Dawn Chorus Doesn't Disappoint

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Evergreen Audubon held our "Global Big Day" a day early for this year's Dawn Chorus at Evergreen Lake. Ed Furlong, Melissa Leasia, Lisa Wald, Dwight Souder and others got the coffee on by 6:00 am as 32 of us headed out to see what we could discover. A duck species and three Western Grebes were on the Lake and Spotted Sandpipers scooted out from the shore. We could not entice any rails from the marsh, although a Marsh Wren and White-faced Ibis were seen. A walk to Wilmot Creek produced some of the best birds of the day, including a Clay-colored Sparrow, Orange-crowned Warblers, and a Dusky Flycatcher. Ed and David Wald found an American Dipper at the bridge past the Keys increasing the morning's Lake list to 43 species.

After the early morning at the Lake, I headed to Elk Meadow, where I was joined by Pat Carter, to check nest boxes. We added an additional eight species there for a total Evergreen morning of 51 species. Thanks to everyone who came out and provided breakfast treats. The list is below.

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Canada Goose	Dusky Flycatcher	American Robin
Gadwall	Say's Phoebe*	European Starling*
Mallard	Steller's Jay	House Finch
Blue-winged Teal	Black-billed Magpie	Pine Siskin
Western Grebe	American Crow	Orange-crowned Warbler
Mourning Dove	Common Raven*	Yellow Warbler
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	Tree Swallow	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Spotted Sandpiper	Violet-green Swallow	Chipping Sparrow
Wilson's Snipe*	Barn Swallow	Clay-colored Sparrow
Double-crested Cormorant	Mountain Chickadee	Vesper Sparrow*
Great Blue Heron	Pygmy Nuthatch	Song Sparrow
White-faced Ibis	House Wren	White-crowned Sparrow
Turkey Vulture	Marsh Wren	Dark-eyed Junco

Osprey	American Dipper	Red-winged Blackbird
Red-tailed Hawk	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Brewer's Blackbird*
Hairy Woodpecker*	Western Bluebird	Common Grackle
Northern Flicker	Mountain Bluebird*	Brown-headed Cowbird

* indicates species seen during Elk Meadow nest box checks.