

# **Durango Bird Club**

## **Christmas Bird Count 2025**

### **Upper Animas River – Sunday, December 21st**

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**AREA DESCRIPTION:** The main feature of this area is the Huck Finn Pond & Fish Hatchery eBird hotspot, which provides excellent birding year round. We will plan to meet at the fish hatchery on the morning of the count around 8am. From there, we will head north along the Animas River Trail up to East 31st Street. Both sides of the Animas River are included on this route. This area also includes Rotary, Viles, Rank, and Memorial Parks. This is primarily a walking route that finishes around lunchtime.

**BOUNDARIES:** The west boundary of the Upper Animas Area is Main Street. The east boundary of Upper Animas Area includes the river bank and riparian zone on the east side of the river. The neighborhoods beyond this narrow zone are counted by a different group. The Main Street bridge is the southwestern boundary – count both sides of the river there. The north boundary is approximately East 31st Street.