

COLORADO – The Great Grouse Tour

'We began our birding at the small mountain town of Allenspark, where we hoped to find rosy-finches, realizing that this had been a poor year for them. Almost immediately, a cloud of Brown-capped Rosy-Finches descended seemingly from the heavens to arrive at the feeders. They soon left, but were replaced by another flock, then another. These second two flocks also contained Black and Gray-crowned Rosy-Finches, and we were all able to have great studies of the differences of these often confused species.

The reason for our success soon became clear, as one of Colorado's notorious spring storms descended upon us - closing the interstate and Loveland Pass and forcing us to forgo our night in Walden and North Park. That said, we agreed that the rosy-finches were well worth the extra trouble!

Forgoing North Park meant that we could spend the next day doing a bit of exploring. Much of Colorado was under a winter storm warning, but the far northwestern corner of the state was largely spared, and we succeeded in finding at least 18 Greater Sage-Grouse. Perhaps even more amazing, we found no fewer than twenty-one Golden Eagles! Certainly one highlight of the entire tour was driving alongside three Golden Eagles as they hunted sage-grouse. A quick foray into Wyoming produced some early spring migrants, including Say's Phoebe and Cinnamon Teal, and gave several of us new state birds!

Our lekking chickens began with the foot-stomping Sharp-tailed Grouse. It was easy to see why Native Americans from the plains incorporated these displays into some of their own dances. We also enjoyed perhaps the most spectacular concentrations of waterfowl ever on this trip -and no place was better than northwestern Colorado, where we enjoyed Barrow's Goldeneye, Canvasback, and Red-breasted Merganser.

While checking ducks at one reservoir, we were surprised by a record-early migrant Cliff Swallow, then by a simply beautiful Sage Sparrow. While Sage Sparrows move through at this time of year, they are infrequently detected in migration. As the sun set, we headed up Black Mesa where we found a Great Horned Owl before we'd really even started owling. As we discussed the need to be quiet, the loud calls of a Northern Saw-whet Owl interrupted us. He soon flew in, perched, and gave us spectacular views. We had great conditions for looking for Boreal Owls and succeeded in hearing at least three birds, but none ever showed themselves.

After a bit of a rest, we headed to Wild Horse Canyon, where we succeeded in finding Chukar high atop some cliffs. The voices of Rock and Canyon Wrens echoed on the canyon walls, and dapper Black-throated Sparrows perched in the open amid the sparse vegetation. We thought the biggest surprise was going to be a lone Pinyon Jay - unusual for a species notorious for roving in large flocks. But as we departed the canyon, a flock of over 40 Black Rosy-Finches landed on a hillside and provided superb scope studies - and one of the lowest-elevation records for the West Slope.

The next morning we awoke early to watch one of North America's most endangered species, Gunnison Sage-Grouse. They delighted us with bizarre displays as the sun rose behind them. As we headed toward Pueblo and left the stunning mountain scenery behind, we said goodbye to some of our last mountain species: Pine Grosbeak, Red Crossbill, Clark's Nutcracker, Gray Jay, and Western Bluebird. Descending farther into the pinion-juniper country, we found Juniper Titmouse and Scaled Quail.

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While Colorado's mountains and canyons offer perhaps the state's most spectacular scenery, the Eastern Plains are home to a great variety of nesting and migratory species. Highlights included our first shorebirds: Black-necked Stilt, American Avocet, and Baird's Sandiper. And who could forget the spectacular side-by-side comparisons that we had of Ross's and Snow Geese and Cackling and Canada Geese? But our fondest memories from the day were provided by an evening visit to the Lesser Prairie-Chicken lek. Several males called and wailed, jumped and inflated air sacs, providing us with great views.

The next morning we set off to explore the little-appreciated point where Colorado, Kansas, and Oklahoma meet. Highlights here included spectacular studies of Chestnut-collared Longspurs drinking from a small puddle at the side of the road. The mix of plumages ranged from dapper onyx-colored males to the more subdued immatures and females that delighted the leaders. After experiencing incredible winds that raised clouds of dirt to recall the days of the Dust Bowl, we headed to beautiful Black Mesa State Park in extreme western Kansas. Here we had a great mix of East (Eastern Phoebe), West (Mountain Bluebird), South (Rufous-crowned Sparrow), and North (the strong wind!). As we returned to Elkhart along the back roads, we enjoyed several Swainson's Hawks and a greatly appreciated Ferruginous Hawk.

As we headed north to Wray, we were treated to our first real wave of migrants - Audubon's Warblers and lots of Ruby-crowned Kinglets. We also had spectacular views of Mountain Plovers, first out in a field and then right in the middle of the road. And when we least expected it, we encountered another Ferruginous Hawk. When we got out to look at it, we realized the same field also harbored a Rough-legged Hawk and Swainson's Hawk -all visible at the same time. And then a flock of some 600 Chestnut-collared Longspurs came wheeling up from the field. Wow!

Our final day brought several surprises, from a vagrant Yellow-throated Warbler to incredible views of several Long-eared Owls. But the highlight of the day, and perhaps of the tour overall, was fantastic views of lekking Greater Prairie-Chickens. That experience is made only better by the great coming together of ranchers, the local chamber of commerce, and the Colorado Division of Wildlife. The future of all the grouse we enjoyed on this trip depends upon partnerships and collaborations like the one the wonderful people of Wray have put together. Then, all too soon, the trip was over. How did the time go by so fast?' *Chris Wood*

BIRD LIST

Column A = number of days recorded

Column B = maximum daily count

Column C = H=Heard Only, N=Nest.

X = seen during the last tour

A		B	C	D
7	Snow Goose	2	80	<i>Chen caerulescens</i>
4	Ross's Goose			<i>Chen rossii</i>
3	Cackling Goose	1	1	<i>Branta hutchinsii</i>
7	Canada Goose	7	50	<i>Branta canadensis</i>
1	Canada Goose (Lesser)	1	1	<i>Branta canadensis parvipes</i>
7	Wood Duck	2	6	<i>Aix sponsa</i>
7	Gadwall	9	295	<i>Anas strepera</i>
1	Eurasian Wigeon			<i>Anas penelope</i>
7	American Wigeon	8	600	<i>Anas americana</i>
7	Mallard	9	7000	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>
7	Blue-winged Teal	4	60	<i>Anas discors</i>

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7	Cinnamon Teal	7	55		<i>Anas cyanoptera</i>
7	Northern Shoveler	7	1500		<i>Anas clypeata</i>
7	Northern Pintail	4	450		<i>Anas acuta</i>
7	Green-winged Teal (American)	8	50		<i>Anas crecca carolinensis</i>
6	Canvasback	4	3		<i>Aythya valisineria</i>
7	Redhead	7	40		<i>Aythya americana</i>
7	Ring-necked Duck	6	25		<i>Aythya collaris</i>
3	Greater Scaup	1	3		<i>Aythya marila</i>
7	Lesser Scaup	8	40		<i>Aythya affinis</i>
7	Bufflehead	5	55		<i>Bucephala albeola</i>
7	Common Goldeneye	5	18		<i>Bucephala clangula</i>
5	Barrow's Goldeneye	1	3		<i>Bucephala islandica</i>
3	Hooded Merganser	1	3		<i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>
7	Common Merganser	6	180		<i>Mergus merganser</i>
6	Red-breasted Merganser	2	18		<i>Mergus serrato</i>
7	Ruddy Duck	6	290		<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>
7	Scaled Quail	2	35		<i>Callipepla squamata</i>
2	Gambel's Quail				<i>Callipepla gambelii</i>
3	Northern Bobwhite	1	1	H	<i>Colinus virginianus</i>
6	Chukar	1	2		<i>Alectoris chukar</i>
7	Ring-necked Pheasant	3	35		<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>
7	Greater Sage-Grouse	2	16		<i>Centrocercus urophasianus</i>
7	Gunnison Sage-Grouse	1	34		<i>Centrocercus minimus</i>
4	White-tailed Ptarmigan	1	1		<i>Lagopus leucurus</i>
4	Dusky Grouse				<i>Dendragapus obscurus obscurus</i>
7	Sharp-tailed Grouse	1	2		<i>Tympanuchus phasianellus</i>
7	Greater Prairie-Chicken	1	46		<i>Tympanuchus cupido pinnatus</i>
7	Lesser Prairie-Chicken	1	12		<i>Tympanuchus pallidicinctus</i>
7	Wild Turkey	3	25		<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>
2	Common Loon	2	3		<i>Gavia immer</i>
6	Pied-billed Grebe	4	2		<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>
4	Horned Grebe	2	16		<i>Podiceps auritus</i>
7	Eared Grebe	3	20		<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>
7	Western Grebe	4	1250		<i>Aechmophorus occidentalis</i>
5	Clark's Grebe	3	20		<i>Aechmophorus clarkii</i>
7	American White Pelican	4	165		<i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>
7	Double-crested Cormorant	5	50		<i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i>
7	Great Blue Heron	9	8		<i>Ardea herodias</i>
1	Great Egret				<i>Ardea alba</i>
2	Snowy Egret				<i>Egretta thula</i>
1	Cattle Egret				<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
3	Black-crowned Night-Heron				<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
2	White-faced Ibis				<i>Plegadis chihi</i>
7	Turkey Vulture	8	18		<i>Cathartes aura</i>
7	Osprey	1	1		<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
7	Bald Eagle	3	2		<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>
7	Northern Harrier	9	32		<i>Circus cyaneus</i>
7	Sharp-shinned Hawk	2	2		<i>Accipiter striatus</i>
7	Cooper's Hawk	2	2		<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>

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1	Broad-winged Hawk			<i>Buteo platypterus</i>
7	Swainson's Hawk	4	7	<i>Buteo swainsoni</i>
7	Red-tailed Hawk	9	57	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>
7	Ferruginous Hawk	2	1	<i>Buteo regalis</i>
7	Rough-legged Hawk	5	5	<i>Buteo lagopus</i>
7	Golden Eagle	6	21	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>
7	American Kestrel	9	39	<i>Falco sparverius</i>
3	Merlin (Prairie)	3	1	<i>Falco columbarius richardsoni</i>
4	Peregrine Falcon	1	1	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
7	Prairie Falcon	3	4	<i>Falco mexicanus</i>
1	Virginia Rail			<i>Rallus limicola</i>
7	American Coot	7	250	<i>Fulica americana</i>
7	Sandhill Crane	4	12	<i>Grus canadensis</i>
1	Black-bellied Plover			<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>
7	Snowy Plover	1	3	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus nivosus</i>
1	Semipalmated Plover			<i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>
7	Killdeer	8	15	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>
7	Mountain Plover	1	5	<i>Charadrius montanus</i>
5	Black-necked Stilt	1	8	<i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>
7	American Avocet	2	14	<i>Recurvirostra americana</i>
4	Greater Yellowlegs	2	2	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>
3	Lesser Yellowlegs			<i>Tringa flavipes</i>
7	Long-billed Curlew	2	32	<i>Numenius americanus</i>
1	Hudsonian Godwit			<i>Limosa haemastica</i>
3	Marbled Godwit			<i>Limosa fedoa</i>
1	Semipalmated Sandpiper			<i>Calidris pusilla</i>
1	Western Sandpiper			<i>Calidris mauri</i>
2	Least Sandpiper			<i>Calidris minutilla</i>
6	Baird's Sandpiper	2	6	<i>Calidris bairdii</i>
1	Long-billed Dowitcher			<i>Limnodromus scolopaceus</i>
4	Wilson's Snipe	4	2	<i>Gallinago delicata</i>
3	Wilson's Phalarope	1	1	<i>Phalaropus tricolor</i>
6	Bonaparte's Gull	3	17	<i>Chroicocephalus philadelphia</i>
7	Franklin's Gull	2	12	<i>Leucophaeus pipixcan</i>
7	Ring-billed Gull	5	55	<i>Larus delawarensis</i>
7	California Gull	1	1	<i>Larus californicus</i>
3	Herring Gull (American)			<i>Larus argentatus smithsonianus</i>
1	Lesser Black-backed Gull (graellsii)			<i>Larus fuscus graellsii</i>
7	Rock Pigeon	9	150	<i>Columba livia</i>
3	Band-tailed Pigeon	1	1	<i>Patagioenas fasciata</i>
7	Eurasian Collared-Dove	9	150	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>
3	White-winged Dove			<i>Zenaida asiatica</i>
7	Mourning Dove	6	300	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>
1	Inca Dove			<i>Columbina inca</i>
2	Greater Roadrunner			<i>Geococcyx californianus</i>
6	Barn Owl	3	3	<i>Tyto alba pratincola</i>
7	Great Horned Owl	3	2	<i>Bubo virginianus subarcticus</i>
7	Burrowing Owl	4	13	<i>Athene cunicularia hypugaea</i>
6	Long-eared Owl	1	3	<i>Asio otus tuftsi</i>

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5	Boreal Owl	1	3	H	<i>Aegolius funereus</i>
2	Northern Saw-whet Owl	1	1		<i>Aegolius acadicus</i>
6	White-throated Swift				<i>Aeronautes saxatalis</i>
6	Belted Kingfisher				<i>Ceryle alcyon</i>
7	Lewis's Woodpecker	1	2		<i>Melanerpes lewis</i>
1	Red-naped Sapsucker				<i>Sphyrapicus nuchalis</i>
3	Red-bellied Woodpecker				<i>Melanerpes carolinus</i>
7	Downy Woodpecker	5	3		<i>Picoides pubescens</i>
4	Hairy Woodpecker	7	3		<i>Picoides villosus</i>
4	American Three-toed Woodpecker				<i>Picoides tridactylus dorsalis</i>
7	Northern Flicker				<i>Colaptes auratus</i>
7	Northern Flicker (Yellow-shafted)	2	1		<i>Colaptes auratus [auratus Group]</i>
3	Northern Flicker (intergrade)	1	1		<i>Colaptes auratus auratus x cafer</i>
7	Northern Flicker (Red-shafted)	7	15		<i>Colaptes auratus [cafer Group]</i>
4	Eastern Phoebe	3	1		<i>Sayornis phoebe</i>
7	Say's Phoebe	7	32		<i>Sayornis saya</i>
1	Vermilion Flycatcher				<i>Pyrocephalus rubinus</i>
1	Western Kingbird				<i>Tyrannus verticalis</i>
6	Loggerhead Shrike	4	4		<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>
1	Northern Shrike	1	1		<i>Lanius excubitor</i>
4	Gray Jay	1	8		<i>Perisoreus canadensis capitalis</i>
7	Steller's Jay	3	10		<i>Cyanocitta stelleri macrolopha</i>
6	Blue Jay	2	3		<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>
7	Western Scrub-Jay (Woodhouse's)	1	25		<i>Aphelocoma californica woodhouseii</i>
5	Pinyon Jay	1	1		<i>Gymnorhinus cyanocephalus</i>
6	Clark's Nutcracker	3	3		<i>Nucifraga columbiana</i>
7	Black-billed Magpie	6	250		<i>Pica hudsonia</i>
7	American Crow	7	75		<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>
6	Chihuahuan Raven	3	16		<i>Corvus cryptoleucus</i>
7	Common Raven	5	400		<i>Corvus corax</i>
7	Horned Lark	8	1200		<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>
7	Tree Swallow	5	3		<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>
1	Violet-green Swallow				<i>Tachycineta thalassina</i>
6	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	1	1		<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>
7	Barn Swallow	1	1		<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
1	Cliff Swallow	1	1		<i>Petrochelidon pyrrhonota [pyrrhonota Group]</i>
7	Black-capped Chickadee	1	1		<i>Poecile atricapilla</i>
7	Mountain Chickadee	3	8		<i>Poecile gambeli gambeli</i>
3	Juniper Titmouse	1	3		<i>Baeolophus griseus</i>
3	Bushtit				<i>Psaltriparus minimus</i>
5	Red-breasted Nuthatch	2	1		<i>Sitta canadensis</i>
3	White-breasted Nuthatch (Eastern)				<i>Sitta carolinensis carolinensis</i>
6	White-breasted Nut. (Mountain)				<i>Sitta carolinensis nelsoni</i>
4	Pygmy Nuthatch	1	3		<i>Sitta pygmaea</i>
2	Brown Creeper				<i>Certhia americana</i>
7	Rock Wren	3	5		<i>Salpinctes obsoletus</i>
6	Canyon Wren	2	2		<i>Catherpes mexicanus</i>
1	Carolina Wren				<i>Thryomanes ludovicianus</i>
6	Bewick's Wren	3	1		<i>Thryomanes bewickii</i>

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1	House Wren			<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>
5	Marsh Wren (Interior West)	1	2	<i>Cistothorus palustris [plesius Group]</i>
7	American Dipper	1	2	<i>Cinclus mexicanus</i>
7	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	3	12	<i>Regulus calendula</i>
1	Golden-crowned Kinglet			<i>Regulus satrapa</i>
2	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher			<i>Polioptila nigriceps</i>
6	Eastern Bluebird	1	3	<i>Sialia sialis</i>
7	Western Bluebird	1	2	<i>Sialia mexicana</i>
7	Mountain Bluebird	6	150	<i>Sialia currucoides</i>
7	Townsend's Solitaire	3	5	<i>Myadestes townsendi</i>
7	American Robin	9	850	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>
1	Varied Thrush			<i>Ixoreus naevius</i>
3	Northern Mockingbird	1	1	<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>
5	Sage Thrasher	1	1	<i>Oreoscoptes montanus</i>
5	Curve-billed Thrasher			<i>Toxostoma curvirostre</i>
7	European Starling	9	500	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>
1	Bohemian Waxwing			<i>Bombycilla garrulus</i>
5	Cedar Waxwing	3	30	<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>
6	American Pipit	2	1	<i>Anthus rubescens</i>
1	Orange-crowned Warbler			<i>Vermivora celata</i>
7	Yellow-rumped Warbler	1	2	<i>Dendroica coronata</i>
5	Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle)	1	1	<i>Dendroica coronata coronata</i>
6	Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's)	2	7	<i>Dendroica coronata auduboni</i>
1	Yellow-throated Warbler (albilora)	1	1	<i>Dendroica dominica albilora</i>
1	Wilson's Warbler			<i>Wilsonia pusilla</i>
7	Spotted Towhee	1	1	<i>Pipilo maculatus</i>
7	Spotted Towhee (Rocky Mts.)	3	4	<i>Pipilo maculatus [montanus Group]</i>
1	Spotted Towhee (arcticus)			<i>Pipilo maculatus arcticus</i>
7	Canyon Towhee	2	2	<i>Pipilo fuscus</i>
1	Cassin's Sparrow			<i>Aimophila cassinii</i>
3	Rufous-crowned Sparrow	1	1	<i>Aimophila ruficeps</i>
2	Chipping Sparrow			<i>Spizella passerina</i>
1	Brewer's Sparrow (breweri)			<i>Spizella breweri breweri</i>
6	Vesper Sparrow	5	6	<i>Pooecetes gramineus</i>
5	Black-throated Sparrow	1	6	<i>Amphispiza bilineata</i>
3	Sage Sparrow (Interior)	1	1	<i>Amphispiza belli canescens</i>
3	Lark Bunting	1	2	<i>Calamospiza melanocorys</i>
1	Savannah Sparrow			<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>
2	Grasshopper Sparrow			<i>Ammodramus savannarum</i>
1	Fox Sparrow (Slate-colored)			<i>Passerella iliaca [schistacea Group]</i>
7	Song Sparrow	7	5	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>
6	Lincoln's Sparrow	1	1	<i>Melospiza lincolnii</i>
2	White-throated Sparrow			<i>Zonotrichia albicollis</i>
3	Harris's Sparrow			<i>Zonotrichia querula</i>
6	White-crowned Sparrow			<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>
6	White-crowned Sparrow (Gambel's)	4	75	<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys gambelii</i>
7	Dark-eyed Junco	4	75	<i>Junco hyemalis</i>
7	Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored)	4	10	<i>Junco hyemalis hyemalis/carolinensis</i>
7	Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon)	7	35	<i>Junco hyemalis [oreganus Group]</i>

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7	Dark-eyed Junco (Pink-sided)	5	600	<i>Junco hyemalis mearnsi</i>
1	Dark-eyed Junco (White-winged)			<i>Junco hyemalis aikenii</i>
7	Dark-eyed Junco (Gray-headed)	6	250	<i>Junco hyemalis caniceps</i>
3	McCown's Longspur	1	3	<i>Calcarius maccownii</i>
2	Chestnut-collared Longspur	3	640	<i>Calcarius ornatus</i>
3	Northern Cardinal			<i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>
7	Red-winged Blackbird	9	2500	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>
1	Eastern Meadowlark (Lilian's)			<i>Sturnella magna lilanae</i>
7	Western Meadowlark	9	350	<i>Sturnella neglecta</i>
7	Yellow-headed Blackbird	3	8	<i>Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus</i>
1	Brewer's Blackbird			<i>Euphagus cyanocephalus</i>
7	Common Grackle (Bronzed)	6	2250	<i>Quiscalus quiscula versicolor</i>
7	Great-tailed Grackle	3	10	<i>Quiscalus mexicanus</i>
7	Brown-headed Cowbird	3	25	<i>Molothrus ater</i>
7	Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	1	7	<i>Leucosticte tephrocotis tephrocotis</i>
3	Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch (Hepburn's)	1	1	<i>Leucosticte tephrocotis [littoralis Group]</i>
7	Black Rosy-Finch	1	5	<i>Leucosticte atrata</i>
7	Brown-capped Rosy-Finch	1	65	<i>Leucosticte australis</i>
7	Pine Grosbeak	1	1	<i>Pinicola enucleator montanus</i>
7	Cassin's Finch	1	70	<i>Carpodacus cassinii</i>
7	House Finch	9	35	<i>Carpodacus mexicanus</i>
5	Red Crossbill	1	2	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>
1	Red Crossbill (type 5)	1	7	<i>Loxia curvirostra (type 5)</i>
1	White-winged Crossbill			<i>Loxia leucoptera</i>
7	Pine Siskin	7	280	<i>Spinus pinus vagans</i>
1	Lesser Goldfinch			<i>Spinus psaltria</i>
7	American Goldfinch	2	80	<i>Spinus tristis</i>
5	Evening Grosbeak	1	38	<i>Coccothraustes vespertinus brooksi</i>
7	House Sparrow	9	250	<i>Passer domesticus</i>

Mammals:

7	Eastern Cottontail	x		<i>Sylvilagus floridanus</i>
6	Desert Cottontail	x		<i>Sylvilagus audubonii</i>
3	Mountain Cottontail			<i>Sylvilagus nuttallii</i>
5	Black-tailed Jackrabbit			<i>Lepus californicus</i>
1	Snowshoe Hare			<i>Lepus americanus</i>
2	White-tailed Jackrabbit			<i>Lepus townsendii</i>
7	Eastern Fox Squirrel	x		<i>Sciurus niger</i>
1	Abert's Squirrel			<i>Sciurus aberti</i>
5	Red Squirrel	x		<i>Tamiasciurus hudsonicus</i>
6	Least Chipmunk	x		<i>Tamias minimus</i>
1	Uinta Chipmunk			<i>Tamias umbrinus</i>
1	Colorado Chipmunk			<i>Tamias quadrivittatus</i>
1	Hopi Chipmunk			<i>Tamias rufus</i>
5	Golden-mantled Ground Squirrel	x		<i>Spermophilus lateralis</i>
6	Thirteen-lined Ground Squirrel	x		<i>Spermophilus tridecemlineatus</i>
2	Spotted Ground Squirrel			<i>Spermophilus spilisoma</i>
6	Rock Squirrel	x		<i>Spermophilus variegatus</i>

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7	Wyoming Ground Squirrel	x	<i>Spermophilus slegans</i>
7	Black-tailed Prairie Dog	x	<i>Cynomys ludovicianus</i>
5	White-tailed Prairie Dog	x	<i>Cynomys leucurus</i>
6	Gunnison's Prairie Dog		<i>Cynomys gunnisoni</i>
2	Yellow-bellied Marmot		<i>Marmota flaviventris</i>
3	Northern Raccoon		<i>Procyon lotor</i>
1	Virginia Opossum		<i>Didelphis virginiana</i>
3	Striped Skunk		<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>
6	North American Porcupine	x	<i>Erethizon dorsatum</i>
3	American Beaver		<i>Castor canadensis</i>
5	Common Muskrat	x	<i>Erethizon dorsatum</i>
1	Northern River Otter		<i>Lontra canadensis</i>
1	American Mink		<i>Mustela vison</i>
2	American Badger		<i>Taxidea taxus</i>
2	Long-tailed Weasel		<i>Mustela frenata</i>
1	Short-tailed Weasel (Ermine)		<i>Mustela erminea</i>
7	Coyote	x	<i>Canis latrans</i>
4	Red Fox	x	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>
1	Gray Fox		<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>
1	Swift Fox		<i>Vulpes velox</i>
1	Bobcat		<i>Lynx rufus</i>
7	White-tailed Deer	x	<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>
7	Mule Deer	x	<i>Odocoileus hemionus</i>
3	Moose		<i>Alces alces</i>
7	Elk	x	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>
7	Pronghorn	x	<i>Antilocapra americana</i>
5	Bighorn Sheep		<i>Ovis canadensis</i>
1	Feral Horse		<i>Equus caballus</i>
2	House Mouse		<i>Mus musculus</i>
4	Deermouse sp.	x	<i>Peromyscus sp.</i>
1	North American Deermouse		<i>Peromyscus maniculatus</i>
1	Harvest Mouse sp.		<i>Reithrodontomys sp.</i>
1	Western Harvest Mouse		<i>Reithrodontomys meglotis</i>
3	Hispid Cotton Rat	x	<i>Sigmodon hispidus</i>
2	Ord's Kangaroo Rat		<i>Dipodomys ordii</i>
1	Pocket Mouse sp.		<i>Perognathus / Chaetodipus sp.</i>
2	Vole sp.		<i>Microtus sp.</i>
1	Southern Red-backed Vole		<i>Clethrionomys gapperi</i>

Butterflies and Skippers:

Black Swallowtail	x	<i>Papilio polyxenes</i>
Spring White		<i>Pontia sisymbrii</i>
Clouded Sulphur		<i>Colias philodice</i>
Dainty Sulphur	x	<i>Nathalis iole</i>
Variiegated Fritillary		<i>Euptoieta claudia</i>
Pearl Crescent		<i>Phyciodes tharos</i>
Hoary Comma		<i>Polygonia gracilis</i>
Painted Lady	x	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>

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Red Admiral	x	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>
Monarch	x	<i>Danaus plexippus</i>
Cabbage White	x	<i>Pieris rapae</i>
Orange Sulphur		<i>Colias eurytheme</i>
Mourning Cloak	x	<i>Nymphalis antiopa</i>

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