

OBSERVATIONS OF TERRESTRIAL VERTEBRATES, DINOSAUR NATIONAL
MONUMENT, COLORADO-UTAH

CLOUD RIDGE NATURALISTS FIELD DISCOVERY SEMINAR

This is a list of terrestrial vertebrate animals observed in Dinosaur National Monument, Moffat Co., Colorado, and Uintah Co., Utah, by participants in a Field Discovery Seminar of Cloud Ridge Naturalists, 11-15 June 1986. Cloud Ridge Naturalists is a non-profit, tax-exempt educational organization, founded in 1979 to provide innovative seminars in natural history. Participants include amateur and professional naturalists. For further information, contact Audrey Benedict, Director, Overland Star Route, Ward, CO 80481. The list following list was compiled by Dr. David M. Armstrong, Natural Science Program and University Museum, University of Colorado, Boulder 80309.

CLASS AMPHIBIA--AMPHIBIANS

FAMILY RANIDAE--TRUE FROGS

Leopard Frog--Rana pipiens--1 mi. below Warm Springs

CLASS REPTILIA--REPTILES

FAMILY IGUANIDAE--IGUANID LIZARDS

Eastern Fence Lizard--Sceloporus undulatus--Harding Hole; Jones Hole; Echo Park

Sagebrush Lizard--Sceloporus graciosus--Harding Hole; Jones Hole

Tree Lizard--Urosaurus ornatus--Echo Park

FAMILY TEIIDAE--WHIPTAILS

Northern Whiptail--Cnemidophorus tigris--Echo Park

FAMILY COLUBRIDAE--COLUBRID SNAKES

Bullsnake--Pituophis melanolaucus--Harding Hole; Jones Hole; Box Elder

Wandering Garter Snake--Thamnophis elegans--Jones Creek

CLASS AVES--BIRDS

FAMILY ARDEIDAE--HERONS

Great Blue Heron--Ardea herodias--Yampa, 1 mi. above confluence

FAMILY ANATIDAE--DUCKS

Canada Goose--Branta canadensis--1 mi. below Tiger Wall; 2 mi. above Warm Springs

FAMILY CATHARTIDAE--VULTURES

Turkey Vulture--Cathartes aura--frequent entire route, Deer Lodge Park to Split Mountain

FAMILY ACCIPITRIDAE--HAWKS AND EAGLES

Sharp-shinned Hawk--Accipiter striatus--above Mantle's Ranch

Cooper's Hawk--Accipiter cooperii--Mantle's Ranch

Red-tailed Hawk--Buteo jamaicensis--Harding Hole

Golden Eagle--Aquila chrysaetos--above Box Elder; below Jones Hole

FAMILY FALCONIDAE--FALCONS

American Kestrel--Falco sparverius--ca. 3 mi. below Deer Lodge

Prairie Falcon--Falco mexicanus--near Stateline

FAMILY PHASIANIDAE--PHEASANTS AND ALLIES

Chukar--Alectoris graeca--tracks along road to Whispering Cave

FAMILY CHARADRIIDAE--PLOVERS

Killdeer--Charadrius vociferus--riverbank, Deer Lodge Park

FAMILY SCOLOPACIDAE--SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES

Spotted Sandpiper--Actitis macularia--rocky bars entire route

FAMILY COLUMBIDAE--DOVES

Rock Dove--Columba livia (introduced)--Split Mountain gorge

Mourning Dove--Zenaida macroura--Deer Lodge Park

FAMILY APODIDAE--SWIFTS

White-throated Swift--Aeronautes saxatilis--entire route

FAMILY TROCHILIDAE--HUMMINGBIRDS

Broad-tailed Hummingbird--Selasphorus platycercus--Harding Hole

FAMILY ALCEDINIDAE--KINGFISHERS

Belted Kingfisher--Ceryle alcyon--Jones Creek

FAMILY PICIDAE--WOODPECKERS

Northern Flicker--Colaptes auratus--flying near Warm Springs Rapids

FAMILY TYRANNIDAE--FLYCATCHERS

Western Wood Pewee--Contopus sordidulus--Echo Park, near Whispering Cave

Western Flycatcher--Empidonax difficilis--Harding Hole
Say's Phoebe--Sayornis saya--Box Elder; Harding Hole
Western Kingbird--Tyrannus verticalis--Deer Lodge Park
Ash-throated Flycatcher--Myiarchus cinerascens--below Box Elder

FAMILY ALAUDIDAE--LARKS

Horned Lark--Eremophila alpestris--open meadows at Jones Hole

FAMILY HIRUNDINIDAE--SWALLOWS

Violet-green Swallow--Tachycineta thalassina--over rivers entire route
Cliff Swallow--Hirundo pyrrhonota--nesting at confluence;
observed over rivers entire route

FAMILY CORVIDAE--JAYS AND ALLIES

Black-billed Magpie--Pica pica--Mantle's Ranch

FAMILY TROGLODYTIDAE--WRENS

Rock Wren--Salpinctes obsoletus--Box Elder
Canyon Wren--Caltherpes mexicanus--heard entire route
House Wren--Troglodytes aedon--Box Elder, fledgling young
Long-billed Marsh Wren--Cistothorus palustris--reeds at Jones Hole

FAMILY CINCLIDAE--DIPPERS

American Dipper--Cinclus mexicanus--nesting on Lodore limestone
below Jones Hole

FAMILY MUSCICAPIDAE--OLD WORLD FLYCATCHERS, THRUSHES, AND ALLIES

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher--Polioptila caerulea--Rainbow Park
Townsend's Solitaire--Myadestes townsendi--Harding Hole
American Robin--Turdus migratorius--Harding Hole; Jones Hole; Box Elder; Split Mountain

FAMILY STURNIDAE--STARLING

Starling--Sturnus vulgaris (introduced)--Deer Lodge Park

FAMILY VIREONIDAE--VIREOS

Solitary Vireo--Vireo solitarius--Mantle's Cave
Warbling Vireo--Vireo gilvus--Harding Hole

FAMILY EMBERIZIDAE--EMBERIZIDS
SUBFAMILY PARULINAE--WOOD-WARBLEDERS

Yellow Warbler--Dendroica petechia--Box Elder; Mantle's Ranch;
Harding Hole
Black-throated Gray Warbler--Dendroica nigriscens--Mantle's Ranch

Yellow-breasted Chat--Ictera virens--Harding Hole; Echo Park

SUBFAMILY THRAUPIDAE--TANAGERS

Western Tanager--Piranga ludoviciana--Deer Lodge Park

SUBFAMILY CARDINALINAE--GROSBEAKS AND ALLIES

Blue Grosbeak--Guiraca caerulea--Box Elder

Lazuli Bunting--Passerina amoena--Harding Hole

Rufous-sided Towhee--Pipilo erythrophthalmus--Mantle's Ranch

Chipping Sparrow--Spizella passerina--Harding Hole

Song Sparrow--Melospiza melodia--below Inglesby Rapid

SUBFAMILY ICTERINAE--BLACKBIRDS AND ALLIES

Western Meadowlark--Sturnella neglecta--1 mi. below Jones Hole

Brewer's Blackbird--Euphagus cyanocephalus--marsh on Yampa above
Confluence

Brown-headed Cowbird--Molothrus ater--Echo Park

Northern Oriole--Icterus galbula--Deer Lodge Park

FAMILY FRINGILLIDAE--FINCHES AND ALLIES

House Finch--Carpodacus mexicanus--near Stateline

CLASS MAMMALIA--MAMMALS

FAMILY VESPERTILIONIDAE--COMMON BATS

California Myotis--Myotis californicus--Box Elder

Yuma Myotis--Myotis yumanensis--Box Elder

Pallid Bat--Antrozous pallidus--heard, Harding Hole

FAMILY LEPORIDAE--RABBITS AND HARES

Desert Cottontail--Sylvilagus audubonii--scat, Jones Hole

FAMILY SCIURIDAE--SQUIRRELS

Yellow-bellied Marmot--Marmota flaviventris--Jones Hole

Golden-mantled Ground Squirrel--Spermophilus lateralis--Box
Elder; Jones Hole

FAMILY CASTORIDAE--BEAVER

Beaver--Castor canadensis--bottom below Mantle's Ranch

FAMILY CRICETIDAE--NATIVE RATS AND MICE

Western Harvest Mouse--Reithrodontomys megalotis--Jones Hole

Deer Mouse--Peromyscus maniculatus--Harding Hole; Jones Hole;
Box Elder

Piñon Mouse--Peromyscus truei--Box Elder

Bushy-tailed Woodrat--Neotoma cinerea--sign abundant entire route

FAMILY ERETHIZONTIDAE--AMERICAN PORCUPINES

Porcupine--Erethizon dorsatum--sign abundant entire route

FAMILY CANIDAE--DOGS AND ALLIES

Coyote--Canis latrans--tracks at Jones Hole

FAMILY PROCYONIDAE--RACCOONS AND ALLIES

Raccoon--Procyon lotor--tracks, stateline

FAMILY MUSTELIDAE--WEASELS AND ALLIES

Striped Skunk--Mephitis mephitis--tracks at Harding Hole, Jones Hole, Box Elder, Stateline

FAMILY CERVIDAE--DEER

Mule Deer--Odocoileus hemionus--tracks common all sites; doe at Jones Creek

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