

Capulin Volcano

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Birds



American Goldfinch
(*Spinus tristis*)

These are very active small finches. They are often seen hanging from seed stalks and weeds feeding. They fly with a bouncy motion and often call out during flight.



Common Raven
(*Corvus corax*)

Considered to be one of the smartest birds in the world, these large ravens can be seen riding the wind at the top of the volcano, and nesting at the base.



Red-Tailed Hawk
(*Buteo jamaicensis*)

These hawks are usually seen circling the volcano from far in the air looking for prey. Their red tail is very distinctive compared to its white underbelly.



Bullock's Oriole
(*Icterus bullockii*)

Strongly contrasting orange and black plumage, with the females being less brightly colored. Seen mostly at the base of the volcano by the VC and lava flow trail in the late spring to late summer.



Spotted Towhee
(*Pipilo maculatus*)

One of the most commonly spotted birds at Capulin. Its bright red eyes and white spotted wings are a giveaway. Found feeding almost exclusively on the ground hopping along.



Greater Roadrunner
(*Geococcyx californianus*)

New Mexico's state bird, it can be found in shrublands running along the ground. Its tracks leave a very distinctive X on the ground. Their diet includes snakes, lizards, and small mammals.



Turkey

(*Meleagris gallopavo*)
Largest (by weight) bird in the USA. Large groups of turkeys can be seen foraging in the open prairie near the entrance of Capulin, especially during the fall when seeds start to drop.



Mountain Bluebird
(*Sialia currucoides*)

This brightly colored blue bird arrives in the early spring and stays until the end of the summer, they can usually be spotted at the base of the volcano perching along bare branches and signs.



Rufous Hummingbird
(*Selasphorus rufus*)

This hummingbird is small and very orange. It is a very territorial bird that can be seen resting on the tops of trees protecting its food source from other hummingbirds.



Mourning Dove
(*Zenaida macroura*)

They can fly fast with powerful wingbeats, that one can often hear during takeoff or landing. Look for them in overhead perches all around the park.

Chickadees and Titmice(Paridae)

- Black-capped Chickadee
- Mountain Chickadee
- Juniper Titmouse

Bushtits(Aegithalidae)

- Bushtit

Nutchatches(Sittidae)

- Red-breasted Nuthatch
- White-breasted Nuthatch
- Pygmy Nuthatch

Wrens(Troglodytidae)

- Rock Wren
- Canyon Wren
- House Wren

Gnatcatchers(Poliopitilidae)

- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

Thrushes(Turdidae)

- Western Bluebird
- Mountain Bluebird
- Townsend's Solitaire
- Swainson's thrush
- Hermit Thrush
- American Robin

Mockingbirds and Thrashers(Mimidae)

- Gray Catbird
- Brown Thrasher
- Sage Thrasher
- Northern Mockingbird

Waterfowl(Anatidae)

- Canada Goose
- Sandhill Crane

Partridges, Grouse, and Turkeys(Phasianidae)

- Chukar
- Wild Turkey

Pigeons and Doves(Columbidae)

- Eurasian Collared-Dove
- White-winged Dove
- Mourning Dove

Cuckoos and Roadrunners(Cuculidae)

- Greater Roadrunner
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo

Goatsuckers(Caprimulgidae)

- Common Nighthawk
- Common Poorwill

Swifts(Apodidae)

- White-throated Swift

Hummingbirds(Trochilidae)

- Black-chinned Hummingbird
- Broad-tailed Hummingbird
- Rufous Hummingbird
- Calliope Hummingbird

New World Vultures(Carthidae)

- Turkey Vulture

Blackbirds and Orioles(Icteridae)

- Western Meadowlark
- Bullock's Oriole
- Brown-headed Cowbird
- Common Grackle
- Yellow-headed Blackbird)

Hawks, Kites, Eagles, and Allies(Accipitridae)

- Golden Eagle
- Northern Harrier
- Cooper's Hawk
- Bald Eagle
- Swainson's Hawk
- Red-Tailed Hawk

Typical Owls(Strigidae)

- Great Horned Owl
- Burrowing Owl
- Barn Owl

Woodpeckers and Allies(Picidae)

- Lewis's Woodpecker
- Red-headed Woodpecker
- Red-naped Sapsucker
- Downy Woodpecker
- Northern Flicker

Falcons(Falconidae)

- American Kestrel
- Merlin
- Peregrine Falcon
- Prairie Falcon

Tyrant Flycatchers(Tyrannidae)

- Ash-throated Flycatcher
- Cassin's Kingbird
- Western Kingbird
- Olive-sided Flycatcher
- Western Wood-Pewee
- Black Phoebe
- Eastern Phoebe
- Say's Phoebe

Jays and Ravens(Corvidae)

- Pinyon Jay
- Steller's Jay
- Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay
- Black-billed Magpie
- American Crow
- Common Raven

Swallows(Hirundinidae)

- Violet-green Swallow
- Northern Rough-winged Swallow
- Barn Swallow
- Cliff Swallow

Old World Sparrows(Passeridae)

- House Sparrow

Finches(Fringillidae)

- House Finch
- Cassin's Finch
- Pine Siskin
- Lesser Goldfinch
- American Goldfinch

Sparrows and Towhees(Passerellidae)

- Cassin's Sparrow
- Lark Sparrow
- Lark Bunting
- Dark-eyed Junco
- Canyon Towhee
- Spotted Towhee

Tanagers, Cardinals, & Allies(Cardinalidae)

- Western Tanager
- Black-headed Grosbeak
- Indigo Bunting
- Hepatic Tanager