NatureScape Tours

Colorado: Chicken Run Composite Birdlist

* = Rare



Three of Colorado's charismatic 'chicken birds' in full display—Dusky Grouse, Greater Prairie-Chicken and Greater Sage Grouse. While all of them provide a colorful spectacle to admire, each species has its unique, often bizarre, methods.

Snow Goose Ross's Goose * Cackling Goose Canada Goose Wood Duck Gadwall American Wigeon Mallard Blue-winged Teal Cinnamon Teal Northern Shoveler Northern Pintail Green-winged Teal Canvasback Redhead Ring-necked Duck Greater Scaup Lesser Scaup

Elegantly patterned Scaled Quail occur across most of southern Colorado's arid landscape. Their calls echo across dry grasslands on still mornings.

Bufflehead Common Goldeneve Barrow's Goldeneye Hooded Merganser Common Merganser Red-breasted Merganser Ruddy Duck Scaled Quail Gambel's Quail Northern Bobwhite Chukar Ring-necked Pheasant Greater Sage-Grouse Gunnison Sage-Grouse White-tailed Ptarmigan Dusky Grouse Sharp-tailed Grouse Greater Prairie-Chicken Lesser Prairie-Chicken



Exquisite White-tailed Ptarmigan at home amid its snowy surroundings.



Raptors abound across Colorado's varied habitats. We'll search for a wide variety of species—from Ferruginous Hawks on prairie grasslands to Boreal Owls atop snowy mountain passes and everything in between.



Wild Turkey Common Loon Pied-billed Grebe Horned Grebe Eared Grebe Western Grebe Clark's Grebe American White Pelican Double-crested Cormorant Great Blue Heron Snowy Egret Cattle Egret Black-crowned Night-Heron White-faced Ibis Turkey Vulture Osprey Bald Eagle Northern Harrier Sharp-shinned Hawk Cooper's Hawk Broad-winged Hawk Swainson's Hawk Red-tailed Hawk Ferruginous Hawk Rough-legged Hawk Golden Eagle American Kestrel Merlin Peregrine Falcon Prairie Falcon Virginia Rail American Coot Sandhill Crane Snowy Plover * Killdeer Mountain Plover Black-necked Stilt American Avocet Spotted Sandpiper Solitary Sandpiper Greater Yellowlegs "Western" Willet

Lesser Yellowlegs

Marbled Godwit Semipalmated Sandpiper Western Sandpiper Least Sandpiper Baird's Sandpiper Long-billed Dowitcher Wilson's Snipe Wilson's Phalarope Bonaparte's Gull Franklin's Gull Ring-billed Gull California Gull Herring Gull Forster's Tern Rock Pigeon Band-tailed Pigeon Eurasian Collared-Dove White-winged Dove Mourning Dove Inca Dove Greater Roadrunner Barn Owl Great Horned Owl Burrowing Owl Long-eared Owl Boreal Owl Northern Saw-whet Owl * White-throated Swift Black-chinned Hummingbird Broad-tailed Hummingbird Belted Kingfisher Lewis's Woodpecker Red-bellied Woodpecker Williamson's Sapsucker Red-naped Sapsucker Downy Woodpecker Hairy Woodpecker American Three-toed Woodpecker Northern Flicker Northern "Yellow-shafted" Flicker Northern "Red-shafted" Flicker Northern Flicker hybrid

Gray Flycatcher Black Phoebe Eastern Phoebe Sav's Phoebe

Vermilion Flycatcher * Ash-throated Flycatcher

Cassin's Kingbird Western Kingbird Loggerhead Shrike Northern Shrike

Gray Jay Steller's Jay Blue Jay

Western "Woodhouse's" Scrub-Jay

Pinyon Jay

Clark's Nutcracker Black-billed Magpie American Crow Chihuahuan Raven Common Raven Horned Lark

Violet-green Swallow

Northern Rough-winged Swallow

Bank Swallow Barn Swallow Cliff Swallow

Tree Swallow

Black-capped Chickadee Mountain Chickadee Juniper Titmouse

Bushtit

Red-breasted Nuthatch

"Eastern" White-breasted Nuthatch "Mountain" White-breasted Nuthatch

Pygmy Nuthatch Brown Creeper Rock Wren Canyon Wren Carolina Wren Bewick's Wren House Wren

Marsh Wren Cactus Wren * American Dipper Ruby-crowned Kinglet Golden-crowned Kinglet Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

Eastern Bluebird Western Bluebird Mountain Bluebird Townsend's Solitaire

Hermit Thrush American Robin Varied Thrush *

Northern Mockingbird

Sage Thrasher Brown Thrasher Curve-billed Thrasher European Starling Bohemian Waxwing * Cedar Waxwing American Pipit Tennessee Warbler

Orange-crowned Warbler

Virginia's Warbler Northern Parula * Yellow Warbler

Yellow-rumped "Audubon's" Warbler Yellow-rumped "Myrtle" Warbler

Wilson's Warbler Spotted Towhee Canyon Towhee Green-tailed Towhee Cassin's Sparrow

Rufous-crowned Sparrow

Chipping Sparrow Brewer's Sparrow Field Sparrow

Black-chinned Sparrow *

Vesper Sparrow Lark Sparrow

Black-throated Sparrow

Examples of but a few of Colorado's colorful 'sparrow birds' include: Black-throated Sparrow from deserts of the west, Green-tailed Towhee from riparian corridors of the central and McCown's Longspur from short grass prairies of the northeast.





While numbers may vary from year to year depending upon snow conditions, Colorado's colorful trio of rosy-finches are always a crowd pleaser. From left to right: the dapper Black, commonly encountered Brown-capped and striking Gray-crowned Rosy-Finches.

Sage Sparrow Lark Bunting Savannah Sparrow Grasshopper Sparrow "Slate-colored" Fox Sparrow "Eastern" Fox Sparrow Song Sparrow

Lincoln's Sparrow

White-throated Sparrow *

Harris's Sparrow

White-crowned Sparrow Golden-crowned Sparrow *

Dark-eyed "Slate-colored" Junco

Dark-eyed "Oregon" Junco Dark-eyed "Pink-sided" Junco Dark-eyed "Gray-headed" Junco

McCown's Longspur

Chestnut-collared Longspur

Summer Tanager * Western Tanager Northern Cardinal Red-winged Blackbird Western Meadowlark Yellow-headed Blackbird

Brewer's Blackbird Common Grackle Great-tailed Grackle Brown-headed Cowbird Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch

Gray-crowned "Hepburn's" Rosy-Finch

Black Rosy-Finch

Brown-capped Rosy-Finch

Pine Grosbeak Cassin's Finch House Finch Red Crossbill

White-winged Crossbill

Pine Siskin Lesser Goldfinch American Goldfinch **Evening Grosbeak**

House Sparrow

Mammals

Eastern Cottontail Desert Cottontail Mountain Cottontail Black-tailed Jackrabbit White-tailed Jackrabbit Eastern Fox Squirrel Abert's Squirrel Red Squirrel Least Chipmunk Uinta Chipmunk Colorado Chipmunk Hopi Chipmunk

Golden-mantled Ground Squirrel Thirteen-lined Ground Squirrel

Spotted Ground Squirrel

Rock Squirrel Wyoming Ground Squirrel Black-tailed Prairie Dog White-tailed Prairie Dog Gunnison's Prairie Dog Yellow-bellied Marmot Northern Raccoon Virginia Opossum Striped Skunk

North American Porcupine

American Beaver Common Muskrat Northern River Otter American Mink American Badger Long-tailed Weasel Short-tailed Weasel

Coyote Red Fox Gray Fox Swift Fox Bobcat

White-tailed Deer Mule Deer

Moose Elk Pronghorn Bighorn Sheep Feral Horse House Mouse deermouse sp?

North American Deermouse harvest mouse sp?

Western Harvest Mouse Ord's Kangaroo Rat pocket mouse sp? vole sp?

Montane Vole