

PEAK-TO-PEAK CHECKLIST OF BIRDS

Boulder County Nature Association

Date_____ Time_____ Total Species_____

Weather_____

Locality_____

Observers_____

Notes_____

This checklist is for the heart of the Peak-to-Peak region - northern Gilpin County, and western Boulder County. The montane, subalpine and alpine lifezones (generally 7,000 feet to 14,000 feet elevation) are covered including the Front Range portion of the Indian Peaks Wilderness Area.

The information is based on the Indian Peaks Four Season Bird Counts from 1982 to 1998, as well as records from mountain residents, the Boulder Audubon Wildlife Inventory and Rocky Mountain National Park. The list includes 200 species that have been reported for this region. Observers are encouraged to report their observations to the Boulder County Nature Association, PO Box 493, Boulder, CO 80306.

All species are listed by their common name based on the A.O.U. Check-list of North American Birds, Seventh Edition (1998).

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SEASON OF OCCURRENCE

W - Winter (November - March)
Sp - Spring (April - May)
Su - Summer (June - July)
F - Fall (August - October)

CHANCE OF SEEING

1 - Commonly Encountered
2 - Fairly Common
3 - Uncommon
4 - Rarely Encountered
5 - Very Rare, Occasional
6 - Irregular - Sometimes
Common, Sometimes Rare

PREFERRED HABITAT

(Underlined Symbol Denotes Common Breeding Habitat)

A - Aspen
C - Coniferous Forest
Cp- Ponderosa Pine
Cs- Spruce-Fir
D - Dry Brushland
E - Canyons, Cliffs
F - In Flight

K - Krummholz (Wind Timber)
L - Lakes, Reservoirs, Streams
M - Meadows
R - Wooded Creekbottoms
T - Tundra
U - Urban (Towns, Residential)
W - Wet Shrublands, Marshlands

SEASONAL ABUNDANCE

SPECIES	HABITATS	W	Sp	Su	F
LOONS, GREBES, PELICAN					
Common Loon.....	L.....		4	4	4
Pied-billed Grebe.....	L.....		4		4
Horned Grebe.....	L.....		5		5
Eared Grebe.....	L.....		5		5
Western Grebe.....	L.....		4		4
American White Pelican.....	L.....		5		5
CORMORANT, HERONS, IBIS					
Double-crested Cormorant.....	L.....		5		5
Great Blue Heron.....	L.....		3	3	3
Black-crowned Night Heron.....	L.....		5		5
White-faced Ibis.....	L.....		5		5
NEW WORLD VULTURES					
Turkey Vulture.....	<u>ECF</u>		3	3	3
GEESE, DUCKS					
Canada Goose.....	LF.....	5	4	4	4
Wood Duck.....	L.....		5		5
Gadwall.....	L.....		4		4
American Wigeon.....	L.....		3		3
Mallard.....	<u>LW</u>		1	1	1
Blue-winged Teal.....	L.....		4		4
Cinnamon Teal.....	<u>LW</u>		3	3	4
Northern Shoveler.....	L.....		4	4	4
Northern Pintail.....	L.....		5		5
Green-winged Teal.....	<u>LW</u>		2	2	2
Redhead.....	L.....		4		4
Ring-necked Duck.....	<u>LW</u>		2	2	2
Lesser Scaup.....	L.....		4		4
Common Merganser.....	L.....		4	4	4
Ruddy Duck.....	L.....		5		5
HAWKS, EAGLES, FALCONS					
Osprey.....	LF.....		4	4	4
Bald Eagle.....	LF.....	4	4		
Northern Harrier.....	TMF.....			4	3
Sharp-shinned Hawk.....	<u>ACF</u>	5	3	3	3
Cooper's Hawk.....	<u>ACF</u>	4	3	3	3
Northern Goshawk.....	<u>CAF</u>	3	3	3	3
Swainson's Hawk.....	FMT.....		4		4
Red-tailed Hawk.....	<u>CMT</u>	3	2	2	2
Ferruginous Hawk.....	FMT.....		4		4
Rough-legged Hawk.....	FMT.....	4	4		
Golden Eagle.....	<u>EFMT</u>	4	3	3	3
American Kestrel.....	<u>CpRMT</u>		3	3	3
Merlin.....	FM.....		5		5
Peregrine Falcon.....	FTM.....		5	5	5
Prairie Falcon.....	FTM.....		4	4	4
GROUSE, PTARMIGAN					
White-tailed Ptarmigan.....	<u>TK</u>	3	3	3	3
Blue Grouse.....	<u>CAM</u>	3	3	3	3

SPECIES	HABITATS	SEASONAL ABUNDANCE			
		W	Sp	Su	F
RAILS, COOT					
Sora.....	<u>W</u>			3	4
American Coot.....	<u>L</u>		3	3	3
SHOREBIRDS					
Killdeer.....	<u>WLM</u>		3	3	3
Solitary Sandpiper.....	<u>L</u>		5		5
Willet.....	<u>WL</u>		5		5
Spotted Sandpiper.....	<u>WLM</u>		2	2	2
Common Snipe.....	<u>WL</u>	4	2	2	2
GULLS					
Franklin's Gull.....	<u>L</u>		5		5
Ring-billed Gull.....	<u>L</u>		3		3
California Gull.....	<u>L</u>		3	3	3
DOVES, PIGEONS					
Rock Dove.....	<u>U</u>	3	3	3	3
Band-tailed Pigeon.....	<u>C</u>		3	3	3
Mourning Dove.....	<u>MC</u>		3	3	3
OWLS					
Flammulated Owl.....	<u>Cp</u>			5	
Great Horned Owl.....	<u>CR</u>	3	3	3	3
Northern Pygmy-Owl.....	<u>ACR</u>	4	4	4	4
Long-eared Owl.....	<u>CR</u>	5	5	5	5
Boreal Owl.....	<u>Cs</u>	4	4	4	4
Northern Saw-whet Owl.....	<u>ACR</u>	4	4	4	4
NIGHTHAWKS, SWIFTS					
Common Nighthawk.....	<u>CDMF</u>		4	3	
Common Poorwill.....	<u>CpDMF</u>			4	
Black Swift.....	<u>EF</u>			4	
White-throated Swift.....	<u>EF</u>		3	3	4
HUMMINGBIRDS, KINGFISHER					
Calliope Hummingbird.....	<u>UF</u>				5
Broad-tailed Hummingbird.....	<u>CAMWRU</u>		1	1	1
Rufous Hummingbird.....	<u>CAMU</u>				3
Belted Kingfisher.....	<u>LRW</u>	4	3	3	3
WOODPECKERS					
Lewis's Woodpecker.....	<u>Cp</u>		4	4	4
Red-headed Woodpecker.....	<u>R</u>		5	5	5
Williamson's Sapsucker.....	<u>CA</u>		2	2	2
Red-naped Sapsucker.....	<u>ARCW</u>		2	2	2
Downy Woodpecker.....	<u>ACRW</u>	3	3	3	3
Hairy Woodpecker.....	<u>CRA</u>	2	2	2	2
Three-toed Woodpecker.....	<u>CsC</u>	3	3	3	3
Northern Flicker.....	<u>CRAM</u>	3	1	1	1
FLYCATCHERS					
Olive-sided Flycatcher.....	<u>C</u>			2	4
Western Wood-Pewee.....	<u>CAR</u>		4	2	
Willow Flycatcher.....	<u>RW</u>			4	
Hammond's Flycatcher.....	<u>C</u>		4	3	4
Dusky Flycatcher.....	<u>WACpDR</u>		4	2	4
Cordilleran Flycatcher.....	<u>CAR</u>			2	3

SPECIES	HABITATS	SEASONAL ABUNDANCE			
		W	Sp	Su	F
Say's Phoebe.....	DM.....		4		4
Western Kingbird.....	M.....		4	4	4
Eastern Kingbird.....	M.....		4	4	4
SHRIKES					
Loggerhead Shrike.....	DM.....		3		3
Northern Shrike.....	DM.....	3			
VIREOS					
Plumbeous Vireo.....	Cp.....			3	4
Warbling Vireo.....	ARW.....		3	1	3
JAYS, CROWS, MAGPIE					
Gray Jay.....	CsC.....	2	2	2	2
Steller's Jay.....	C.....	1	1	1	1
Blue Jay.....	RU.....	4	4	4	4
Western Scrub Jay.....	D.....		5		5
Pinyon Jay.....	DCp.....		4		4
Clark's Nutcracker.....	CF.....	2	2	2	2
Black-billed Magpie.....	CRUM.....	2	2	2	2
American Crow.....	CUF.....	2	2	2	2
Common Raven.....	CEAMTF.....	2	2	2	2
LARKS, SWALLOWS					
Horned Lark.....	TM.....		1	1	1
Tree Swallow.....	ACLWF.....		1	1	3
Violet-green Swallow.....	ACELWF.....		2	1	4
Northern Rough-winged Swallow.....	LW.....		4	4	4
Bank Swallow.....	LM.....			5	
Cliff Swallow.....	EUM.....			4	5
Barn Swallow.....	UEWML.....		1	1	1
CHICKADEES, BUSHTIT, NUTHATCHES, CREEPER					
Black-capped Chickadee.....	ARUW.....	2	2	2	2
Mountain Chickadee.....	CRA.....	1	1	1	1
Red-breasted Nuthatch.....	CR.....	6	2	2	2
White-breasted Nuthatch.....	CRA.....	2	2	2	2
Pygmy Nuthatch.....	Cp.....	2	2	2	2
Brown Creeper.....	CR.....	2	2	2	2
WRENS, DIPPER					
Rock Wren.....	E.....	3	3	3	3
Canyon Wren.....	E.....	4	4	4	4
House Wren.....	CARUM.....		1	1	1
American Dipper.....	L.....	4	3	3	3
KINGLETS, GNATCATCHER					
Golden-crowned Kinglet.....	CsRC.....	2	2	2	2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet.....	CRA.....		1	1	1
BLUEBIRDS, THRUSHES, THRASHERS					
Western Bluebird.....	Cp.....		4	4	4
Mountain Bluebird.....	ACMKT.....		1	1	1
Townsend's Solitaire.....	CMD.....	3	2	2	2
Veery.....	WR.....			4	
Swainson's Thrush.....	WR.....		3	2	3
Hermit Thrush.....	C.....		2	1	2
American Robin.....	ACMRWKDUT.....	3	1	1	1

SPECIES	HABITATS	SEASONAL ABUNDANCE			
		W	Sp	Su	F
Gray Catbird.....	RD.....			5	
Brown Thrasher.....	R.....	5	5		
STARLING					
European Starling.....	U.....	2	2	2	2
PIPITS, WAXWINGS					
American Pipit.....	TM.....		1	1	1
Bohemian Waxwing.....	CMD.....	6	6		6
Cedar Waxwing.....	DM.....		5		5
WARBLERS					
Orange-crowned Warbler.....	DCW.....		3		3
Virginia's Warbler.....	CpD.....		3	3	3
Yellow Warbler.....	RW.....			3	3
Yellow-rumped Warbler.....	CRA.....		1	1	1
Townsend's Warbler.....	CRA.....				3
Black-and-white Warbler.....	CR.....		5		5
American Restart.....	R.....		5		5
Ovenbird.....	AR.....			5	
MacGillivray's Warbler.....	WRD.....			2	3
Common Yellowthroat.....	W.....			4	5
Wilson's Warbler.....	WR.....		2	1	1
TANAGER, TOWHEES, SPARROWS					
Western Tanager.....	CpD.....			2	4
Green-tailed Towhee.....	DCpM.....		2	2	2
Spotted Towhee.....	D.....		3	3	3
American Tree Sparrow.....	M.....	4			
Chipping Sparrow.....	CDM.....		1	1	1
Clay-colored Sparrow.....	M.....		5		5
Brewer's Sparrow.....	MD.....			4	4
Vesper Sparrow.....	MDT.....		3	3	3
Lark Sparrow.....	M.....		4		4
Lark Bunting.....	MT.....		4		4
Savannah Sparrow.....	M.....		4	3	4
Fox Sparrow.....	WR.....		2	2	2
Song Sparrow.....	WR.....	5	2	2	2
Lincoln's Sparrow.....	WR.....		1	1	1
White-throated Sparrow.....	C.....	5	5		5
White-crowned Sparrow.....	WK.....	5	1	1	1
Dark-eyed Junco.....	CAMD.....	1	1	1	1
GROSBEAKS, BUNTING					
Rose-breasted Grosbeak.....	C.....		5	5	
Black-headed Grosbeak.....	RCpWD.....			2	4
Lazuli Bunting.....	DM.....			4	
BLACKBIRDS, MEADOWLARK					
Red-winged Blackbird.....	WL.....	3	1	1	1
Western Meadowlark.....	M.....		4	4	4
Yellow-headed Blackbird.....	WL.....				4
Brewer's Blackbird.....	M.....	5	2	2	2
Common Grackle.....	MU.....		2	2	2
Brown-headed Cowbird.....	CMRWU.....		1	1	1

SPECIES	HABITATS	SEASONAL ABUNDANCE			
		W	Sp	Su	F
FINCHES					
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch.....	TMU.....	1	1		1
Black Rosy-Finch.....	TMU.....	3	3		3
Brown-capped Rosy-Finch.....	TMU.....	1	1	1	1
Pine Grosbeak.....	CS.....	2	2	2	2
Purple Finch.....	RU.....	5	5		5
Cassin's Finch.....	C.....	3	2	2	2
House Finch.....	U.....		3	3	3
Red Crossbill.....	CF.....	6	6	6	6
White-winged Crossbill.....	C.....	4	4	5	4
Common Redpoll.....	MD.....	4			
Pine Siskin.....	CF.....	2	1	1	1
Lesser Goldfinch.....	MD.....			4	4
American Goldfinch.....	RCU.....		3	3	3
Evening Grosbeak.....	CRU.....	6	6	6	6
WEAVER FINCH					
House Sparrow.....	U.....	3	3	3	3

Rarely Reported Species

Horned Grebe	Sedge Wren
Eared Grebe	Eastern Bluebird
Canvasback	Tennessee Warbler
Bufflehead	Chestnut-sided Warbler
Greater Yellowlegs	Palm Warbler
Whimbrel	Canada Warbler
Long-billed Dowitcher	Hepatic Tanager
Herring Gull	Field Sparrow
Short-eared Owl	Snow Bunting
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Rusty Blackbird
Least Flycatcher	Great-tailed Blackbird
Winter Wren	Purple Finch