

	s	S	F	W	Habitat
Swallows					
* Tree Swallow	C	C	O		RLGM
Violet-green Swallow	C	O	O		RLGM
* No Rough-winged Swallow	U	U	O		RLGM
o Bank Swallow	U	R	R		RLGM
* Cliff Swallow	C	C	O		RLGM
* Barn Swallow	C	U	O		RLGM
Chickadees & Bushtit					
* Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C	FS
Mountain Chickadee				r	FS
* Bushtit	U	U	U	U	FS
Nuthatches & Creepers					
* Red-breasted Nuthatch	R		R	R	F
* White-breasted Nuthatch	U	U	O	O	F
Pygmy Nuthatch		r		r	F
Brown Creeper	R		R	R	F
Wrens					
* Rock Wren	R	R	R		LGS
* House Wren	C	C	U		FS
Winter Wren	r			r	SF
o Marsh Wren	O				MS
Gnatcatchers & Dippers					
* Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	U	C	O		FS
American Dipper			r	R	R
Kinglets					
Golden-crowned Kinglet	R		R		FS
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	R		R		FS
Solitaires & Thrushes					
Western Bluebird	R		R		G
Mountain Bluebird	U		R		GR
Townsend's Solitaire	R		R		FS
Swainson's Thrush	R				FS
Hermit Thrush	O		R		FS
* American Robin	C	C	C	*	GFSM
Mockingbirds & Thrashers					
* Gray Catbird	O	U		*	SF
Brown Thrasher		r			SF
Sage Thrasher	R	R	R		G
Northern Mockingbird	R				SF
Waxwings, Pipits					
Bohemian Waxwing				r	SF
* Cedar Waxwing	O	U	O	R	FS
American Pipit	O		R	r	RL
Finches & Longspurs					
Evening Grosbeak	r		r	r	FS
* House Finch	C	C	C	C	FSG
Purple Finch				*	G
Cassin's Finch				*	FS
Common Redpoll				*	GS
Pine Siskin	r		r	r	SFG
* Lesser Goldfinch	R	O	r		SG
* American Goldfinch	U	C	U	R	SGF
Lapland Longspur				*	G
Towhees & Sparrows					
Green-tailed Towhee	R		R	r	SF
* Spotted Towhee	O	O	O	R	SF
Cassin's Sparrow			r		GS
American Tree Sparrow	U		U	C	SGFM
o Chipping Sparrow	U	O	C		GSF
Clay-colored Sparrow	R		O		GS
Brewer's Sparrow	O		O		GS
Vesper Sparrow	U				GS

	s	S	F	W	Habitat
Lark Sparrow	R	O	U		GS
Sagebrush Sparrow			*		GS
Lark Bunting	R	O	O		G
Savannah Sparrow	O	O			GM
Grasshopper Sparrow	r		r		G
LeConte's Sparrow			*		G
Fox Sparrow	*				S
* Song Sparrow	C	C	C	C	SMF
Lincoln's Sparrow	R		R		SM
Swamp Sparrow			r	R	MS
o White-throated Sparrow	r		R	r	FS
Harris's Sparrow	R		R	R	GS
White-crowned Sparrow	C		U	C	FS
Golden-crowned Sparrow			*		S
Dark-eyed Junco	C		C	C	FSG
Chats, Blackbirds & Orioles					
* Yellow-breasted Chat	U	U	O		SF
* Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	C	U	MSGF
* Western Meadowlark	C	C	C	R	GSF
* Yellow-headed Blackbird	O	R	R		MGSF
Rusty Blackbird				*	GM
* Brewer's Blackbird	R	R	R	R	GS
* Common Grackle	C	C	C		MFGSL
Great-tailed Grackle	R				M
* Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	U		FMSG
Orchard Oriole	r				FS
* Bullock's Oriole	C	C	O		FS
Wood Warblers					
Northern Waterthrush	R				MFS
Black-and-White Warbler	R				F
Tennessee Warbler	*	*			FS
Orange-crowned Warbler	O		O		FS
Nashville Warbler	r		r		FS
Virginia's Warbler	O		R		FS
MacGillivray's Warbler	R				FS
* Common Yellowthroat	U	C	U		MS
o American Redstart	R				FS
Northern Parula			r		FS
Blackburnian Warbler				*	F
* Yellow Warbler	C	C	U		FSM
Blackpoll Warbler	r				SF
Palm Warbler	r				S
Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		C	R	FS
Townsend's Warbler				R	SF
Canada Warbler	*				SF
Wilson's Warbler	O		U		SFM
Tanagers					
Summer Tanager	*				F
Western Tanager	O		R		FS
Grosbeaks & Buntings					
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	r				FS
* Black-headed Grosbeak	R	R	R		FS
Blue Grosbeak			*		FS
* Lazuli Bunting	O	R	R		FS
Indigo Bunting	*				FS
Introduced Species					
Ring-necked Pheasant	r	r	r	r	GSM
* Rock Pigeon	U	U	U	U	G
Eurasian Collared-Dove	O	O	U	U	G
* European Starling	C	C	C	C	FSG
* House Sparrow	C	C	C	C	GFS

South Platte Park

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(north of Mineral, west of Santa Fe)

A Natural Area

Open daily sunrise to sunset
(Gates open by 6:30 am)

- 878 acres along South Platte River
- 5 lakes open to fishing
- Local and regional trails

Carson Nature Center

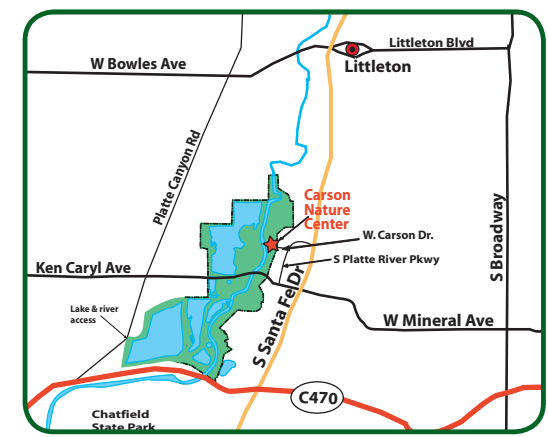
Open Tu-F from 12-4:30 pm,
Weekends from 9:30 am-4:30 pm

- Interactive displays
- Year-round public programs
- Volunteer naturalist program

Guided Programs

Field trips for schools, scouts
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Bird Checklist

South Platte Park

A Natural Area



South Platte Park is designated an "Important Bird Area" by the National Audubon Society for winter waterfowl and for breeding habitat for neotropical migrants. It is a haven for more than 260 species of birds, 62 of which have been confirmed breeding.

On a single day in May you could see 50-75 species of migrating songbirds and shorebirds. Summers are filled with the delights of nesting birds. An average winter day of birding will yield 40 or more species including numerous diving and dabbling ducks, and bald eagles. This checklist includes species that have been observed in the area that is now South Platte Park since 1982. Be an alert observer and you may be able to add new species to the list.

Legend

SEASONS

s	Spring	(March-May)
S	Summer	(June-August)
F	Fall	(September-November)
W	Winter	(December-February)



SPECIES ABUNDANCE CODES

C	Common -- likely to be seen in suitable habitat
U	Uncommon -- might be seen in suitable habitat
O	Occasional -- seen a few times each season
R	Rare -- not seen every year
r	Very Rare -- seen once or twice a decade
*	Accidental -- an isolated sighting

HABITAT - Shown in order of relative abundance

F	Forest
G	Grassland/Field
L	Lake or Pond
M	Marsh
R	River
S	Shrub Thicket

NESTING STATUS:

* = Confirmed o = Possible

Date _____

Time in Field _____

Weather _____

Area of Park _____

Total Species _____

Individuals _____

Distance Traveled: by Car _____ by Foot _____

Observers _____

	s	S	F	W	Habitat
Geese, Swans & Ducks					
Snow Goose			O	R	LG
Ross's Goose			r		LG
Greater White-fronted Goose			R	R	LG
Cackling Goose				O	LRGM
* Canada Goose	C	C	C	C	LRGM
Tundra Swan			R		L
Trumpeter Swan				*	L
* Wood Duck	U	U	U	O	RLMF
* Blue-winged Teal	C	R	R		LRM
* Cinnamon Teal	U	R	R		LRM
Northern Shoveler	U	R	U	U	LRM
o Gadwall	C	U	C	C	LRM
o American Wigeon	U	U	C	U	RLM
* Mallard	C	C	C	C	LRMG
Northern Pintail	U		U	U	RL
* Green-winged Teal	C	R	C	C	RLM
Canvasback	R		R		L
Redhead	U		U	U	LR
Ring-necked Duck	U		U	C	LR
Greater Scaup	R		R	R	LR
Lesser Scaup	O		O	O	LR
Surf Scoter			r	r	LR
White-winged Scoter			r	r	LR
Black Scoter				*	LR
Long-tailed Duck				R	LR
Bufflehead	U		U	C	LR
Common Goldeneye	U		U	C	LR
Barrow's Goldeneye			r	R	LR
Hooded Merganser	R		O	O	LR
* Common Merganser	C	O	C	C	LR
Red-breasted Merganser	R		R	R	LR
Ruddy Duck	R		R		L
Grouse, Turkeys & Quail					
Wild Turkey			*		F
Grebes					
* Pied-billed Grebe	U	U	U	O	LRM
Horned Grebe	O		O	r	L
Red-necked Grebe			*		L
Eared Grebe	O		O	r	LR
* Western Grebe	U	O	U	r	L
Clark's Grebe	R		R		L
Doves & Cuckoos					
* Mourning Dove	C	C	C	R	GFS
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	r		r		FS
Goatsuckers					
Common Nighthawk	O	U	U		G
Common Poorwill		*			F
Swifts & Hummingbirds					
Chimney Swift			*		L
* Black-chinned Hummingbird	U	U			FS
* Broad-tailed Hummingbird	U	U	O		FSG
Rufous Hummingbird		r			FSG
Calliope Hummingbird	r	r			FSG
Rails & Coots					
* Virginia Rail	O	O	O	R	MR
* Sora	O	O	O		M
* American Coot	U	R	U	C	LRM
Cranes					
Sandhill Crane	R		R		GL

	s	S	F	W	Habitat
Plovers, Avocets, Sandpipers & Phalaropes					
Black-necked Stilt	*				LRM
o American Avocet	U	O	O		LRM
Semipalmated Plover	R		R		LR
* Killdeer	C	C	C	U	RL
Long-billed Curlew	r				RL
Marbled Godwit	R				RL
Stilt Sandpiper	r		R		G
Sanderling	r			r	RL
Dunlin				r	LR
Baird's Sandpiper	R				LR
Least Sandpiper	R		R		LR
Pectoral Sandpiper			R		RL
Semipalmated Sandpiper	r		R		RL
Western Sandpiper	C		R		LR
Long-billed Dowitcher	O		O		MLR
Wilson's Snipe	U	R	O	O	LR
* Spotted Sandpiper	C	U	U		LR
Solitary Sandpiper	O		O		LR
Lesser Yellowlegs	U		O		RL
Greater Yellowlegs	U		O		RL
Willet	R		R		RL
Wilson's Phalarope	R		R		LR
Gulls, Terns & Loons					
Black-legged Kittiwake			*		L
Bonaparte's Gull	R		R		LG
Franklin's Gull	O		O		LG
Mew Gull				r	L
Ring-billed Gull	C	U	C	C	LRG
California Gull	O	O	O		LR
Herring Gull	O		O	O	LR
Iceland Gull				*	LR
Lesser Black-Backed Gull				*	LR
Least Tern		r			LR
Caspian Tern		*			LR
Black Tern	R		r		LR
Common Tern			r		LR
Forster's Tern	O		R		LR
Pacific Loon			r		L
Common Loon	O	R	O	R	L
Yellow-Billed Loon				*	L
Cormorants & Pelicans					
Double-crested Cormorant	C	C	C	r	LR
American White Pelican	O	O	O	R	LR
Bitterns, Herons & Ibises					
American Bittern	O	R	O		M
Great Blue Heron	C	C	C	U	LRMF
Great Egret	R				L
Snowy Egret	O	U	R		RL
Little Blue Heron		*			L
Cattle Egret			r		G
Green Heron	O	R	r		LM
Black-crowned Night-Heron	C	C	C	O	RFLM
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron		*			RLM
White-faced Ibis	O				MLRG
American Vultures					
Turkey Vulture	U	O	U		G
Eagles & Hawks					
* Osprey	O	R	O		LR
Golden Eagle	R	R	R	R	GF
Northern Harrier	O		O	O	GM

	s	S	F	W	Habitat
o Sharp-Shinned Hawk	O		O	R	FS
* Cooper's hawk	O	O	O		FS
Northern Goshawk			r	r	F
Bald Eagle	R		O	U	RLF
Broad-winged Hawk	r				FG
* Swainson's Hawk	U	U			GF
* Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	C	GF
Ferruginous Hawk	R				G
Rough-legged Hawk	R		R	R	G
Owls					
Eastern Screech-Owl	r	r	r	r	FS
* Great Horned Owl	C	U	U	U	F
Burrowing Owl	r	r	r	r	G
Long-eared Owl	r	r	r	r	F
Short-eared Owl	r		r	r	GM
Kingfisher					
* Belted Kingfisher	C	C	C	U	RL
Woodpeckers					
Lewis's Woodpecker	r				FG
Red-headed Woodpecker	r				F
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker			r		FS
* Downy Woodpecker	C	C	U	U	FS
Hairy Woodpecker	R		r	r	FS
* Northern Flicker	C	C	C	C	FSG
Falcons					
* American Kestrel	U	U	U	U	GF
Merlin	R		R		G
Peregrine Falcon	R		R		GLR
Prairie Falcon	R		R	O	GRL
Flycatchers					
Tropical Kingbird			*		G
Cassin's Kingbird	r				G
* Western Kingbird	U	O	U		GF
* Eastern Kingbird	O	O	O		GF
Olive-sided Flycatcher	r		r		F
* Western Wood-Pewee	O	C	O		F
o Willow Flycatcher	R	r			SFM
o Least Flycatcher	R	r			FS
Hammond's Flycatcher	R		R		FS
Dusky Flycatcher	R		R		FS
Cordilleran Flycatcher	R		R		FS
Eastern Phoebe	r		r		FS
* Say's Phoebe	U	U	U		G
Great Crested Flycatcher	*				FS
Shrikes					
Loggerhead Shrike	R	R			G
Northern Shrike			O	O	G
Vireos					
Yellow-throated Vireo	*				FS
Plumbeous Vireo	O	R	O		FS
* Warbling Vireo	O	O	O		FS
o Red-eyed Vireo	R	r			FS
Jays, Magpies & Crows					
* Blue Jay	U	O	U		FS
Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay			*		FS
* Black-billed Magpie	C	C	C	C	GFSM
American Crow	C	U	C	C	GF
Common Raven	U	O	U	U	GF
Larks					
Horned Lark	O		O		GL