

Birding in Colorado and Houston

7 – 12 January 2012



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Introduction

While visiting a friend in Colorado Springs I had the opportunity to do some birding on the side. Most birding time was spent in Garden of the Gods, a big public park close to Colorado Springs. Highlight there were Prairie Falcon, Canyon Wren and Juniper Titmouse.

Day by day report

7 January: Walk to the Garden of the Gods, not much birding time.

- Townsend's solitaire
- American robin
- Red-tailed hawk
- Western scrub jay
- Black-billed magpie
- American black crow

8 January: Train ride to pikes peak (11.000 feet)

- Mountain chickadee
- Common raven

9 January: Bike ride through Garden of the Gods (8:30 to 12:30 AM)

Still in the city:

- Dark-eyed junco (gray-headed)
- American crow
- House finch
- Black-billed magpie
- American robin
- Canadian goose (flying over)
- Red-tailed hawk

In Garden of the Gods

- Western bluebird
- Black-capped chickadee
- Prairie falcon
- Western scrub jay
- Dark-eyed junco (oregon)
- Spotted towhee
- White-crowned sparrow
- Canyon wren
- Dark-eyed junco
- American robin
- Common raven
- Northern flicker
- Townsend's solitaire
- Red-tailed hawk
- Black-billed magpie
- American tree sparrow
- Song sparrow

10 January: Biking and walking in Garden of the Gods (8:30 AM to 2:00 PM)

- American goldfinch
- Dark-eyed junco
- Pine Siskin
- Black-capped chickadee
- Northern flicker
- Downy woodpecker
- Red-breasted nuthatch
- Western scrub jay
- Black-billed magpie
- Townsend's Solitaire
- Sharp-shinned hawk
- Prairie falcon
- Mountain chickadee
- American robin
- Juniper Titmouse
- Spotted towhee
- Cedar waxwing
- Common raven

12 January: Houston, near airport

Since I missed my flight connection in Houston I had to spend the night in a hotel near the airport. Luckily there was some green area close by where I could do some birding

- American crow
- Cedar waxwing
- Great blue heron
- Great egret
- Hermit thrush
- Northern cardinal
- Northern Mockingbird
- Ruby-crowned kinglet
- Turkey vulture
- White-winged dove
- Wood duck
- Yellow-bellied sapsucker
- Yellow-rumped warbler