

Mammal Checklist  
for the Gothic, Colorado area and  
the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory

Compiled from comments by researchers the Lab - especially David M. Armstrong in his 1972 'Distribution of Mammals in Colorado'. Monograph of the Museum of Natural History, the University of Kansas Number 3. 415 pages.

**Class Mammalia**

Order Insectivora

**Family Soricidae – Shrews**

*Sorex cinereus* (Kerr) - Masked shrew

*Sorex monticolus* - Montaine shrew

*Sorex obscurus* - Dusky shrew

*Sorex palustris* (Baird) - Water shrew

*Sorex vagrans* (Merriam) - Wandering shrew

Order Chiroptera - Bats

**Family Vespertilionidae**

*Myotis lucifugus carissima* (Thomas) - Little Brown Bat

*Myotis volans interior* (Miller) - Long-legged myotis

*Myotis evotis chrysonotus* (J.A.Allen) - Long-eared myotis

*Plecotus townsendii pallescens* (Miller) - Townsends Big-Eared bat

Order Primates

**Family Hominidae**

*Homo sapiens sapiens* (Linnaeus) - Human

Order Lagomorpha

**Family Ochotonidae**

*Ochotona princeps* (J.A. Allen) - Pika

**Family Leporidae**

*Lepus americanus* (Hayden) - Snowshoe hare

Order Rodentia

## Family Sciuridae

*Marmota flaviventris* (Howell) - Yellow-bellied marmot

*Spermophilus lateralis* (Say) - Golden-mantled ground squirrel

*Tamias minimus* (Merriam) - Least Chipmunk

*Tamias quadrivittatus* - Colorado chipmunk

*Tamias umbrinus* (White) - Uinta chipmunk

*Tamiasciurus hudsonicus* (Audubon & Bechman) - Chickaree or Red Squirrel or Pine Squirrel

Note, some taxonomists place the Western Chipmunks in *Eutamias* instead of *Tamias*.

## Family Geomyidae

*Thomomys talpoides* (Allen) - Northern pocket gopher

## Family Castoridae

*Castor canadensis* (Warren & Hall) - Beaver

## Family Muridae

*Peromyscus maniculatus* (Merriam) - Deer mouse

*Neotoma cinerea* (Merriam) - Bushy-tailed wood rat

*Phenacomys intermedius* (Merriam) - Rocky Mountain phenacomys or Heather Vole

*Clethrionomys gapperi* (Merriam) - Red-backed Vole

*Microtus montanus* (Hall) - Montane vole

*Microtus longicaudus* (Merriam) - Long-tailed vole

*Ondatra zibethicus* (Lord) - Muskrat

## Family Zapodidae

*Zapus princeps* (Allen) - Western jumping mouse

## Family Erethizontidae

*Erithizon dorsatum* (Brandt) - Porcupine

## Order Carnivora

### Family Canidae

*Canis latrans* (Merriam) - Coyote

*Vulpes vulpes* (Baird) - Red Fox

### Family Procyonidae

*Procyon lotor* (Merriam) - Raccoon

### Family Ursidae

*Ursus americanus* (Baird) - Black bear

### Family Mustelidae

*Taxidea taxus* - Badger

*Mustela frenata* (Hall) - Long-tailed weasel

*Mustela erminea* (Bangs) - Short-tailed weasel or ermine

*Martes americana* (Rhoads) - Marten

*Mephitis mephitis* (Richardson) - Striped skunk

### **Family Felidae**

*Lynx Canadensis* - Lynx

*Felis concolor* (Merriam) - Mountain Lion

### Order Artiodactyla

### **Family Cervidae**

*Cervus elaphus* (Bailey) - Elk or Wapiti

*Odocoileus hemionus* (Rafinesque) - Mule deer

### **Family Bovidae**

*Oreamnos americanus* (de Blainville) - Mountain Goat

*Ovis canadensis* (Shaw) - Bighorn sheep