



Mammals



Rocky Mountain National Park provides unique wildlife viewing opportunities. Many species of wildlife inhabit the park, yet visitors are frequently attracted to mammals. Mammals are vertebrate animals that arose from a reptilian group in the Triassic period. Mammalian characteristics include live birth, hair for warmth, strong teeth for grinding food, milk production to feed young, and a highly efficient circulatory system. This list includes all 65 mammals known to exist or that have been extirpated in the park. Scientific names, habitat, and other zoological information are given.

Source: David Armstrong's "Rocky Mountain Mammals", 1987, Colorado Associated University Press, Boulder, CO.

Habitat	Common Name	Scientific Name	Family
key on back	ORDER INSECTIVORA "Insect eater"		
PP, SF,M, AW, AM, MB,SB	Dwarf shrew	<i>Sorex nanus</i>	Soricidae(Shrews)
PP,SF,M,AW,SS, AM	Masked shrew	<i>Sorex cinereus</i>	"
PP,SF,M,AW,SS	Montane shrew	<i>Sorex monticolus</i>	"
SF,SS,AM	Pgymy shrew	<i>Sorex hoyi</i>	"
AW,SS	Water shrew	<i>Sorex palustris</i>	"
	ORDER CHIROPTERA "Bats"		
PP,AW,MB	Big brown bat	<i>Eptesicus fuscus</i>	Vespertilionidae (Common Bat)
PP,SF,AW,SS	Hoary bat	<i>Lasiurus cinereus</i>	"
PP,M, AW,SS,MB	Little brown bat	<i>Myotis lucifugus</i>	"
PP	Long-eared myotis	<i>Myotis evotis</i>	"
PP,AW,SS,MB	Long-legged myotis	<i>Myotis volans</i>	"
PP,SF,AW,	Silver-haired bat	<i>Lasionycteris noctivagans</i>	"
MB	Small-footed myotis	<i>Myotis leibii</i>	"
PP,MB	Townsend's big-eared bat	<i>Plecotus townsendii</i>	""
	ORDER PRIMATES		
PP,SF,M,AW,SS,AM,MB,SB	People	<i>Homo sapiens</i>	Hominidae (Humans)
	ORDER LAGOMORPHA "Rabbits"		
AM	Pika	<i>Ochotona princeps</i>	Ochotonidae (Pika)
PP,SF,M,AW,SS,MB,SB	Nuttall's cottontail	<i>Sylvilagus nuttallii</i>	Leporidae (Rabbits,Hares)
SF,AW,SS	Snowshoe hare	<i>Lepus americanus</i>	"
PP,SF,M,AW,AM,MB,SB	White-tailed jackrabbit	<i>Lepus townsendii</i>	"
	ORDER RODENTIA "Rodents"		
PP,SF,M,AW,AM,SB	Least chipmunk	<i>Tamias minimus</i>	Sciuridae (Squirrels)
PP,MB	Colorado chipmunk	<i>Tamias quadrivittatus</i>	"
SF,M	Unita chipmunk	<i>Tamias umbrinus</i>	"
PP,SF,M,AW,AM,SB	Yellowed-bellied marmot	<i>Marmot flaviventris</i>	"
PP	Abert's squirrel	<i>Sciurus aberti</i>	"
	Golden-mantled ground squirrel	<i>Spermophilus lateralis</i>	"
PP,SF,M,AW,AM,MB,SB	Red squirrel or Chickaree	<i>Tamiasciurus hudsonicus</i>	"
PP,SF	Rock squirrel	<i>Spermophilus variegatus</i>	"
PP,MB	Wyoming ground squirrel	<i>Spermophilus elegans</i>	"
PP,M,SB	Northern pocket gopher	<i>Thomomys talpoides</i>	Geomyidae (Gophers)
PP,SF,M,AW,AM,MB,SB	Beaver	<i>Castor canadensis</i>	Castoridae (Beavers)
SF,M,AW,SS			Cricetidae (Native rats and mice)
PP,MB	Rock mouse	<i>Peromyscus difficilis</i>	"
PP,SF,M,AW,AM,MB,SB	Deer mouse	<i>Peromyscus maniculatus</i>	"
PP,SF,AM,MB	Bushy-tailed woodrat	<i>Neotoma cinera</i>	"
PP, MB	Mexican woodrat	<i>Neotoma mexicana</i>	"
SF	Southern Red-backed vole	<i>Clethrionomys gapperi</i>	"
SF	Heather vole	<i>Phenacomys intermedius</i>	"
PP,SF,M,AW,SS,AM,SB	Long-tailed vole	<i>Microtus longicaudus</i>	"
PP,SF,M,AW,SS,AM,SB	Montane vole	<i>Microtus montanus</i>	"
AM,SS	Muskrat	<i>Ondatra zibethicus</i>	"
SF,M,AW,SS,AM	Western jumping mouse	<i>Zapus princeps</i>	Zapodidae
PP,SF,MB,SB	Porcupine	<i>Erethizon dorastrum</i>	Erethizontidae

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	ORDER CARNIVORA "Carnivores"		
PP,SF,M,AW,SS,AM,MB,SB *****	Coyote	<i>Canis latrans</i>	Canidae-(Dogs)
	Gray wolf	<i>Canis lupus</i>	"
M,AW,SS	Red fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	"
PP,MB	Gray fox	<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>	"
PP,SF,AW,SS,MB *****	Black bear	<i>Ursus americanus</i>	Ursidae-(Bears)
	Grizzly bear	<i>Ursus arctos</i>	"
AW,SS	Raccoon	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	Procyonidae
SF,AB	Marten	<i>Martes americana</i>	Mustelidae-(Weasels)
PP,SF,M,AW,SS,AM,MB,SB	Long-tailed weasel	<i>Mustela frenata</i>	"
SF,M,AW,SS,AM,MB	Ermine or Short-tailed weasel	<i>Mustela erminea</i>	"
SS*	Mink	<i>Mustela vison</i>	"
SF*	Wolverine	<i>Gulo gulo</i>	"
PP,M,AM,MB,SB	Badger	<i>Taxidea taxus</i>	"
MB	Western spotted skunk	<i>Spilogale gracilis</i>	"
PP,SF,M,AW,SS,AM,MB,SB	Striped skunk	<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>	"
SS	River otter	<i>Lutra canadensis</i>	"
PP,MB	Mountain lion	<i>Felis concolor</i>	Felidae-(Cats)
SF,*	Lynx	<i>Felis lynx</i>	"
PP,SF,AM,MB,SB	Bobcat	<i>Felis rufus</i>	"
	ORDER ARTIODACTYLA "Even-toed hoofed"		
PP,SF,M,AW,SS,AM,SB	Wapiti or American elk	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>	Cervidae-(Deer)
PP,SF,M,AW,SS,AM,MB,SB	Mule deer	<i>Odocoileus hemionus</i>	"
SS@ ***	Moose	<i>Alces alces</i>	"
	Pronghorn	<i>Antilocapra americana</i>	Antilocapridae-(Pronghorn)
PP,M,AM,MB ***	Bighorn sheep	<i>Ovis canadensis</i>	Bovidae-(Sheep,goats,cattle)
	Bison	<i>Bison bison</i>	"

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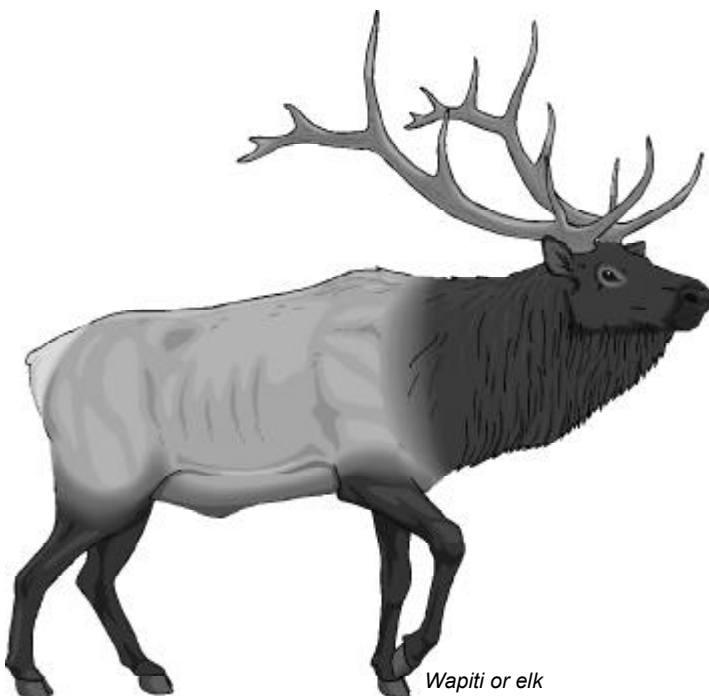
- PP--Ponderosa pine woodland
- SF--Subalpine forest
- M--Meadows
- AW--Aspen woodland
- SS--Streambank/Shoreline
- AM--Alpine meadow/Fellfield
- MB--Mountain Brush
- SB--Sagebrush

@ Introduced

* no recent confirmed sightings

*** Historical seasonal migrant

***** Extirpated



Successful Wildlife Viewing Guidelines

FEEDING WILDLIFE IS PROHIBITED.

Animals fed by people become dependent on human food and may die. Animals have diseases that may transfer to humans, or they may bite or inflict severe injury.

Watch wildlife from a distance. If animals notice you, or if they seem nervous, you are too close. Move away slowly and quietly.

Talk quietly so you don't disturb the animals or other people watching nearby.

Use binoculars or telephoto lenses for close views.

Stop your car to watch animals only if you can pull off the road safely. Do not block traffic. Turn the motor off.

Never approach wildlife. Harassing or enticing animals is illegal.