Great Sand Dunes

Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve Colorado



Bird Checklist Updated 2006

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	PARK STATUS	ABUNDANCE	RESIDENCY
LOONS, GREBES				
Pied-billed Grebe	Podilymbus podiceps	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder
Red-necked Grebe	Podiceps grisegena	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory
Eared Grebe	Podiceps nigricollis	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder
Western Grebe	Aechmophorus occidentalis	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory
Clark's Grebe	Aechmophorus clarkii	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory
PELICANS, HERONS, ALLIES	5			
American White Pelican	Pelecanus erythrorhynchos	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory
Double-crested Cormorant	Phalacrocorax auritus	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory
American Bittern	Botaurus lentiginosus	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder
Great Blue Heron	Ardea herodias	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory
Great Egret	Ardea alba	Probably Present	Occasional	Migratory
Snowy Egret	Egretta thula	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder
Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory
Black-crowned Night-Heron	Nycticorax nycticorax	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder
White-faced Ibis	Plegadis chihi	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder
VULTURES				
Black Vulture	Coragyps atratus	Unconfirmed	Occasional	Vagrant
Turkey Vulture	Cathartes aura	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder
SWANS, GEESE, DUCKS				
Snow Goose	Chen caerulescens	Probably Present	Occasional	Migratory
Ross's Goose	Chen rossii	Probably Present	Occasional	Migratory
Canada Goose	Branta canadensis	Present in Park	Common	Breeder
Gadwall	Anas strepera	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder
American Wigeon	Anas americana	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	Present in Park	Common	Breeder
Blue-winged Teal	Anas discors	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory
Cinnamon Teal	Anas cyanoptera	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder
Northern Shoveler	Anas clypeata	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder
Northern Pintail	Anas acuta	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory
Green-winged Teal	Anas crecca	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder
Canvasback	Aythya valisineria	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory
Redhead	Aythya americana	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory
Ring-necked Duck	Aythya collaris	Probably Present	Rare	Breeder
Lesser Scaup	Aythya affinis	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory

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Bufflehead	Bucephala albeola	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory
Common Goldeneye	Bucephala clangula	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory
Hooded Merganser	Lophodytes cucullatus	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory
Common Merganser	Mergus merganser	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory
Ruddy Duck	Oxyura jamaicensis	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder
HAWKS, EAGLES				
Osprey	Pandion haliaetus	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory
Bald Eagle	Haliaeetus leucocephalus	Present in Park	Uncommon	Migratory
Northern Harrier	Circus cyaneus	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Accipiter striatus	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder
Cooper's Hawk	Accipiter cooperii	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder
Northern Goshawk	Accipiter gentilis	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder
Swainson's Hawk	Buteo swainsoni	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder
Red-tailed Hawk	Buteo jamaicensis	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder
Ferruginous Hawk	Buteo regalis	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder
Rough-legged Hawk	Buteo lagopus	Present in Park	Uncommon	Migratory
Golden Eagle	Aquila chrysaetos	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder
American Kestrel	Falco sparverius	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder
Merlin	Falco columbarius	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory
Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder
Prairie Falcon	Falco mexicanus	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder
GROUSE, PTARMIGAN				
Dusky Grouse (form. Blue	Den dugo envis obsorranse	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder
Grouse)	Dendragapus obscurus Lagopus leucurus	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder
White-tailed Ptarmigan Wild Turkey	Lagopus teucurus Meleagris gallopavo	Present in Park	Occasional	Breeder
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RAILS, COOTS, CRANES				
Virginia Rail	Rallus limicola	Probably Present	Rare	Breeder
Sora	Porzana carolina	Probably Present	Rare	Breeder
American Coot	Fulica americana	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder
Sandhill Crane	Grus canadensis	Present in Park	Common	Migratory
SHOREBIRDS				
Snowy Plover	Charadrius alexandrinus	Probably Present	Occasional	Migratory
Killdeer	Charadrius vociferus	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder
Mountain Plover	Charadrius montanus	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory
American Avocet	Recurvirostra americana	Present in Park	Uncommon	Migratory
Greater Yellowlegs	Tringa melanoleuca	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory
Lesser Yellowlegs	Tringa flavipes	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory
Solitary Sandpiper	Tringa solitaria	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory

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Willet	Catoptrophorus semipalmatus	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory
Spotted Sandpiper	Actitis macularia	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder
Long-billed Curlew	Numenius americanus	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory
Marbled Godwit	Limosa fedoa	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory
Western Sandpiper	Calidris mauri	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory
Least Sandpiper	Calidris minutilla	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory
Baird's Sandpiper	Calidris bairdii	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory
Long-billed Dowitcher	Limnodromus scolopaceus	Probably Present in Park	Rare	Migratory
Wilson's Snipe	Gallinago gallinago	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder
Wilson's Phalarope	Phalaropus tricolor	Probably Present	Rare	Breeder
Red-necked Phalarope	Phalaropus lobatus	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory
Franklin's Gull	Larus pipixcan	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory
Ring-billed Gull	Larus delawarensis	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory
California Gull	Larus californicus	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory
Forster's Tern	Sterna forsteri	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory
Black Tern	Chlidonias niger	Probably Present	Rare	Breeder
DOVES, PIGEONS				
Rock Dove	Columba livia	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory
Band-tailed Pigeon	Patagioenas fasciata	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder
Mourning Dove	Zenaida macroura	Present in Park	Common	Breeder
OWLS				
Flammulated Owl	Otus flammeolus	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder
Western Screech-Owl	Megascops kennicottii	Present in Park	Occasional	Breeder
Great Horned Owl	Bubo virginianus	Present in Park	Common	Breeder
Northern Pygmy-Owl	Glaucidium gnoma	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder
Burrowing Owl	Athene cunicularia	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory
Long-eared Owl	Asio otus	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder
Short-eared Owl	Asio flammeus	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory
Northern Saw-whet Owl	Aegolius acadicus	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder
Boreal Owl	Aegolius funereus	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder
NIGHTHAWKS				
Common Nighthawk	Chordeiles minor	Present in Park	Common	Breeder
Common Poorwill	Phalaenoptilus nuttallii	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder
SWIFTS				
Black Swift	Cypseloides niger	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory
White-throated Swift	Aeronautes saxatalis	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder
HUMMINGBIRDS				
Black-chinned Hummingbird	Archilochus alexandri	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory

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Calliope Hummingbird	Stellula calliope	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	Selasphorus platycercus	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder
Rufous Hummingbird	Selasphorus rufus	Present in Park	Uncommon	Migratory
KINGFISHER				
Belted Kingfisher	Ceryle alcyon	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory
WOODPECKERS				
Lewis' Woodpecker	Melanerpes lewis	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory
Williamson's Sapsucker	Sphyrapicus thyroideus	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Sphyrapicus varius	Present in Park	Occasional	Vagrant
Red-naped Sapsucker	Sphyrapicus nuchalis	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder
Downy Woodpecker	Picoides pubescens	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder
Hairy Woodpecker	Picoides villosus	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder
Three-toed Woodpecker	Picoides dorsalis	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory
Northern Flicker	Colaptes auratus	Present in Park	Common	Breeder
FLYCATCHERS				
Olive-sided Flycatcher	Contopus cooperi	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder
Western Wood-Pewee	Contopus sordidulus	Present in Park	Common	Breeder
Willow Flycatcher	Empidonax traillii	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory
Hammond's Flycatcher	Empidonax hammondii	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder
Dusky Flycatcher	Empidonax oberholseri	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder
Gray Flycatcher	Empidonax wrightii	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder
Cordilleran Flycatcher	Empidonax occidentalis	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder
Say's Phoebe	Sayornis saya	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder
Vermilion Flycatcher	Pyrocephalus rubinus	Unconfirmed	Occasional	Vagrant
Ash-throated Flycatcher	Myiarchus cinerascens	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory
Cassin's Kingbird	Tyrannus vociferans	Present in Park	Occasional	Migratory
Western Kingbird	Tyrannus verticalis	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder
SHRIKES				
Northern Shrike	Lanius excubitor	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory
Loggerhead Shrike	Lanius ludovicianus	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder
VIREOS				
Plumbeous Vireo	Vireo plumbeus	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder
Warbling Vireo	Vireo gilvus	Present in Park	Common	Breeder
Walding Wied	rico garas		Common	Breeder
JAYS, CROWS, MAGPIES				
Gray Jay	Perisoreus canadensis	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder
Steller's Jay	Cyanocitta stelleri	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder
Western Scrub-Jay	Aphelocoma californica	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder

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Pinyon Jay	Gymnorhinus cyanocephalus	Present in Park	Common	Breeder
Clark's Nutcracker	Nucifraga columbiana	Present in Park	Common	Breeder
Black-billed Magpie	Pica hudsonia	Present in Park	Common	Breeder
American Crow	Corvus brachyrhynchos	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory
Common Raven	Corvus corax	Present in Park	Common	Breeder
LARKS				
Horned Lark	Eremophila alpestris	Present in Park	Common	Breeder
Purple Martin	Progne subis	Probably Present	Occasional	Migratory
Tree Swallow	Tachycineta bicolor	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder
Violet-green Swallow	Tachycineta thalassina	Present in Park	Common	Breeder
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	Stelgidopteryx serripennis	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder
Bank Swallow	Riparia riparia	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder
Cliff Swallow	Petrochelidon pyrrhonota	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder
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CHICKADEES, NUTHATCHES, CREEPERS				
Black-capped Chickadee	Poecile atricapillus	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder
Mountain Chickadee	Poecile gambeli	Present in Park	Common	Breeder
Juniper Titmouse	Baeolophus ridgwayi	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder
Bushtit	Psaltriparus minimus	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder
Red-breasted Nuthatch	Sitta canadensis	Present in Park	Common	Breeder
White-breasted Nuthatch	Sitta carolinensis	Present in Park	Common	Breeder
Pygmy Nuthatch	Sitta pygmaea	Present in Park	Common	Breeder
Brown Creeper	Certhia americana	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder
WRENS, DIPPERS				
Rock Wren	Salpinctes obsoletus	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder
Canyon Wren	Catherpes mexicanus	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder
House Wren	Troglodytes aedon	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder
Marsh Wren	Cistothorus palustris	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder
American Dipper	Cinclus mexicanus	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory
KINGLETS, GNATCATCHERS				
Golden-crowned Kinglet	Regulus satrapa	Present in Park	Common	Migratory
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Regulus calendula	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Polioptila caerulea	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder
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BLUEBIRDS, THRUSHES, THRASHERS			-	
Western Bluebird	Sialia mexican	Present in Park	Common	Breeder

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Mountain Bluebird	Sialia currucoides	Present in Park	Common	Breeder
Townsend's Solitaire	Myadestes townsendi	Present in Park	Common	Breeder
Veery	Catharus fuscescens	Present in Park	Occasional	Vagrant
Swainson's Thrush	Catharus ustulatus	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder
Hermit Thrush	Catharus guttatus	Present in Park	Common	Breeder
American Robin	Turdus migratorius	Present in Park	Common	Breeder
Gray Catbird	Dumetella carolinensis	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory
Northern Mockingbird	Mimus polyglottos	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder
Sage Thrasher	Oreoscoptes montanus	Present in Park	Common	Breeder
Brown Thrasher	Toxostoma rufum	Present in Park	Occasional	Migratory
PIPITS, WAXWINGS, STARLINGS				
American Pipit	Anthus rubescens	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder
Bohemian Waxwing	Bombycilla garrulus	Present in Park	Occasional	Migratory
Cedar Waxwing	Bombycilla cedrorum	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory
European Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder
WOOD WARBLERS				
Orange-crowned Warbler	Vermivora celata	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory
Virginia's Warbler	Vermivora virginiae	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory
Yellow Warbler Yellow-Rumped Warbler	Dendroica petechia	Present in Park	Common	Breeder
(Myrtle) Yellow-Rumped Warbler	Dendroica coronata coronata	Present in Park	Common	Breeder
(Audubon's)	Dendroica coronata auduboni	Probably Present	Rare	Migratory
Black-throated Gray Warbler	Dendroica nigrescens	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory
Townsend's Warbler	Dendroica townsendi	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory
Grace's Warbler	Dendroica graciae	Present in Park	Occasional	Migratory
Black-and-white Warbler	Mniotilta varia	Present in Park	Occasional	Vagrant
Ovenbird	Seiurus aurocapilla	Probably Present	Occasional	Migratory
MacGillivray's Warbler	Oporornis tolmiei	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder
Common Yellowthroat	Geothlypis trichas	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder
Hooded Warbler	Wilsonia citrina	Present in Park	Occasional	Vagrant
Wilson's Warbler	Wilsonia pusilla	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder
TANAGERS				
Western Tanager	Piranga ludoviciana	Present in Park	Common	Breeder

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COMMON NAME

Brown-headed Cowbird

Bullock's Oriole

Molothrus ater

Icterus bullockii

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GROSBEAKS, BUNTINGS, SPARROWS				
Green-tailed Towhee	Pipilo chlorurus	Present in Park	Common	Breeder
Spotted Towhee	Pipilo maculatus	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder
Canyon Towhee	Pipilo fuscus	Present in Park	Occasional	Vagrant
American Tree Sparrow	Spizella arborea	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory
Chipping Sparrow	Spizella passerina	Present in Park	Common	Breeder
Brewer's Sparrow	Spizella breweri	Present in Park	Common	Breeder
Vesper Sparrow	Pooecetes gramineus	Present in Park	Common	Breeder
Lark Sparrow	Chondestes grammacus	Probably Present	Rare	Breeder
Sage Sparrow	Amphispiza belli	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder
Lark Bunting	Calamospiza melanocorys	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory
Savannah Sparrow	Passerculus sandwichensis	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder
Fox Sparrow	Passerella iliaca	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory
Song Sparrow	Melospiza melodia	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder
Lincoln's Sparrow	Melospiza lincolnii	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder
White-throated Sparrow	Zonotrichia albicollis	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory
Harris's Sparrow	Zonotrichia querula	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory
White-crowned Sparrow (Gambel's) White-crowned Sparrow	Zonotrichia leucophrys gambelii	Present in Park	Uncommon	Migratory
(Mountain)	Zonotrichia leucophrys oriantha	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder
Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored)	Junco hyemalis hyemalis	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory
Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon)	Junco hyemalis oreganus	Present in Park	Common	Migratory
Dark-eyed Junco (Pink-sided)	Junco hyemalis mearnsi	Present in Park	Uncommon	Migratory
Dark-eyed Junco (White- winged)	Junco hyemalis aikeni	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory
Dark-eyed Junco (Gray-headed)	Junco hyemalis caniceps	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder
Northern Cardinal	Cardinalis cardinalis	Present in Park	Occasional	Vagrant
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	Pheucticus ludovicianus	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory
Black-headed Grosbeak	Pheucticus melanocephalus	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory
Blue Grosbeak	Passerina caerulea	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory
Lazuli Bunting	Passerina amoena	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory
Indigo Bunting	Passerina cyanea	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory
Dickcissel	Spiza americana	Probably Present	Occasional	Vagrant
BLACKBIRDS, MEADOWLARKS, ORIOLES				
Red-winged Blackbird	Agelaius phoeniceus	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder
Western Meadowlark	Sturnella neglecta	Present in Park	Common	Breeder
Yellow-headed Blackbird	Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder
Brewer's Blackbird	Euphagus cyanocephalus	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder
Common Grackle	Quiscalus quiscula	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory
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Breeder

Breeder

Uncommon

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FRINGILLID FINCHES				
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	Leucosticte tephrocotis	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory
Black Rosy-Finch	Leucosticte atrata	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory
Brown-capped Rosy-Finch	Leucosticte australis	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder
Pine Grosbeak	Pinicola enucleator	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder
Cassin's Finch	Carpodacus cassinii	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder
House Finch	Carpodacus mexicanus	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder
Red Crossbill	Loxia curvirostra	Present in Park	Rare	Breeder
Common Redpoll	Carduelis flammea	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory
Pine Siskin	Carduelis pinus	Present in Park	Uncommon	Breeder
Lesser Goldfinch	Carduelis psaltria	Present in Park	Uncommon	Migratory
American Goldfinch	Carduelis tristis	Present in Park	Uncommon	Migratory
Evening Grosbeak	Coccothraustes vespertinus	Present in Park	Rare	Migratory
OLD WORLD SPARROWS				

House Sparrow

Passer domesticus

Present in Park

Rare

Breeder