

# Birding Canyon Country

## Species List | May 17 – 25, 2026

### with Naturalist Journeys



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From the edge of the Mojave Desert in St. George, Utah, at 2,800 feet, we climbed the Grand Staircase of the Colorado Plateau. Traveling through Zion, Bryce Canyon, and Capitol Reef National Parks, we reached elevations of more than 9,100 feet.

We successfully searched for birds in arid scrub, along lakes, rivers, and reservoirs, at woodland edges, in mixed deciduous and conifer forests, and among rocky cliffs. We scanned the skies and treetops, our ears always tuned to songs and calls.

All the while, we were surrounded by some of the most beautifully sculpted and vividly colored landscapes in the country. A birding journey through southern Utah not soon to be forgotten.

The eBird link below details the 98 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 mammals, reptiles and amphibians we were fortunate to observe during the trip.

#### **MAMMALS: (9)**

**Mule Deer** *Odocoileus hemionus* — head peeking above the grasses across from petroglyphs in Capitol Reef

**White-tailed Deer** *Odocoileus virginianus* — many seen in parks and fields

**Desert Cottontail** *Sylvilagus audubonii* — where there was one, there were many. Multiple locations

**Utah Prairie Dog** *Cynomys parvidens* — Watched in the field near VC in Bryce National Park

**Golden-mantled Ground Squirrel** *Callospermophilus lateralis* — Near Bryce Canyon Lodge & Torrey

**Rock Squirrel** *Otospermophilus variegatus* — Various locations including Tonaquint Park, Grafton, Zion & Torrey

**Least Chipmunk** *Neotamias minimus* — Checkerboard Mesa

**Uinta Chipmunk** *Neotamias umbrinus* — Rainbow Point picnic and Llama Adventures

**Wild Horse** *Equus Ferus* — Along the Colorado River in Marble Canyon while on raft trip

#### **REPTILES: (4)**

**Western Whiptail** *Apisdoscelis tigris* — Coral Pink Sand Dunes

**Ornate Tree Lizard** *Urosaurus ornatus* — Tonaquint Park in St George

**Red-eared Slider** *Trachemys scripta elegans* — In the Tonaquint Park in St George

**Soft-shelled Turtle** *Trionychidae family* — In the Spring Park Pond in St George