

**FIELD REPORT**

**COLORADO GROUSE**

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Lesser Prairie-Chicken displaying in Kansas © Brian Gibbons

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Eighteen circuits over twenty years gave me a good feel for what to expect on this year's Colorado Grouse tour, but it's never the same. Steamboat Springs had unprecedented winter snows, leaving some of our birding areas out of reach. North Park put the chill on us at 2 degrees Fahrenheit on our way to view the Greater Sage-Grouse. Loveland Pass, Monarch Pass, and much of the mountain west blew us around and gave us a little fresh powder to ponder. Colorado always provides the scenes that make our annual grouse



**Sunrise in Gunnison at the Gunnison Sage-Grouse lek © Brian Gibbons**

trip so special. We ranged from 12,000 feet in the wind and snow at Loveland to less than 3,000 feet in the parched prairies of Kansas. I averaged about one photo taken for every mile driven—more than 2,000! This was the greatest temperature range of any of my eighteen runs, nearly 80 degrees, from 2 in North Park to 80 in Kansas! We found well over 100 species of birds and many lifers—even though a few got away.

We started with blue skies as we climbed the Rockies west of Denver. I knew before we got to Loveland that it would be windy; the swirls of snow coming off the peaks along I-70 were massive and indicative of strong winds at the highest elevations. We tried to dig a ptarmigan out at 12,000 feet, but it wasn't to be; they were buried safely in the snow, out of the wind and out of sight. Nearby we did find a beautiful trio of Barrow's Goldeneyes on a little sliver of open water at the Soda Creek inlet for Dillon Reservoir. In



the neighborhood above town we found the southern Rockies species of Rosy-Finch, the Brown-capped, along with Clark's Nutcrackers, Pygmy Nuthatches, and Pine Siskins. Soon we were winding our way through the mountains to Gunnison. A lunch stop in Buena Vista produced a great meal and, finally, a Lewis's Woodpecker. Monarch Pass, like Loveland, was windy and didn't surrender any birds, so we moved on to the Gunnison Valley, dodging deer along the way. The winter snow was still in the lower valley, meaning the forests above were still covered. This means the deer were still in the valley, and we had to be very careful while driving, especially in the predawn hours, to view the Gunnison Sage-Grouse.

The next morning found us tucked into the blind at a fairly mild 23 degrees, waiting for the sun to rise so that we could get our lifer grouse. It finally got light, but the distance, snow, and wind conditions left us squinting through the scopes trying to discern the Gunnison Sage-Grouse; while they were many—138 birds—the views were tough. After the show we headed to Gunnison and on to Crested Butte South, where reports of Rosies had us excited. We were not disappointed; a few hundred Rosy-Finches swirled around a neighborhood with a very kind bird-feeding host. We enjoyed the birds for an hour until we got good looks at a few Black Rosy-Finches, Gray-crowned Rosy-Finches, and hundreds of Brown-caps! A male



**Lewis's Woodpecker in Buena Vista © Brian Gibbons**



**Black Rosy-Finch was the prize from Crested Butte © Brian Gibbons**

Cassin's Finch even enlivened the feeders for a brief time. In the afternoon we made our way to Montrose, stopping en route to assess the conditions for Dusky Grouse at the stunning Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park. Along the roads we found Western and Mountain bluebirds actively feeding and delighting us! Again, snow greeted us, but I was buoyed by the recent

reports of grouse from the area. We searched the first evening, the next morning, and again in the afternoon, and he never decided to appear for our checklist, so we made



**Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park with fresh snow © Brian Gibbons**



**Colorado National Monument © Brian Gibbons**

our way to Grand Junction after a little birding at a park in Montrose that added Belted Kingfisher to our list. Our next birding stop was obscured by falling snow, so we pushed on to Grand Junction.

The next morning was clear and calm, and we enjoyed the exceptional scenery and some great birds of the red rock canyon country of Colorado National Monument. Juniper Titmouse was our first target, which allowed excellent views near the campground. Also very obliging was a Bushtit, which is generally a frenetic bird, but it sat still just long enough to allow some great photos. Along the canyon walls, the White-throated Swifts were screeching and streaking past, despite the freezing temps. Along rim rock drive we spotted a couple of Pinyon Jays flying





**Juniper Titmouse in its namesake tree in Colorado National Monument © Brian Gibbons**

over. We heard them well, but they never gave us good looks. Continuing on, some of us glimpsed a Bobcat that hurried off the road; it squeaked in for a second look that a couple of folks were able to enjoy. Our next journey was to Steamboat Springs, and again we had a snowy drive. Emerging from the snow, we entered an open valley with many raptors, and we continued our luck sighting a couple more Golden Eagles, a bird we would see daily for the first week of our tour. Bald Eagles, Northern Harriers, and Red-tailed Hawks were also noted as we dodged Mule Deer and Elk. Finally, back to blue skies and valleys, we found a few birds in roadside ditches, displaced by the weather. A Greater Yellowlegs waiting for the weather to clear was unimpressed with Craig, while the local Sandhill Cranes were biding their time. The cranes will nest nearby when the snow melts off the hay meadows. Near



**Golden Eagle © Brian Gibbons**

Hayden, the California Park road was snowed in, nixing our best chance for Dusky Grouse. But we did find a flock of Greater Sage-Grouse roaming the sage-covered hillside along the way. We made it to Steamboat a little late but then enjoyed a great



**Greater Sage-Grouse away from a lek near Hayden, Colorado © Brian Gibbons**

meal at our hotel before bed. The next morning was another cold one as we cruised the back roads looking for Sharp-tailed Grouse. For well over an hour we cruised the back roads of Routt County without seeing much. Then a distant sighting of a grouse in a shrub allowed me a little relief—finally a Sharp-tailed Grouse. Around the next bend we found over a dozen perched up on spindly willow limbs as they plucked off buds, waiting for spring. The snow-covered hills were too much, and no displaying birds were found this year. As we made our way to Walden in the sagebrush hills of North Park, we stopped at a high elevation park, surrounded by spruce and fir, where we mustered but a single bird,

the Canada Jay. As we descended from the high mountains into the snowy fields of sagebrush, we found a few Rough-legged Hawks in the flats near Coalmont, where we would return predawn to watch the



**Sharp-tailed Grouse dining on willow buds - waiting for spring © Brian Gibbons**



dance of the Greater Sage-Grouse. After an early dinner, a few brave souls headed up to Cameron Pass in near perfect conditions. No wind and clear skies allowed for an attempt at the coveted Boreal Owl. We made several stops but heard nothing other than the crunching footfalls of a Red Fox on the snow. At our last stop I played a snippet of Boreal song, and almost immediately a little bark emanated from the forest. We found one! Now the hard part—spotting it. Annie noticed a dark form fly right past her head in the dark. So we shined the lights on the nearby trees and there he was, sitting in a snag. Seeing a Boreal Owl is always a challenge, and we enjoyed a few more brief views before retreating to the warmth of the vans and the call for sleep before another early



**Greater Sage-Grouse displaying in North Park © Brian Gibbons**

wakeup.

The sagebrush flat in front of us slowly grayed as the sun crept toward the horizon and the moon set over aspen-covered hills. Finally, we could make out the hulking forms of the Greater Sage-Grouse, their spiky tails and huge white neck ruffs evident in the early light. Gradually we could see more detail; as the sun appeared, a couple of massive males sidled up to each other and whacked the other with their strong wings, hoping to attain the coveted alpha position for the spring mating season. Several males strutted for more than an hour as we admired their tenacity. Here it was spring, and it was eleven degrees! Imagine what winter would be like for these tough birds! After the show we had

to refortify ourselves with a massive breakfast in Walden. The reservoir had no open water this year, but the birds were there, biding time before the frenetic breeding season starts. Sitting on the ice were American White Pelicans, Canada Geese, California and



**Northern Pygmy-Owl was a crowd favorite**  
© Brian Gibbons

Franklin's gulls, and a few ducks. As we climbed through the willows and out of North Park, we made a couple of stops at feeders to see what we could find. Pygmy and White-breasted nuthatches, Cassin's Finches, Pine Siskins, and many juncos brightened our morning. In the spruce forest of Cameron Pass we heard an American Three-toed Woodpecker, but it never revealed itself, and the other montane birds were equally difficult. Winding our way out of the mountains took us through the spectacular Poudre Canyon. Along the river we spied a few American Dippers before arriving at our picnic spot. A tip from fellow grouseers led to a trip highlight at Gateway Natural Area. A single Northern Pygmy-Owl sat high in a maple for the whole of our visit,

delighting everyone! Surely his mate was nearby on eggs, ensuring another generation of tiny terrors was on the way. On the river we enjoyed great views of the local American Dipper that Nancy spotted. In Fort Collins we had a great meal at Austin's before retiring.

A beautiful sunrise greeted us in Fort Collins as we had a fresh air breakfast. With a little luck and good timing, we visited a neighborhood that had been hosting Evening Grosbeaks. We were not disappointed! Soon the grosbeaks could be heard everywhere in the neighborhood, and we enjoyed scope views, as every maple seemed to host at least a few grosbeaks. Even a quick gas break was exciting when we discovered a Great Horned Owl on a nest with owlets across the street. Scopes were deployed right there in the parking lot, and everyone enjoyed our first horned owl sighting. As we left Fort Collins, we drove through farmland and little bits of prairie before arriving in Briggsdale, where Mountain Plovers were relatively easy to spot.



**Evening Grosbeaks** © Brian Gibbons



After enjoying them in the scopes, we moved on to the shortgrass prairie of Pawnee National Grassland. A confiding Sage Thrasher and Rock Wren allowed great views before we got on the longspurs. First, a fine male Thick-billed was scoped up in the grass, then a striking Chestnut-collared made our day complete; both were in tip top



**Western Meadowlark singing in Pawnee National Grassland © Brian Gibbons**

breeding colors. The afternoon slipped by as we rolled into Bledsoe Cattle Company, where our host, Bob, explained his business and his love for Greater Prairie-Chickens. The ranch hosts more than 100 leks, and we would be in awe the next morning. Wray has a great restaurant, 4<sup>th</sup> & Main, that's been a mainstay for more than ten years; another great meal fortified us for the night, when we dreamt about chickens.

As usual, we found ourselves sitting in the dark vans in the middle of nowhere with the eastern sky just barely starting to lighten. All of a sudden several Greater Prairie-Chickens started their cooing displays; soon more joined in, then a chorus of cackling and hoots. As the sun rose, we found ourselves smack in the middle of the lek. Twenty males were displaying right in front of us, and several insouciant females wandered through, making the males ramp it up even more, before wandering off, leaving the males to duke it out for the top spot without an audience or reward. Eventually, the males faced off and squatted down, out of energy and impetus to continue. We took this as our cue to get breakfast before heading south. Around Stalker Lake and the Wray State Fish



**Greater Prairie-Chicken displaying in the sandhills in northeast Colorado © Brian Gibbons**

Hatchery we added a few ducks and our only Eastern Bluebirds of the trip. Haigler, Nebraska allowed only a glimpse at a Barn Owl before we made it to Kansas. A picnic out of the wind in Colby produced an out of place Red-breasted Nuthatch and nesting Red-tailed and Cooper's hawks. Another early night for an early departure.

Stacy Hoeme was our excellent host at his family ranch. They are working to conserve habitat for the Lesser Prairie-Chickens that call the grasslands in the area home. Another clear and calm morning made for excellent conditions for watching the energetic displays of the Lessers. The bubbling and popping sounds of the males'



**Burrowing Owl gives us the disapproving eye on the Hoeme Ranch in Kansas © Brian Gibbons**



display reminds some of a coffee percolator. They also do whoops and cackles similar to the Greater. The brick-red air sacs on their necks are smaller, but the yellow combs of the dancing males are larger than the Greater. A few females wandered through the leks we were watching, encouraging the males to display vigorously. After a great



**Lesser Prairie-Chicken displaying in Kansas © Brian Gibbons**

display, we enjoyed several Burrowing Owls in the Black-tailed Prairie-Dog towns on the ranch. We then took a short drive out to some bluffs, where we found that the nesting pair of Ferruginous Hawks had reunited, the male sitting on the clifftop and the female sizing up the nest on the cliff below. A stop en route to Denver at the Burlington, Colorado Wastewater Treatment Plant netted a few more birds and a very friendly police officer who granted us permission to go in! Yellow-headed Blackbird males were a highlight, as was the male Canvasback among the hundreds of flighty ducks. Nearby we found the last vestige of prehistoric Easter, the Easter Dino!

Thanks for traveling with VENT.

Until our next birding adventure,

- Brian and Erik.

## ITINERARY:

2 APR Loveland Pass, Dillon & Silverthorne, Dillon Reservoir Soda Creek inlet, Buena Vista, Monarch Pass, & Gunnison Cemetery

3 APR Waunita Hot Springs lek GUSG, South Crested Butte, Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park

4 APR Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park, Taviwach Park, Sweitzer Lake State Park

5 APR Colorado National Monument, Craig, Hayden Area, Steamboat Springs

6 APR Routt County Road 46-46B, CR 68, CR50, Muddy Creek Pass Recreation area, Rabbit Ears Pass, North Park, owling run to Cameron Pass

7 APR Coalmont GRSg lek, Walden Reservoir, Gould, Moose Visitor Center, Cameron Pass Routt National Forest, Poudre Canyon, Gateway Natural Area, Fort Collins Austin American Grill

8 APR Fort Collins EVGR, Briggsdale, Pawnee National Grassland, Haxtun Wastewater Ponds, Bledsoe Cattle Company

9 APR Bledsoe Cattle Company GRPC, Wray State Fish Hatchery, Stalker Pond SWA, Haigler NE, Colby KS picnic, Scott City

10 APR Hoeme Ranch LEPC lek, KS, Burlington WTP CO, DIA

<b>Waterfowl</b>	<b>Anatidae</b>
Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>
Blue-winged Teal	<i>Spatula discors</i>
Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>
Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>
American Wigeon	<i>Mareca americana</i>
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>
Green-winged Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>
Canvasback	<i>Aythya valisineria</i>
Redhead	<i>Aythya americana</i>
Ring-necked Duck	<i>Aythya collaris</i>
Lesser Scaup	<i>Aythya affinis</i>
Bufflehead	<i>Bucephala albeola</i>
Barrow's Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala islandica</i>
Hooded Merganser	<i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>
Common Merganser	<i>Mergus merganser</i>
Ruddy Duck	<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>
<b>Pheasants, Grouse &amp; Allies</b>	<b>Phasianidae</b>
Ring-necked Pheasant (I)	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>



Greater Sage-Grouse  
Gunnison Sage-Grouse  
Sharp-tailed Grouse  
Greater Prairie-Chicken  
Lesser Prairie-Chicken  
Wild Turkey

**Pigeons and Doves**

Rock Pigeon (I)  
Eurasian Collared-Dove (I)  
Mourning Dove

**Swifts**

White-throated Swift

**Rails, Gallinules & Coots**

American Coot

**Cranes**

Sandhill Crane

**Plovers and Lapwings**

Killdeer  
Mountain Plover

**Sandpipers & Allies**

Wilson's Snipe  
Greater Yellowlegs

**Gulls, Terns & Skimmers**

Franklin's Gull  
Ring-billed Gull  
California Gull

**Cormorants**

Double-crested Cormorant

**Pelicans**

American White Pelican

**Herons, Egrets & Bitterns**

Great Blue Heron

**New World Vultures**

Turkey Vulture

**Osprey**

Osprey

**Hawks, Eagles & Kites**

Golden Eagle  
Northern Harrier  
Sharp-shinned Hawk  
Cooper's Hawk  
Bald Eagle  
Swainson's Hawk  
Red-tailed Hawk  
Rough-legged Hawk  
Ferruginous Hawk

*Centrocercus urophasianus*  
*Centrocercus minimus*  
*Tympanuchus phasianellus*  
*Tympanuchus cupido*  
*Tympanuchus pallidicinctus*  
*Meleagris gallopavo*

**Columbidae**

*Columba livia*  
*Streptopelia decaocto*  
*Zenaida macroura*

**Apodidae**

*Aeronautes saxatalis*

**Rallidae**

*Fulica americana*

**Gruidae**

*Antigone canadensis*

**Charadriidae**

*Charadrius vociferus*  
*Charadrius montanus*

**Scolopacidae**

*Gallinago delicata*  
*Tringa melanoleuca*

**Laridae**

*Leucophaeus pipixcan*  
*Larus delawarensis*  
*Larus californicus*

**Phalacrocoracidae**

*Nannopterum auritum*

**Pelecanidae**

*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*

**Ardeidae**

*Ardea herodias*

**Cathartidae**

*Cathartes aura*

**Pandionidae**

*Pandion haliaetus*

**Accipitridae**

*Aquila chrysaetos*  
*Circus hudsonius*  
*Accipiter striatus*  
*Accipiter cooperii*  
*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*  
*Buteo swainsoni*  
*Buteo jamaicensis*  
*Buteo lagopus*  
*Buteo regalis*

**Barn-Owls**

Barn Owl

**Owls**

Great Horned Owl

Burrowing Owl

Boreal Owl

Northern Pygmy-Owl

**Kingfishers**

Belted Kingfisher

**Woodpeckers**

Williamson's Sapsucker

Lewis's Woodpecker

Am. Three-toed Woodpecker

Downy Woodpecker

Hairy Woodpecker

Northern Flicker

(Red-shafted)

(Yellow-shafted)

**Falcons & Caracaras**

American Kestrel

Merlin

Peregrine Falcon

**Tyrant Flycatchers**

Black Phoebe

Say's Phoebe

**Shrikes**

Loggerhead Shrike

**Crows, Jays & Magpies**

Canada Jay

Pinyon Jay

Steller's Jay

Blue Jay

Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay

Black-billed Magpie

Clark's Nutcracker

American Crow

Common Raven

**Tits, Chickadees, & Titmice**

Black-capped Chickadee

Mountain Chickadee

Juniper Titmouse

**Larks**

Horned Lark

**Swallows**

Tree Swallow

**Long-tailed Tits**

**Tytonidae**

*Tyto alba*

**Strigidae**

*Bubo virginianus*

*Athene cunicularia*

*Aegolius funereus*

*Glaucidium gnoma*

**Alcedinidae**

*Megaceryle alcyon*

**Picidae**

*Sphyrapicus thyroideus*

*Melanerpes lewis*

*Picoides dorsalis*

*Dryobates pubescens*

*Dryobates villosus*

*Colaptes auratus*

*Colaptes auratus cafer*

*Colaptes auratus luteus*

**Falconidae**

*Falco sparverius*

*Falco columbarius*

*Falco peregrinus*

**Tyrannidae**

*Sayornis nigricans*

*Sayornis saya*

**Laniidae**

*Lanius ludovicianus*

**Corvidae**

*Perisoreus canadensis*

*Gymnorhinus cyanocephalus*

*Cyanocitta stelleri*

*Cyanocitta cristata*

*Aphelocoma woodhouseii*

*Pica hudsonia*

*Nucifraga columbiana*

*Corvus brachyrhynchos*

*Corvus corax*

**Paridae**

*Poecile atricapillus*

*Poecile gambeli*

*Baeolophus ridgwayi*

**Alaudidae**

*Eremophila alpestris*

**Hirundinidae**

*Tachycineta bicolor*

**Aegithalidae**



Bushtit

**Waxwings**

Cedar Waxwing

Red-breasted Nuthatch

White-breasted Nuthatch

Pygmy Nuthatch

**Wrens**

Rock Wren

Bewick's Wren

**Mockingbirds & Thrashers**

Sage Thrasher

**Starlings**

European Starling (I)

**Dippers**

American Dipper

**Thrushes & Allies**

Eastern Bluebird

Western Bluebird

Mountain Bluebird

Townsend's Solitaire

American Robin

**Old World Sparrows**

House Sparrow (I)

**Wagtails & Pipits**

American Pipit

**Finches, Euphonias & Allies**

Evening Grosbeak

Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch

(Hepburn's)

Black Rosy-Finch

Brown-capped Rosy-Finch

House Finch

Cassin's Finch

Red Crossbill

Pine Siskin

American Goldfinch

**Longspurs & Snow Buntings**

Chestnut-collared Longspur

Thick-billed Longspur

**New World Sparrows**

American Tree Sparrow

Dark-eyed Junco

(Slate-colored Junco)

(Oregon Junco)

(Pink-sided Junco)

(Gray-headed Junco)

*Psaltriparus minimus*

**Bombycillidae**

*Bombycilla cedrorum*

*Sitta canadensis*

*Sitta carolinensis*

*Sitta pygmaea*

**Troglodytidae**

*Salpinctes obsoletus*

*Thryomanes bewickii*

**Mimidae**

*Oreoscoptes montanus*

**Sturnidae**

*Sturnus vulgaris*

**Cinclidae**

*Cinclus mexicanus*

**Turdidae**

*Sialia sialis*

*Sialia mexicana*

*Sialia currucoides*

*Myadestes townsendi*

*Turdus migratorius*

**Passeridae**

*Passer domesticus*

**Motacillidae**

*Anthus rubescens*

**Fringillidae**

*Coccothraustes vespertinus*

*Leucosticte tephrocotis*

*L. tephrocotis litoralis*

*Leucosticte atrata*

*Leucosticte australis*

*Haemorhous mexicanus*

*Haemorhous cassinii*

*Loxia curvirostra*

*Spinus pinus*

*Spinus tristis*

**Calcariidae**

*Calcarius ornatus*

*Rhynchophanes mccownii*

**Passerellidae**

*Spizelloides arborea*

*Junco hyemalis*

*J. hyemalis/carolinensis*

*J. hyemalis oregonus* Group

*J. hyemalis mearnsii*

*J. hyemalis caniceps*

White-crowned Sparrow  
Vesper Sparrow  
Savannah Sparrow  
Song Sparrow  
Lincoln's Sparrow  
Spotted Towhee

**Troupials & Allies**

Yellow-headed Blackbird  
Western Meadowlark  
Red-winged Blackbird  
Brown-headed Cowbird  
Common Grackle  
Great-tailed Grackle

**New World Warblers**

Yellow-rumped Warbler

**Cardinals & Allies**

Northern Cardinal

**MAMMALS**

**Squirrels, Prairie Dogs & Marmots**

Eastern Fox Squirrel  
Least Chipmunk  
Wyoming Ground Squirrel  
Rock Squirrel  
Black-tailed Prairie-Dog  
White-tailed Prairie-Dog  
Gunnison Prairie-Dog  
Yellow-bellied Marmot

**Kangaroo Rats**

Ord's Kangaroo Rat

**Rabbits & Hares**

Eastern Cottontail  
Desert Cottontail  
Mountain Cottontail  
Black-tailed Jackrabbit  
White-tailed Jackrabbit

**Dogs**

Coyote  
Red Fox

**Weasels**

Northern River Otter  
American Badger

**Cats**

Bobcat

**Deer**

White-tailed Deer

*Zonotrichia leucophrys*  
*Poocetes gramineus*  
*Passerculus sandwichensis*  
*Melospiza melodia*  
*Melospiza lincolnii*  
*Pipilo maculatus*

**Icteridae**

*Xanthocephalus*  
*xanthocephalus*  
*Sturnella neglecta*  
*Agelaius phoeniceus*  
*Molothrus ater*  
*Quiscalus quiscula*  
*Quiscalus mexicanus*

**Parulidae**

*Setophaga coronata*

**Cardinalidae**

*Cardinalis cardinalis*

**Sciuridae**

*Sciurus niger*  
*Tamias minimus*  
*Spermophilus elegans*  
*Spermophilus variegatus*  
*Cynomys ludovicianus*  
*Cynomys leucurus*  
*Cynomys gunnisoni*  
*Marmota flaviventris*

**Heteromyidae**

*Dipodomys ordii*

**Leporidae**

*Sylvilagus floridanus*  
*Sylvilagus audubonii*  
*Sylvilagus nuttallii*  
*Lepus californicus*  
*Lepus townsendii*

**Canidae**

*Canis latrans*  
*Vulpes vulpes*

**Mustelidae**

*Lontra canadensis*  
*Taxidea taxus*

**Felidae**

*Felis rufus*

**Cervidae**

*Odocoileus virginianus*

Mule Deer  
Elk

**Pronghorn**

Pronghorn

*Odocoileus hemionus*

*Cervus elaphus*

**Antilocapridae**

*Antilocapra americana*



Ferruginous Hawks in Kansas, male above the female on the nest just below him © Brian Gibbons