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Animas River Wetlands Bird List 2009-Fall 2019

Beginning in September 2009, members of the Durango Bird Club have visited Animas River Wetlands yearly in the fall, that first year, twenty-seven (27) different species were counted. In 2017, the Durango Bird Club added a spring bird count.

This is a cumulative list of birds—118 different species

Waterbirds

Canada Goose
Mallard
Cinnamon Teal
Green-winged Teal
White duck
American Black Duck
Common Merganser
Double-crested Cormorant
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Snowy Egret
White-faced Ibis
American Coot

Vultures and Raptors

Turkey Vulture
Osprey
Bald Eagle
Northern Harrier
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk
Swainson's Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
Ferruginous Hawk
Golden Eagle
American Kestrel
Peregrine Falcon
Prairie Falcon
Great Horned Owl
Western Screech Owl

Shorebirds

Killdeer
Spotted Sandpiper
Wilson's Snipe
Franklin Gull
Ring-billed Gull
Great-tailed Crackle

Grouse

Wild Turkey

Doves

Rock Pigeon
Eurasian Collared-Dove
Mourning Dove

Hummingbirds

Broad-tailed Hummingbird
Rufous Hummingbird

Kingfishers

Belted Kingfisher

Woodpeckers

Lewis's Woodpecker
Red-naped Sapsucker
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker

Flycatchers

Olive-sided Flycatcher
Western Wood-Pewee
Willow Flycatcher

Say's Phoebe

Western Kingbird

Shrikes

Loggerhead Shrike

Vireos

Cassin's Vireo
Plumbeous Vireo
Warbling Vireo

Jays, crows, and ravens

Steller's Jay
Clark's Nutcracker
Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay
Black-billed Magpie
American Crow
Common Raven

Swallows

Tree Swallow
Violet-green Swallow
Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Cliff Swallow
Barn Swallow

Chickadees and other

Horned Lark
Black-capped Chickadee
Juniper Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch
Brown Creeper

Wrens

Rock Wren
House Wren
Marsh Wren

Kinglets and gnatcatchers

Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

Thrushes

Western Bluebird
Mountain Bluebird
American Robin

Thrashers

Gray Catbird
Northern Mockingbird
Sage Thrasher

Warblers

Orange-crowned Warbler
Virginia's Warbler

Yellow Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Myrtle form of the Yellow-rumped Warbler
MacGillivray's Warbler
Common Yellowthroat
Wilson's Warbler
Black-throated Gray Warbler

Tanagers

Western Tanager

Towhees and sparrow

Green-tailed Towhee
Chipping Sparrow
Brewer's Sparrow
Vesper Sparrow
Lark Sparrow
Savannah Sparrow
Sagebrush Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Lincoln's Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco

Lazuli
Bunting
Lark Bunting

Blackbirds

Red-winged Blackbird
Western Meadowlark
Yellow-headed Blackbird
Brewer's Blackbird
Brown-headed Cowbird
Bullock's Oriole

Finches

Cassin's Finch
House Finch
Pine Siskin
Lesser Goldfinch
American Goldfinch
Evening Grosbeak
Black-headed Grosbeak

Introduced songbirds

European Starling
House Sparrow

We added new bird species in the following years:

2014

Fall count: American Coot, Green-winged Teal, and Rock Pigeon

2015

Fall count: Cooper's Hawk, Hairy Woodpecker, Say's Phoebe, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Belted Kingfisher, Eurasian Collared-Dove, and Rufous Hummingbird
Other observations: Peregrine Falcon (October 19 by the Bird Mentoring Group)

2016

Fall count: Swainson's Hawk Mourning Dove, Horned Lark, and Yellow Warbler
Great Egret (observed in May) and Wild Turkeys (observed in April)

2017

Spring count: Cinnamon Teal, Double-crested Cormorant, Broad-tailed Hummingbird, and Myrtle form of the Yellow-rumped Warbler
Fall count: Sagebrush Sparrow and Cassin's Finch.

2018

Spring count: Savannah Sparrow

Fall count: Olive-sided Flycatcher, Cassin's Vireo, Plumbeous Vireo, Gray Catbird, Virginia's Warbler, and Lark Sparrow

2019

Spring Count: Lark Bunting and Marsh Wren

Fall Count: Black-headed Grosbeak

2020

Spring Count: Franklin Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Great-tailed Grackle, Black-throated Gray Warbler

2020 other sightings

White duck-May 22 and 23 (weekend of the cancelled Iron Horse Bicycle Classic)

American Black Duck (Sunday June 14-also seen at Lake Nighthorse)

Other birds seen at different times of the year:

Snowy Egret

White-faced Ibis

Turkey Vulture

Bald Eagle

Northern Harrier

Golden Eagle

Western Screech-Owl

Brown-headed Cowbird

For a total of 116 species seen in the wetlands since September of 2009. We are proud of the change we have made to our land and the resulting bird habitat. Next bird count will be in the fall of 2020. We will keep you posted of other sightings. We thank the members of the Durango Bird Club who donate their time.