

Hello All: Following is the trip report for Sunday's walk FYI and posting on the website.

We had 13 in the group including the family of one of the Park Rangers (from Virginia), a student (and friend from Aurora) at CSU-Pueblo who found out about the trip from Dr. Silheimer and AVAS member Jan Swarm from Canon City.

Dani Hill, Yvonne Lanning and Darcy Mount work at the State Park and are very interested in more birdwalks but also other wildlife and plant hikes to interest visitors. I have encouraged them to check our website for trips, programs and other activities to publicize at the Park.

Valco Ponds, September 7, Mark Yaeger, leader: This was one of Mark's semi-annual trips for beginning birders and several novices did show up - some new to birding, some new to birding in Colorado. We also had three Lake Pueblo State Park staff join us for a walk from Valco to the fish hatchery ponds.

Large, perched birds are always good to study on such walks and Clif Smith supplied a telescope for close-up looks at any bird cooperative enough to sit still for a few moments, like Osprey, Turkey Vulture, Red-tailed Hawk., Great Blue Heron and Double-crested Cormorant. Although we did not see large numbers of any species, we certainly had quite a variety. The following list for the day contains some species seen only by Brandon Percival, compiler, before and after he joined our group.

Valco Ponds & Rock Canyon

Observation date: 9/7/08

Number of species: 74

Canada Goose X
Wood Duck X
Mallard X
Cinnamon Teal X
Green-winged Teal X
Double-crested Cormorant X
Great Blue Heron X
Turkey Vulture X
Osprey X
Red-tailed Hawk X
Killdeer X
Spotted Sandpiper X
Solitary Sandpiper 1
Wilson's Snipe 1
Ring-billed Gull X
California Gull X
Mourning Dove X
Black-chinned Hummingbird X
Belted Kingfisher X
Lewis's Woodpecker 1

Downy Woodpecker X
Hairy Woodpecker X
Northern Flicker (Red-shafted) X
Western Wood-Pewee X
Willow Flycatcher 2
Hammond's Flycatcher 1
Dusky Flycatcher 1
Black Phoebe 4
Eastern Phoebe 4
Say's Phoebe 2
Western Kingbird X
Eastern Kingbird X
Warbling Vireo X
Black-billed Magpie X
Violet-green Swallow X
Barn Swallow X
Black-capped Chickadee X
Bushtit X
White-breasted Nuthatch (Interior West) X
Rock Wren X
Bewick's Wren X
House Wren X
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher X
American Robin X
Gray Catbird X
European Starling X
Cedar Waxwing X
Orange-crowned Warbler X
Yellow Warbler X
Chestnut-sided Warbler 1
Northern Waterthrush 1
Mourning Warbler 1 male
MacGillivray's Warbler 1
Wilson's Warbler X
Green-tailed Towhee 1
Chipping Sparrow X
Clay-colored Sparrow 1
Lark Sparrow X
Savannah Sparrow X
Lincoln's Sparrow X
Black-headed Grosbeak X
Blue Grosbeak X
Lazuli Bunting X
Painted Bunting 1 green plumaged
Red-winged Blackbird X
Yellow-headed Blackbird X

Common Grackle X
Great-tailed Grackle 1
Brown-headed Cowbird X
Orchard Oriole 1
Bullock's Oriole 1
House Finch X
Lesser Goldfinch X
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Northern Waterthrush 1
Mourning Warbler 1 male
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Chipping Sparrow X
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