

Observation Record for Birding at Staunton State Park

Date: _____
 Weather: _____
 Field Time: _____ to _____
 Total Species: _____
 Total Individuals: _____
 Locality/Trail: _____
 Observers: _____

Fun Bird Facts

The **Western Tanager's** red face is due to a rare pigment allied rhodoxanthin, which the bird cannot produce. It most likely gets this pigment from the insects it eats!

The **Pygmy Nuthatch** uses relatives, including grown offspring, to help build its nest and huddle together with family members in tree cavities in the winter to stay warm!

Mountain Bluebirds are cavity nesters. They will use nest boxes, holes in cliffs or dirt banks if tree hollows are not available.

Dark-eyed Juncos are often called "snowbirds" because their return from their northern breeding grounds signals the return of snowy cold weather.

Male Swallows may mimic the call of a baby nestling to entice females to a good nesting spot.

Hairy Woodpeckers eat insects that destroy forest trees, and they are a food source for many predators, such as hawks and owls.

Hummingbirds are the only bird that can fly backwards!

Although only inches tall, **Saw-Whet Owls** can kill as many as 6 mice, one after the other, without consuming any of them during the time of the hunt. The owl will cache the prey allowing it to freeze, then retrieve the prey when needed and sit on it to thaw it for eating!

Steller's Jay is an excellent mimic. The jay can imitate squirrels, cats, dogs and other birds!

Mountain Chickadees have lifelong partners and live up to 10 years remaining in the same area.

Guidelines for Wildlife Viewing & Photography

Following these guidelines promotes the conservation of wildlife and their habitats, as well as the safety of yourself and others.

- Wildlife should be viewed/photographed from a safe and respectful distance.
- Use binoculars, spotting scopes, zoom lenses, and viewing blinds to avoid disturbing species.
- Avoid getting close to nests or dens – your presence can disturb breeding and alert predators to nest/den locations.
- Do not use recorded animal calls while viewing or photographing wildlife.
- Stay on trails and roads and leave plants and animals where you find them.
- If an animal shows any sign of stress, move away.
- Keep pets on leash at all times.
- Do not feed wildlife.

Be a good role model by educating others through your actions and informing them of these ethical principles.

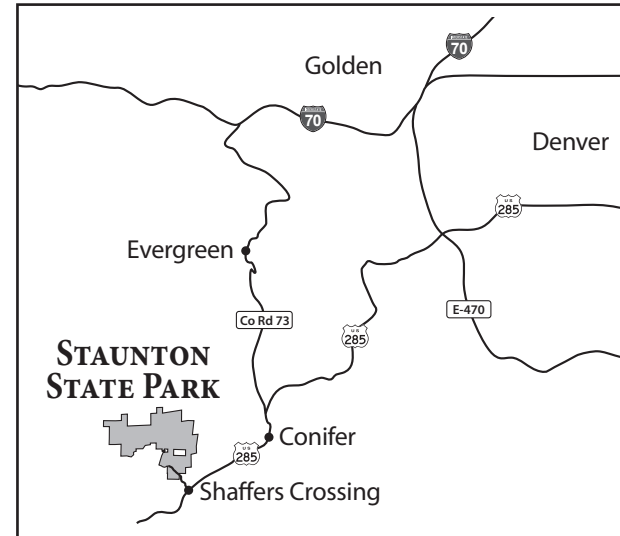


Great Horned Owl

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Park Location

Colorado's newest state park is located along the Highway 285 corridor within short driving distance of the Denver area.



Staunton State Park

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Bird Checklist at Staunton State Park



Williamson's Sapsucker

Illustration Courtesy of Michael Mladjan



This checklist contains the names and indicates the occurrence of more than 100 species of birds that have been sighted at Staunton State park.

Responsible Birding

- Respect habitats, nests, and display and feeding areas.
- Avoid stressing and exposing birds to danger.
- Keep distance and take advantage of natural cover.
- Exercise restraint and caution during observation and photography, and when using sound and video recording devices.
- Please stay on trails and paths.

OCCURRENCE KEY

Y = Year-round
 S = Spring & Summer
 F = Fall
 W = Winter

M = Migration
 U = Unusual

Ducks & Geese

- __ Canada Goose S
- __ Mallard SF
- __ Green-winged Teal U

Grouse & Turkeys

- __ Dusky Grouse Y
- __ Wild Turkey Y

Hérons

- __ Great Blue Heron SF

New World Vultures

- __ Turkey Vulture S

Hawks, Eagles, &

Falcons

- __ Cooper's Hawk Y
- __ Red-tailed Hawk Y
- __ Sharp-shinned Hawk Y
- __ American Goshawk Y
- __ Bald Eagle YU
- __ Golden Eagle Y

Plovers & Sandpipers

- __ Killdeer S
- __ Spotted Sandpiper S



Dusky Grouse



Great Blue Heron



Bald Eagle

Gulls

- __ Ring-billed Gull SU

Pigeons and Doves

- __ Band-Tailed Pigeon SU
- __ Rock Pigeon S
- __ Mourning Dove S

Owls

- __ Flammulated Owl S
- __ Great Horned Owl Y
- __ Long-eared-Owl Y
- __ Northern Pygmy-Owl S
- __ Northern Saw-whet Owl Y

Goatsuckers

- __ Common Nighthawk S

Swifts

- __ White-throated Swift S

Hummingbirds

- __ Broad-tailed Hummingbird S
- __ Rufous Hummingbird S

Kingfishers

- __ Belted Kingfisher S

Woodpeckers

- __ Williamson's Sapsucker S
- __ Red-naped Sapsucker S
- __ American 3-toed Woodpecker Y
- __ Downy Woodpecker Y
- __ Hairy Woodpecker Y
- __ Northern Flicker Y

Falcons

- __ American Kestrel SF
- __ Peregrine Falcon SF

Flycatchers

- __ Dusky Flycatcher S
- __ Hammond's Flycatcher S
- __ Olive-sided Flycatcher SF
- __ Western Wood-Pewee S
- __ Western Flycatcher S
- __ Western Kingbird S

Shrikes

- __ Loggerhead Shrike S

Vireos

- __ Plumbeous Vireo S
- __ Warbling Vireo S



Mourning Dove



Broad-Tailed Hummingbird



Rufous Hummingbird



Hairy Woodpecker



Western Flycatcher

Jays & Crows

- __ Canada Jay Y
- __ Steller's Jay Y
- __ Black-billed Magpie Y
- __ Clark's Nutcracker Y
- __ American Crow Y
- __ Common Raven Y

Swallows

- __ Violet Green Swallow S
- __ Tree Swallow S
- __ Barn Swallow S
- __ Cliff Swallow S

Chickadees

- __ Black-capped Chickadee Y
- __ Mountain Chickadee Y

Nuthatches

- __ Red-breasted Nuthatch Y
- __ White-breasted Nuthatch Y
- __ Pygmy Nuthatch Y

Creepers

- __ Brown Creeper Y

Wrens

- __ Canyon Wren S
- __ House Wren S
- __ Rock Wren S

Gnatcatchers

- __ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher S

Dippers

- __ American Dipper SF

Kinglets

- __ Golden-crowned Kinglet Y
- __ Ruby-crowned Kinglet S

Thrushes

- __ Western Bluebird SF
- __ Mountain Bluebird SF
- __ Townsend's Solitaire Y
- __ Hermit Thrush S
- __ American Robin Y

Mimids & Starlings

- __ Gray Catbird SU
- __ European Starling U

Waxwings

- __ Cedar Waxwing M



Steller's Jay



Black Capped Chickadee



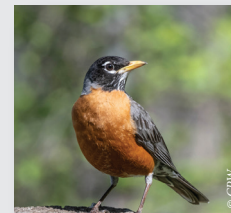
Pygmy Nuthatch



Kinglet feeding Cowbird



Mountain Bluebird



American Robin

Wood-Warblers

- __ Yellow Warbler S
- __ Yellow-rumped Warbler S
- __ Virginia's Warbler S
- __ Wilson's Warbler S

Towhees & Sparrows

- __ Spotted Towhee SF
- __ American Tree Sparrow W
- __ Chipping Sparrow S
- __ Vesper Sparrow S
- __ Fox Sparrow S
- __ Savannah Sparrow S
- __ Song Sparrow SF
- __ Lincoln's Sparrow S
- __ White-crowned Sparrow FW
- __ Dark-eyed Junco Y

Tanagers

- __ Western Tanager S

Grosbeaks

- __ Lazuli Bunting S
- __ Black-headed Grosbeak S

Blackbirds

- __ Brewer's Blackbird S
- __ Red-winged Blackbird S
- __ Western Meadowlark U
- __ Brown-headed Cowbird U
- __ Bullock's Oriole U
- __ Common Grackle S

Finches and Allies

- __ Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch W
- __ Brown-capped Rosy-Finch W
- __ Pine Grosbeak WF
- __ House Finch S
- __ Cassin's Finch W
- __ Red Crossbill W
- __ Common Redpoll WU
- __ Pine Siskin Y
- __ American Goldfinch S
- __ Lesser Goldfinch M
- __ Evening Grosbeak W

Old World Sparrows

- __ House Sparrow M



Yellow-rumped Warbler



Yellow Warbler



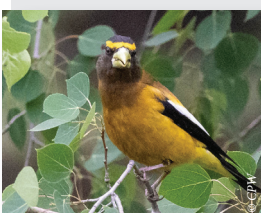
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Chipping Sparrow



Western Tanager



Evening Grosbeak