

Durango Bird Club

DURANGO

AREA DESCRIPTION: Downtown Durango and the heavily treed neighborhoods immediately east (3rd Avenue, etc.), Ft. Lewis College campus, Hillcrest Golf Course, City Reservoir (at the end of Hillcrest Dr.), the wetlands just northeast of the traffic circle on Goeglein Gulch Rd., various neighborhoods and neighborhood parks, the Centennial Trail (descending from the west edge of Ft. Lewis campus), the trails on the northeast side of Raider Ridge, and the lower, narrow portion of Horse Gulch (Canyon Wren has wintered here). Also Ewing Mesa if can get permission for access. If snow conditions allow it, and if someone is up for a hike, the Skyline Trail coming off the end of the Skyridge subdivision road climbs up into a dense forest of Douglas Fir, possible wintering habitat for Golden Crowned Kinglet.

BOUNDARIES: The west boundary is just east of the east banks of the Animas River. The east banks themselves will be covered by the folks walking the Animas River Trail and its side trails. Farther south, the west boundary is Camino del Rio and Hwy 160/550 to the Santa Rita Rd intersection. The east edge of the Durango area is the view shed up to the crest of Raider Ridge and then some of the view shed above Ewing Mesa. The northeast edge of the area includes the neighborhood accessed on Whippoorwill Rd off of Florida Rd.