

	s	S	F	W	Habitat
<b>Wrens</b>					
Rock Wren	R	R	R		GS
*House Wren	C	C	U		FS
Winter Wren			r		SF
○Marsh Wren	O	R	O	R	MS
<b>Dippers</b>					
American Dipper			r	R	R
<b>Kinglets &amp; Gnatcatchers</b>					
Golden-crowned Kinglet	R		R		FS
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	R		R		FS
*Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	U	C	O		FS
<b>Solitaires &amp; Thrushes</b>					
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	O	FS
*American Robin	C	C	C	O	GFSM
<b>Mockingbirds &amp; Thrashers</b>					
*Gray Catbird	O	O			SF
Northern Mockingbird	R				SF
Sage Thrasher	R	R	R		G
Brown Thrasher			*		SF
<b>Pipits</b>					
American Pipit	O		R	r	RL
<b>Waxwings</b>					
Bohemian Waxwing				r	SF
*Cedar Waxwing	O	O	O	R	FS
<b>Wood Warblers</b>					
Orange-crowned Warbler	O		O		FS
Nashville Warbler	r		r		FS
Virginia's Warbler	O		R		FS
Northern Parula			r		FS
*Yellow Warbler	C	C	U		FMS
Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		C	R	FS
Townsend's Warbler			R		SF
Blackburnian Warbler			*		F
Palm Warbler	r				S
Blackpoll Warbler	r				SF
Black-and-White Warbler	R				F
American Redstart	R				FS
Northern Waterthrush	R				MFS
MacGillivray's Warbler	R				FS
*Common Yellowthroat	U	C	U		MS
Wilson's Warbler	O		U		SFM
Canada Warbler	*				SF
*Yellow-breasted Chat	U	U	O		SF
<b>Tanagers</b>					
Summer Tanager	*				F
Western Tanager	O		R		FS
<b>Towhees &amp; Sparrows</b>					
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
○Chipping Sparrow	U	O	C		GSF
Clay-colored Sparrow	R		O		GS
Brewer's Sparrow	O		O		GS

	s	S	F	W	Habitat
Vesper Sparrow	U	U	U		GS
Lark Sparrow	R	O	U		GS
Sage Sparrow			R		GS
Lark Bunting	R	O	O		G
Savannah Sparrow	O		O		GM
Grasshopper Sparrow	r		r		G
LeConte's Sparrow			*		G
*Song Sparrow	C	C	C	C	SMF
Lincoln's Sparrow	R		R		SM
Swamp Sparrow			r	R	MS
White-throated Sparrow	r		R	r	FS
Harris's Sparrow	R		R	R	GS
White-crowned Sparrow	C		U	C	FS
Golden-crowned Sparrow			r		S
Dark-eyed Junco	C		C		FSG
Lapland Longspur			*		G
<b>Grosbeaks &amp; Buntings</b>					
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	r				FS
*Black-headed Grosbeak	R	R	R		FS
Blue Grosbeak	r		r		FS
*Lazuli Bunting	O	R	R		FS
Indigo Bunting	r		r		FS
<b>Blackbirds &amp; Orioles</b>					
*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	O	O	O	R	GS
*Common Grackle	C	C	C		MFGSL
Great-tailed Grackle	R				M
*Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	U		FSMG
Orchard Oriole	r				FS
*Bullock's Oriole	C	C	O		FS
<b>Finches</b>					
Cassin's Finch				r	FS
*House Finch	C	C	C	C	FSG
Common Redpoll				r	GS
Pine Siskin	r		r	r	SFG
Lesser Goldfinch	R	O	U	R	SG
*American Goldfinch	U	C	U	R	SGF
Evening Grosbeak	R		r	r	FS
<b>Introduced Species</b>					
Ring-necked Pheasant	r	r	r	r	GSM
*Rock Pigeon	U	U	U	U	G
Eurasian Collared-Dove	R	R	U		G
*European Starling	C	C	C	C	FGS
*House Sparrow	C	C	C	C	GFS

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time in Field \_\_\_\_\_  
 Weather \_\_\_\_\_  
 Area of Park \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Species \_\_\_\_\_ Individuals \_\_\_\_\_  
 Distance Traveled: by Car \_\_\_\_\_ by Foot \_\_\_\_\_  
 Observers \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

## South Platte Park

**3000 W. Carson Dr.**  
 (north of Mineral, west of Santa Fe)  
 Littleton, CO 80120

### A Natural Area

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

### Carson Nature Center

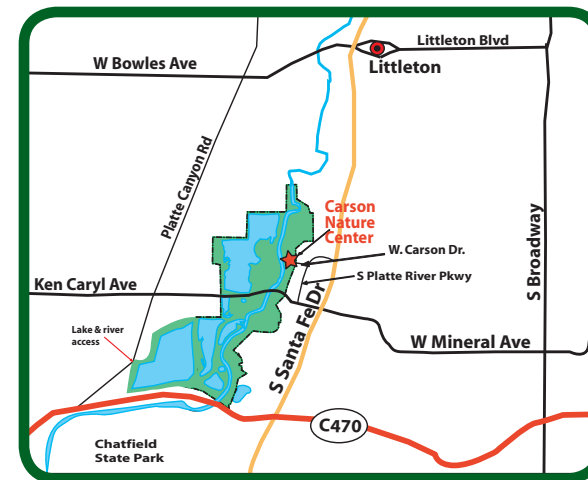
- Open Tu-F from 12-4:30 pm  
 Weekends 9:30 am-4:30 pm
- Interactive displays
  - Year-round public programs
  - Volunteer naturalist program

### Guided Programs

Request programs for schools, scouts and other organizations.

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# Bird Checklist



City of Littleton

South Platte  
 Park  
*A Natural Area*

**South Platte Park** protects over 2 miles of the beautifully forested and unchannelized South Platte River offering a quiet retreat for birds and birdwatchers. A natural area, owned by the **City of Littleton** and managed by **South Suburban Parks and Recreation**, it is a haven for more than 253 species of birds, 61 of which have been confirmed nesting.

Over 35% of South Platte Park is covered by water, creating an unusual mix of habitats in an otherwise semiarid environment. Lakes, ponds, wetlands, and the South Platte River provide open water all year, offering many opportunities to view a wide variety of water birds, shorebirds and waders.

Seasonal changes provide birding excitement year-round. 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. Often Bald Eagles are roosting in large cottonwoods or fishing over open water. This checklist includes species that have been observed in 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 ○ = Possible

### s S F W Habitat

Geese, Swans & Ducks					
Greater White-fronted Goose			R	R	LG
Snow Goose			R	R	LG
Ross's Goose			r		LG
*Canada Goose	C	C	C	C	LRGM
Tundra Swan			R		L
*Wood Duck	U	U	U	O	RLMF
○Gadwall	U	U	U	C	LRM
○American Wigeon	U	U	U	C	RLM
*Mallard	U	C	C	C	LRMG
*Blue-winged Teal	C	C	R	R	LRM
*Cinnamon Teal	U	U	R	R	LRM
Northern Shoveler	U	U	R	U	LRM
Northern Pintail	U	U	U	U	RL
*Green-winged Teal	C	R	C	C	RLM
Canvasback	R	U			L
Redhead	R	U	U		LR
Ring-necked Duck	U	U	U	C	LR
Greater Scaup	U	U	U		LR
Lesser Scaup	R	O	O	O	LR
Surf Scoter			r		LR
White-winged Scoter			r		LR
Long-tailed Duck				R	LR
Bufflehead	U		U	C	LR
Common Goldeneye	U		U	C	LR
Barrow's Goldeneye			U	R	LR
Hooded Merganser	R	O	O	O	LR
*Common Merganser	C	C	O	C	LR
Red-breasted Merganser	R	R	R	R	LR
Ruddy Duck	R		R		L
Grouse, Turkeys & Quail					
Wild Turkey			*		F
Loons & Grebes					
Pacific Loon			r		L
Common Loon	O	R	O	R	L
*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
Pelicans & Cormorants					
American White Pelican	O	O	O	R	LR
Double-crested Cormorant	C	C	C	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		R		RL
Little Blue Heron		r			L
Cattle Egret			r		G
Green Heron	O	R	r		LM
Black-crowned Night-Heron	C	C	C	O	RFLM
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron		r			RLM
White-faced Ibis	O				MLRG
American Vultures					
Turkey Vulture	U	O	U		G
Eagles & Hawks					
Osprey	O	R	O		LR
Bald Eagle	R		O	O	RLF
Northern Harrier	O	O	O	O	GM
Sharp-shinned Hawk	O	O	O	R	FS
*Cooper's Hawk	O	O	O		FS
Northern Goshawk			r	r	F
Broad-winged Hawk	r				FG

### s S F W Habitat

*Swainson's Hawk	U	U	U		GF
*Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	C	GF
Ferruginous Hawk	R	R	R	R	G
Rough-legged Hawk	R	R	R	R	G
Golden Eagle	R	R	R	R	GF
Falcons					
*American Kestrel	C	C	C	C	GF
Merlin	R		R	R	G
Peregrine Falcon	R		R		GLR
Prairie Falcon	R		R	O	GRL
Rails & Coots					
*Virginia Rail	O	U	O	R	MR
*Sora	O	U	O		M
*American Coot	U	R	U	C	LRM
Cranes					
Sandhill Crane	R		R		GL
Plovers, Avocets, Sandpipers & Phalaropes					
Semipalmated Plover	R		R		L
*Killdeer	C	C	C	U	RLG
Black-necked Stilt	*				LRM
○American Avocet	U	O	O		LRM
*Spotted Sandpiper	C	U	U		LR
Solitary Sandpiper	O	O	O		LR
Greater Yellowlegs	U		O		RL
Willet	U		O		RL
Lesser Yellowlegs	R		O		RL
Upland Sandpiper	r	r			GL
Long-billed Curlew	r				G
Marbled Godwit	R				RL
Sanderling	r		r		LR
Semipalmated Sandpiper	r		R		LR
Western Sandpiper	R		R		LR
Least Sandpiper	R		R		LR
Baird's Sandpiper	R				LR
Pectoral Sandpiper			R		LR
Dunlin				r	RL
Stilt Sandpiper	r		R		RL
Long-billed Dowitcher	O		O		LR
Wilson's Snipe	U	R	O	O	MLR
Wilson's Phalarope	R		R		LR
Gulls & Terns					
Franklin's Gull	O		O		LG
Bonaparte's Gull	R		R		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
Thayer's Gull				r	LR
Black-legged Kittiwake			*		L
Least Tern		r			LR
Caspian Tern		*			LR
Black Tern	R		r		LR
Common Tern			r		LR
Forster's Tern	O		R		LR
Doves					
*Mourning Dove	C	C	C	R	GFS
Cuckoos					
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	r		r		FS
Owls					
Eastern Screech-Owl	r	r	r	r	FS
*Great Horned Owl	C	U	U	U	F
Long-eared Owl	r	r	r	r	F
Short-eared Owl	r		r	r	GM
Goatsuckers					
Common Nighthawk	O	U	U		G

### s S F W Habitat

Swifts & Hummingbirds					
Chimney Swift		*			L
Calliope Hummingbird	r	r			FSG
*Broad-tailed Hummingbird	U	U	O		FSG
Rufous Hummingbird	r				FSG
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		FS
*Northern Flicker	C	C	C	C	FSG
Flycatchers					
Olive-sided Flycatcher	r		r		F
*Western Wood-Pewee	O	C	O		F
○Willow Flycatcher	R	r			SFM
○Least Flycatcher	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	O	U	O		G
Great Crested Flycatcher	*				FS
Cassin's Kingbird	r				G
*Western Kingbird	U	O	U		GF
*Eastern Kingbird	O	O	O		GF
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
Red-eyed Vireo	R	r			FS
Jays, Magpies & Crows					
*Blue Jay	U	O	U		FS
Western Scrub-Jay			r		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
Swallows					
*Tree Swallow	C	C	O		RLGM
Violet-green Swallow	C	O	O		RLGM
*No Rough-winged Swallow	U	U	O		RLGM
○Bank Swallow	U	R	R		RLGM
*Cliff Swallow	C	C	O		RLGM
*Barn Swallow	C	U	O		RLGM
Chickadees					
*Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C	FS
Mountain Chickadee				r	FS
Bushtit					
Bushtit				r	FS
Nuthatches & Creepers					
Red-breasted Nuthatch	R		R	R	F
*White-breasted Nuthatch	R	R	R	R	F
Pygmy Nuthatch		r		r	F
Brown Creeper	R		R	R	F