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Highlights from September 7 Bird Walk to Lair O' the Bear – Evergreen Audubon

3 minutes



Plumbeous Vireo

Six of us spent the First-Wednesday Bird Walk at Lair O' the Bear. The weather was great, there were not hordes of folks, and, though the birds were not plentiful, we had some really nice ones (see list below). Highlights included great looks at a **Sharp-shinned Hawk** being besieged by a **hummingbird**, and there were two **American Dippers** coursing up and down Bear Creek – stopping right beside us for some great looks. Also, we were able to spend quite a bit of time with a family group of **Plumbeous Vireos**, at least one of whom was quite vocal (recording courtesy of Xeno-Canto.org).

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Cedar Waxwing photo courtesy of Bill Schmoker.

There were more **Cedar Waxwings** than I've ever seen there previously – bordering on “ubiquitous.”



Green tailed towhee photo courtesy of Bill Schmoker.

While it's hard to top waxwings, a good view of a **Green-tailed Towhee** is pretty hard to beat.

Back on our home turf in Evergreen good-sized flocks of **Western Bluebirds, Yellow-rumped Warblers, and Chipping Sparrows** are on the move, and be on alert for those high-flying flocks of **Sandhill Cranes** – they could be starting to pass through any day now.

Good birding!

Chuck Aid, Director of Monitoring

Lair O' the Bear Park, Sep 7, 2016

28 species

- Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*) 1
- Sharp-shinned Hawk (*Accipiter striatus*) 1
- Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*) 4
- Broad-tailed Hummingbird (*Selasphorus platycercus*) 3
- Belted Kingfisher (*Megaceryle alcyon*) 1
- Downy Woodpecker (*Picoides pubescens*) 2
- Northern Flicker (*Colaptes auratus*) 3
- Plumbeous Vireo (*Vireo plumbeus*) 3
- Steller's Jay (Interior) (*Cyanocitta stelleri* [diademata Group]) 5
- Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay (*Aphelocoma woodhouseii*) 1
- American Crow (*Corvus brachyrhynchos*) 4
- Northern Rough-winged Swallow (*Stelgidopteryx serripennis*) 4
- Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*) 7
- Cliff Swallow (*Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*) 1
- Black-capped Chickadee (*Poecile atricapillus*) 6
- Mountain Chickadee (*Poecile gambeli*) 1
- Bushtit (*Psaltriparus minimus*) 9
- Red-breasted Nuthatch (*Sitta canadensis*) 1
- House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*) 2
- American Dipper (*Cinclus mexicanus*) 2
- Hermit Thrush (*Catharus guttatus*) 1

- American Robin (*Turdus migratorius*) 2
- Cedar Waxwing (*Bombycilla cedrorum*) 24
- Orange-crowned Warbler (*Oreothlypis celata*) 1
- Green-tailed Towhee (*Pipilo chlorurus*) 1
- Spotted Towhee (*Pipilo maculatus*) 8
- Pine Siskin (*Spinus pinus*) 2
- American Goldfinch (*Spinus tristis*) 1