











**BLACK-TAILED JACKRABBIT** (*Lepus californicus*) – We saw a few of these impressive critters on the plains of eastern Colorado and Kansas.

**YELLOW-BELLIED MARMOT** (*Marmota flaviventris*) – A few roadside animals posed for us between Craig and Steamboat Springs.

**WHITE-TAILED ANTELOPE SQUIRREL** (*Ammospermophilus leucurus*) – Several scrambled over the rocks of Coal Canyon with their tails up over their backs.

**WYOMING GROUND SQUIRREL** (*Uroditellus elegans*) – The common small brown squirrel of the openlands of western Colorado.

**THIRTEEN-LINED GROUND SQUIRREL** (*Spermophilus tridecemlineatus*) – A few were roadside near the Pawnee National Grassland.

**ROCK SQUIRREL** (*Spermophilus variegatus*) – Just a couple of well-spaced sightings, including a few in a ranch yard near Lake Meredith.

**BLACK-TAILED PRAIRIE DOG** (*Cynomys ludovicianus*) – Common on the eastern plains.

**WHITE-TAILED PRAIRIE DOG** (*Cynomys leucurus*) – These were the prairie-dogs we saw in North Park.

**GUNNISON PRAIRIE DOG** (*Cynomys gunnisoni*) – A few quick looks in the Telluride area - most of the towns of this species that we passed were still covered in snow!

**FOX SQUIRREL** (*Sciurus niger*) – Good views at the Wray Fish Hatchery.

**RED SQUIRREL** (*Tamiasciurus hudsonicus*) – One scampered around near the birdfeeders at Silverthorne.

**ORD'S KANGAROO RAT** (*Dipodomys ordii*) – One bounced across in front of us as we drove out to the Greater Prairie-Chicken lek at the Bledsoe Cattle Company, but only a few of us glimpsed it.

**MUSKRAT** (*Ondatra zibethica*) – Michael spotted one in a lake during our drive to Steamboat Springs.

**RED FOX** (*Vulpes vulpes*) – Two individuals were spotted during our time in the western mountains - the one just outside of Black Canyon of the Gunnison NP put on a good show for one van.

**COYOTE** (*Canis latrans*) – Several sightings, including two animals together along the Arkansas River Valley near La Junta.

**ELK** (*Cervus canadensis*) – A few animals were along the roadsides near Montrose.

**MULE DEER** (*Odocoileus hemionus*) – The common deer with big ears in the west.

**MOOSE** (*Alces alces*) – We saw two during our evening moose cruise east of Walden.

**PRONGHORN** (*Antilocapra americana*) – A few were on the eastern plains, and we saw more in the sage flats west of Grand Junction.

**BIGHORN SHEEP** (*Ovis canadensis*) – We saw these large, distinctive mammals in the Rockies on four different days. It's pretty startling to see them walking around on the shoulder of I-70!

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## ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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**Totals for the tour: 150 bird taxa and 22 mammal taxa**