

# **Durango Bird Club**

## **Christmas Bird Count 2025**

### **Southwest – Sunday, December 21st**

**Area 1:** Zink's Pond and south of dashed orange line on map

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**AREA 1 DESCRIPTION:** The main feature of this area is Zink's Pond and the adjacent wetlands. Rainbow Road and the southern section of La Posta Road are also within this route. This area has a mix of pinyon juniper and agricultural lands. The 550 corridor can be a good stretch for raptors. Do not count birds from Weaselskin Bridge. This will be covered in Area 2.

**Area 2:** La Posta Rd north of dashed orange line on map & Airpark area

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**AREA 2 DESCRIPTION:** Weaselskin Bridge north along La Posta Road. Do not enter Southern Ute Tribal lands along La Posta without a permit. This section also includes the Animas Airpark area. Extensive pinyon juniper habitat along La Posta Road may be a good area for Pinyon Jays.

**BOUNDARIES:** The northwest boundary is the crest of Basin Mountain, and the north boundary is the intersection south of Della Betta Park and the River Road bridge east to Farmington Hill. The east boundary is Hwy 550. You may count both sides along this stretch of 550. When counting both sides of Hwy 550, for the east side adjacent to the Southeast Area, focus on power lines, power poles, fence lines, and trees close to the highway. The Southeast team will cover anything further out in the agricultural fields. The divider for Area 1 and Area 2 is Weaselskin Bridge. Area 2 will cover the bridge and Animas River below, but not count birds on the southern side of the bridge.