

Cottonwood Canyon (Loess Canyons) Scenic Drive Bird Checklist

Most of the waterbirds will be found in the small reservoirs and canal along the north edge of the canyons.

This list includes 160 species likely to be seen along this scenic drive. Note that some birds are not present in all seasons and weather conditions will greatly impact the species that you see and hear.

- Pied-billed Grebe
- Double-crested Cormorant
- Great Blue Heron
- Green Heron
- Turkey Vulture
- Canada Goose
- Wood Duck
- Gadwall
- American Wigeon
- Mallard
- Blue-winged Teal
- Northern Shoveler
- Northern Pintail
- Green-winged Teal
- Canvasback
- Redhead
- Ring-necked Duck
- Lesser Scaup
- Bufflehead
- Common Goldeneye
- Hooded Merganser
- Common Merganser
- Ruddy Duck
- Osprey
- Bald Eagle
- Northern Harrier
- Sharp-shinned Hawk
- Cooper's Hawk
- Swainson's Hawk
- Red-tailed Hawk
- Ferruginous Hawk
- Rough-legged Hawk
- Golden Eagle
- American Kestrel
- Merlin
- Prairie Falcon
- Ring-necked Pheasant
- Greater Prairie-chicken
- Wild Turkey
- Northern Bobwhite
- American Coot
- Killdeer
- American Avocet
- Greater Yellowlegs
- Lesser Yellowlegs
- Solitary Sandpiper
- Spotted Sandpiper
- Upland Sandpiper
- Least Sandpiper
- Baird's Sandpiper
- Long-billed Dowitcher
- Wilson's Phalarope
- Franklin's Gull
- Ring-billed Gull
- Forster's Tern
- Black Tern
- Rock Pigeon
- Eurasian Collared-dove
- Mourning Dove
- Black-billed Cuckoo
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo
- Barn Owl
- Eastern Screech-owl
- Great Horned Owl
- Burrowing Owl
- Long-eared Owl
- Short-eared Owl
- Common Nighthawk
- Common Poorwill
- Chimney Swift
- Belted Kingfisher
- Red-headed Woodpecker
- Red-bellied Woodpecker
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
- Downy Woodpecker
- Hairy Woodpecker
- Northern Flicker
- Eastern Wood-pewee
- Willow Flycatcher
- Least Flycatcher
- Eastern Phoebe
- Say's Phoebe
- Great Crested Flycatcher
- Western Kingbird
- Eastern Kingbird
- Loggerhead Shrike
- Bell's Vireo
- Warbling Vireo
- Red-eyed Vireo
- Blue Jay
- Black-billed Magpie
- American Crow
- Horned Lark
- Tree Swallow
- Northern Rough-winged Swallow
- Bank Swallow
- Cliff Swallow
- Barn Swallow
- Black-capped Chickadee
- Red-breasted Nuthatch
- White-breasted Nuthatch
- Brown Creeper
- Rock Wren
- House Wren
- Marsh Wren
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet
- Eastern Bluebird
- Mountain Bluebird
- Townsend's Solitaire
- Swainson's Thrush
- American Robin
- Gray Catbird
- Northern Mockingbird
- Brown Thrasher
- European Starling
- American Pipit
- Cedar Waxwing
- Tennessee Warbler
- Orange-crowned Warbler
- Yellow Warbler
- Yellow-rumped Warbler
- Blackpoll Warbler
- Black-and-white Warbler
- Common Yellowthroat
- Yellow-breasted Chat
- Spotted Towhee
- American Tree Sparrow
- Chipping Sparrow
- Clay-colored Sparrow
- Field Sparrow
- Vesper Sparrow
- Lark Sparrow
- Lark Bunting
- Savannah Sparrow
- Grasshopper Sparrow
- Song Sparrow
- Lincoln's Sparrow
- Harris' Sparrow
- White-crowned Sparrow
- Dark-eyed Junco (3 races)
- Lapland Longspur
- Northern Cardinal
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- Black-headed Grosbeak
- Blue Grosbeak
- Lazuli Bunting
- Indigo Bunting
- Dickcissel
- Red-winged Blackbird
- Western Meadowlark
- Brewer's Blackbird
- Common Grackle
- Great-tailed Grackle
- Brown-headed Cowbird
- Orchard Oriole
- Baltimore Oriole
- House Finch
- Pine Siskin
- American Goldfinch
- House Sparrow