

CHECKLIST - MAMMALS

masked shrew  
vagrant shrew  
dusky shrew  
water shrew

little brown bat  
long eared bat  
silver haired bat  
big brown bat  
hoary bat  
western big eared bat

cony or pika  
white tail jack rabbit  
varying hare  
cottontail

yellowbelly marmot  
Uinta ground squirrel  
golden mantled ground squirrel  
least chipmunk  
yellow pine chipmunk  
Uinta chipmunk  
chickaree, red squirrel  
flying squirrel  
pocket gopher  
beaver  
white footed mouse  
bushytail woodrat  
red back vole  
lemming mouse

meadow mouse - Microtus richardsoni  
Microtus pennsylvanicus  
Microtus montanus (M. nanus)  
Microtus longicaudus (M. mordax)

muskrat  
jumping mouse  
porcupine

coyote  
wolf  
red fox  
black bear  
grizzly

raccoon

marten  
fisher

weasel, short tail  
longtail weasel  
mink  
wolverine  
badger

skunk  
otter

cougar  
lynx  
bobcat

wapiti or elk  
mule deer  
white tail deer

moose  
pronghorn or antelope  
bison or buffalo  
mountain sheep

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Suggested locations and seasons for sighting certain mammals

As a general statement, big game animals are readily seen along in May before elk and bison begin to drift to the high country. This is one of the best wildlife months for many species as well as waterfowl, in from migration but not yet away from main rivers.

cony or pika, year round

Yellowbelly marmot, summer only

rockslides such as Silver Gate  
above Mammoth

Old Faithful nature trail to  
Observation Point, Canyon area on  
far side of river.

Uinta ground squirrel, summer only	open grassy areas of sagebrush.
pocket gopher, summer only	Tower
beaver, summer	Many of present population are bank denners; such areas as Grayling Creek on the Gallatin side, lower Shoshone Creek, small ponds in the Mammoth area.
red fox, year round	Blacktail Valley, occasionally along road from Tower to Mammoth.
grizzly, spring-summer	grazing in places such as Gibbon Meadows April-May; seen in mid-summer on far side of Yellowstone River in Hayden Valley; back roads such as Old Tower and Bunsen Peak; rarely seen from roads except as noted.
badger, summer	sagebrush valleys of northern part of park, sometimes along road to Tower.
otter, year round	Yellowstone River in Hayden Valley; shore of Yellowstone Lake, Gibbon and other rivers.
cougar, year round	(very seldom reported) - Tower Area, sometimes Hayden Valley; Mammoth-Sepulcher-Electric Peak area.
elk or wapiti, winter	drive to NE Entrance, early & late hours best; may be seen in numbers on Hellroaring slopes.
year round	Clearwater Springs - Roaring Mt. area.
summer, fall	Norris area.
spring, fall	Lower Geyser Basin meadows.
mule deer, winter-summer	Mammoth, road from Mammoth to Golden Gate-Swen Lake Flats.
moose, spring, year round	Lava Creek, Tower Jct., NE entrance road, Willow Park, Hayden Valley, Pelican Creek (lower) and Fishing Bridge.
pronghorn, year round	Old road Mammoth-Gardiner, road from North entrance to Reese Creek, flat by North entrance station.
bison, fall, winter, spring	Lamar Valley & Soda Butte, Firehole and Geyser Basins, especially Firehole Lake and Fountain Freight roads.
summer	Lower Geyser Basin & Madison Junction.
mountain sheep	
winter	Slopes of Mt. Everts above road to Gardiner from Mammoth.
summer	Mt. Washburn, Mt. Everts, Specimen Ridge & Fossil Forest Trail