

Mammal Species of the Green River from Flaming Gorge Dam to Split Mountain

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During our trip from Flaming Gorge Dam to Split Mountain we observed a variety of mammal species. Our observations were made either with visual sightings, tracks, or scat. Due to our limited survey time we were rarely unable to observe more than a few of any one species, often times only seeing one individual of a species. This list is not limited to the species that I personally saw but also includes those animals reported to me by my colleagues on this research trip.

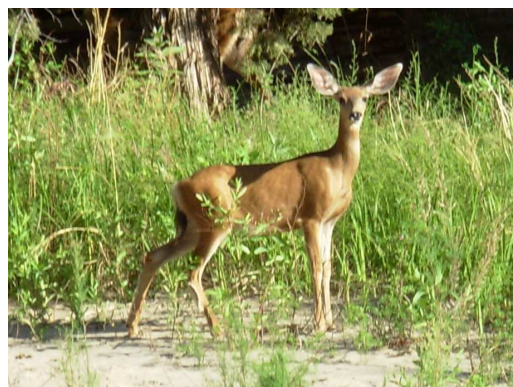
Species Common Name	Scientific Name	# Observed
American Beaver	<i>Castor canadensis</i>	5
Bighorn sheep	<i>Ovis canadensis</i>	22
Black bear	<i>Ursus americanus</i>	1
Coyote	<i>Canis latrans</i>	5
Desert or mountain Cottontail	<i>Sylvilagus audubonii</i> or <i>S.nuttalii</i>	11
Elk	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>	2
Golden-mantled ground squirrel	<i>Spermophilus lateralis</i>	1
Great Basin pocket mouse or Olive-backed pocket mouse	<i>Perognathus parvus</i> or <i>P. fasciatus</i>	1
Long-tailed weasel	<i>Mustela frenata</i>	1
Moose	<i>Alces alces</i>	2
Mountain lion	<i>Felis concolor</i>	1
Mule deer	<i>Odocoileus hemionus</i>	8
Muskrat	<i>Ondatra zibethicus</i>	6
Norther river otter	<i>Lutra canadensis</i>	1
Raccoon	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	6
Red or gray fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i> or <i>Urocyon cinereorgenteus</i>	2
Unidentified bat	<i>unknown</i>	40
Unidentified chipmunk	<i>Tamias spp.</i>	7
Unidentified deer	<i>Odocoileus spp.</i>	5
Unidentified mouse	<i>unknown</i>	10
Unidentified rabbit	<i>unknown</i>	1
Unidentified skunk	<i>unknown</i>	1
Unidentified vole	<i>unknown</i>	15
White-tailed deer	<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>	1



The only presence of a black bear we discovered was this large track (left) at our Red Creek confluence survey site at river mile 278.8. This deer fawn (right) we chanced upon during our Red Creek confluence survey site (species unknown: either mule deer or white-tailed deer). Photos: Julia Halverson



Beaver tracks (right, and right of the shoe print in the picture) were found in our Lower Brown's Park sandbar survey site at river mile 257.8. This muskrat skull (right) was still attached to a dead muskrat at the same survey site. Photos: Lacy Smith (left) and Julia Halverson (right)



These bighorn sheep (left) were seen near our Sage Creek survey site at river mile 217. This mule deer (right) was seen in Rainbow Park as we were floating down the river. Photos: Jeff Mount (left) and Lacy Smith (right)