



COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Checklist of the Birds of La Plata County - 332 Species

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Date _____ Time _____ Locality _____ Sky _____ Wind _____ Temp _____

Observers _____ Total Species _____ Total Individuals _____

Ducks, Geese, and Swans

- (Anatidae)
- ___ Black-bellied Whistling-Duck
- ___ Snow Goose
- ___ Ross's Goose
- ___ Greater White-fronted Goose
- ___ Cackling Goose
- ___ Canada Goose
- ___ Tundra Swan
- ___ Wood Duck
- ___ Blue-winged Teal
- ___ Cinnamon Teal
- ___ Northern Shoveler
- ___ Gadwall
- ___ Eurasian Wigeon
- ___ American Wigeon
- ___ Mallard
- ___ Mexican Duck
- ___ Northern Pintail
- ___ Green-winged Teal
- ___ Canvasback
- ___ Redhead
- ___ Ring-necked Duck
- ___ Greater Scaup
- ___ Lesser Scaup
- ___ Harlequin Duck
- ___ Surf Scoter
- ___ White-winged Scoter
- ___ Long-tailed Duck
- ___ Bufflehead
- ___ Common Goldeneye
- ___ Barrow's Goldeneye
- ___ Hooded Merganser
- ___ Common Merganser
- ___ Red-breasted Merganser
- ___ Ruddy Duck
- New World Quail
- (Odontophoridae)
- ___ Scaled Quail
- ___ Gambel's Quail
- Partridges, Grouse, Turkeys, and Old World Quail
- (Phasianidae)
- ___ Wild Turkey
- ___ White-tailed Ptarmigan
- ___ Gunnison Sage-Grouse
- ___ Dusky Grouse
- ___ Ring-necked Pheasant
- ___ Chukar
- Grebes (Podicipedidae)
- ___ Pied-billed Grebe
- ___ Horned Grebe

- ___ Eared Grebe
- ___ Western Grebe
- ___ Clark's Grebe
- Pigeons and Doves
- (Columbidae)
- ___ Rock Pigeon
- ___ Band-tailed Pigeon
- ___ Eurasian Collared-Dove
- ___ White-winged Dove
- ___ Mourning Dove
- Cuckoos, Roadrunners, and Anis (Cuculidae)
- ___ Greater Roadrunner
- ___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo
- Goatsuckers (Caprimulgidae)
- ___ Common Nighthawk
- ___ Common Poorwill
- Swifts (Apodidae)
- ___ Black Swift
- ___ Chimney Swift
- ___ White-throated Swift
- Hummingbirds (Trochilidae)
- ___ Mexican Violetear
- ___ Rivoli's Hummingbird
- ___ Blue-throated Mountain-gem
- ___ Black-chinned Hummingbird
- ___ Anna's Hummingbird
- ___ Calliope Hummingbird
- ___ Rufous Hummingbird
- ___ Broad-tailed Hummingbird
- ___ White-eared Hummingbird
- Rails, Gallinules, and Coots
- (Rallidae)
- ___ Virginia Rail
- ___ Sora
- ___ American Coot
- ___ Purple Gallinule
- Cranes (Gruidae)
- ___ Sandhill Crane
- Stilts and Avocets
- (Recurvirostridae)
- ___ Black-necked Stilt
- ___ American Avocet
- Lapwings and Plovers
- (Charadriidae)
- ___ Black-bellied Plover
- ___ Killdeer
- ___ Semipalmated Plover
- ___ Snowy Plover
- Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and

- Allies (Scolopacidae)
- ___ Whimbrel
- ___ Long-billed Curlew
- ___ Marbled Godwit
- ___ Stilt Sandpiper
- ___ Sanderling
- ___ Baird's Sandpiper
- ___ Least Sandpiper
- ___ White-rumped Sandpiper
- ___ Pectoral Sandpiper
- ___ Semipalmated Sandpiper
- ___ Western Sandpiper
- ___ Short-billed Dowitcher
- ___ Long-billed Dowitcher
- ___ Wilson's Snipe
- ___ Spotted Sandpiper
- ___ Solitary Sandpiper
- ___ Lesser Yellowlegs
- ___ Willet
- ___ Greater Yellowlegs
- ___ Wilson's Phalarope
- ___ Red-necked Phalarope
- Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers
- (Laridae)
- ___ Sabine's Gull
- ___ Bonaparte's Gull
- ___ Franklin's Gull
- ___ Short-billed Gull
- ___ Ring-billed Gull
- ___ California Gull
- ___ Herring Gull
- ___ Lesser Black-backed Gull
- ___ Least Tern
- ___ Caspian Tern
- ___ Black Tern
- ___ Common Tern
- ___ Forster's Tern
- ___ Black Skimmer
- Loons (Gaviidae)
- ___ Common Loon
- Cormorants
- (Phalacrocoracidae)
- ___ Double-crested Cormorant
- Pelicans (Pelecanidae)
- ___ American White Pelican
- Lapwings and Plovers
- (Charadriidae)
- ___ Black-bellied Plover
- ___ Killdeer
- ___ Semipalmated Plover
- ___ Snowy Plover
- Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and

- ___ Green Heron
- ___ Black-crowned Night-Heron
- Ibises and Spoonbills
- (Threskiornithidae)
- ___ White Ibis
- ___ Glossy Ibis
- ___ White-faced Ibis
- New World Vultures
- (Cathartidae)
- ___ Turkey Vulture
- Ospreys (Pandionidae)
- ___ Osprey
- Hawks, Kites, Eagles, and Allies
- (Accipitridae)
- ___ Golden Eagle
- ___ Northern Harrier
- ___ Sharp-shinned Hawk
- ___ Cooper's Hawk
- ___ American Goshawk
- ___ Bald Eagle
- ___ Common Black Hawk
- ___ Broad-winged Hawk
- ___ Swainson's Hawk
- ___ Red-tailed Hawk
- ___ Rough-legged Hawk
- ___ Ferruginous Hawk
- Barn Owls (Tytonidae)
- ___ Barn Owl
- Typical Owls (Strigidae)
- ___ Flammulated Owl
- ___ Western Screech-Owl
- ___ Great Horned Owl
- ___ Northern Pygmy-Owl
- ___ Burrowing Owl
- ___ Spotted 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
- ___ Williamson's Sapsucker
- ___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
- ___ Red-naped Sapsucker
- ___ American Three-toed Woodpecker

- ___ Downy Woodpecker
- ___ Hairy Woodpecker
- ___ Northern Flicker
- Caracaras and Falcons
- (Falconidae)
- ___ American Kestrel
- ___ Merlin
- ___ Peregrine Falcon
- ___ Prairie Falcon
- Tyrant Flycatchers (Tyrannidae)
- ___ Ash-throated Flycatcher
- ___ Cassin's Kingbird
- ___ Western Kingbird
- ___ Eastern Kingbird
- ___ Olive-sided Flycatcher
- ___ Western Wood-Pewee
- ___ Willow Flycatcher
- ___ Least Flycatcher
- ___ Hammond's Flycatcher
- ___ Gray Flycatcher
- ___ Dusky Flycatcher
- ___ Western Flycatcher
- ___ Black Phoebe
- ___ Eastern Phoebe
- ___ Say's Phoebe
- ___ Vermilion Flycatcher
- Vireos (Vireonidae)
- ___ Gray Vireo
- ___ Yellow-throated Vireo
- ___ Cassin's Vireo
- ___ Plumbeous Vireo
- ___ Warbling Vireo
- ___ Red-eyed 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
- ___ 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
- ___ Cliff Swallow
- Bushtits (Aegithalidae)
- ___ Bushtit
- Kinglets (Regulidae)
- ___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet
- ___ Golden-crowned Kinglet
- Waxwings (Bombycillidae)
- ___ Bohemian Waxwing
- ___ Cedar Waxwing
- Silky-flycatchers
- (Ptilionogonidae)
- ___ Phainopepla
- Nuthatches (Sittidae)
- ___ Red-breasted Nuthatch
- ___ White-breasted Nuthatch
- ___ Pygmy Nuthatch
- Creepers (Certhiidae)
- ___ Brown Creeper
- Gnatcatchers (Poliopitidae)
- ___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
- Wrens (Troglodytidae)
- ___ Rock Wren
- ___ Canyon Wren
- ___ Bewick's Wren
- ___ House Wren
- ___ Pacific Wren
- ___ Winter Wren
- ___ Marsh Wren
- Mockingbirds and Thrashers
- (Mimidae)
- ___ Gray Catbird
- ___ Brown Thrasher
- ___ Bendire's Thrasher
- ___ Sage Thrasher
- ___ Northern Mockingbird
- Starlings (Sturnidae)
- ___ European Starling
- Dippers (Cinclidae)
- ___ American Dipper
- Thrushes (Turdidae)
- ___ Eastern Bluebird
- ___ Western Bluebird
- ___ Mountain Bluebird

___ Townsend's Solitaire
___ Swainson's Thrush
___ Hermit Thrush
___ American Robin
___ Varied Thrush

**Old World Sparrows
(Passeridae)**

___ House Sparrow

Wagtails and Pipits

(Motacillidae)

___ American Pipit

Fringilline and Cardueline

Finches and Allies (Fringillidae)

___ Evening Grosbeak
___ Pine Grosbeak
___ Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch
___ Black Rosy-Finch
___ Brown-capped Rosy-Finch
___ House Finch
___ Purple Finch
___ Cassin's Finch
___ Red Crossbill
___ Pine Siskin
___ Lesser Goldfinch
___ American Goldfinch

Longspurs and Snow Buntings

(Calcariidae)

___ Thick-billed Longspur
___ Snow Bunting

New World Sparrows and

Towhees (Passerellidae)

___ Grasshopper Sparrow
___ Black-throated Sparrow
___ Lark Sparrow
___ Lark Bunting
___ Chipping Sparrow
___ Clay-colored Sparrow
___ Black-chinned 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
___ Savannah Sparrow
___ Song Sparrow
___ Lincoln's Sparrow
___ Green-tailed Towhee
___ Spotted Towhee

Yellow-breasted Chat

(Icteriidae)

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Blackbirds (Icteridae)

___ Yellow-headed Blackbird
___ Bobolink
___ Western Meadowlark
___ Orchard Oriole

___ Bullock's Oriole
___ Baltimore Oriole
___ Red-winged Blackbird
___ Brown-headed Cowbird
___ Brewer's Blackbird
___ Common Grackle
___ Great-tailed Grackle

Wood-Warblers (Parulidae)

___ Ovenbird
___ Northern Waterthrush
___ Golden-winged Warbler
___ Black-and-white Warbler
___ Prothonotary Warbler
___ Tennessee Warbler
___ Orange-crowned Warbler
___ Nashville Warbler
___ Virginia's Warbler
___ MacGillivray's Warbler
___ Mourning Warbler
___ Kentucky Warbler
___ Common Yellowthroat
___ American Redstart
___ Northern Parula
___ Blackburnian Warbler
___ Yellow Warbler
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler
___ Blackpoll Warbler
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler
___ Palm Warbler
___ Pine Warbler
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler
___ Grace's Warbler
___ Black-throated Gray Warbler
___ Townsend's Warbler
___ Hermit Warbler
___ Wilson's Warbler

Cardinals, Piranga Tanagers

and Allies (Cardinalidae)

___ Summer Tanager
___ Western Tanager
___ Pyrrhuloxia
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak
___ Black-headed Grosbeak
___ Blue Grosbeak
___ Lazuli Bunting
___ Indigo Bunting
___ Painted Bunting
___ Dickcissel

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