

2006: An Overview of the Boulder County Wildlife Inventory

2006 had the second highest number of bird species observed since the wildlife inventory began in 1979. November 2006 was a record month with 125 bird species. However, most months could not rival 2002. Only one species was new for the wildlife inventory: Swallow-tailed Kite is a very rare spring and summer vagrant. Shorebird migration was particularly good for variety of species, as was the number of gulls and terns present on the county's lakes. Two birds which have not been seen since 2004 are Lewis' Woodpecker and Hooded Warbler; both have in the past bred in the county. Altogether 302 avian, 30 mammalian, 8 reptilian and 3 amphibian species were reported to the Boulder County Wildlife Inventory.

Reported in 2005 but not in 2006

Least Bittern
 Little Blue Heron
 White-winged Scoter
 Red Phalarope
 Yellow-billed Cuckoo
 Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
 Bewick's Wren
 Veery
 Wood Thrush
 White-eyed Vireo
 Yellow-throated Vireo
 Philadelphia Vireo
 Golden-winged Warbler
 Magnolia Warbler
 Black-throated Green Warbler
 American Redstart
 Painted Bunting
 Field Sparrow
 Sage Sparrow
 Baltimore Oriole
 Orchard Oriole
 Scott's Oriole
 Common Redpoll

Species reported in 2006 but not in 2005

Yellow-billed Loon
 Brown Pelican
 Cattle Egret
 Yellow-crowned Night Heron
 Long-tailed Duck
 Swallow-tailed Kite
 Gyrfalcon
 Northern Bobwhite
 Whimbrel
 Ruddy Turnstone
 Sanderling
 Western Sandpiper
 White-rumped Sandpiper
 Pectoral Sandpiper
 Stilt Sandpiper
 Iceland Gull
 Glaucous-winged Gull
 Arctic Tern
 Least Tern
 Caspian Tern
 Short-eared Owl
 Eastern Phoebe
 Carolina Wren
 Brown Thrasher
 Curve-billed Thrasher
 Cassin's Vireo
 Blue-winged Warbler
 Chestnut-sided Warbler
 Black-throated Blue Warbler
 Palm Warbler
 Black-and-White Warbler
 Worm-eating Warbler
 Canada Warbler
 Eastern Towhee
 Black-throated Sparrow
 Golden-crowned Sparrow
 Harris Sparrow
 Dickcissel
 Lapland Longspur

Month-by-Month Avian Species Totals

Year	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
January	100	100	90	90	96	89	98	103	108	122	99
February	88	90	75	97	86	91	89	95	106	112	98
March	107	112	90	120	96	97	115	100	116	105	118
April	137	146	151	137	134	155	170	150	136	159	154
May	207	208	205	221	199	203	243	211	214	201	218
June	139	144	171	164	164	153	159	155	168	161	147
July	124	147	167	150	153	132	173	113	147	137	152
August	125	152	147	139	166	125	177	111	144	152	156
September	150	166	157	165	178	146	172	145	175	154	166
October	110	127	129	118	139	124	149	102	107	141	126
November	103	97	113	101	114	118	112	113	111	105	125
December	111	102	111	114	116	118	125	115	122	123	121
Year Total	264	270	275	286	279	276	308	290	298	286	302