

Pinery Bird Checklist

The Pinery is located approximately 5 mi. south of Mainstreet and Parker Road (CO 83), Parker, CO with access at Pinery Parkway. A map of the neighborhood is posted on a pull-out just as you turn east. The Pinery was developed over 30 years ago on rolling hills of ponderosa pine, Gambel oak shrubland and grasslands along with a small lake. The purpose of this list is to assist residents and visitors in their identification and enjoyment of birds of the Pinery.

While I am a birder, I'm not a scientist nor do I pretend to be one! My husband Danny is the serious birder of the family and the basis of this list is our over 20 years birding experience, 14 of that in the Pinery.

Species are organized using the AOU List.

The seasons you may expect to see birds are listed under the 'Sea' column as follows:

S Summer
F Fall
W Winter
Sp Spring
M Migration
E Erratic



White-winged Crossbill at the feeder, Thanksgiving morning 1989.



Eurasian Collared-Dove in the yard.

Residential areas, open spaces within them, and the Pinery Bird Sanctuary are identified as 'Yard/Sanct.'

Bingham Lake, created by Pinery founders for the purpose of irrigation of the Pinery Golf Course, is the largest body of water in the vicinity. The lake is periodically stocked with fish, making it very attractive a wide variety of birds. The lake itself is private, for fishing and boating use of Pinery Water District residents holding a current permit. A picnic area and trail around the lake are open to the public through Douglas County Parks and Trails. Birds expected to be seen at Bingham Lake show 'Bingham Lake' as their location.

The many species that could be seen at either location show 'Both'.

Finally, 'Abundance' of a species is listed in the last column (**Ab**).

a abundant
c common
o occasional
r rare

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If you're a beginning birder, I hope this list will help introduce you to what we've found to be a very enjoyable hobby.

Whether it's realizing that the flock of what you thought were geese overhead are actually sandhill cranes or spotting a great horned owl as afternoon turns to night, birding can be a very exciting, satisfying and at times frustrating pursuit.

Take some time to look around, there's lots to see in the Pinery.

*Denise Smith,
Pinery Resident*



Cooper's hawk at the feeder.

