



A [Tropical Birding](#) SET DEPARTURE tour

Chasing Chickens (CO, KS) - April 6-16, 2022

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Summary

What an adventure; 1 fearless leader, 5 wonderful clients, 143 bird species, and 2,300 miles across 9 days of birding! Between Gunnison/Greater Sage-Grouse, Dusky Grouse, Sharp-tailed Grouse, and Greater/Lesser Prairie-Chicken, it's impossible to pick a favorite. Throw in Rough-legged Hawk, Burrowing Owl, Pinyon Jay, Williamson's Sapsucker, Chestnut-collared Longspur, and all three rosy-finches and ours was an amazing haul! Incredible as the birds were, the landscapes were equally amazing; from snow-covered mountains to ponderosa pine forest to sagebrush plateaus to plunging canyons and expansive prairies, we saw it all — plus Moose, Bighorn Sheep, and American Bison! The weather cooperated, the clients were loads of fun, and everyone departed with a life time of memories. But hey, that's how Tropical Birding always does it!



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Day 1 - Wednesday, April 6th - Arrival in Denver

Despite very high winds in the Denver area, Jenifer, Mark, and Mimi arrived early enough to join Dorian for an introductory dinner. The rendezvous occurred at the Tower Tap and Grill adjacent to the hotel and established a trend which would continue through the tour: Dorian eating whatever food clients didn't. Nancy and Lois, traveling under the aliases of Gertrude and Chartreuse, arrived a bit later, and our six person posse crashed ahead of an early kick-off the following morning.

Day 2 - Thursday, April 7th - Genesee Mountain Park, Loveland Pass, and Silverthorn

Departing the hotel before sunrise, we commuted through Denver and gained elevation into the Front Range. Exploring Ponderosa Pine forest at Genesee Mountain Park, we intersected Mountain Chickadee, Pygmy Nuthatch, Cassin's Finch, Pine Siskin, and Red Crossbill (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S106473202>). Forceful winds suppressed bird activity, and we were forced to depart the park without Western Bluebird and Williamson's Sapsucker (spoiler alert - we redeemed both later).

Continuing upslope, we swung through St. Mary's with hopes of intersecting rosy-finches at a neighborhood feeder. Gray-crowned and Brown-capped (photo on next page) presented at the roadside as soon as we arrived, and the van 'slid' into a snow-filled ditch amidst the surrounding excitement. It took twenty minutes to free the vehicle, our engineering/escape efforts picture below, but the subsequent appearances of Clark's Nutcracker, Pine Grosbeak, and Brown Creeper rendered the episode quickly forgotten (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S106473337>). We didn't see those three species again on the tour, so they were fortuitous finds on the first day.



We'd planned to search for White-tailed Ptarmigan at Loveland Pass (11,992'), but that hope was dashed by 40MPH winds; Dorian could barely stand up when he tested the breezes! The ptarmigan cause lost, we descended to Dillon where we lunched at the marijuana-themed Cheba Hut (<https://chebahut.com/locations/dillon/>). Afterwards, we swung through Wilderwest and found Mountain Bluebird and additional hoards of rosy-finches, two Blacks among them (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S106479299>).

Pausing at Angler Mountain Ranch, we found a variety of waterfowl including American Wigeon, Ring-necked Duck, and Common and Barrow's Goldeneye (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S106480065>). From there (Silverthorne), we drove two hours north to reach the hamlet of Walden for the night. After-dinner owling at Cameron Pass failed to produce either Boreal or Saw-Whet, but the day was an inspiring start regardless. Another tour also failed to find owls, so it seemed the birds just weren't up for it on this night.



Day 3 - Friday, April 8th - Greater Sage-Grouse in the house!

We shook the sleep from our eyes, departed Walden, and reached the Coalmont lekking grounds at 5:45am, an hour before sunrise. As we parked at the roadside, the gathering light revealed dozens of inflated males displaying for the assembled females. Unfortunately, a flyover Golden Eagle scattered the birds at the height of the activity. Most relocated to the western side of the road, in better light, so we repositioned the van to enjoy what remained of the daily dance. Several of the birds wandered

very close to the road, and we enjoyed beautiful views as the males squabbled for dominance. It was an incredible encounter amidst stunning Rocky Mountain scenery (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S106528224>)! A backlight Greater Sage-Grouse is shown below.



Moving southwest towards Steamboat, we brunched at Rex's (<https://www.rexsfamily.com/rexs-grill>) before making a number of in-town stops along the Yampa River, those revealing Turkey Vulture, Osprey, Black-billed Magpie, Downy Woodpecker, Song Sparrow, Black-capped Chickadee and — best of all — American Dipper! The large, rotund nest which the bird was building under a low-slung bridge was an engineering marvel (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S106537908>, <https://ebird.org/checklist/S106541158>).

The Nature Conservancy's Carpenter Ranch wasn't on the itinerary, but we found productive birding on the property once we gained access (call ahead in the future). Among a host of new birds, Cinnamon Teal, Common Merganser, Wilson's Snipe, Sandhill Crane, and Say's Phoebe were particularly well-received. I don't think any of us had ever seen so many American Kestrels in one place (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S106550593>). And what about that Canada Goose in the Osprey nest, fifty feet up in a tree? Crazy!

Continuing towards our Craig overnight, we made a number of roadside stops without finding much beyond additional wanna-be-osprey-geese (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S106557609>). We did watch a Bald Eagle chase an Osprey carrying a fish, so that was pretty sweet (<https://ebird.org/>

[checklist/S106557544](#)). A pre-dinner visit to the Sharp-tailed Grouse lek outside of town proved a wise move; without that orientation, we would have struggled to find the lek in the dark the following morning.

Dinner at Aroi Thai in the Warehouse (<https://www.warehousefoodhall.com/>) was a total fiasco because the wrong orders kept coming out. By the time they finally got it sorted out, it seemed like there was little point in ordering at all! We did make out with a free order of Spring Rolls while we waited, and the correct food was really good when it finally arrived. No harm, no foul, right? Check out the crew with the giant elk we found in Steamboat!



Day 4 - Saturday, April 9th - Sharp-tailed Grouse and Colorado National Monument

Greater Sage-Grouse is the largest of the chickens on this tour, but Sharp-tailed Grouse is probably the funniest! If the males' spread wing pose wasn't enough, then the accompanying, rapid-fire foot-stomping put it over the top. With the van parked barely 30 yards from displaying birds, we experienced mesmerizing views of the mating spectacle. It's tough to beat the access Tropical Birding has arranged, right? Landowner Ken hosted us for coffee and snacks when the lek shut down, and it was great to learn a bit about the surrounding area from him. As we departed, we spotted a Golden Eagle on a roadside fencepost. It was barely 20 feet from us and appeared as large as a Golden Retriever. It was the best view any of us had experienced (<https://ebird.org/checklist/>

S106607001). We also learned about the hazards of global cooling, but that's a different story for a different day.

We had brunch at Outfitter's Diner in Meeker and continued south to Rifle. Birding the Colorado River between that town and Parachute (note: this is a different Colorado River than THE Colorado River which runs through the Grand Canyon), we found Double-crested Cormorant, Belted Kingfisher, and a surprise Black Phoebe, a very nice bird for Colorado (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S106625359>, <https://ebird.org/checklist/S106631979>). Continuing southwest towards Grand Junction, a stop at Coal Canyon produced a comical Rock Wren, a striking Black-throated Sparrow, and two audible Chukars (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S106643277>). It was hella hot on this afternoon, so Mimi's suggestion of Ice Cream was well-received. The lady packing the cones didn't mess around — nom nom nom!

We capped the day with a visit to Colorado National Monument (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S106653339>). Undersold in the itinerary, the immense geology blew us away and minimized the otherwise significant addition of Juniper Titmouse. That we had the park drive to ourselves on this afternoon made for a wonderful visit. Several in the group compared the park to the Grand Canyon, and everyone was stoked we'd made the time to explore it. White-throated Swift was a welcome addition as well. Our outdoor dinner at Spoons (<https://spoonsbistroandbakery.com/>) was the perfect end to an amazing day.



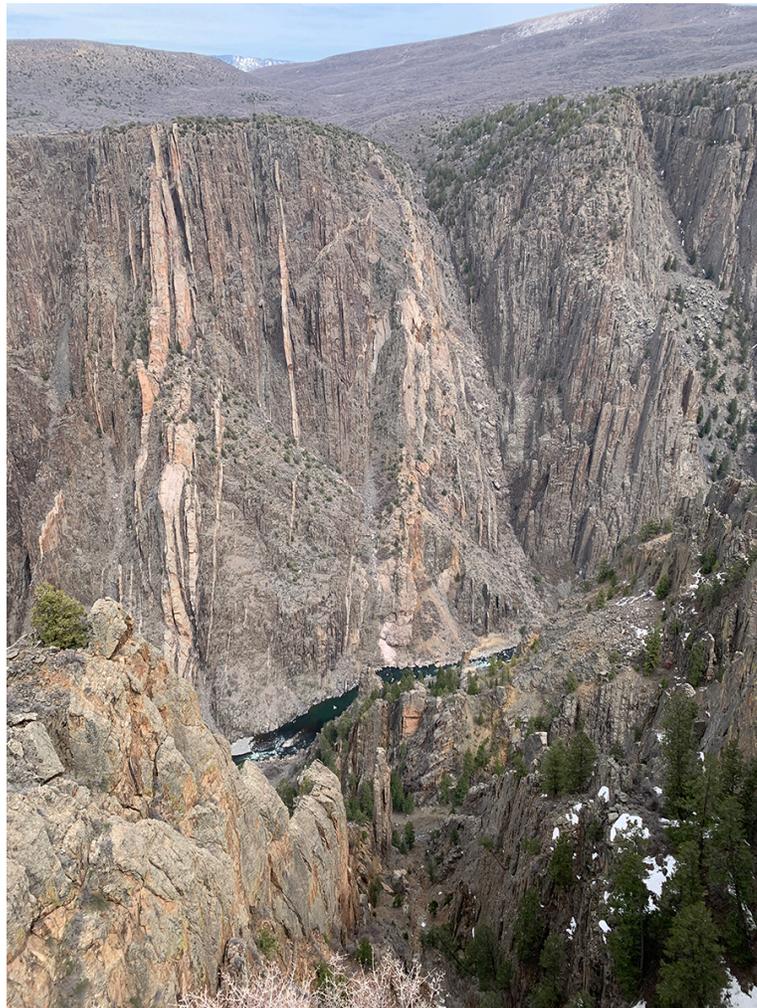
Day 5 - Sunday, April 10th - More National Monument and Black Canyon of the Gunnison

Bird activity was low on this morning, Spotted Towhee the only new bird at Devil's Kitchen, so we took another turn through the park drive because Dorian thought covering more ground was our best chance to intersect Pinyon Jay and Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay. That decision was validated when we intersected both corvids on the upper mesa, and everyone enjoyed sun-drenched views of the plunging red rocks as we skirted the steep geological edges for a second time. And if that wasn't

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enough, we ticked Western Bluebird and Gambel's Quail in the neighborhood which abutted the park's south entrance. Canyon Wren was the only target bird which eluded us, but that was a minor miss because it's so easy to see in other parts of the country (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S106704497>, <https://ebird.org/checklist/S106704557>).

With Dusky Grouse beckoning from the traditional haunt of Black Canyon (photo below), we left Grand Junction and headed east with a lunch Stop at El Jimador in Montrose (<http://www.eljimadormexicanmontrose.com/>). The four White-faced Ibis which Lois spotted from the



moving van were a nice addition (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S106749385>). Scaling the steep entrance road when we arrived, we initiated our grouse search in the park campground. Phil Chaon had observed a cooperative male in that vicinity two days earlier, and the presumed same bird gave us a decent view when enticed out of the bushes with female clucking calls. It would have been nice to see him display, but we were unable to relocate the bulky bird after it flew. The grouse gone, we turned our attention to the canyon. It seemed there was no end to the plunging cliff faces! Two Townsend's Solitaire's offered eye level views in the pine next to the visitor's center (photo below, <https://ebird.org/checklist/S106749495>).

The afternoon was pretty mellow, a bit of roadside birding breaking-up the afternoon drive to Gunnison (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S106748358>). The salads and pizza at High Alpine Brewing (<https://www.highalpinebrewing.com/>) were fantastic, and we retired early ahead of an early start.

Day 6 - Monday, April 11th - Gunnison Sage-Grouse and drive to La Junta

This day can be summed-up as 'disaster

avoided'. We departed the hotel at 5:15am with a plan to be at the Gunnison Sage-Grouse overlook at 5:30. Unfortunately — and unbeknownst to us — the local conservation group had taken it upon themselves to close/block the otherwise public road leading to the overlook. The representative we intersected said it was to protect the birds, but that seemed a strange explanation because the birds are so far from the thoroughfare that disturbance likely isn't an issue. Trying to be respectful of the group's goals, we detoured back to town, ate breakfast at Mocha's Coffee Shop, and returned to the lek at 7:15am. The obstructing volunteer was kind enough to let us pass at that time — we suspect because we killed him with kindness earlier — and we had distant views of ~25 displaying birds. Dorian managed to set up a scope out the passenger side window, and clients rotated through the

front seat to view the birds from upwards of 3/4 of a mile away (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S106833283>)

That high-value species handled, we continued east. A quick lap of Sands Lake SWA yielded our first Bufflehead among other waterfowl (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S106793426>), and Sonia directed us to Cañon City where we lunched in a restored caboose (<https://happyendingscaboose.com/>). Among her many amazing restaurant recommendations, this was certainly the most unique.

Dropping elevation into drier habitats as we continued east, we experienced an explosion of new birds at Pueblo Reservoir (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S106813126>, <https://ebird.org/checklist/S106822523>). On the water, we found Franklin's Gull, Bonaparte's Gull, Wood Duck, Redhead, and Clark's, Western, Horned, and Eared Grebes; on land, we added Swainson's Hawk, Blue Jay, Curve-billed Thrasher, and Canyon Towhee. Though besieged by high winds, Holbrook Reservoir held American Avocet, Black-necked Stilt, Least Sandpiper, and Greater Yellowlegs once we reached La Junta (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S106833218>). We stuck our like sore thumbs at Boss Hogg's Saloon that evening, so we were happy to dine without being confronted by the local militia.



Day 7 - Tuesday, April 12th - Hello Kansas!

With no lekking species to chase on this day, we enjoyed a leisurely commute from La Junta, CO to Scott City, KS. We made the first of three en route stops at Higbee Valley Road, and we found Wild Turkey, Ladder-backed Woodpecker, and Eastern Phoebe— all new for the trip — while slow cruising

the deserted thoroughfare. Strong wind denied us Rufous-crowned Sparrow, but a Loggerhead Shrike (also new) softened that blow as we rejoined the main road and turned towards Kansas (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S106864976>).

The winds increased through the morning, but we managed a number of nice birds at John Martin Reservoir. A lone Snow Goose was a sad sight, a soaring Rough-legged Hawk lent excitement as it winged by us, and a pair of Vesper Sparrows flushed from the desiccated surrounds as we drove along the perimeter of the depleted reservoir. The lack of water was depressing and sadly indicative of the direction much of the American West will go in upcoming decades (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S106879354>).

Our last stop was at Hasty Lake adjacent to John Martin (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S106879870>). Phil had altered us to a Long-tailed Duck which he had found two days earlier, and we enjoyed distant but diagnostic views of the unexpected bird as the midday gales gathered. Birding became impossible once they reached 30MPH, so we threw in the towel, lunched at the Hickory House in Lamar, and continued east into Kansas without additional birding stops. We reached Scott City at 3:30pm, and clients took advantage of the wind-forced downtime to recuperate. With an early-morning appointment with Lesser Prairie-Chicken scheduled for the following morning, we needed all the rest we could get. Good thing dinner at Tate's was so quick!

Day 8 - Wednesday, April 13th - Lesser Prairie-Chicken and Colorado return

Larry Hoeme met us at the hotel at 4:45am (ouch!). He escorted us north to his family ranch and gave us a brief orientation before stuffing us into the wooden blinds at 6am. Forceful wind and temperatures in the teens might have dissuaded lesser tours, but our hardcore group toughed-out the conditions and had wonderful views of ~35 Lesser Prairie-Chickens as they displayed mere meters from us (photo on next page). The species has experienced precipitous declines across recent decades, so it was wonderful to experience the bird in its mating glory. Beyond Horned Larks, American Kestrel, and Northern Harrier, we had nice looks at Burrowing Owl as we exited the ranch (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S106938792>).

Departing Hoeme Ranch, we returned west, towards Colorado, after brunching at IHOP. A stop at Goodland Wastewater Treatment Plant (WTP) yielded Barn Swallow, Rough-legged Hawk, and a variety of duck including what might have been a Northern Shoveler X American Wigeon hybrid. Two Trumpeter Swans were less ambiguous, the huge white birds dominating the attending ducks (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S106953506>). We also made a stop at Burlington WTP, but we didn't find anything new or unexpected (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S106956733>). We added Eastern Bluebird at the Wray fish hatchery (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S106965235>) before meeting Bob Bledsoe for our lek orientation, and we folded our subsequent visit to Stalker Lake WMA after just ten minutes on account of wind and cold (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S106979783>). Opting for an early dinner, we enjoyed heaping portions of Mexican food at El Vaquero before closing up shop for the night.

**Day 9 - Thursday, April 14th - Greater Prairie-Chicken and Pawnee National Grassland**

Another pre-dawn departure delivered us to the Greater Prairie-Chicken lekking grounds ahead of sunrise. Though clients were wary of the the cold and content to observe the mating ritual from the shelter of the van, Dorian exited the vehicle and lay face down on the ground for the better part of two hours. If the group didn't think he was insane prior to that act, they certainly did afterwards, especially after he described taking cactus spines to the groin while crawling over the frozen earth! With the rising sun bathing the birds in golden light, it was an amazing morning for all of us (photo on next page). As a bonus, two male Ring-necked Pheasants ran through the prairie panorama. It was nice to redeem a 'heard-only' encounter with that species earlier in the trip. Beyond those featured game birds, we also added Great Horned Owl and Northern Bobwhite while on the private property. We could barely see the first as it peaked out of its stumpy nest, and we had to stomp some long grass before the second finally revealed itself (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S107010851>).

Departed Wray, we found Burrowing Owl, Merlin, Rough-legged Hawk, and Yellow-headed Blackbird along farm roads (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S107023822>, <https://ebird.org/checklist/S107023038>). The later part of the afternoon was a struggle as we combed Pawnee National Grassland for Mountain Plover and longspurs; we missed the first and had only fleeting glimpses of the latter in the high winds. Fortunately, Mark captured a photo of one bird which identify it as a Chestnut-collared. Coupled with nice views of Sage Thrasher, it was a nice afternoon, even with all the shotgun shells (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S107153038>).



Day 10 - Friday, April 15th - Metro Denver mop-up

Huge wind denied us White-tailed Ptarmigan at Loveland Pass on our first attempt (Day 2), so we returned to that elevated vantage with hopes of redeeming that miss. Sadly, blowing snow reduced visibility to near zero, and we stood effectively no chance of finding the bird in whiteout conditions. It's worth noting that ptarmigan sightings were few and far between this year, so many tours suffered similar disappointment.

Regathering, we headed to Conifer Community Park with hopes of finding Williamson's Sapsucker, another bird we missed on Day 2. It took a bit of searching, but a beautiful male eventually came into Dorian's tape. We also had killer views of two Red-naped Sapsuckers, so also that helped us move beyond ptarmigan disappointment (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S107108770>).

After lunch at Wahoo's Fish Tacos, we headed to Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge on the east side of Denver. A single female Canvasback and a flotilla of Hooded Mergansers highlighted a length list of waterfowl, and we further fluffed the trip list with the additions of Western Grebe, Greater Yellowlegs, California Gull, and American Pipit (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S107152898>). Besides the birds everyone enjoyed views of the resident American Bison.

Day 11 - Saturday, April 16th - Departures

All good things must come to an end, and everyone made it onto their flights without incident. Ours was a wonderful experience, and I hope to see all five clients on future TB tours!

Checklists included in this summary (all are hyperlinks to eBird originals):

- (1): [Genesee Mountain Park--peak area only - Apr 7, 2022 at 7:22 AM](#)
- (2): [The Goshawk \(private, but open to public\) - Apr 7, 2022 at 9:55 AM](#)
- (3): [Wilderness \(community\) - Apr 7, 2022 at 12:47 PM](#)
- (4): [Angler Mountain Ranch Ponds \(private; view from road\) - Apr 7, 2022 at 2:05 PM](#)
- (5): [Along route 26B - Apr 8, 2022 at 5:45 AM](#)
- (6): [Yampa River Botanic & Emerald Park - Apr 8, 2022 at 10:19 AM](#)
- (7): [Little Toots Park - Apr 8, 2022 at 11:33 AM](#)
- (8): [Carpenter Ranch - Apr 8, 2022 at 12:48 PM](#)
- (9): [Yampa River SWA—Wetlands - Apr 8, 2022 at 2:40 PM](#)
- (10): [Loudy-Simpson Nature Trail - Apr 8, 2022 at 3:06 PM](#)
- (11): [81625, Craig US-CO \(40.3925,-108.0108\) - Apr 9, 2022 at 5:55 AM](#)
- (12): [Lions Park \(Rifle\) - Apr 9, 2022 at 11:43 AM](#)
- (13): [Parachute Ponds SWA - Apr 9, 2022 at 12:37 PM](#)
- (14): [Cameo & Coal Canyon - Apr 9, 2022 at 1:24 PM](#)
- (15): [Colorado River SP--Connected Lakes section - Apr 9, 2022 at 3:40 PM](#)
- (16): [Colorado NM - Apr 9, 2022 at 5:00 PM](#)
- (17): [223 E Fallen Rock Rd, Grand Junction US-CO 39.03725, -108.63217 - Apr 10, 2022 at 7:06 AM](#)
- (18): [Colorado NM - Apr 10, 2022 at 7:14 AM](#)
- (19): [Delta Co G50 Road area - Apr 10, 2022 at 11:12 AM](#)
- (20): [Black Canyon of the Gunnison NP--South Rim Campground - Apr 10, 2022 at 1:11 PM](#)
- (21): [Blue Mesa Reservoir - Apr 10, 2022 at 4:35 PM](#)
- (22): [Waunita Hot Springs lek - Apr 11, 2022 at 7:05 AM](#)
- (23): [Sands Lake SWA - Apr 11, 2022 at 9:48 AM](#)
- (24): [Lake Pueblo SWA—swallows - Apr 11, 2022 at 1:23 PM](#)
- (25): [Pueblo Reservoir - Apr 11, 2022 at 2:49 PM](#)
- (26): [Holbrook Reservoir - Apr 11, 2022 at 5:36 PM](#)
- (27): [Higbee Valley Road \(Otero CR 804\) - Apr 12, 2022 at 7:26 AM](#)
- (28): [John Martin Reservoir - Apr 12, 2022 at 10:35 AM](#)
- (29): [Lake Hasty \(lake and campground\) - Apr 12, 2022 at 11:39 AM](#)
- (30): [67752, Quinter US-KS 38.77052, -100.66901 - Apr 13, 2022 at 7:33 AM](#)
- (31): [Goodland WTP - Apr 13, 2022 at 11:11 AM](#)
- (32): [Burlington WTP - Apr 13, 2022 at 12:29 PM](#)
- (33): [Wray Fish Hatchery - Apr 13, 2022 at 1:56 PM](#)
- (34): [Stalker Lake SWA - Apr 13, 2022 at 5:28 PM](#)
- (35): [County Road KK, Wray US-CO 40.19291, -102.19000 - Apr 14, 2022 at 7:53 AM](#)
- (36): [Playa at Yuma CRs 29 & 2 - Apr 14, 2022 at 8:49 AM - Yuma County side of road](#)
- (37): [Playa at Phillips CR's 29 & 2 - Apr 14, 2022 at 8:45 AM - Phillips County side of road](#)
- (38): [Pawnee NG \(please use more specific locations\) - Apr 14 at 1:30pm](#)
- (39): [Conifer Community Park at Beaver Ranch - Apr 15, 2022 at 10:21 AM](#)
- (40): [Rocky Mountain Arsenal NWR - Apr 15, 2022 at 1:21 PM](#)

1 Snow Goose -- (28)
120 Canada Goose -- (4),(6),(8),(9),(10),(12),(13),(14),(15),(21),(23),(24),(25),(28),(29),(32),(33),(34),(39)
2 Trumpeter Swan -- (31)
2 Wood Duck -- (25)
15 Blue-winged Teal -- (26),(31),(34)
5 Cinnamon Teal -- (8),(15)
289 Northern Shoveler -- (24),(25),(26),(28),(31),(32),(39)
233 Gadwall -- (4),(8),(15),(21),(23),(26),(28),(29),(31),(32),(34),(39)
42 American Wigeon -- (4),(8),(24),(26),(28),(31),(34)
88 Mallard -- (4),(6),(8),(10),(15),(23),(25),(34),(38),(39)
25 Northern Pintail -- (28)
237 Green-winged Teal -- (8),(15),(25),(26),(28),(31),(34),(39)
1 Canvasback -- (39)
7 Redhead -- (24),(39)
19 Ring-necked Duck -- (4),(24),(31),(39)
19 Lesser Scaup -- (26),(29),(34),(39)
1 Long-tailed Duck -- (29)
27 Bufflehead -- (23),(25),(29),(31),(39)
13 Common Goldeneye -- (4),(23),(29),(39)
2 Barrow's Goldeneye -- (4)
8 Hooded Merganser -- (39)
16 Common Merganser -- (8),(15),(21),(23),(24)
57 Ruddy Duck -- (24),(26),(29),(31),(34)
4 Northern Bobwhite -- (35)
3 Gambel's Quail -- (17)
4 Wild Turkey -- (27),(34)
65 Greater Sage-Grouse -- (5)
25 Gunnison Sage-Grouse -- (22)
1 Dusky Grouse -- (20)
20 Sharp-tailed Grouse -- (11)
35 Greater Prairie-Chicken -- (35)
35 Lesser Prairie-Chicken -- (30)
13 Ring-necked Pheasant -- (26),(35),(37)
2 Chukar -- (14)
8 Pied-billed Grebe -- (15),(24)
3 Horned Grebe -- (24),(25)
20 Eared Grebe -- (24),(25),(29)
14 Western Grebe -- (24),(25),(39)
3 Clark's Grebe -- (24),(25)
9 Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon) -- (3),(12),(27),(31),(37)
40 Eurasian Collared-Dove -- (10),(12),(15),(17),(23),(24),(27),(31),(32),(36),(37)
31 Mourning Dove -- (15),(16),(17),(25),(26),(27),(31),(32),(34),(36),(37),(39)
41 White-throated Swift -- (16),(18),(20)

65 American Coot -- (4),(15),(23),(24),(25),(28),(34),(39)
8 Sandhill Crane -- (8),(9)
36 Black-necked Stilt -- (26),(29)
56 American Avocet -- (26),(28)
24 Killdeer -- (8),(10),(26),(28),(29),(30),(31),(35),(36),(39)
1 Least Sandpiper -- (26)
3 Wilson's Snipe -- (8),(36)
41 Greater Yellowlegs -- (26),(28),(39)
1 Long-billed Curlew (38)
2 Bonaparte's Gull -- (24)
64 Franklin's Gull -- (24),(26),(39)
188 Ring-billed Gull -- (24),(25),(26),(31),(39)
10 California Gull -- (39)
2 Common Loon -- (25)
49 Double-crested Cormorant -- (12),(24),(25),(28),(29),(39)
28 American White Pelican -- (28),(29)
18 Great Blue Heron -- (8),(9),(10),(15),(21),(24)
4 White-faced Ibis -- (19)
28 Turkey Vulture -- (6),(8),(15),(18),(20),(21),(23),(24),(25),(27),(28),(29),(33)
13 Osprey -- (6),(10),(12),(15),(23),(25)
3 Golden Eagle -- (5),(11),(14)
7 Northern Harrier -- (26),(28),(30),(31),(36),(37)
4 Cooper's Hawk -- (13),(31),(33)
2 Bald Eagle -- (10),(21)
1 Swainson's Hawk -- (25)
14 Red-tailed Hawk -- (3),(9),(10),(12),(13),(20),(24),(27),(39)
4 Rough-legged Hawk -- (28),(31),(36),(37)
2 Great Horned Owl -- (35)
6 Burrowing Owl -- (30),(37)
3 Belted Kingfisher -- (12),(13),(25)
1 Williamson's Sapsucker -- (38)
2 Red-naped Sapsucker -- (38)
4 Downy Woodpecker -- (6),(23),(25),(38)
1 Ladder-backed Woodpecker -- (27)
8 Hairy Woodpecker -- (1),(2),(3),(25),(38)
13 Northern Flicker -- (2),(6),(8),(12),(13),(15),(20),(22),(38)
18 American Kestrel -- (1),(8),(14),(21),(25),(33),(36),(37),(38)
3 Merlin -- (36),(37),(38)
1 Black Phoebe -- (12)
2 Eastern Phoebe -- (27)
13 Say's Phoebe -- (8),(11),(14),(18),(24),(25),(27),(28),(39)
12 Loggerhead Shrike -- (27),(28),(35),(36),(37)
5 Pinyon Jay -- (18)

7 Steller's Jay -- (2),(6),(20),(21),(38)
2 Blue Jay -- (25)
1 Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay -- (18)
42 Black-billed Magpie -- (6),(7),(8),(9),(14),(21),(22),(23),(26),(27),(39)
1 Clark's Nutcracker -- (2)
15 American Crow -- (3),(6),(7),(12),(23)
41 Common Raven -- (1),(5),(6),(8),(11),(14),(15),(16),(17),(18),(20),(21),(27),(38)
6 Black-capped Chickadee -- (2),(3),(6)
14 Mountain Chickadee -- (1),(3),(38)
1 Juniper Titmouse -- (16)
38 Horned Lark -- (5),(11),(25),(27),(28),(30),(31),(32),(35),(37)
1 Northern Rough-winged Swallow -- (34)
28 Tree Swallow -- (8),(10),(23),(25),(34)
15 Barn Swallow -- (25),(31),(34)
4 Bushtit -- (15),(16)
1 Red-breasted Nuthatch -- (2)
8 White-breasted Nuthatch -- (1),(2),(3),(23),(38),(39)
18 Pygmy Nuthatch -- (1),(3),(38)
1 Brown Creeper -- (2)
6 Rock Wren -- (14),(27)
3 Bewick's Wren -- (15),(18)
1 American Dipper -- (7)
102 European Starling -- (10),(12),(15),(17),(23),(24),(25),(26),(27),(29),(31),(39)
2 Curve-billed Thrasher -- (24)
1 Northern Mockingbird -- (27)
3 Sage Thrasher (38)
2 Eastern Bluebird -- (33)
2 Western Bluebird -- (17)
6 Mountain Bluebird -- (3),(11),(20),(21)
3 Townsend's Solitaire -- (20),(35)
60 American Robin -- (1),(6),(8),(15),(20),(21),(22),(23),(25),(26),(27),(31),(32),(35),(37),(38),(39)
33 House Sparrow -- (6),(7),(8),(12),(17),(24),(27),(31)
2 American Pipit -- (39)
1 Pine Grosbeak -- (2)
10 Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch -- (2),(3)
2 Black Rosy-Finch -- (3)
18 Brown-capped Rosy-Finch -- (2),(3)
60 rosy-finch sp. -- (3)
18 House Finch -- (15),(17),(18),(24),(27)
6 Cassin's Finch -- (1),(2)
6 Red Crossbill -- (1)
29 Pine Siskin -- (1),(2),(3),(4),(6),(20),(23),(38)
2 American Goldfinch -- (6)

8 Black-throated Sparrow -- (14),(18),(27)
11 Dark-eyed Junco -- (2),(3),(8),(23)
65 White-crowned Sparrow -- (12),(15),(25),(27),(35)
2 Vesper Sparrow -- (28)
17 Song Sparrow -- (6),(7),(8),(12),(23)
6 Canyon Towhee -- (24),(27)
6 Spotted Towhee -- (18),(20)
1 Chestnut-collared Longspur (38)
2 Yellow-headed Blackbird -- (36)
30 Western Meadowlark -- (8),(11),(22),(26),(27),(30),(35),(36),(37),(39)
287 Red-winged Blackbird -- (6),(12),(13),(15),(23),(28),(29),(31),(36),(37),(39)
6 Brown-headed Cowbird -- (27),(35),(36),(37)
121 Common Grackle -- (24),(26),(28),(29),(31),(32),(35),(36),(37)
1 Great-tailed Grackle -- (32)

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