

Durango Bird Club

Christmas Bird Count 2025

Middle Animas River – Sunday, December 21st

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AREA DESCRIPTION: This main feature of this area is the Animas River Trail from the Hwy 160 - Hwy 550 intersection, down to High Bridge. Both sides of the river are in the count area. This area includes Santa Rita Park, and sections of the Bodo SWA, that are not closed for wintering wildlife habitat. Canyon Wren occasionally winters near the beginning of the Smelter Canyon Trail. This route also includes the 4Corners Riversports and Rivergate eBird hotspots. This is primarily a walking route.

BOUNDARIES: The west boundary of the Middle 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. On Smelter Mountain's slopes, the western boundary is drawn to approximate the edge of a reasonable view shed from the Animas. The east boundary is the view shed up to the edge of the terraces above the river. High Bridge is the south boundary, and the north boundary is at the Hwy 160-Hwy 550 intersection.