

Durango Bird Club

Christmas Bird Count 2025

Lower Animas River – Sunday, December 21st

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AREA DESCRIPTION: The main feature of this area is the Animas River Trail from High Bridge down to the River Road bridge behind Home Depot. Both sides of the river are within this route. This area includes Dallabetta Park, residential areas around Escalante Middle School, the Purple Cliffs all the way to the skyline ridge, and mixed use areas south of Hwy 550/160 and east of River Road. Also, the first part of the Carbon Junction trail is open, and within this area. This is primarily a walking route.

BOUNDARIES: The west boundary of Lower Animas Area is approximately the west edge of the Animas River Valley view shed, which in much of the area is the top of the skyline ridge above the valley. The east boundary is the view shed up to the edge of the terraces above the river. High Bridge is the north boundary.