

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

	<u>SP</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>W</u>
<u>Loons</u>				
___ Common Loon		R	R	
<u>Grebes</u>				
___ Pied-billed Grebe *	C	C	C	
___ Horned Grebe	R		R	
___ Red-necked Grebe	R			
___ Eared Grebe	U	U	U	
___ Western Grebe	U	U	R	
<u>Pelicans, Cormorants</u>				
___ American White Pelican	C	C	C	R
___ Double-crested Cormorant	C	C	C	
<u>Bitterns, Herons, Ibises</u>				
___ American Bittern			R	
___ Great Blue Heron	C	C	C	R
___ Great Egret	R		R	
___ Snowy Egret	U	C	U	
___ Cattle Egret		R	R	
___ Green Heron	R		R	
___ Black-crowned Night-Heron	U	U	U	
___ White-faced Ibis	U	U	U	
<u>Swans, Geese, Ducks</u>				
___ Tundra Swan			R	R
___ Greater White-fronted Goose	R		R	
___ Snow Goose	R		R	R
___ Ross' Goose			R	
___ Canada Goose *	C	C	C	C
___ Cackling Goose	U	U	U	U
___ Wood Duck	U	U	U	
___ Green-winged Teal	C	U	C	C
___ Mallard *	C	C	C	C
___ Northern Pintail *	C	U	C	U
___ Blue-winged Teal *	C	C	C	
___ Cinnamon Teal	C	U	U	
___ Northern Shoveler	C	U	C	C

___ Gadwall	C	U	C	C
___ American Wigeon	C	U	C	C
___ Eurasian Wigeon			R	
___ Canvasback	U	R	U	U
___ Redhead *	C	U	C	C
___ Ring-necked Duck	C		C	C
___ Greater Scaup	R		R	
___ Lesser Scaup	C	R	U	U
___ Black Scoter			R	
___ Surf Scoter	R		R	
___ White-winged Scoter			R	
___ Common Goldeneye	C	R	C	U
___ Bufflehead	U		U	R
___ Hooded Merganser	U	R	U	U
___ Common Merganser	C	R	C	C
___ Red-breasted Merganser			R	
___ Ruddy Duck *	U	U	U	
<u>Vultures, Hawks, Falcons</u>				
___ Turkey Vulture	U	R	U	
___ Osprey	U		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			
___ 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
___ American Kestrel *	C	C	C	C
___ Merlin	R		R	U
___ Peregrine Falcon	R		R	R
___ Prairie Falcon	U	R	U	U
<u>Pheasants</u>				
___ Ring-necked Pheasant *	C	C	C	C
<u>Rails</u>				
___ Virginia Rail*	U	R	R	R

	<u>SP</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>W</u>
___ Sora	U	U	U	
___ American Coot *	C	C	C	C
<u>Cranes</u>				
___ Sandhill Crane	R		R	
<u>Plovers, Sandpipers, Phalaropes</u>				
___ Black-bellied Plover			R	
___ American Golden-Plover			R	
___ Snowy Plover	R			
___ Semipalmated Plover	R			
___ Killdeer *	C	C	C	R
___ Mountain Plover	R		R	
___ Black-necked Stilt	R			
___ American Avocet *	U	U	R	
___ Greater Yellowlegs	U	U	U	
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	U	U	U	
___ Solitary Sandpiper	U	U	U	
___ Willet	U	R	R	
___ Spotted Sandpiper *	U	U	U	
___ 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			
<u>Gulls</u>				
___ Franklin's Gull	R		R	
___ Ring-billed Gull	C	C	C	C
___ California Gull	R	R	R	

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___ Herring Gull	R		R	R
___ Thayer's Gull				R
___ Sabine's Gull			R	
<u>Terns</u>				
___ Caspian Tern		R		
___ Common Tern			R	
___ Forster's Tern	R			
___ Black Tern	R	R	R	
<u>Doves</u>				
___ Rock Pigeon *	C	C	C	C
___ Eurasian Collared-Dove		R		
___ White-winged Dove	R			
___ Mourning Dove *	C	C	C	U
<u>Cuckoos</u>				
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo		R		
<u>Owls</u>				
___ Barn Owl *	U	U	U	U
___ 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		R	U
___ Short-eared Owl *	R	R	R	R
<u>Goatsuckers, Swifts</u>				
___ Common Nighthawk *	R	U	U	
___ Common Poorwill	R	R	R	
___ Chimney Swift	R	R		
<u>Kingfishers</u>				
___ Belted Kingfisher *	C	C	C	U
<u>Woodpeckers</u>				
___ Lewis' Woodpecker	R		R	
___ Red-headed Woodpecker *	R	R	R	
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker			R	R
___ Red-napped Sapsucker	R		R	
___ Downy Woodpecker *	C	C	C	C
___ Hairy Woodpecker *	U		U	U
___ Northern Flicker *	C	C	C	C

	<u>SP</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>W</u>
<u>Flycatchers</u>				
___ Olive-sided Flycatcher	R			R
___ Western Wood-Pewee	C	C	C	
___ Willow Flycatcher	R			R
___ Least Flycatcher	R			
___ Hammond's Flycatcher				R
___ Dusky Flycatcher	R			R
___ Gray Flycatcher	R			R
___ Cordilleran Flycatcher	R			R
___ Eastern Phoebe	R			
___ Say's Phoebe	U	U	U	
___ Great Crested Flycatcher				R
___ Cassin's Kingbird				U
___ Western Kingbird *	C	C	C	
___ Eastern Kingbird *	C	C	U	
___ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	R			
<u>Shrikes</u>				
___ Northern Shrike				U
___ Loggerhead Shrike *	U	U	U	R
<u>Vireos</u>				
___ Plumbeous Vireo	R			R
___ Blue-headed Vireo				R
___ Cassin's Vireo				R
___ Warbling Vireo	U	R	U	
___ Philadelphia Vireo				R
___ Red-eyed Vireo	R			R
<u>Jays, Magpies, Crows</u>				
___ Blue Jay *	C	U	C	C
___ Western Scrub-Jay				R
___ Black-billed Magpie *	C	C	C	C
___ American Crow	U	U	U	U
___ Common Raven	R			R
<u>Larks, Swallows</u>				
___ Horned Lark *	C	C	C	C
___ Tree Swallow *	C	C	U	
___ Violet-green Swallow	U	R	R	
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	U	U	U	

	<u>SP</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>W</u>
___ Bank Swallow *	U	U	U	
___ Cliff Swallow *	C	C	U	
___ Barn Swallow *	C	C	C	
<u>Chickadees, Nuthatches, Creepers</u>				
___ Black-capped Chickadee *	C	C	C	C
___ Mountain Chickadee	R		R	R
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	R		R	R
___ White-breasted Nuthatch			R	R
___ Pygmy Nuthatch			R	
___ 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
___ Marsh Wren	R	R	R	R
<u>Kinglets, Gnatcatchers</u>				
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet			R	R
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	U		U	R
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	U	R	U	
<u>Thrushes</u>				
___ Eastern Bluebird *	R	R	R	
___ Mountain Bluebird	U		U	R
___ 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, Thrashers, Pipits</u>				
___ Gray Catbird	R		R	
___ Northern Mockingbird *	U	U	U	
___ Sage Thrasher		U	U	
___ Brown Thrasher	R		R	
___ American Pipit	R		R	R
<u>Starlings</u>				
___ European Starling *	C	C	C	C

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<u>Waxwings</u>				
___ Bohemian Waxwing			R	R
___ Cedar Waxwing	R		R	
<u>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	
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	C	R	U	
___ Black-throated Gray Warbler			R	
___ Townsend's Warbler		R	R	
___ Hermit Warbler	R			
___ Prairie Warbler	R			
___ Palm Warbler	R			
___ Bay-breasted Warbler			R	
___ Blackpoll Warbler	R			
___ American Redstart	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>Tanagers</u>				
___ Scarlet Tanager	R		R	
___ Western Tanager	U	R	U	
<u>Grosbeaks, Buntings</u>				
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	U	U		
___ Black-headed Grosbeak	U	U	U	
___ Blue Grosbeak	R	U	U	
___ Lazuli Bunting	U	U	R	
___ Indigo Bunting			R	
<u>Towhees, Sparrows</u>				
___ Green-tailed Towhee	U		U	
___ Spotted Towhee	U	R	U	

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___ 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	
___ Vesper Sparrow *	U	R	C	
___ Lark Sparrow *	U	U	U	
___ 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	
___ White-crowned Sparrow	U		C	C
___ Harris' Sparrow	R	R		R
___ Dark-eyed Junco	U		C	C
___ Lapland Longspur	R			R
<u>Blackbirds, Orioles</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
___ Great-tailed Grackle	R			
___ Common Grackle *	C	C	U	R
___ Brown-headed Cowbird *	U	U	R	
___ Orchard Oriole	U	U		
___ Bullock's Oriole *	C	C	R	
<u>Finches</u>				
___ House Finch *	C	C	C	C
___ Pine Siskin	R		R	R
___ Lesser Goldfinch			R	
___ American Goldfinch	U	C	C	C
___ Evening Grosbeak			R	
<u>Weaver Finches</u>				
___ House Sparrow *	C	C	C	C

Birdwatching, frequently called "birding" is a popular hobby enjoyed by millions of people. Finding, identifying and becoming better acquainted with your neighborhood birds is fascinating. Soon you will want to get out as often as possible in order to add new species to your list. 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. Many species of duck 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 2006 by the Denver Audubon Society, Denver Field Ornithologists, Refuge staff and visiting birders.

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like watching fish or other animals,
seems to make people feel good.*



Bird Check List

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