

Codes

SP = Mar - May **C** = Common, likely seen in suitable habitat
S = Jun - Aug **U** = Uncommon, occasionally seen
F = Sept - Nov **R** = Rare, seen but presence unusual
W = Dec - Feb ***** = Recent nesting confirmed

GEESE, SWANS AND DUCKS

	<u>SP</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>W</u>
___ Greater White-fronted Goose	R		R	R
___ Snow Goose	R		R	R
___ Ross's Goose			R	
___ Cackling Goose	U	U	U	U
___ Canada Goose*	C	C	C	C
___ Tundra Swan			R	R
___ Wood Duck*	U	U	U	
___ Gadwall	C	U	C	C
___ Eurasian Wigeon			R	
___ American Wigeon	C	U	C	C
___ Mallard*	C	C	C	C
___ Blue-winged Teal*	C	C	C	
___ Cinnamon Teal	C	U	U	
___ Northern Shoveler	C	U	C	C
___ Northern Pintail*	C	U	C	C
___ Green-winged Teal	C	U	C	C
___ Canvasback	U	R	U	C
___ Redhead*	C	U	C	C
___ Ring-necked Duck	C	U	C	C
___ Greater Scaup	R		R	
___ Lesser Scaup	C	R	U	U
___ Surf Scoter	R		R	
___ White-winged Scoter			R	
___ Black Scoter			R	
___ Bufflehead	C		C	U
___ Common Goldeneye	C	R	C	C
___ Hooded Merganser	U	R	U	U
___ Common Merganser	C	R	C	C
___ Red-breasted Merganser			R	R
___ Ruddy Duck*	C	U	U	

PARTRIDGES, GROUSE, TURKEYS

___ Ring-necked Pheasant*	U	C	C	U
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LOONS

___ Common Loon			R	R
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GREBES

___ Pied-billed Grebe*	C	C	C	R
___ Horned Grebe	R		R	
___ Red-necked Grebe	R			
___ Eared Grebe	U	U	U	
___ Western Grebe	U	U	U	
___ Clark's Grebe	R		R	

PELICANS

___ American White Pelican	C	C	C	R
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CORMORANTS

___ Double-crested Cormorant	C	C	C	
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BITTERN AND HERONS

___ American Bittern			R	
___ Great Blue Heron*	C	C	C	R
___ Great Egret	R		R	
___ Snowy Egret	U	C	U	
___ Little Blue Heron	R			
___ Cattle Egret	R	R	R	
___ Green Heron	R		R	
___ Black-crowned Night-Heron	U	U	U	

IBISES

___ White-faced Ibis	U	U	U	
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NEW WORLD VULTURES

___ Turkey Vulture	U	R	U	
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HAWKS AND EAGLES

___ Osprey	U	R	U	
___ Bald Eagle*	C	U	C	C
___ Northern Harrier*	U	U	U	U
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	U	R	U	U
___ Cooper's Hawk	U	R	U	U
___ Northern Goshawk	R			
___ Broad-winged Hawk	R			
___ Swainson's Hawk*	C	C	C	
___ Red-tailed Hawk*	C	C	C	C
___ Ferruginous Hawk	U	R	U	U
___ Rough-legged Hawk	U		U	U
___ Golden Eagle	U	U	U	U

FALCONS

___ American Kestrel*	C	C	C	C
___ Merlin	R		R	U
___ Peregrine Falcon	U		R	R
___ Prairie Falcon	U	R	U	U

RAILS AND COOTS

___ Virginia Rail*	U	R	R	R
___ Sora	U	U	U	
___ American Coot*	C	C	C	C

CRANES

___ Sandhill Crane	R		R	
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PLOVERS

___ Black-bellied Plover			R	
___ American Golden-Plover			R	
___ Snowy Plover	R			
___ Semipalmated Plover	R			
___ Killdeer *	C	C	C	R
___ Mountain Plover	R		R	

STILTS AND AVOCETS

___ Black-necked Stilt	R			
___ American Avocet *	U	U	U	

SANDPIPERS, PHALAROPES, AND ALLIES

___ Spotted Sandpiper*	U	U	U	
___ Solitary Sandpiper	U	U	U	
___ Greater Yellowlegs	U	U	U	
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	U	U	U	
___ Willet	U	R	R	
___ Upland Sandpiper	R	R		
___ Whimbrel	R			
___ Long-billed Curlew	R	R		
___ Marbled Godwit	R			
___ Sanderling	R			
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper	R			
___ Western Sandpiper	R	R	R	
___ Least Sandpiper		R	R	
___ White-rumped Sandpiper			R	
___ Baird's Sandpiper	U	U	U	
___ Pectoral Sandpiper	R			
___ Stilt Sandpiper	R		R	

___ Long-billed Dowitcher	U	U	U	
___ Wilson's Snipe	U	U	U	R
___ Wilson's Phalarope	U	U	U	
___ Red-necked Phalarope	R			

GULLS AND TERNS

___ Franklin's Gull	U		R	
___ Ring-billed Gull	C	C	C	C
___ California Gull	R	R	U	
___ Herring Gull	R		U	U
___ Thayer's Gull				R
___ Sabine's Gull			R	
___ Caspian Tern		R		
___ Black Tern	R	R	R	
___ Common Tern			R	
___ Forster's Tern	R			

PIGEONS AND DOVES

___ Rock Pigeon*	C	C	C	C
___ Eurasian Collared-Dove	U	R		
___ White-winged Dove	R			
___ Mourning Dove*	C	C	C	U

CUCKOOS

___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo		R		
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BARN OWLS

___ Barn Owl*	U	U	U	U
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TYPICAL OWLS

___ Eastern Screech-Owl			R	R
___ Great Horned Owl*	C	C	C	C
___ Snowy Owl			R	
___ Burrowing Owl*	C	C	C	R
___ Spotted Owl		R		
___ Long-eared Owl*	U	U	U	U
___ Short-eared Owl*	R	R	R	R
___ Northern Saw-whet Owl				R

GOATSUCKERS AND NIGHTJARS

___ Common Nighthawk*	R	U	U	
___ Common Poorwill	R	R	R	

SWIFTS

___ Chimney Swift	R	R		
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HUMMINGBIRDS

___ Broad-tailed Hummingbird	R			
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KINGFISHERS

___ Belted Kingfisher*	C	C	C	U
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WOODPECKERS AND ALLIES

___ Lewis's Woodpecker	R		R		
___ Red-headed Woodpecker	R	R	R		
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker				R	R
___ Red-naped Sapsucker	R		R		
___ Downy Woodpecker*	C	C	C	C	
___ Hairy Woodpecker*	U		U	U	
___ Northern Flicker*	C	C	C	C	

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

___ Olive-sided Flycatcher	R		R	
___ Western Wood-Pewee	C	C	C	
___ Willow Flycatcher	R		R	
___ Least Flycatcher	R			
___ Hammond's Flycatcher				R
___ Gray Flycatcher	R		R	
___ Dusky Flycatcher	U		R	
___ Cordillera Flycatcher	R		R	
___ Eastern Phoebe	R		R	
___ Say's Phoebe	C	U	U	
___ Great Crested Flycatcher				R
___ Ash-throated Flycatcher	R			
___ Cassin's Kingbird	R		U	
___ Western Kingbird*	C	C	C	
___ Eastern Kingbird*	C	C	U	
___ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	R			

SHRIKES

___ Loggerhead Shrike*	U	U	U	R
___ Northern Shrike	R		U	U

VIREOS

___ Plumbeous Vireo	R		R	
___ Cassin's Vireo				R
___ Blue-headed Vireo				R
___ Warbling Vireo	U	R	U	

	<u>SP</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>W</u>
___ Philadelphia Vireo			R	
___ Red-eyed Vireo	R		R	
<u>JAYS, MAGPIES, AND CROWS</u>				
___ Blue Jay*	C	U	C	C
___ Western Scrub-Jay			R	
___ Black-billed Magpie*	C	C	C	C
___ American Crow	U	U	C	U
___ Common Raven	R		R	
<u>LARKS</u>				
___ Horned Lark*	C	C	C	C
<u>SWALLOWS</u>				
___ Tree Swallow*	C	C	U	
___ Violet-green Swallow	U	R	R	
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow*	U	U	U	
___ Bank Swallow*	U	C	U	
___ Cliff Swallow*	C	C	C	
___ Barn Swallow*	C	C	C	
<u>CHICKADEES</u>				
___ Black-capped Chickadee*	C	C	C	C
___ Mountain Chickadee	R		R	R
<u>NUTHATCHES</u>				
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	R		R	R
___ White-breasted Nuthatch*	R	R	U	U
___ Pygmy Nuthatch			R	
<u>CREEPERS</u>				
___ Brown Creeper	R		R	U
<u>WRENS</u>				
___ Rock Wren	U	R	U	
___ Bewick's Wren		R		
___ House Wren *	C	C	C	
___ Winter Wren	R			R
___ Marsh Wren	R	R	R	R
<u>KINGLETS AND GNATCATCHERS</u>				
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet			R	R
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	U		U	R
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	C	R	U	
<u>THRUSHES</u>				
___ Eastern Bluebird*	R	R	R	
___ Mountain Bluebird	U		U	R
___ Western Bluebird	R			

	<u>SP</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>W</u>
___ Townsend's Solitaire	U		U	U
___ Veery	R		R	
___ Swainson's Thrush	U	R	U	
___ Hermit Thrush	U		U	
___ Wood Thrush	R			
___ American Robin*	C	C	C	C
<u>MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS</u>				
___ Gray Catbird	R		R	
___ Northern Mockingbird*	U	U	U	
___ Sage Thrasher	R	U	U	
___ Brown Thrasher	R		R	
<u>STARLINGS AND PIPITS</u>				
___ European Starling*	C	C	C	C
___ American Pipit	R		R	R
<u>WAXWINGS</u>				
___ Bohemian Waxwing			R	R
___ Cedar Waxwing	R		R	
<u>WOOD-WARBLERS</u>				
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	U		U	
___ Nashville Warbler		R	R	
___ Virginia's Warbler	U			R
___ Yellow Warbler*	C	C	U	
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler	R		R	
___ Black-throated Gray Warbler			R	
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	C	R	U	
___ Townsend's Warbler	R	R	R	
___ Hermit Warbler	R			
___ Prairie Warbler	R			
___ Palm Warbler	R			
___ Bay-breasted Warbler			R	
___ Blackpoll Warbler	R			
___ American Redstart	R		R	
___ Worm-eating Warbler	R			
___ Ovenbird	R			
___ Northern Waterthrush	R	R	R	
___ MacGillivray's Warbler	R	R	R	
___ Common Yellowthroat*	C	C	U	
___ Hooded Warbler	R			
___ Wilson's Warbler	U	R	U	
___ Yellow-breasted Chat	R		R	

	<u>SP</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>W</u>
<u>TANAGERS</u>				
___ Scarlet Tanager	R		R	
___ Western Tanager	U	R	U	
<u>NEW WORLD SPARROWS AND ALLIES</u>				
___ Green-tailed Towhee	U		U	
___ Spotted Towhee	U	R	U	
___ Cassin's Sparrow	R	U	R	
___ American Tree Sparrow	U	R	C	C
___ Chipping Sparrow	C	U	C	
___ Clay-colored Sparrow	U	U	U	
___ Brewer's Sparrow	U	U	R	
___ Field Sparrow	R	R	R	
___ Vesper Sparrow*	C	R	C	
___ Lark Sparrow*	U	C	U	
___ Black-throated Sparrow	R			
___ Lark Bunting*	C	C	U	
___ Savannah Sparrow	R	R	R	
___ Grasshopper Sparrow*	U	C	R	
___ Fox Sparrow				R
___ Song Sparrow*	C	C	C	C
___ Lincoln's Sparrow	U			R
___ White-throated Sparrow			R	
___ Harris's Sparrow	R		R	R
___ White-crowned Sparrow	U		C	C
___ Dark-eyed Junco	U		C	C
___ Lapland Longspur	R			R
<u>GROSBEAKS AND ALLIES</u>				
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	U	U		
___ Black-headed Grosbeak*	U	U	U	
___ Blue Grosbeak	R	U	U	
___ Lazulii Bunting	U	U	R	
___ Indigo Bunting				R
<u>BLACKBIRDS AND ALLIES</u>				
___ Red-winged Blackbird *	C	C	C	C
___ Western Meadowlark *	C	C	C	C
___ Yellow-headed Blackbird	C	C	U	
___ Brewer's Blackbird *	U	U	U	R
___ Common Grackle*	C	C	U	R
___ Great-tailed Grackle	R			

	<u>SP</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>W</u>
___ Brown-headed Cowbird*	C	U	U	
___ Orchard Oriole	U	U		
___ Bullock's Oriole*	C	C	R	R
<u>FINCHES AND ALLIES</u>				
___ House Finch *	C	C	C	C
___ Pine Siskin	R		R	R
___ Lesser Goldfinch			R	
___ American Goldfinch	C	C	C	C
___ Evening Grosbeak			R	
<u>OLD WORLD SPARROWS</u>				
___ House Sparrow *	C	C	C	C



Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge offers a unique opportunity for beginners as well as advanced birders. Dawn and dusk are usually the best time of day to observe birds, spring and fall the best seasons. However, many birds are present year round at the Refuge. Colorful songbirds pass through in the spring. Shorebirds stop during their migration in spring and fall. In winter numerous bald eagles arrive at the refuge and long-eared owls gather in thickets. Waterfowl are seen during all seasons on the Refuge's lakes.

The information contained in this checklist is based on field data collected between 1989 and 2009 by the Denver Audubon Society, Denver Field Ornithologists, Refuge staff and visiting birders.

Date: _____

Time: _____

Locality: _____

Weather: _____

Observers: _____

Total Species: _____

Total Individual: _____

Bird Check List

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