

**WILDLIFE
VIEWING AREA**

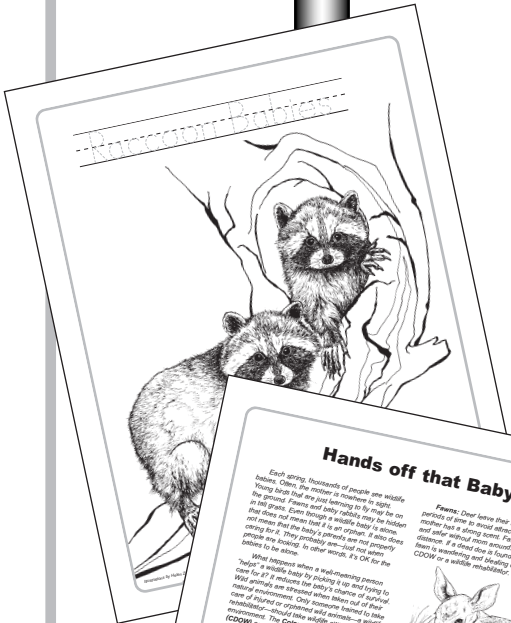
Looking for Wildlife?

Wildlife is everywhere, even in your neighborhood. Still, there are some places where you are more likely to see wildlife. In Colorado, look for brown and white binocular signs on roadsides. These signs mark wildlife viewing areas. There are over 200 Colorado wildlife viewing areas. Look for more information at:

<http://wildlife.state.co.us/Viewing/Wheretogo/>

Some wildlife viewing areas are part of the new Colorado Birding Trail. A birding trail is a collection of sites along a route that offer special opportunities to view birds and other wildlife.

Colorado Birding Trail sites are also marked by special brown and white signs. Read more about the Colorado Birding Trail by exploring the Web site: www.Coloradobirdingtrail.com. Then—hit the trail!



Hands off that Baby!

Each spring, thousands of people see wildlife babies. Often, the instinct is to reach out to stroke the ground. Babies are very sensitive to touch and may be so frightened that they will not eat. It is important that you do not touch a baby wildlife animal. If you do, you may be helping to harm the baby. They probably are not properly prepared to be alone. It is OK for the

binoculars when a wildlife viewing area is marked. If you are not sure if you are in a wildlife viewing area, call the Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW) for more information. The CDOW can help people find a wildlife viewing area.

Baby birds: The best thing to do if you find a bird chick is to leave it alone. The parents will return to care for the chick, and you can help by leaving it alone.

Baby mammals: If you find a baby mammal, do not touch it. The parents will return to care for the baby, and you can help by leaving it alone.

Baby reptiles: If you find a baby reptile, do not touch it. The parents will return to care for the baby, and you can help by leaving it alone.



Learn more about Colorado wildlife. Wildlife Discovery Pages for kids of all ages can be downloaded at:

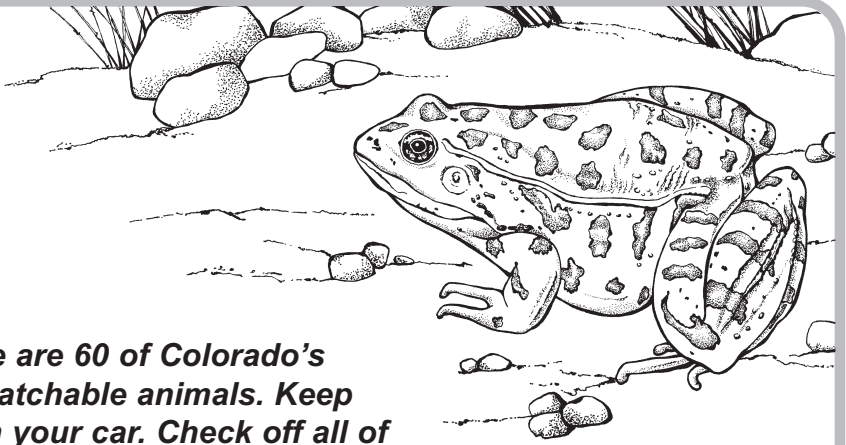
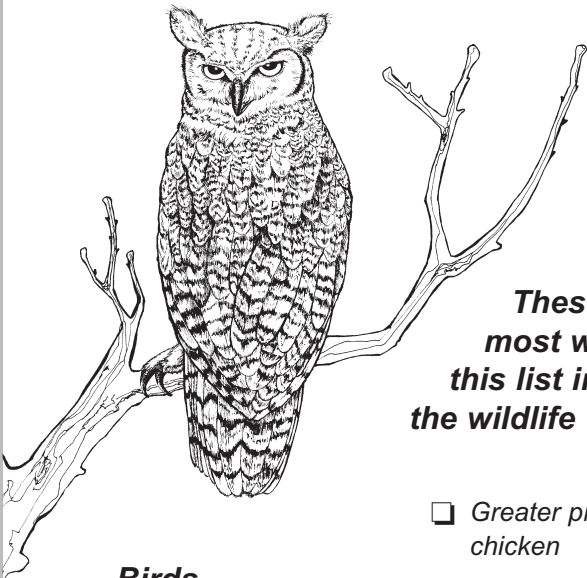
<http://wildlife.state.co.us/Education/StudentActivities/WildlifeDiscovery/>

I'm Not Lost!

It's spring! Wildlife babies are everywhere. Some babies look lost and alone. Does this mean need your help? No! It is waiting for its mother. Just as your mother might have left you in your crib to make dinner, a wildlife mother must leave her baby to look for food. She knows where she left her little one. She plans to return soon. She may be watching nearby and waiting for you to leave. If you leave this baby alone, its mother will be able to feed and protect it, and teach it how to survive.

Please leave all wildlife babies alone.





These are 60 of Colorado's most watchable animals. Keep this list in your car. Check off all of the wildlife that you see on your travels!

Birds

- Bald eagle
- Broad-tailed hummingbird
- Burrowing owl
- Dipper
- Dusky grouse
- Golden eagle
- Great blue heron
- Great horned owl
- Gray jay
- Greater prairie-chicken
- Lark bunting*
- Lesser prairie-chicken
- Magpie
- Mountain bluebird
- Mountain plover
- Osprey
- Peregrine falcon
- Red-tailed hawk
- Sandhill crane
- Sage grouse
- Sharp-tailed grouse
- Steller's jay

- Turkey vulture
- Western meadowlark
- Western tanager
- White pelican
- White-tailed ptarmigan
- Wild turkey

- Ornate box turtle
- Painted turtle*
- Pika
- Porcupine
- Prairie dog
- Pronghorn
- Raccoon
- Red fox
- River otter
- Western hognose snake
- White-tailed deer

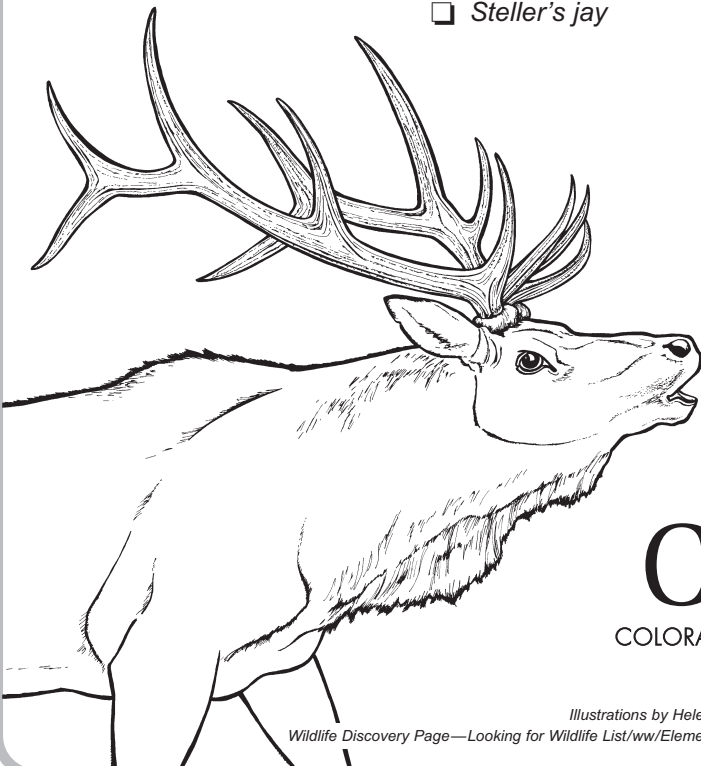
Mammals/Reptiles

- Abert's squirrel
- Badger
- Beaver
- Bighorn sheep*
- Black bear
- Bullsnake
- Collared lizard
- Coyote
- Elk
- Marmot
- Moose
- Mountain goat
- Mountain lion
- Mule deer

Fish/Amphibians

- Brown trout
- Greenback cutthroat trout*
- Lake trout
- Plains leopard frog
- Rainbow trout
- Tiger salamander*
- Woodhouse's toad

*Official Colorado State Symbols



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