



All sightings of species marked Very Rare on this list and all species not on this list should be documented. Notify Park Staff as soon as possible. Written details on the sighting and a description of the bird(s) would be very much appreciated.

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Bird Checklist at Barr Lake State Park

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Thrushes

- __ Eastern Bluebird * Rs
- __ Western Bluebird Vm
- __ Mountain Bluebird Um
- __ Townsend's Solitaire Um
- __ Veery Um
- __ Gray-cheeked Thrush Vm
- __ Swainson's Thrush Cm
- __ Hermit Thrush Um
- __ Wood Thrush Vm
- __ American Robin * Cp
- __ Varied Thrush Vm

Mockingbirds and Thrashers

- __ Gray Catbird Um
- __ Northern Mockingbird Rs
- __ Sage Thrasher Um
- __ Brown Thrasher Um
- __ Long-billed Thrasher V
- __ Curve-billed Thrasher Vm

Starlings

- __ European Starling * Ap

Pipits

- __ American Pipit Um

Waxwings

- __ Bohemian Waxwing Rw
- __ Cedar Waxwing Rw

Longspurs and Snow Buntings

- __ Lapland Longspur Uw
- __ Chestnut-collared Longspur # Vm
- __ McCown's Longspur # Vm
- __ Snow Bunting Vw

Wood-Warblers

- __ Ovenbird Rm
- __ Worm-eating Warbler Vm
- __ Northern Waterthrush Rm
- __ Golden-winged Warbler Vm
- __ Blue-winged Warbler Vm
- __ Black-and-white Warbler Rm
- __ Prothonotary Warbler Vm
- __ Tennessee Warbler Rm
- __ Orange-crowned Warbler Cm
- __ Nashville Warbler Rm
- __ Virginia's Warbler Rm
- __ Connecticut Warbler Vm
- __ MacGillivray's Warbler Um

- __ Mourning Warbler Vm
- __ Kentucky Warbler Vm
- __ Common Yellowthroat * Cs
- __ Hooded Warbler Vm
- __ American Redstart Um
- __ Northern Parula Vm
- __ Magnolia Warbler Vm
- __ Bay-breasted Warbler Vm
- __ Blackburnian Warbler Vm
- __ Yellow Warbler * As
- __ Chestnut-sided Warbler Rm
- __ Blackpoll Warbler Rm
- __ Black-throated Blue Warbler Vm
- __ Palm Warbler Vm
- __ Pine Warbler Vm



- __ Yellow-rumped Warbler Cm
- __ Yellow-throated Warbler Vm
- __ Prairie Warbler Vm
- __ Black-throated Gray Warbler Vm
- __ Townsend's Warbler Um
- __ Hermit Warbler Vm
- __ Black-throated Green Warbler Vm
- __ Canada Warbler Vm
- __ Wilson's Warbler Am
- __ Yellow-breasted Chat Rm

Towhees and Sparrows

- __ Green-tailed Towhee Um
- __ Spotted Towhee Um
- __ Eastern Towhee Vm
- __ Cassin's Sparrow Rs
- __ American Tree Sparrow Cw
- __ Chipping Sparrow Am
- __ Clay-colored Sparrow Um
- __ Brewer's Sparrow Um
- __ Field Sparrow Vm
- __ Vesper Sparrow Cm
- __ Lark Sparrow * Us
- __ Black-throated Sparrow Vm
- __ Lark Bunting * Us
- __ Savannah Sparrow Um

- __ Grasshopper Sparrow * Rs
- __ Fox Sparrow Rw
- __ Song Sparrow * Cp
- __ Lincoln's Sparrow Um
- __ Swamp Sparrow Rw
- __ White-throated Sparrow Rw
- __ Harris's Sparrow Rw
- __ White-crowned Sparrow Cw
- __ Golden-crowned Sparrow Vm
- __ Dark-eyed Junco Cw

Tanagers, Cardinals, Grosbeaks, and Buntings

- __ Summer Tanager Vm
- __ Scarlet Tanager Vm
- __ Western Tanager Um
- __ Northern Cardinal Vm
- __ Rose-breasted Grosbeak Rm
- __ Black-headed Grosbeak * Rm
- __ Blue Grosbeak Um
- __ Lazuli Bunting * Um
- __ Indigo Bunting * Rm
- __ Painted Bunting Vm
- __ Dickcissel Vs

Blackbirds and Orioles

- __ Bobolink Vm
- __ Red-winged Blackbird * Ap

- __ Western Meadowlark * Ap
- __ Yellow-headed Blackbird * Cs
- __ Rusty Blackbird Rw
- __ Brewer's Blackbird * Cp
- __ Common Grackle * As
- __ Great-tailed Grackle * Rm
- __ Brown-headed Cowbird * Cs
- __ Orchard Oriole Rs
- __ Hooded Oriole Vm
- __ Bullock's Oriole * As
- __ Baltimore Oriole Vm

Finches

- __ Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch Vw
- __ Purple Finch Vm
- __ Cassin's Finch Vw
- __ House Finch * Cp
- __ Red Crossbill Vw
- __ Common Redpoll Rw
- __ Pine Siskin Cw
- __ Lesser Goldfinch Rm
- __ American Goldfinch * Cp
- __ Evening Grosbeak Rw

Old World Sparrows

- __ House Sparrow * Ap



This checklist contains the names and indicates the occurrence of 370 species of birds (the most for any area of similar size in Colorado) that have been sighted at and near Barr Lake over the years.

Birders have been flocking to Barr Lake since the reservoir was created in the 1880's. Field records of bird sightings date back to this time. wSeveral prominent ornithologists, including Robert Niedrach, Alfred Bailey and Robert Rockwell, explored the area seeking to document the rich variety of birdlife. Located in what was shortgrass prairie, the lake is an oasis for wildlife offering a unique combination of grassland, forest, lake and marsh. Please help protect this valuable habitat!

ABUNDANCE

(In proper habitat and season)

A - Abundant: Will see most days.

C - Common: Occurs regularly. Likely to see.

U - Uncommon: Occurs annually but not seen regularly. Possible to see.

R - Rare: Occurs infrequently. May not be seen on an annual basis.

V - Very Rare: Fewer than 10 records. Unlikely to see but should be sought in designated season.

E - Extirpated: No longer occurs in the area.

OCCURRENCE

m - Migrant: Expected only spring and/or fall.

p - Permanent Resident: Found at all seasons.

s - Summer Resident: Species may also be seen in spring and/or fall.

w - Winter Resident: Species may also be seen in spring and/or fall.

BREEDING SPECIES

* - Current or recent breeder

- Historic breeder; no longer breeds in the area

Ducks, Geese, and Swans

__ Greater White-fronted Goose	Rm
__ Snow Goose	Rm
__ Ross's Goose	Rm
__ Brant	Vm
__ Cackling Goose	Cw
__ Canada Goose *	Ap
__ Trumpeter Swan	Vw
__ Tundra Swan	Vm
__ Wood Duck *	Us
__ Gadwall *	Cp
__ Eurasian Wigeon	Vm
__ American Wigeon *	Cp
__ American Black Duck	Vm
__ Mallard *	Ap
__ Blue-winged Teal *	Cs

__ Cinnamon Teal *	Cs
__ Northern Shoveler *	Cp
__ Northern Pintail *	Cp
__ Green-winged Teal *	Cp
__ Canvasback #	Cw
__ Redhead *	Cp
__ Ring-necked Duck	Uw
__ Tufted Duck	Vm
__ Greater Scaup	Rm
__ Lesser Scaup #	Cw
__ Harlequin Duck	Vm
__ Surf Scoter	Vm
__ White-winged Scoter	Vm
__ Black Scoter	Vm
__ Long-tailed Duck	Vm
__ Bufflehead	Cm
__ Common Goldeneye	Cw

__ Barrow's Goldeneye	Vm
__ Hooded Merganser	Um
__ Common Merganser	Cw
__ Red-breasted Merganser	Rm
__ Ruddy Duck *	Cm

Grouse and Quail

__ Northern Bobwhite	E
__ Ring-necked Pheasant *	Cp
__ Greater Prairie-Chicken #	E
__ Wild Turkey	V

Loons

__ Pacific Loon	Vm
__ Common Loon	Rm



Grebes

__ Pied-billed Grebe *	Cs
__ Horned Grebe	Cm
__ Red-necked Grebe	Vm
__ Eared Grebe	Cmv
__ Western Grebe *	Cs
__ Clark's Grebe	Rm

Cormorants and Darters

__ Neotropic Cormorant	Vm
__ Double-crested Cormorant *	Cs
__ Anhinga	Vm

Pelicans

__ American White Pelican	Cs
__ Brown Pelican	Vm

Wading Birds

__ American Bittern *	Us
__ Least Bittern #	Vs
__ Great Blue Heron *	Cs
__ Great Egret	Rm
__ Snowy Egret	Cs
__ Little Blue Heron	Vm
__ Tricolored Heron	Vm
__ Cattle Egret *	Rm
__ Green Heron	Vm
__ Black-crowned Night-Heron *	Cs
__ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	Rm
__ White Ibis	Vm
__ White-faced Ibis	Us

Raptors

__ Turkey Vulture	Um
__ Osprey	Cs
__ Bald Eagle *	Cp
__ Northern Harrier *	Cp
__ Sharp-shinned Hawk	Um
__ Cooper's Hawk	Um
__ Northern Goshawk	Vw
__ Red-shouldered Hawk	Vm
__ Broad-winged Hawk	Vm
__ Swainson's Hawk *	Cs
__ Red-tailed Hawk *	Cp
__ Ferruginous Hawk	Cw
__ Rough-legged Hawk	Cw
__ Golden Eagle	Uw
__ American Kestrel *	Cp
__ Merlin	Uw
__ Gyrfalcon	Vw
__ Peregrine Falcon	Rm
__ Prairie Falcon	Uw

Rails and Coots

__ Yellow Rail	V
__ Virginia Rail *	Us
__ Sora *	Us
__ American Coot *	Cp

Cranes

__ Sandhill Crane	Um
__ Whooping Crane	Vm

Plovers

__ Black-bellied Plover	Rm
__ American Golden-Plover	Rm
__ Snowy Plover	Vm
__ Semipalmated Plover	Um
__ Piping Plover	Vm
__ Killdeer *	Ap
__ Mountain Plover #	Rm

Stilts and Avocets

__ Black-necked Stilt	Rm
__ American Avocet *	Us

Sandpipers and Phalaropes

__ Spotted Sandpiper	Cs
__ Solitary Sandpiper	Cm
__ Greater Yellowlegs	Cm
__ Willet #	Um
__ Lesser Yellowlegs	Cm
__ Upland Sandpiper #	Vm
__ Whimbrel	Vm
__ Long-billed Curlew #	Rm
__ Hudsonian Godwit	Vm

__ Marbled Godwit	Um
__ Ruddy Turnstone	Vm
__ Red Knot	Vm
__ Sanderling	Um
__ Semipalmated Sandpiper	Um
__ Western Sandpiper	Cm
__ Least Sandpiper	Cm
__ White-rumped Sandpiper	Rm
__ Baird's Sandpiper	Cm
__ Pectoral Sandpiper	Um
__ Dunlin	Vm
__ Stilt Sandpiper	Cm
__ Buff-breasted Sandpiper	Vm
__ Ruff	Vm
__ Short-billed Dowitcher	Rm
__ Long-billed Dowitcher	Cm
__ Wilson's Snipe *	Up
__ Wilson's Phalarope #	Cm
__ Red-necked Phalarope	Um
__ Red Phalarope	Vm

Gulls, Terns, and Jaegers

__ Black-legged Kittiwake	Vm
__ Sabine's Gull	Vm
__ Bonaparte's Gull	Rm
__ Black-headed Gull	Vm
__ Little Gull	Vm
__ Laughing Gull	Vm
__ Franklin's Gull	Cm



__ Ring-billed Gull	Aw
__ California Gull	Cs
__ Herring Gull	Uw
__ Thayer's Gull	Vm
__ Lesser Black-backed Gull	Vm
__ Glaucous Gull	Vw
__ Least Tern	Vm
__ Caspian Tern	Rm
__ Black Tern #	Us
__ Common Tern	Vm
__ Forster's Tern #	Um
__ Royal Tern	Vm
__ Pomarine Jaeger	Vm
__ Parasitic Jaeger	Vm
__ Long-tailed Jaeger	Vm

Pigeons and Doves

__ Rock Pigeon *	Cp
__ Band-tailed Pigeon	V
__ Eurasian Collared-Dove	Cp
__ Mourning Dove *	As

Cuckoos

__ Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Vm
__ Black-billed Cuckoo	Vm

Owls

__ Barn Owl *	Rs
__ Eastern Screech-Owl *	Rp
__ Great Horned Owl *	Up
__ Snowy Owl	Vw
__ Burrowing Owl	Us
__ Spotted Owl	V
__ Long-eared Owl *	Rw
__ Short-eared Owl	Rm
__ Northern Saw-whet Owl	Vw

Goatsuckers

__ Common Nighthawk	Rm
__ Common Poorwill	Rm

Swifts

__ Black Swift	Vs
__ Chimney Swift *	Us

Hummingbirds

__ Calliope Hummingbird	Vm
__ Broad-tailed Hummingbird	Rm
__ Rufous Hummingbird	Vm

Kingfishers

__ Belted Kingfisher *	Up
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Woodpeckers

__ Lewis's Woodpecker	Rm
__ Red-headed Woodpecker *	Rs
__ Williamson's Sapsucker	Vm
__ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Vm
__ Red-naped Sapsucker	Rm
__ Downy Woodpecker *	Cp
__ Hairy Woodpecker	Up
__ Northern Flicker *	Ap

Flycatchers

__ Olive-sided Flycatcher	Um
__ Western Wood-Pewee *	Cs
__ Eastern Wood-Pewee	Vm
__ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	Vm
__ Alder Flycatcher	Vm
__ Willow Flycatcher	Um
__ Least Flycatcher	Um
__ Hammond's Flycatcher	Um

__ Gray Flycatcher	Rm
__ Dusky Flycatcher	Cm
__ Pacific-slope Flycatcher	Vm
__ Cordilleran Flycatcher	Um
__ Eastern Phoebe	Vm
__ Say's Phoebe *	Us
__ Vermilion Flycatcher	Vm
__ Ash-throated Flycatcher	Vm



__ Great Crested Flycatcher	Vm
__ Cassin's Kingbird	Rm
__ Western Kingbird *	As
__ Eastern Kingbird *	Cs
__ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	Vm

Shrikes

__ Loggerhead Shrike	Us
__ Northern Shrike	Uw

Vireos

__ White-eyed Vireo	Vm
__ Bell's Vireo	Vm
__ Yellow-throated Vireo	Vm
__ Plumbeous Vireo	Um
__ Cassin's Vireo	Rm
__ Blue-headed Vireo	Vm
__ Warbling Vireo *	Us
__ Philadelphia Vireo	Vm
__ Red-eyed Vireo	Rm

Jays and Crows

__ Pinyon Jay	Vm
__ Steller's Jay	Vw
__ Blue Jay *	Up
__ Western Scrub-Jay	V
__ Clark's Nutcracker	V
__ Black-billed Magpie *	Ap
__ American Crow	Up
__ Common Raven	V

Larks

__ Horned Lark *	Ap
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Swallows

__ Purple Martin	Vm
__ Tree Swallow *	Cs

__ Violet-green Swallow	Um
__ Northern Rough-winged Swallow *	Us
__ Bank Swallow *	Us
__ Cliff Swallow *	As
__ Barn Swallow *	Cs

Chickadees and Bushtits

__ Black-capped Chickadee *	Cp
__ Mountain Chickadee	Rw
__ Bushtit	Vm

Nuthatches

__ Red-breasted Nuthatch	Rm
__ White-breasted Nuthatch	Rm
__ Pygmy Nuthatch	Vm

Creepers

__ Brown Creeper	Uw
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Wrens

__ Rock Wren	Um
__ Canyon Wren	V
__ Carolina Wren	Vw
__ Bewick's Wren	Vm
__ House Wren *	As
__ Winter Wren	Vm
__ Marsh Wren *	Rp

Gnatcatchers and Kinglets

__ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Rm
__ Golden-crowned Kinglet	Um
__ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Cm

