



# Bird Checklist

## Barr Lake State Park

This checklist contains the names and indicates the occurrence of 346 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. Several prominent ornithologists, including Robert Niedrach, Aflred 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:** These species may also be seen in spring and/or fall.  
**w - Winter**  
**Resident:** These species may also be seen in spring and/or fall.

### Breeding Species

- \*- current or recent breeder  
 #- historic breeder; no longer breeds in the area

<b>Loons</b>		__ Blue-winged Teal*	Cs
__ Pacific Loon	V	__ Cinnamon Teal*	Cs
__ Common Loon	Rm	__ Northern Shoveler*	Cp
<b>Grebes</b>		__ Gadwall*	Cp
__ Pied-billed Grebe*	Cs	__ Eurasian Wigeon	Vm
__ Horned Grebe	Cm	__ American Wigeon*	Cp
__ Red-necked Grebe	Vm	__ Canvasback#	Cw
__ Eared Grebe#	Cm	__ Redhead*	Cp
__ Western Grebe*	Cs	__ Ring-necked Duck	Uw
__ Clark's Grebe	Rm	__ Greater Scaup	Rm
		__ Lesser Scaup#	Cw
		__ Harlequin Duck	Vm
		__ Oldsquaw	Vm

<b>Pelicans</b>		__ Black Scoter	Vm
__ American White Pelican	Cs	__ Surf Scoter	Vm
		__ White-winged Scoter	Vm

<b>Cormorants</b>		__ Common Goldeneye	Cw
__ Double-crested Cormorant*	Cs	__ Barrow's Goldeneye	Vw
__ Neotropic Cormorant	V	__ Bufflehead	Cm
		__ Hooded Merganser	Um
		__ Common Merganser	Cw

<b>Wading Birds</b>		__ Red-breasted Merganser	Rm
__ American Bittern*	Us	__ Ruddy Duck*	Cm
__ 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-faced Ibis	Us		

<b>Raptors</b>		__ Turkey Vulture	Um
__ Osprey	Rm	__ 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	__ Prairie Falcon	Uw
__ Peregrine Falcon	Rm	__ Gyrfalcon	Vw

<b>Waterfowl</b>		__ Spotted Sandpiper	Cs
__ Trumpeter	Vw	__ Upland Sandpiper#	Vm
__ Greater White-fronted Goose	Rm	__ Whimbrel	Vm
__ Snow Goose	Rm	__ Long-billed Curlew#	Rm
__ Ross' Goose	Rm	__ Hudsonian Godwit	Vm
__ Brant	Vm	__ Marbled Godwit	Um
__ Canada Goose*	Ap	__ Ruddy Turnstone	Vm
__ Wood Duck*	Us	__ Red Knot	Vm
__ Green-winged Teal*	Cp	__ Sanderling	Um
__ American Black Duck	Vm	__ Semipalmated Sandpiper	Um
__ Mallard*	Ap	__ Western Sandpiper	Cm
__ Northern Pintail*	Cp	__ Least Sandpiper	Cm
		__ White-rumped Sandpiper	Rm

<b>Grouse, Quail</b>		__ Baird's Sandpiper	Cm
__ Chukar	E	__ Pectoral Sandpiper	Um
__ Ring-necked Pheasant*	Cp	__ Dunlin	Vm
__ Greater Prairie-Chicken#	E	__ Stilt Sandpiper	Cm
__ Northern Bobwhite	E	__ Buff-breasted Sandpiper	Vm
		__ Ruff	Vm
		__ Short-billed Dowitcher	Rm
		__ Long-billed Dowitcher	Cm
		__ Common Snipe*	Up
		__ Wilson's Phalarope#	Cm
		__ Red-necked Phalarope	Um
		__ Red Phalarope	Vm

<b>Rails &amp; Coots</b>		__ Sandhill Crane	Um
__ Yellow Rail	V	__ Whooping Crane	Vm
__ Virginia Rail*	Us		
__ Sora*	Us		
__ American Coot*	Cp		
<b>Cranes</b>			
__ Sandhill Crane	Um		
__ Whooping Crane	Vm		

<b>Plovers</b>		<b>Jaegers, Gulls &amp; Terns</b>	
__ Black-bellied Plover	Rm	__ Pomarine Jaeger	Vm
__ American Golden-Plover	Rm	__ Parasitic Jaeger	Vm
__ Snowy Plover	Vm	__ Long-tailed Jaeger	Vm
__ Semipalmated Plover	Um	__ Franklin's Gull	Cm
__ Piping Plover	Vm	__ Little Gull	Vm
__ Killdeer*	Ap	__ Bonaparte's Gull	Rm
__ Mountain Plover#	Rm	__ Ring-billed Gull	Aw
		__ California Gull	Cs
		__ Herring Gull	Uw
		__ Thayer's Gull	Vm
		__ Glaucous Gull	Vw
		__ Black-legged Kittiwake	Vm
		__ Sabine's Gull	Vm
		__ Caspian Tern	Vm
		__ Common Tern	Vm
		__ Forster's Tern#	Um
		__ Least Tern	Vm
		__ Black Tern#	Us

<b>Stilts &amp; Avocets</b>		<b>Sandpipers</b>	
__ Black-necked Stilt	Rm	__ Greater Yellowlegs	Cm
__ American Avocet*	Us	__ Lesser Yellowlegs	Cm
		__ Solitary Sandpiper	Cm
		__ Willet#	Um
		__ Spotted Sandpiper	Cs
		__ 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

<b>Pigeons &amp; Doves</b>		__ Rock Dove*	Cp
__ Band-tailed Pigeon	V	__ Mourning Dove*	As

<b>Cuckoos</b>		__ Black-billed Cuckoo	Vm
__ Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Vm		

<b>Owls</b>		__ Barn Owl	Rs
__ Eastern Screech-Owl*	Rp	__ Great Horned Owl*	Up
__ Snowy Owl	Vw		

__ Burrowing Owl*	Us	Flycatcher	Rm
__ Spotted Owl	Vw	__ Eastern Phoebe	Vm
__ Long-eared Owl*	Rw	__ Say's Phoebe*	Us
__ Short-eared Owl	Rm	__ Vermilion Flycatcher	Vm
__ Northern Saw-whet Owl	V	__ Ash-throated Flycatcher	Vm
		__ Great Crested Flycatcher	Vm
		__ Cassin's Kingbird	Rm
		__ Western Kingbird*	As
		__ Eastern Kingbird*	Cs
		__ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	Vm

<b>Nightjars</b>		<b>Larks</b>	
__ Common Nighthawk	Rm	__ Horned Lark*	Ap
__ Common Poorwill	Rm		
<b>Swifts</b>		<b>Hummingbirds</b>	
__ Black Swift	Vs	__ Calliope Hummingbird	Vm
__ Chimney Swift*	Us	__ Broad-tailed Hummingbird	Rm
		__ Rufous Hummingbird	Vm

<b>Kingfishers</b>		<b>Swallows</b>	
__ Belted Kingfisher*	Up	__ Purple Martin	Vm
		__ Tree Swallow*	Cs
		__ Violet-green Swallow	Um
		__ Northern Rough-winged Swallow*	Us
		__ Bank Swallow*	Us
		__ Cliff Swallow*	As
		__ Barn Swallow*	Cs

<b>Woodpeckers</b>		<b>Jays, Magpies &amp; Crows</b>	
__ Lewis' Woodpecker	Rm	__ Steller's Jay	Vw
__ Red-headed Woodpecker*	Rs	__ Blue Jay*	Up
__ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Vw	__ Scrub Jay	V
__ Red-naped Sapsucker	Rm	__ Pinyon Jay	Vm
__ Williamson's Sapsucker	Vm	__ Clark's Nutcracker	V
__ Downy Woodpecker*	Cp	__ Black-billed Magpie*	Ap
__ Hairy Woodpecker	Up	__ American Crow*	Up
__ Northern Flicker*	Ap	__ Common Raven	V

<b>Flycatchers</b>		<b>Chickadees</b>	
__ Olive-sided Flycatcher	Um	__ Black-capped Chickadee*	Cp
__ Western Wood-Pewee*	Cs	__ Mountain Chickadee	Rw
__ Alder Flycatcher	Vm		
__ Willow Flycatcher	Um	<b>Nuthatches</b>	
__ Gray Flycatcher	Vm	__ Red-breasted Nuthatch	Rm
__ Least Flycatcher	Um	__ White-breasted Nuthatch	Rm
__ Hammond's Flycatcher	Um	__ Pygmy Nuthatch	Vm
__ Dusky Flycatcher	Cm		
__ Cordilleran			