



COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Checklist of the Birds of Rio Grande County - 278 Species

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

Observers _____ Total Species _____ Total Individuals _____

Ducks, Geese, and Swans

- (Anatidae)
- ___ Snow Goose
- ___ Ross's Goose
- ___ Greater White-fronted Goose
- ___ Brant
- ___ Cackling Goose
- ___ Canada Goose
- ___ Tundra Swan
- ___ Wood Duck
- ___ Blue-winged Teal
- ___ Cinnamon Teal
- ___ Northern Shoveler
- ___ Gadwall
- ___ Eurasian Wigeon
- ___ American Wigeon
- ___ Mallard
- ___ Northern Pintail
- ___ Green-winged Teal
- ___ Canvasback
- ___ Redhead
- ___ Ring-necked Duck
- ___ Greater Scaup
- ___ Lesser Scaup
- ___ Surf Scoter
- ___ White-winged Scoter
- ___ Bufflehead
- ___ Common Goldeneye
- ___ Barrow's Goldeneye
- ___ Hooded Merganser
- ___ Common Merganser
- ___ Red-breasted Merganser
- ___ Ruddy Duck

New World Quail

- (Odontophoridae)
- ___ Gambel's Quail

Partridges, Grouse, Turkeys,

and Old World Quail

- (Phasianidae)
- ___ Wild Turkey
- ___ White-tailed Ptarmigan
- ___ Dusky Grouse
- ___ Ring-necked Pheasant

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)
- ___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo
- Goatsuckers (Caprimulgidae)
- ___ Common Nighthawk
- ___ Common Poorwill
- Swifts (Apodidae)
- ___ Black Swift
- ___ Chimney Swift
- ___ White-throated Swift
- Hummingbirds (Trochilidae)
- ___ Black-chinned Hummingbird
- ___ Calliope Hummingbird
- ___ Rufous Hummingbird
- ___ Broad-tailed Hummingbird
- Rails, Gallinules, and Coots
- (Rallidae)
- ___ Virginia Rail
- ___ Sora
- ___ American Coot
- Cranes (Gruidae)
- ___ Sandhill Crane
- Stilts and Avocets
- (Recurvirostridae)
- ___ Black-necked Stilt
- ___ American Avocet
- Lapwings and Plovers
- (Charadriidae)
- ___ Black-bellied Plover
- ___ American Golden-Plover
- ___ Killdeer
- ___ Semipalmated Plover
- ___ Mountain Plover
- ___ Snowy Plover
- Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and
- Allies (Scolopacidae)
- ___ Long-billed Curlew
- ___ Marbled Godwit
- ___ Stilt Sandpiper
- ___ Sanderling
- ___ Dunlin
- ___ Baird's Sandpiper
- ___ Least Sandpiper
- ___ Pectoral Sandpiper
- ___ Semipalmated Sandpiper
- ___ Western Sandpiper

- ___ Long-billed Dowitcher
- ___ Wilson's Snipe
- ___ Spotted Sandpiper
- ___ Solitary Sandpiper
- ___ Lesser Yellowlegs
- ___ Willet
- ___ Greater Yellowlegs
- ___ Wilson's Phalarope
- ___ Red-necked Phalarope
- ___ Red Phalarope
- Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers
- (Laridae)
- ___ Bonaparte's Gull
- ___ Franklin's Gull
- ___ Ring-billed Gull
- ___ California Gull
- ___ Black Tern
- ___ Forster's Tern
- Loons (Gaviidae)
- ___ Common Loon
- Cormorants
- (Phalacrocoracidae)
- ___ Double-crested Cormorant
- Pelicans (Pelecanidae)
- ___ American White Pelican
- Bitterns, Herons, and Allies
- (Ardeidae)
- ___ American Bittern
- ___ Great Blue Heron
- ___ Great Egret
- ___ Snowy Egret
- ___ Little Blue Heron
- ___ Cattle Egret
- ___ Green Heron
- ___ Black-crowned Night-Heron
- Ibises and Spoonbills
- (Threskiornithidae)
- ___ 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
- ___ Northern Goshawk

- ___ Bald Eagle
- ___ Swainson's Hawk
- ___ Red-tailed Hawk
- ___ Rough-legged Hawk
- ___ Ferruginous Hawk
- Barn Owls (Tytonidae)
- ___ Barn Owl
- Typical Owls (Strigidae)
- ___ Flammulated 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
- ___ Williamson's Sapsucker
- ___ Red-naped Sapsucker
- ___ American Three-toed
- Woodpecker
- ___ Downy Woodpecker
- ___ Hairy Woodpecker
- ___ Northern Flicker
- Caracaras and Falcons
- (Falconidae)
- ___ Crested Caracara
- ___ 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
- ___ Cordilleran Flycatcher
- ___ Black Phoebe
- ___ Say's Phoebe

- ___ Vermilion Flycatcher
- Vireos (Vireonidae)
- ___ Plumbeous Vireo
- ___ Warbling 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
- ___ Barn Swallow
- ___ Cliff Swallow
- Bush-tits (Aegithalidae)
- ___ Bush-tit
- Kinglets (Regulidae)
- ___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet
- ___ Golden-crowned Kinglet
- Waxwings (Bombycillidae)
- ___ Bohemian Waxwing
- ___ Cedar Waxwing
- Nuthatches (Sittidae)
- ___ Red-breasted Nuthatch
- ___ White-breasted Nuthatch
- ___ Pygmy Nuthatch
- Creepers (Certhiidae)
- ___ Brown Creeper
- Gnatcatchers (Polioptilidae)
- ___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
- Wrens (Troglodytidae)
- ___ Rock Wren
- ___ Canyon Wren
- ___ House Wren

- ___ Marsh Wren
- Mockingbirds and Thrashers
- (Mimidae)
- ___ Gray Catbird
- ___ Bendire's Thrasher
- ___ Sage Thrasher
- ___ Northern Mockingbird
- Starlings (Sturnidae)
- ___ European Starling
- Dippers (Cinclidae)
- ___ American Dipper
- Thrushes (Turdidae)
- ___ Western Bluebird
- ___ Mountain Bluebird
- ___ Townsend's Solitaire
- ___ Swainson's Thrush
- ___ Hermit Thrush
- ___ American Robin
- 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
- ___ Cassin's Finch
- ___ Common Redpoll
- ___ Red Crossbill
- ___ Pine Siskin
- ___ Lesser Goldfinch
- ___ American Goldfinch
- Longspurs and Snow Buntings
- (Calcariidae)
- ___ Lapland Longspur
- ___ Snow Bunting
- New World Sparrows and
- Towhees (Passerellidae)
- ___ Cassin's Sparrow
- ___ Black-throated Sparrow
- ___ Lark Sparrow
- ___ Lark Bunting
- ___ Chipping Sparrow
- ___ Brewer's Sparrow
- ___ Fox Sparrow

- American Tree Sparrow
- Dark-eyed Junco
- White-crowned Sparrow
- Harris's Sparrow
- Sagebrush Sparrow
- Vesper Sparrow
- Savannah Sparrow
- Song Sparrow
- Lincoln's Sparrow
- Green-tailed Towhee
- Spotted Towhee

Yellow-breasted Chat
(Icteridae)

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Blackbirds (Icteridae)

- Yellow-headed Blackbird
- Western Meadowlark
- Bullock's Oriole
- Red-winged Blackbird
- Brown-headed Cowbird
- Brewer's Blackbird
- Common Grackle
- Great-tailed Grackle

Wood-Warblers (Parulidae)

- Worm-eating Warbler
- Northern Waterthrush
- Black-and-white Warbler
- Prothonotary Warbler
- Orange-crowned Warbler
- Virginia's Warbler
- MacGillivray's Warbler
- Common Yellowthroat
- American Redstart
- Cerulean Warbler
- Northern Parula
- Magnolia Warbler
- Yellow Warbler
- Chestnut-sided Warbler
- Yellow-rumped Warbler
- Prairie Warbler
- Black-throated Gray Warbler
- Townsend's Warbler
- Wilson's Warbler

Cardinals, Piranga Tanagers
and Allies (Cardinalidae)

- Summer Tanager
- Scarlet Tanager
- Western Tanager
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- Black-headed Grosbeak
- Blue Grosbeak
- Lazuli Bunting
- Indigo Bunting
- Dickcissel

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