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Yellowstone Tour Species List

**A Nature and Birding Tour by Naturalist Journeys, LLC and The Travelling Naturalists:
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**Guide: Woody Wheeler, with eight participants: with eight participants: John and Mary,
Christine, Bob, Nancy, Dawn, George, and Bonnie.**

BIRDS

1. Western Grebe *Aechmophorus occidentalis* – Seen on Yellowstone and Jackson Lakes
2. American White Pelican *Pelecanus erythrorhynchos* – Common on Yellowstone/Jackson Lakes and Snake River
3. Double-crested Cormorant *Phalacrocorax auritus* – Seen at Oxbow Bend, Snake River
4. Great Blue Heron *Ardea Herodias* – Seen on Yellowstone and Jackson Lakes
5. Canada Goose *Branta Canadensis* – Seen first three days on lakes and rivers
6. American Wigeon *Anas Americana* – Same as above
7. Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos* – Same as above
8. Cinnamon Teal *Anas cyanoptera* – On Yellowstone River in Hayden Valley
9. Northern Pintail *Anas acuta* – On Yellowstone Lake
10. Green-winged Teal *Anas crecca* – On Yellowstone River in Hayden Valley
11. Lesser Scaup *Aythya affini* – On Yellowstone Lake
12. Bufflehead *Bucephala albeola* – Same as above
13. Barrow's Goldeneye *Bucephala islandica* – Common on Yellowstone Lake and River
14. Common Merganser *Mergus merganser* – On Jackson Lake and Snake River
15. Ruddy Duck *Oxyura jamaicensis* – On small lake near Sylvan Pass
16. Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura* – Common on drive to Cody, Wyo and back to Billings
17. Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* – Seen daily on lakes, rivers and ponds
18. Red-tailed Hawk *Buteo jamaicensis* – Roadside bird seen on most days
19. Swainson's Hawk *Buteo Swainsoni* – Soaring over Lake Butte
20. Bald Eagle *Haliaeetus leucocephalus* – Flew overhead at Oxbow Bend, Snake River
21. Golden Eagle *Aquila chrysaetos* – Sitting in field near Old Faithful; on snow bank in Beartooths
22. American Kestrel *Falco sparverius* – Perched and flew beside Beartooth Pass Highway
23. Wild Turkey *Meleagris gallopavo* – One walked nonchalantly across highway near Joliet, Mont.
24. Sora *Porzana carolina* – Heard clearly in marsh lands near Yellowstone Lake
25. Sandhill Crane *Charadrius semipalmatus* – Seen in Hayden Valley and Willow Flats
26. Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius* – Gravel bars along Snake, Yellowstone and Lamar Rivers
27. Wilson's Phalarope *Phalaropus tricolor* – One spinning tight circles on pond in Hayden Valley
28. California Gull *Larus californicus* – Numerous on Yellowstone Lake
29. Common Tern *Sterna hirundo* – One seen on east shore of Yellowstone Lake

30. Broad-tailed Hummingbird *Selasphorus platycercus* – At Oxbow Bend, Snake River in flowers; in Silver Gate, Montana
31. Hairy Woodpecker *Picoides villosus* – Near Sylvan Pass
32. Northern Flicker *Colaptes auratus* – Roadside bird seen most days
33. Western Wood Pewee *Contopus sordidulus* – Common flycatcher often perched in burn areas
34. Willow Flycatcher *Empidonax traillii* – Perched, fly-catching and calling at Oxbow Bend and near Jackson Lake in riparian vegetation.
35. Warbling Vireo *Vireo gilvus* – Commonly heard in riparian vegetation near Yellowstone and Jackson Lakes
36. Gray Jay *Perisoreus canadensis* – Several seen near Yellowstone Lake
37. Clark's Nutcracker *Nucifraga columbiana* – Seen at Lakes Lodge and on Beartooth Highway
38. Black-billed Magpie *Pica hudsonia* – Common road bird in arid, agricultural and urban lowlands
39. Common Raven *Corvus corax* – Seen most days ; One pair nested at Old Faithful lodge building!
40. Tree Swallow *Tachycineta bicolor* – Abundant near water where dead trees provide nesting holes
41. Violet-green Swallow *Tachycineta thalassina* – Over Yellowstone Lake and around Cooke City, Montana
42. Northern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx serripennis* – Along Jackson Lake and at Old Faithfull
43. Cliff Swallow *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota* – Seen almost daily near nest colonies under bridges and on rock formations
44. Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica* – Only seen in Grand Teton National Park
45. Mountain Chickadee *Poecile gambeli* – Common in Lamar Valley, Beartooths and near Cooke City, Montana
46. Golden-crowned Kinglet *Regulus satrapa* – On hike to Trout Lake, Yellowstone Park
47. Ruby-crowned Kinglet *Regulus calendula* – Seen and heard daily
48. Mountain Bluebird *Sialia currucoides* – At Lake Butte, in geyser basins and on Beartooth Highway
49. Townsend's Solitaire *Myadestes townsendi* – One seen near Sylvan Pass
50. Swainson's Thrush *Catharus ustulatus* – In deep, moist forest near Silver Gate and at Trout Lake
51. Hermit Thrush *Catharus cattatus* – On Dunraven Pass Trail
52. American Robin *Turdus migratorius* – Ubiquitous bird seen daily in most habitats
53. Cedar Waxwing *Bombycilla cedrorum* - Seen on Trout Lake hike
54. MacGillivray's Warbler *Geothlypis tolmiei* – Great look at Oxbow Bend, Snake River in Willows
55. Yellow Warbler *Setophaga petechia* – Fairly common in riparian zones
56. Yellow-rumped Warbler *Setophaga coronate* – Near Island Lakes in Beartooth Mountains
57. Wilson's Warbler *Cardellina pusilla* – Along Yellowstone Lake and Lewis River
58. Chipping Sparrow *Spizella passerine* – Seen and heard most days
59. Savannah Sparrow *Passerculus sandwichensis* – Found near Yellowstone Lake, Lamar Valley and in open areas east of Cooke City
60. Song Sparrow *Melospiza melodia* – Seen and heard most days in moist forest and riparian areas
61. Lincoln's Sparrow *Melospiza lincolnii* – Good looks at this handsome sparrow on most days
62. White-crowned Sparrow *Zonotrichia leucophrys* – Common bird of grassland areas
63. Dark-eyed Junco *Junco hyemalis* – Seen most days in forested areas
64. Western Tanager *Piranga ludoviciana* – Great looks near NE entrance of Yellowstone Park
65. Red-winged Blackbird *Agelaius phoeniceus* – Common in marsh areas
66. Western Meadowlark *Sturnella neglecta* – Sang loudly in Lamar Valley while we watched a wolf
67. Brewer's Blackbird *Euphagus cyanocephalus* – Around Old Faithful geyser and basin
68. Brown-headed Cowbird *Molothrus ater* – Common at Yellowstone Lake, Hayden & Lamar Valleys
69. Gray-crowned Rosy Finch *Leucosticte tephrocotis* – Several near Beartooth Pass on snowfields
70. Black Rosy-Finch *Leucosticte atrata* – Several on Beartooth Pass summit on edge of snowfields
71. Cassin's Finch *Carpodacus cassinii* – At Oxbow Bend and around Cooke City, Montana
72. Pine Siskin *Spinus pinus* – At Jackson Lake Lodge, Trout Lake and on Beartooth Highway
73. American Dipper *Cinclus mexicanus* – At Lewis River and LeHardy Rapids
74. House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* – In Cody, Wyoming and Billings, Montana

FROGS AND TOADS

Boreal Chorus Frog *pseudacris maculate* – Near Yellowstone Lake

MAMMALS

Mule Deer *Odocoileus hemionus* – Seen almost daily

American Muskrat *Ondatra zibethicus* – At Trout Lake

Red Squirrel *Sciurus vulgaris* – Seen most days in both national parks

Uinta Ground Squirrel *Urocitellus armatus* – On Beartooth Highway

Richardson's Ground Squirrel *Urocitellus richardsonii* – Common in low-elevation, arid regions

Golden-mantled Ground Squirrel *Callospermophilus lateralis* – Dunraven and Beartooth Passes

Yellow-bellied Marmot *Marmota flaviventris* – Common throughout Yellowstone Park

Yellow-Pine Chipmunk *Neotamias amoenus* – A few seen in both National Parks

Least Chipmunk *Tamias minimus* – Abundant in both National Parks

Gray Wolf *Canis lupus* – One seen clearly and at length: "Middle Gray" female in Lamar Valley

Red Fox *Vulpes vulpes* – Two seen on road in Silver Gate, Montana

Black Bear *Ursus americanus* – Two grazing on steep grassy slopes at NE entrance of Yellowstone

Grizzly Bear *Ursus arctos horribilis* – Two separate sightings: one at Fishing Bridge; one near NE entrance to Yellowstone Park. Three total Grizzlies seen.

Pronghorn *Antilocapra americana* – Seen almost daily; many with fawns

Bison *Bison bison* – Thousands seen in Yellowstone Park, and some in Montana near Park

Mountain Goat *Oreamnos americanus* – 12 near Barronette Peak in NE Yellowstone; some with kids

Moose *Alces alces* – One seen in distance at Willow Flats; one cow seen well east of Cooke City, Montana – both had calves

American Elk *Cervus elaphus* – Hundreds in Hayden Valley; beautiful display by two bucks in Yellowstone Lake; more east of Lakes Lodge

BUTTERFLIES (COURTESY OF PARTICIPANT BOB GROSEK)

Anise Swallowtail

Western Swallowtail

Two-tailed Swallowtail

Western White

Large Marble

Stella Orangetip

Clouded Sulphur

Silvery Blue

Spring Azure

Relict Fritillary

Mourning Cloak

Painted Lady

Milbert's Tortoiseshell

Hoary Comma

Common Ringlet

Common Alpine

Two-banded Checkered Skipper

Common Checkered-Skipper

A Sampling of Wildflowers (Compiled by participant Dawn Heffernan and Woody Wheeler)

1. Silky Phacelia *Phacelia Sericea*, Waterleaf Family
2. Blue Camas *Carnassia quamash*, Lily Family
3. Fringed Gentian *Gentianopsis Detonsa*, Gentian Family
4. Spring Beauty *Claytonia Laceyolata*, Purslane Family
5. Yellow Fritillary *Fritillary Pudice*, common name Yellow Bell
bulb contains edible starch
6. Alpine Paint Brush *Castilleja rhexifolia*
7. Few Flowered Shooting Star *Dodecatheon pulcherrium*, Primrose Family
8. Pale Mountain Dandelion *Agoseris glauca*, Composite Family
9. Yarrow *Achillea millefolium*
10. Sulphur Buckwheat *Erigonium umbellatum*
11. Showy Jacobs Ladder *Polemonium pulcherrium*
12. Creeping Oregon Grape *Mahonia nervosa*
13. Fairyslippers Calypso Orchid *Calypso bulbosa*
14. Western Wallflower *Erysimum capitatum*, Mustard Family
15. Heartleaf Arnica *Arnica Cordifolia*
16. Prairie Smoke *Geum trifolium*, Rose Family
17. Marsh Marigold *Caltha leptosepala*
18. Globe Flower, *Trollius albiflorus*
19. Nuttall Violet *Viola nuttali*
20. Subalpine Buttercup, *Ranunculus Eschscholtzii*
21. Fendler Meadow Rue, *Thalictrum Fendleri*, Buttercup Family
22. Green Gentian, *Frasera Speciosa*, Gentian Family
23. Moss Campion *Silene acaulis*
24. Alpine Forget Me Not *Eritrichum nanum*
25. Sticky Geranium *Geranium viscosissimum*
26. Glacier Lily *Erythronium grandiflorum*
27. Scarlet Gilia *Ipomopsis aggregate*
28. Silvery Lupine *Lupinus argenteus*
29. Common Monkeyflower *mimulus guttatus*
30. Elephant's Head *pedicularis groenlandica*
31. Showy Penstemon *Penstemon eatoni*