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Platte River Cranes

A braided prairie river where most of the world's sandhill cranes gather each March, roosting on the sandbars at night and feeding in the fields by day, while millions of snow geese and ducks fill the Rainwater Basin wetlands to the south.

140 animals 18 mammals, 102 birds, 7 reptiles, 5 amphibians, 6 butterflies and 2 dragonflies

Best time: Mar to early Apr

Seen _____ of 140

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01 Cranes, geese and swans 9

- [ ] Sandhill Crane
- [ ] Whooping Crane Rare
- [ ] Snow Goose
- [ ] Ross's Goose
- [ ] Greater White-fronted Goose
- [ ] Canada Goose
- [ ] Cackling Goose
- [ ] Trumpeter Swan Rare
- [ ] Tundra Swan Rare

02 Ducks, pelicans and herons 18

- [ ] Northern Pintail
- [ ] Mallard
- [ ] Green-winged Teal
- [ ] Blue-winged Teal
- [ ] Northern Shoveler
- [ ] Gadwall
- [ ] American Wigeon
- [ ] Canvasback
- [ ] Lesser Scaup
- [ ] Common Goldeneye
- [ ] Common Merganser
- [ ] Wood Duck
- [ ] American Coot
- [ ] American White Pelican

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02 Ducks, pelicans and herons continued

- [ ] Double-crested Cormorant
- [ ] Great Blue Heron
- [ ] Great Egret
- [ ] American Bittern Rare

03 Waders, gulls and terns 14

- [ ] Killdeer
- [ ] Greater Yellowlegs
- [ ] Lesser Yellowlegs
- [ ] Long-billed Dowitcher
- [ ] Pectoral Sandpiper
- [ ] Wilson's Phalarope
- [ ] American Avocet
- [ ] Hudsonian Godwit
- [ ] Upland Sandpiper
- [ ] American Woodcock Rare
- [ ] Piping Plover
- [ ] Least Tern
- [ ] Franklin's Gull
- [ ] Ring-billed Gull

04 Birds of prey and owls 12

- [ ] Bald Eagle
- [ ] Red-tailed Hawk
- [ ] Rough-legged Hawk

Tick them off in Wilder

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04 Birds of prey and owls continued

- [ ] Swainson's Hawk
- [ ] Northern Harrier
- [ ] American Kestrel
- [ ] Cooper's Hawk
- [ ] Ferruginous Hawk Rare
- [ ] Peregrine Falcon Rare
- [ ] Turkey Vulture
- [ ] Great Horned Owl
- [ ] Short-eared Owl Rare

05 Prairie and farmland birds 26

- [ ] Greater Prairie-Chicken Rare
- [ ] Ring-necked Pheasant
- [ ] Northern Bobwhite
- [ ] Wild Turkey
- [ ] Western Meadowlark
- [ ] Eastern Meadowlark
- [ ] Horned Lark
- [ ] Lapland Longspur
- [ ] Dickcissel
- [ ] Grasshopper Sparrow
- [ ] Bobolink
- [ ] Harris's Sparrow
- [ ] American Tree Sparrow
- [ ] Red-winged Blackbird
- [ ] Yellow-headed Blackbird
- [ ] Common Grackle
- [ ] Brown-headed Cowbird
- [ ] European Starling
- [ ] Loggerhead Shrike
- [ ] Western Kingbird
- [ ] Eastern Kingbird
- [ ] Eastern Bluebird
- [ ] Mourning Dove

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05 Prairie and farmland birds continued

- [ ] Tree Swallow
- [ ] Barn Swallow
- [ ] Cliff Swallow

06 River woods and town birds 23

- [ ] Black-capped Chickadee
- [ ] White-breasted Nuthatch
- [ ] Downy Woodpecker
- [ ] Red-bellied Woodpecker
- [ ] Red-headed Woodpecker
- [ ] Northern Flicker
- [ ] Blue Jay
- [ ] American Crow
- [ ] Northern Cardinal
- [ ] American Robin
- [ ] American Goldfinch
- [ ] House Finch
- [ ] House Sparrow
- [ ] Rock Pigeon
- [ ] Eurasian Collared Dove
- [ ] Baltimore Oriole
- [ ] Yellow Warbler
- [ ] Common Yellowthroat
- [ ] Belted Kingfisher
- [ ] Northern House Wren
- [ ] Dark-eyed Junco
- [ ] Song Sparrow
- [ ] Common Nighthawk

07 Mammals 18

- [ ] White-tailed Deer
- [ ] Mule Deer
- [ ] Bison
- [ ] Coyote
- [ ] Red Fox
- [ ] Raccoon

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07 Mammals continued

- [ ] Virginia Opossum
- [ ] Striped Skunk
- [ ] North American Beaver
- [ ] Muskrat
- [ ] American Mink Rare
- [ ] River Otter Rare
- [ ] Badger (American) Rare
- [ ] Bobcat Rare
- [ ] Eastern Cottontail
- [ ] Fox Squirrel
- [ ] Thirteen-lined Ground Squirrel
- [ ] Groundhog (Woodchuck)

08 Reptiles and amphibians 12

- [ ] Painted Turtle
- [ ] Snapping Turtle
- [ ] Spiny Softshell Turtle
- [ ] Ornate Box Turtle

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08 Reptiles and amphibians continued

- [ ] Plains Garter Snake
- [ ] Gopher Snake
- [ ] North American Racer
- [ ] Boreal Chorus Frog
- [ ] Leopard Frog
- [ ] American Bullfrog
- [ ] Woodhouse's Toad
- [ ] Plains Spadefoot Rare

09 Butterflies and dragonflies 8

- [ ] Monarch
- [ ] Regal Fritillary
- [ ] Painted Lady
- [ ] Orange Sulfur
- [ ] Red Admiral
- [ ] Black Swallowtail
- [ ] Common Green Darner
- [ ] Twelve-spotted Skimmer

My trip

FROM _____ TO _____

TRAVELLING WITH _____

STAYING AT _____ SEEN _____ OF 140

FIRST ANIMAL WE SAW _____

BEST MOMENT _____

FIELD NOTES AND SKETCHES

KEEP IT IN WILDER

Tick them off in the app

Scan to open this checklist in Wilder. Add your photos, see your whole trip, earn badges and the Platte River passport stamp, and watch your life list grow.

BEST TIME

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A guide, not a guarantee: what you see depends on season, luck and patience. Give wildlife space and never feed it. Follow the local rules on distance.