

Animas River Wetlands spring bird count ~ April 26, 2020

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Start time – 7:33a.m.

End time – 9:37a.m.

Weather conditions – 39 degrees at start with hazy/overcast to light sun conditions, ending at 54 degrees with hazy to blue skies with sun

Numbers and bird species sighted (in order):

60 Red-winged Blackbirds  
80 Brewer's Blackbirds  
15 European Starlings  
2 American Crows  
75 Mallards  
1 Franklin's Gull  
1 Yellow-headed Blackbird  
18 Canada Geese  
6 Cinnamon Teal  
11 American Robbins  
1 Savannah Sparrow  
4 Killdeers  
7 Ring-billed Gulls  
4 Northern Flickers  
20 Tree Swallows  
8 Violet-green Swallows  
4 House Finches  
1 Say's Phoebe  
1 Vesper Sparrow  
10 American Goldfinches  
5 Song Sparrows  
1 Black Phoebe  
26 Yellow-rumped Warblers (includes 1 Myrtle Warbler subspecies)  
5 Northern Rough-winged Swallows  
1 Black-throated Gray Warbler  
2 Orange-crowned Warblers  
1 Great Blue Heron  
1 Broad-tailed Hummingbird  
2 Black-capped Chickadees  
1 White-breasted Nuthatch  
1 Common Merganser  
1 American Coot

1 Turkey Vulture  
8 Willets  
1 Great-tailed Grackle  
1 Common Raven

36 species and 387 birds in all!

Just outside of the wetlands we saw an Osprey (fly through the trees away from the riverside on the opposite side of the Animas River (beyond the southeastern boundary), and also heard a Woodpecker knocking in that vicinity as well. We also heard a Hawk and an Imped in the central Wetlands grove of Cottonwood trees (inside the boundary) but were not able to positively identify them. We noticed Raccoon prints by the topsoil mounds. Lastly, we observed a Steller's Jay and Black-billed Magpie on the Zink's main property.