

Yellowstone in the Fall

Species List | September 27–October 2, 2025

with Naturalist Journeys



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Our group included Robert, Marina, Laura, Steve, Mitch,
Deanna and Susan Jo.

Our second fall adventure of the season to the Yellowstone and Grand Tetons region began with a full day exploring in the vicinity of Henry's Lake State Park in Idaho. Most of the remainder of the tour was then spent in Wyoming, exploring Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks. As was the case with our first tour, the mountain scenery of the Tetons, geyser basins of Yellowstone and the fantastic fall colors in both areas were impressive and awe-inspiring. This combination of features alone made the tour more than memorable, but our experiences with the birds and mammals detailed below added greatly to our enjoyment of this tour.

BIRDS (54)

The eBird link below details the 54 species of birds our group observed during the tour. *If you're new to eBird, be sure to click "Show All Details" on the right side of the list to expand the report and reveal where and when each of the birds were seen and how many.*

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Following is a list of the birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians we were fortunate to observe during the trip.

MAMMALS: (11)

Pronghorn *Antilocapra Americana*—Seen along highways north of Island Park and Jackson and we enjoyed scope views of a resting herd near Henry's Lake.

American Bison *Bison bison*—Great views in Yellowstone!

Moose *Alces alces*—We watched one wading in the waters of Henry's Lake and another just hanging out and resting in Grand Teton National Park.

Elk *Cervus elaphus*—Numerous sightings in Yellowstone and we enjoyed an especially memorable moment in the Tetons, when we found a bull with his harem in the morning mist as we entered the park at dawn.

Mule Deer *Odocoileus hemionus*—Roadside sightings on the drive to Island Park and closer views later at Grand Teton national Park.

North American River Otter *Lontra canadensis*—Unexpected and much enjoyed views *twice* on our final day of the tour in Grand Teton National Park.

American Black Bear *Ursus americanus*—We found one waddling up a forest hill in Grand Teton National Park

Brown (Grizzly) Bear *Ursus arctos*—Two sightings on our second day in Yellowstone National Park. The first was a pair in the distance in the Hayden Valley and the second was a much closer individual along the Grand Prismatic Overlook Trail.

Least Chipmunk *Tamias minimus*—Multiple sightings at Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks.

American Red Squirrel *Tamiasciurus hudsonicus*— Multiple sightings at Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks.

Muskrat *Ondatra zibethicus*—We found one swimming in the pond behind the gas station and convenience store when we made a rest stop on our way to Island Park.