VIEWING: Open from May 1 through September 30. Information kiosks, interpretive panels, and viewing scopes along a handicapped accessible nature trail. There are excellent opportunities to see the many species of native birds, numerous species of migratory waterfowl, and the occasional wild mammals using the area in and around Windy Gap.

PICNIC AREA: Three picnic benches sheltered by concrete canopies overlooking the reservoir. Handicapped accessible restrooms are available.

CAMPING, HUNTING, AND FISHING: None

ELEVATION: 7,860 ft.

CONTROLLING AGENCIES: Colorado Division of Wildlife, Municipal Subdistrict of the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District, and U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

GENERAL INFORMATION: The reservoir was started in 1981 and completed in 1985, with a total area of 106 acres. The dam has a height of 27 feet. The water is pumped through a 6 mile pipeline to Lake Granby and then to the Alva B. Adams Tunnel to the east slope.

Windy Gap Reservoir is located on the Colorado River. The viewing area was built by the Colorado Division of Wildlife with donations & matching funds and completed in May 1996.

CARNIVORES
- Coyote
- Red Fox
- American black bear
- Raccoon
- Short-tailed weasel (ermine)
- Long-tailed weasel
- Mink
- American badger
- Striped skunk
- Northern river otter
- Mountain lion
- Bobcat

DEER & ALLIES
- American elk
- Mule deer
- White-tailed deer
- Moose
- Pronghorn

Amphibians & Reptiles of Windy Gap
- Tiger salamander
- Striped chorus frog
- Northern leopard frog
- Western terrestrial garter snake

Mammals of Windy Gap
and the vicinity

- Inventory has not been completed

= Species that inhabit this type of ecosystem, no recorded sightings.

MOLES, SHERWS, & ALLIES
- Masked shrew?
- Pygmy shrew?
- Montane shrew?
- Dwarf shrew?
- Water shrew?

BATS
- Hoary bat?
- Little brown myotis
- Silver-haired bat
- Big brown bat?
- Townsend's big-eared bat?

PIKAS, HALES, & RABBITS
- Mountain cottontail
- White-tailed jackrabbit

RODENTS
- Least chipmunk
- Uinta chipmunk?
- Yellow-bellied marmot
- Wyoming “Richardson’s” ground squirrel
- Golden-maned ground squirrel
- Pine “chickaree” squirrel
- Northern pocket gopher
- American beaver
- Deer mouse
- Bushy-tailed woodrat
- House mouse
- Heather vole?
- Long-tailed vole?
- Montane vole?
- Sagebrush vole?
- Common muskrat
- Western jumping mouse?
- Common porcupine

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BIRDS OF WINDY GAP
R - Resident (Present every month, breeds)
S - Summer (May-Aug.) • S - Summer breeds
W - Winter visitor (October-March)
M - Migratory (seen in spring & fall) • r - rare

LOON & GREBES
Common Loon M,S,W
Pied-billed Grebe M,S
Eared Grebe M
Western Grebe M
Clark’s Grebe M

PELICAN & COMORANT
American White Pelican M,S
Double-crested Comorant M,S

HERONS & RELATIVES
Great Blue Heron S
White-faced Ibis M,S

SWAN & GESE
Trumpeter Swan r(Fall,94)
Snow Goose M,S
Canada Goose M,S

DUCKS
Green-winged Teal M,S
Mallard M
Northern Pintail M
Blue-winged Teal M
Cinnamon Teal M
Northern Shoveler M
Gadwall M,S
American Wigeon M,S
Canvasback M
Redhead M
Ring-necked Duck M,S
Lesser Scaup M
Common Goldeneye W
Barrow’s Goldeneye W
Bufflehead M,W
Common Merganser W
Ruddy Duck M

VULTURE
Turkey Vulture M,S

HAWKS, EAGLES & FALCONS
Osprey M,S
Bald Eagle R

HAWKS, EAGLES & FALCONS CONTINUED
Northern Harrier M,S
Sharp-shinned Hawk M,S
Cooper’s Hawk M,S
Northern Goshawk M,S
Swainson’s Hawk M,S
Red-tailed Hawk R
Rough-legged Hawk M,W
Golden Eagle R
American Kestrel M,S
Prairie Falcon S
 Peregrine Falcon r

SHOREBIRDS AND RAILS
Sora M,S
American Coot M
Lesser Yellowlegs M
Killdeer M
American Avocet M
Spotted Sandpiper M
Marbled Godwit M,R
Western Sandpiper M
Long-billed Dowitcher M
Common Snipe M,S
Wilson’s Phalarope M,S

GULLS & TERNS
Bonaparte’s Gull M
Ring-billed Gull M,S
California Gull M,S
Black Tern M

DOVES
Rock Dove R
Mourning Dove M,S

OWLs
Great-horned Owl R
Short-eared Owl r

NIGHTHAWK & SWIFT
Common Nighthawk M,S
White-throated Swift M,S

HUMMINGBIRDS
Broad-tailed hummingbird M,S
Rufous Hummingbird M,S
Calliope Hummingbird M

KINGFISHER & WOODPECKERS
Belted Kingfisher R

KINGFISHER & WOODPECKERS (CONT’T)
Red-naped Sapsucker M,S
Downy Woodpecker R
Hairy Woodpecker R
Northern Flicker M,S

FLYCATCHERS
Western Wood-Pewee M,S
Hammond’s Flycatcher M
Dusky Flycatcher M
Cassin’s Flycatcher M,S
Say’s Phoebe M
Western Kingbird M

SHRIKE & VIRES
Loggerhead Shrike R
Plumbeous Vireo M,S
Warbling Vireo M,S

JAYS, CROWS & RELATIVES
Steller’s Jay M,W
Clark’s Nutcracker M
Black-billed Magpie R
American Crow R
Common Raven R

LARKS & SWALLOWS
Horned Lark M,W
Tree Swallow M,S
Violet-green Swallow M,S
Northern Rough-winged Swallow M,S
Cliff Swallow M,S
Barn Swallow M,S

CHICKADEES, NUTHATCHERS & CREEPER
Black-capped Chickadee R
Mountain Chickadee R
Red-breasted Nuthatch R
White-breasted Nuthatch R
Brown Creeper M

Wrens & DIPPER
Rock Wren r
House Wren r
American Dipper R

WINGLETS, BLUEBIRDS & THRUSHES
Ruby-crowned Kinglet M,S
Mountain Bluebird M,S
Townsend’s Solitaire R
Swainson’s Thrush M,S

WINGLET, BLUEBIRDS & THRUSHES (CONT’T)
Hemit Thrush M,S
American Robin R

PIPET & WAXWING
American Pipit M
Bohemian Waxwing M,W

STARLING
European Starling R

WARBLERS
Yellow Warbler M,S
Yellow-rumped Warbler M,S
Macgillivray’s Warbler M,S
Wilson’s Warbler M,S

GROSBEAK & BUNTING
Black-billed Grosbeak r
Red-billed Grosbeak r

SPARRS & RELATIVES
Green-tailed Towhee M,S
Chipping Sparrow M,S
Brewer’s Sparrow M,S
Vesper Sparrow M
Lark Sparrow M
Savannah Sparrow M,S
Song Sparrow R
Lincoln’s Sparrow R
White-crowned Sparrow M,S
Dark-eyed Junco M,S

BLACKBIRDS & RELATIVES
Western Meadowlark M,S
Yellow-headed Blackbird M,S
Red-winged Blackbird M,S
Brewer’s Blackbird M,S
Brown-headed Cowbird M,S
Bullock’s Oriole R

FINCHES, GROSBEAKS & RELATIVES
Pine Grosbeak W
Cassin’s Finch M,S
House Finch R
Pine Siskin M
American Goldfinch M

OLD WORLD SPARRS
House Sparrow R