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SOUTHWEST PARKS NATURE TOUR SEPTEMBER 17-26, 2015

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BIRD SPECIES

- Greater White-fronted Goose** *Anser albifrons* –Large flock at Koosharem Reservoir, Hwy 24
Canada Goose *Branta canadensis* –Hundreds on shore at Koosharem Reservoir, Hwy 24
Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*–Many locations including motel ponds, Koosharem Reservoir
Blue-winged Teal *Anas discors* –Seen at Koosharem Reservoir
Cinnamon Teal *Anas cyanoptera*–Seen at Koosharem Reservoir
Redhead *Aythya americana*–Two at Koosharem Reservoir
Ruddy Duck *Oxyura jamaicensis*–In breeding plumage at Koosharem Reservoir, flying at Lake Powell
Wild Turkey *Meleagris gallopavo*–Large flock at Fruita, on drive to Page on Hwy 89, Grafton
Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps*–Seen at Koosharem Reservoir & Ruby’s pond
Eared Grebe *Podiceps nigricollis*–In breeding plumage at Koosharem Reservoir, flocks on Lake Powell
Western Grebe *Aechmophorus occidentalis*–Many at Koosharem Reservoir, one at Lake Powell
Clark’s Grebe *Aechmophorus clarkii*–Seen with Western Grebe at Koosharem for good comparisons
Double-crested Cormorant *Phalacrocorax auritus*–Many at Koosharem Reservoir & Lake Powell, Pair
American White Pelican *Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*–Large flock in air near SLC airport, one at Koosharem Reservoir
Great Blue Heron *Ardea herodias*–Seen often at many locations
Great Egret *Ardea alba*–Seen at Koosharem Reservoir
Black-crowned Night-Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* –On the shore at Koosharem Reservoir
Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*–Seen daily at all locations
California Condor *Gymnogyps californianus*–#722 at Navajo Bridge, 8 in air at Vermilion Cliffs condor release location
Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*–Pair spotted by Lesley flying along the Virgin River at Grafton
Golden Eagle *Aquila chrysaetos*–Close looks on a pole and in flight on Hwy 89 driving to Page
Northern Harrier *Circus cyaneus*–Good scope looks at Koosharem Reservoir, at Lake Powell, & Yaki Point
Sharp-shinned Hawk *Accipiter striatus*–Seen migrating at Yaki and Hopi Points, Grand Canyon
Cooper’s Hawk *Accipiter cooperii*–Seen migrating in Grand Canyon, good scope looks at Grafton
Red-tailed Hawk *Buteo jamaicensis*–Seen almost daily in many locations

American Coot *Fulica americana*-Large numbers at Koosharem Reservoir, Lake Powell, & other ponds

Killdeer *Charadrius vociferus*-Seen at motel ponds, Koosharem Reservoir. & Lake Powell

Red-necked Phalarope *Phalaropus lobatus*-Scope looks & feeding behavior at Koosharem Reservoir

Ring-billed Gull *Larus delawarensis*-Close looks at motel ponds, many at Koosharem Reservoir

California Gull *Larus californicus*-Large flock in the air near SLC airport

Rock Pigeon *Columba livia*-Seen at many locations near towns

Eurasian Collared-Dove *Streptopelia decaocto*-Seen often in small towns

Mourning Dove *Zenaida macroura*-Seen often in many locations and habitats

Greater Roadrunner *Geococcyx californianus*-First one spotted by Gerry, seen near the Lake Powell Resort

Long-eared Owl *Asio otus*-Heard behind the Subway in Torrey, Utah

White-throated Swift *Aeronautes saxatalis*-Spotted by Gillian at Boulder Pond, in Zion Canyon

Black-chinned Hummingbird *Archilochus alexandri*-Feeders at Calf Creek Falls, identified by Gill & Gerald at Mimi's feeders in Springdale

Broad-tailed Hummingbird *Selasphorus platycercus*-Feeders at Calf Creek Falls

Rufous Hummingbird *Selasphorus rufus*-Feeders at Calf Creek Falls

Belted Kingfisher *Megaceryle alcyon*-Spotted by Gill on drive to Torrey, UT

Acorn Woodpecker *Melanerpes formicivorus*-Seen briefly on south rim walk, Grand Canyon

Williamson's Sapsucker *Sphyrapicus nuchalis*-Good looks on south rim walk, Grand Canyon

Red-naped Sapsucker *Sphyrapicus nuchalis*-Close looks on a tree at Grafton

Downy Woodpecker *Picoides pubescens*-Many seen on the fruit trees in Fruita

Hairy Woodpecker *Picoides villosus*-Seen near the Fremont River in Fruita

Northern Flicker *Colaptes auratus*-Seen often at most locations

American Kestrel *Falco sparverius*-Seen in the Salt Lake City hotel lot

Merlin *Falco columbarius*-Seen while waiting for the Grand Canyon shuttle

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*-Seen at Yaki & Hopi Points, Grand Canyon & pair in Zion

Western Wood-Pewee *Contopus sordidulus*-Seen in Torrey and Bryce's Rainbow Point

Willow Flycatcher *Empidonax traillii*-In a willow tree at the Boulder pond

Say's Phoebe *Sayornis saya*-Seen at Lake Powell Resort & Grafton

Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus rubinus*-Female seen in Grafton field

Ash-throated Flycatcher *Myiarchus cinerascens*-Seen in a tree along the Fremont River in Fruita

Western Kingbird *Tyrannus verticalis*-Perched at the top of a tree in Grafton

Plumbeous Vireo *Vireo plumbeus*-Seen at Sunrise Point in Bryce & rim walk at Grand Canyon

Cassin's Vireo *Vireo cassinii*-Two seen in the bushes at Grafton

Pinyon Jay *Gymnorhinus cyanocephalus*-After watching for them, found a flock over our room at the lodge in Grand Canyon

Steller's Jay *Cyanocitta stelleri*-Seen at numerous locations at higher elevations

Western Scrub-Jay *Aphelocoma californica*-First seen at Boulder pond, then at numerous locations

Black-billed Magpie *Pica hudsonia*-First seen in Salt Lake City, then often on drive from Bryce to Page

Clark's Nutcracker *Nucifraga columbiana*-First seen in Capitol Reef, then at numerous locations

American Crow *Corvus brachyrhynchos*-Seen in Salt Lake City

Common Raven *Corvus corax*-Seen daily at all locations

Violet-green Swallow *Tachycineta thalassina*-Seen over pond in Salt Lake City

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*-Seen over pond in Salt Lake City & at Fruita

Cliff Swallow *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*-Seen over ponds in Salt Lake City

Mountain Chickadee *Poecile gambeli*-First seen at Larb Hollow overlook & often in pine forest habitat

Juniper Titmouse *Baeolophus ridgwayi*-Seen on the south rim walk, Grand Canyon

Bushtit *Psaltriparus minimus*-Flocks of these busy birds seen at Calf Creek Falls & Grand Canyon

Red-breasted Nuthatch *Sitta canadensis*-Heard clearly at Larb Hollow Overlook

White-breasted (Western) Nuthatch *Sitta carolinensis*-First seen at Larb Hollow, seen often afterwards
Pygmy Nuthatch *Sitta pygmaea*-Seen at Larb Holllow, Bryce & Grand Canyon
Brown Creeper *Certhia americana*-Heard & then seen on the Bristlecone Pine Trail, Bryce
Rock Wren *Salpinctes obsoletus*-Seen often including Bryce & Grafton Cemetery
Canyon Wren *Catherpes mexicanus*-Surprisingly, found at the Geology Museum, Grand Canyon
Bewick's Wren *Thryomanes bewickii*-Two seen in a field at Grafton
American Dipper *Cinclus mexicanus*-Two adults & a juvenile seen in the Calf Creek
Ruby-crowned Kinglet *Regulus calendula*-Seen often including Fruita, Bryce, Grand Canyon & Grafton
Western Bluebird *Sialia mexicana*-Seen often at many locations
Mountain Bluebird *Sialia currucoides*-Seen in Torrey with Western Bluebirds for nice comparison
Townsend's Solitaire *Myadestes townsendi*-Heard & eventually seen at Bryce Lodge grounds
Hermit Thrush *Catharus guttatus*-Seen in Fruita & two on the Bristlecone Pine Trail, Bryce
American Robin *Turdus migratorius*-Seen occasionally at many locations
European Starling *Sturnus vulgaris*-Seen often in towns and on wires
Orange-crowned Warbler *Oreothlypis celata*-First seen in Boulder, again in Bryce & Lake Powell
Yellow-rumped (Audubon's) Warbler *Setophaga coronata*-Seen often including Bryce, Lake Powell, Grand Canyon & many at Grafton
Black-throated Gray Warbler *Setophaga nigrescens*-More than one seen on the south rim walk, Grand Canyon
Townsend's Warbler *Setpphaga townsendi*-Good looks at a number of birds on the south rim walk, Grand Canyon
Brewer's Sparrow *Spizella breweri*-Seen in the bushes at Grafton
Dark-eyed Junco (Gray-headed) *Junco hyemalis*-Seen at Bryce on rim walk & at Lake Powell
White-crowned Sparrow *Zonotrichia leucophrys*-Seen often including Torrey, Lake Powell & Grafton
Vesper Sparrow *Pooecetes gramineus*-Seen in the bushes at Grafton
Lincoln's Sparrow *Melospiza lincolni*-Heard singing & seen in bushes at Grafton
Spotted Towhee *Pipilo maculatus*-Heard in the bushes at Grafton
Summer Tanager *Piranga rubra*-Heard then seen on treetop in Grafton
Western Meadowlark *Sturnella neglecta*-On a fence line in Torrey agricultural field
Brewer's Blackbird *Euphagus cyanocephalus*-Seen at Ruby pond horse field & Grand Canyon
Great-tailed Grackle *Quiscalus mexicanus*-Salt Lake City, town of Page, town of Kanab
Brown-headed Cowbird *Molothrus ater*-In tree with Brewer's in Grand Canyon
House Finch *Haemorhous mexicanus*-On fence in field at Ruby's pond
Cassin's Finch *Haemorhous cassinii*-On trail to Sunset Point, Bryce
Lesser Goldfinch *Spinus psaltria*-Nice male seen on the south rim walk, Grand Canyon
American Goldfinch *Spinus tristis*-Seen in Fruita, south rim walk & Grafton fields
House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*-Large flock seen & heard in Torrey

TOTAL SPECIES: 105

MAMMALS

American Bison *Bison bison*-Probably not wild, seen on drive to Page

Striped Plateau Lizard *Sceloporus virgatus*-Seen on a rock at Capitol Reef

Mule Deer *Odocoileus hemionus*-Seen at many locations

White-tailed Deer *Odocoileus virginianus*-Seen on drive to Grand Canyon

Rock Squirrel *Spermophilus variegatus*-Seen at most locations including Capitol Reef, Bryce, etc.

Cliff Chipmunk *Tamias dorsalis*- Seen often at Bryce

Least Chipmunk *Tamias minimus*-This small chipmunk seen often at Capitol Reef

Desert Cottontail *Sylvilagus audubonii*-Seen on hike in slot canyon, Capitol Reef

Utah Prairie Dog *Cynomys parvidens*-Prairie dog town in Bryce & near Ruby's pond

Elk *Cervus elaphus*-Many seen at Grand Canyon national Park

Bighorn Sheep *Ovis canadensis*-Good spotting by Gill on return boat trip on Lake Powell

Collard Lizard *Crotaphytus collaris*-This beautiful lizard seen on hike to Rainbow Bridge