **White-tailed Ptarmigan** with one bird literally feeding just a metre away in front of us. It was totally oblivious to our presence and literally ran up to us, through us and



White-tailed Ptarmigan

around us before finding a suitable patch of dwarf-scrub willow to feed on, before heading up the hill and away. What an experience and the undoubted highlight of the tour. Maybe!

Leaving here in high spirits we drove to the foothills after swapping our warm weather gear for lighter clothing back at the motel. We searched the conifer forests in vain before heading to Red Rocks where a posing male **Broad-tailed Hummingbird** displayed all around us from his various song posts along the road. And that was it here, apart from an **American Kestrel**, **Peregrine Falcon**, **Lincoln's Sparrow**

and a couple of **Orange-crowned Warblers**.... In the late afternoon a quick visit to the local water treatment works resulted in sightings of 2 **Western Ospreys** on nests and both **Audubon's** and **Myrtle Warblers** to round off a great day.

DAY 12 PAWNEE NATIONAL GRASSLANDS

A great last morning began with an 'oh so early' departure in order to get to the Pawnee National Grasslands for sunrise. And what a cracking few hours we were treated to, as our first bird was a **McCown's Longspur** singing from beside the dirt track we were driving along. What a beautiful little bird and we enjoyed nice views in the glorious sunshine – so unlike our previous visit just a few days ago. Then we well and truly nailed **Mountain Plover** with three distant birds to begin with, followed by extraordinary close looks at another 4 birds beside the road. One was displaying right over our heads and calling away. Wow! And to complete the morning a singing **Chestnut-collared Longspur** displayed right in front of us as well. Other birds seen included a **Bald Eagle** on a nest, **Swainson's Hawk**, a million (or thereabouts) **Vesper Sparrows** and other common birds before eventually returning to Denver and the end of a great tour.

Nick Bray.



Greater Sage Grouse lekking



Photos clockwise: Mountain Plover (top right), Pine Grosbeak, Pink-sided Junco, Western Grebe, Pygmy Nuthatch & American Dipper.



Photos clockwise: Monarch Pass area (top right), Loveland Pass, Ptarmigan seekers, Walden scenery, Dillon scenery & Black Canyon of the Gunnison.

SYSTEMATIC LIST – COLORADO APRIL 2018

ANSERIFORMES: Anatidae

Canada Goose
Snow Goose
Wood Duck
Cinnamon Teal
Blue-winged Teal
Northern Shoveler
Gadwall
American Wigeon
Mallard
Northern Pintail
Green-winged Teal
Canvasback
Redhead
Ring-necked Duck
Lesser Scaup
Bufflehead
Common Goldeneye
Barrow's Goldeneye
Common Merganser
Ruddy Duck

Branta canadensis
Anser caerulescens
Aix sponsa
Spatula cyanoptera
Spatula discors
Spatula clypeata
Mareca strepera
Mareca americana
Anas platyrhynchos
Anas acuta
Anas carolinensis
Aythya valisineria
Aythya americana
Aythya collaris
Aythya affinis
Bucephala albeola
Bucephala clangula
Bucephala islandica
Mergus merganser
Oxyura jamaicensis

GALLIFORMES: Odontophoridae

Scaled Quail
Northern Bobwhite

Callipepla squamata
Colinus virginianus

GALLIFORMES: Phasianidae

Wild Turkey
Greater Sage Grouse
Gunnison Sage Grouse
Dusky Grouse
Sharp-tailed Grouse
Lesser Prairie Chicken
Greater Prairie Chicken
White-tailed Ptarmigan
Chukar Partridge
Common Pheasant

Meleagris gallopavo
Centrocercus urophasianus
Centrocercus minimus
Dendragapus obscurus
Tympanuchus phasianellus
Tympanuchus pallidicinctus
Tympanuchus cupido
Lagopus leucura
Alectoris chukar
Phasianus colchicus

GAVIIFORMES: Gaviidae

Common Loon

Gavia immer

PODICIPEDIFORMES: Podicipedidae

Pied-billed Grebe
Slavonian (Horned)Grebe
Black-necked (Eared) Grebe
Western Grebe
Clark's Grebe

Podilymbus podiceps
Podiceps auritus
Podiceps nigricollis
Aechmophorus occidentalis
Aechmophorus clarkii

PELECANIFORMES: Threskiornithidae

White-faced Ibis

Plegadis chihi

PELECANIFORMES: Ardeidae

Black-crowned Night Heron
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Snowy Egret

Nycticorax nycticorax
Ardea herodias
Ardea alba
Egretta thula

PELECANIFORMES: Pelecanidae

American White Pelican

Pelecanus erythrorhynchos

SULIFORMES: Phalacrocoracidae

Double-crested Cormorant

Phalacrocorax auritus

ACCIPITRIFORMES: Cathartidae

Turkey Vulture

Cathartes aura

ACCIPITRIFORMES: Pandionidae

Western Osprey

Pandion haliaetus

ACCIPITRIFORMES: Accipitridae

Golden Eagle
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk
Northern Harrier
Bald Eagle
Swainson's Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
Ferruginous Hawk
Rough-legged Buzzard

Aquila chrysaetos
Accipiter striatus
Accipiter cooperii
Circus hudsonius
Haliaeetus leucocephalus
Buteo swainsoni
Buteo jamaicensis
Buteo regalis
Buteo lagopus

GRUIFORMES: Rallidae

American Coot

Fulica americana

GRUIFORMES: Gruidae

Sandhill Crane

Antigone canadensis

CHARADRIIFORMES: Recurvirostridae

Black-necked Stilt
American Avocet

Himantopus mexicanus
Recurvirostra americana

CHARADRIIFORMES: Charadriidae

Killdeer
Mountain Plover

Charadrius vociferus
Charadrius montanus

CHARADRIIFORMES: Scolopacidae

Marbled Godwit
Wilson's Snipe
Spotted Sandpiper
Solitary Sandpiper
Greater Yellowlegs

Limosa fedoa
Gallinago delicata
Actitis macularius
Tringa solitaria
Tringa melanoleuca

CHARADRIIFORMES: Laridae

Bonaparte's Gull

Chroicocephalus philadelphia

Franklin's Gull
Ring-billed Gull
California Gull
Caspian Tern

Leucophaeus pipixcan
Larus delawarensis
Larus californicus
Hydroprogne caspia

COLUMBIFORMES: Columbidae

Rock Dove
Eurasian Collared Dove
Mourning Dove

Columba livia
Streptopelia decaocto
Zenaida macroura

STRIGIFORMES: Strigidae

Great Horned Owl
Burrowing Owl
Short-eared Owl

Bubo virginianus
Athene cunicularia
Asio flammeus

APODIFORMES: Apodidae

White-throated Swift

Aeronautes saxatalis

APODIFORMES: Trochilidae

Black-chinned Hummingbird
Broad-tailed Hummingbird

Archilochus alexandri
Selasphorus platycercus

CORACIIFORMES: Alcedinidae

Belted Kingfisher

Megasceryle alcyon

PICIFORMES: Picidae

Lewis's Woodpecker
Red-naped Sapsucker
American Three-toed Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker

Melanerpes lewis
Sphyrapicus nuchalis
Picoides dorsalis
Dryobates pubescens
Leuconotopicus villosus
Colaptes auratus

FALCONIFORMES: Falconidae

American Kestrel
Merlin
Prairie Falcon
Peregrine Falcon

Falco sparverius
Falco columbarius
Falco mexicanus
Falco peregrinus

PASSERIFORMES: Tyrannidae

Eastern Phoebe
Say's Phoebe
American Grey Flycatcher
Ash-throated Flycatcher

Sayornis phoebe
Sayornis saya
Empidonax wrightii
Myiarchus cinerascens

PASSERIFORMES: Laniidae

Loggerhead Shrike

Lanius ludovicianus

PASSERIFORMES: Corvidae

Grey Jay
Blue Jay
Steller's Jay

Perisoreus canadensis
Cyanocitta cristata
Cyanocitta stelleri

Woodhouse's Scrub Jay
Pinyon Jay
Black-billed Magpie
Clark's Nutcracker
American Crow
Northern Raven

Aphelocoma woodhouseii
Gymnorhinus cyanocephalus
Pica hudsonia
Nucifraga columbiana
Corvus brachyrhynchos
Corvus corax

PASSERIFORMES: Paridae

Juniper Titmouse
Black-capped Chickadee
Mountain Chickadee

Baeolophus ridgwayi
Poecile atricapillus
Poecile gambeli

PASSERIFORMES: Alaudidae

Horned Lark

Eremophila alpestris

PASSERIFORMES: Hirundinidae

Sand Martin
Tree Swallow
Violet-green Swallow
Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Barn Swallow

Riparia riparia
Tachycineta bicolor
Tachycineta thalassina
Stelgidopteryx serripennis
Hirundo rustica

PASSERIFORMES: Aegithalidae

American Bushtit

Psaltirparus minimus

PASSERIFORMES: Regulidae

Golden-crowned Kinglet
Ruby-crowned Kinglet

Regulus satrapa
Regulus calendula

PASSERIFORMES: Troglodytidae

Rock Wren

Salpinctes obsoletus

PASSERIFORMES: Polioptilidae

Blue-grey Gnatcatcher

Polioptila caerulea

PASSERIFORMES: Sittidae

Pygmy Nuthatch
Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-breasted Nuthatch

Sitta pygmaea
Sitta canadensis
Sitta carolinensis

PASSERIFORMES: Mimidae

Sage Thrasher
Curve-billed Thrasher

Oreoscoptes montanus
Toxostoma curvirostre

PASSERIFORMES: Sturnidae

Common Starling

Sturnus vulgaris

PASSERIFORMES: Turdidae

Eastern Bluebird
Western Bluebird
Mountain Bluebird
Townsend's Solitaire

Sialia sialis
Sialia mexicana
Sialia currucoides
Myadestes townsendi

American Robin

Turdus migratorius

PASSERIFORMES: Cinclidae

American Dipper

Cinclus mexicanus

PASSERIFORMES: Passeridae

House Sparrow

Passer domesticus

PASSERIFORMES: Motacillidae

Buff-bellied Pipit

Anthus rubescens

PASSERIFORMES: Fringillidae

Pine Grosbeak

Pinicola enucleator

Grey-crowned Rosy Finch

Leucosticte tephrocotis

Black Rosy Finch

Leucosticte atrata

Brown-capped Rosy Finch

Leucosticte australis

Cassin's Finch

Haemorhous cassinii

House Finch

Haemorhous mexicanus

Red Crossbill

Loxia curvirostra

Lesser Goldfinch

Spinus psaltria

Pine Siskin

Spinus pinus

PASSERIFORMES: Parulidae

Orange-crowned Warbler

Leiothlypis celata

Virginia's Warbler

Leiothlypis virginiae

Myrtle Warbler

Setophaga coronata

Audubon's Warbler

Setophaga auduboni

Black-throated Grey Warbler

Setophaga nigrescens

PASSERIFORMES: Icteridae

Yellow-headed Blackbird

Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus

Western Meadowlark

Sturnella neglecta

Eastern (Lillian's) Meadowlark

Sturnella neglecta lilianae

Red-winged Blackbird

Agelaius phoeniceus

Brown-headed Cowbird

Molothrus ater

Brewer's Blackbird

Euphagus cyanocephalus

Common Grackle

Quiscalus quiscula

Great-tailed Grackle

Quiscalus mexicanus

PASSERIFORMES: Emberizidae

Slate-coloured Fox Sparrow

Passerella schistacea

Song Sparrow

Melospiza melodia

Lincoln's Sparrow

Melospiza lincolnii

White-crowned Sparrow

Zonotrichia leucophrys

Dark-eyed (Slate-colored) Junco

Junco hyemalis hyemalis

Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco

Junco hyemalis cismontanus

Dark-eyed (Pink-sided) Junco

Junco hyemalis mearnsi

Dark-eyed (Grey-headed) Junco

Junco hyemalis caniceps

Savannah Sparrow

Passerculus sandwichensis

Grasshopper Sparrow

Ammodramus savannarum

Chipping Sparrow

Spizella passerina

Brewer's Sparrow

Spizella breweri

Vesper Sparrow
Lark Sparrow
Black-throated Sparrow
Green-tailed Towhee
Spotted Towhee
Canyon Towhee

PASSERIFORMES: Calcariidae

McCown's Longspur
Chestnut-collared Longspur

PASSERIFORMES: Cardinalidae

Northern Cardinal

Pooecetes gramineus
Chondestes grammacus
Amphispiza bilineata
Pipilo chlorurus
Pipilo maculatus
Melozone fusca

Rhynchophanes mccownii
Calcarius ornatus

Cardinalis cardinalis

MAMMALS & OTHER ANIMALS

Black-tailed Jackrabbit
Desert Cottontail
Eastern Cottontail
Eastern Fox Squirrel
Abert's Squirrel
Rock Squirrel
Yellow-bellied Marmot
Wyoming Ground Squirrel
Golden-mantled Ground Squirrel
Thirteen-lined Ground Squirrel
Gunnison's Prairie Dog
White-tailed Prairie Dog
Black-tailed Prairie Dog
Least Chipmunk
Red Fox
Coyote
North American Porcupine
Common Muskrat
Moose
Mule Deer
Pronghorn Antelope
Bighorn Sheep

SCIENTIFIC NAME

Lepus californicus
Sylvilagus audubonii
Sylvilagus floridanus
Sciurus niger
Sciurus aberti
Otospermophilus variegatus
Marmota flaviventris
Urocyon v. elegans
Spermophilus lateralis
Ictidomys tridecemlineatus
Cynomys gunnisoni
Cynomys leucurus
Cynomys ludovicianus
Tamias minimus
Vulpes vulpes
Canis latrans
Erethizon dorsatum
Ondatra zibethicus
Alces alces
Odocoileus hemionus
Antilocapra americana
Ovis canadensis



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