

Bird Walk, August 14, 2010

The Wild Bird Center of Colorado Springs held its monthly bird walk on the second Saturday of the month, August 14, 2010.

Three of us spent a wonderful morning in a new area at Bear Creek Regional Park – near the park administration building and the community garden. The day dawned clear and bright, with a bit of briskness in the air and quickly warmed up in the open. Under the trees and along the creek, it stayed cooler.



The dirt road leading to the community garden yielded a lot of House Finches and Chipping Sparrows as well as one Lark Sparrow. Lesser and American Goldfinches abounded and Barn Swallows cruised the air. Once we entered the tree area, we were delighted to spot a number of Lazuli Buntings. One male posed cooperatively in the sun giving us a wonderful view of his bright colors – blue, white and russet.

One spot along the creek offered a splendid viewing opportunity. The creek makes a small bend, widening a bit and running a little more shallow and slower. Here we saw House Finches, a Mourning Dove, a Black-headed Grosbeak, Robins and a Gray Catbird.

As moved out into the open meadow area a lone Turkey Vulture floated in the distance while Northern Flickers called and a Western Wood-pewee hawked for insects in the meadow.

Overall, 21 species were seen. Here is the complete list.

Red-tail Hawk	Black-headed Grosbeak
Yellow Warbler	Mourning Dove
House Finch	American Robin
Lazuli Bunting	Northern Flicker
Chipping Sparrow	Downy Woodpecker
Lark Sparrow	Turkey Vulture
Lesser Goldfinch	Western Wood Pewee
American Goldfinch	Broadtail Hummingbird
European Starling	Flycatcher (not further identified)
American Crow	Vireo (not further identified)
Gray Catbird	Black-capped Chickadee (heard only, never seen)