

Yellowstone and Grand Tetons

August 26th –September 4th

Curtis Hart and Lindsay Gedacht

20 species, 1 dead

August 26th

We entered the park through the East Gate and drove to the South Gate, where we stayed with a friend of mine who is working in the park this summer. Along the drive we saw **Bison, Elk, and a Least Chipmunk.**

August 27th

The next day we hung out around the South Gate and saw a few **Red Squirrels, a Least Chipmunk, and some Yellow-pine Chipmunks.** We walked to Tanger Lake and saw a distant **Common Muskrat** swimming around. I saw a **North American Deer Mouse** in the trailer that night.

August 28th

We drove down Grassy Lake Road, just south of the park and hiked some boulder fields, with little luck in the mammal department. I only saw **Least Chipmunks, Yellow-pine Chipmunks, and a few Mule Deer.** Levi saw a probably **Western Jumping Mouse** in some tall grass.

August 29th

Our hosts had to work today, so we did a big loop of the park, visiting Lamar Valley and doing some of the touristy stuff, like Old Faithful. Along the way we saw an **Elk, hundreds of Bison, a VERY distant Wolf at Hayden Valley, a Black Bear, a Mule Deer, several Pronghorn at Lamar Valley, a Coyote south of Old Faithful, and a quick view of Yellow-bellied Marmot crossing the road.** There was also a **DOR American Marten** in the morning.

August 30th

We decided to visit the Grand Tetons today. We woke up relatively early and drove down. Along the way we saw a couple **Mule Deer** and some bull **Elk.** Two of the **Elk** were sparring near the main visitor's center. We hiked up to Amphitheater Lake. It was a pretty good hike for small mammals. There were several **Red Squirrels and Yellow-pine Chipmunks** along the way. We stopped at a wooded boulder field and had excellent views of Lindsay's first **American Pika** and a couple **Uinta Chipmunks.** On the way back down, we had a little too close of a view of a young **Black Bear.** Luckily its mother wasn't around and it was content with the berries it was eating. On the drive out, a **Least Chipmunk** crossed the road near the visitor's center.



August 31st

We drove quite a ways in the park, but had nothing new or interesting except a Snowshoe Hare crossing the road in the afternoon.

September 1st

We hiked the south boundary trail and then bushwhacked in to Hering Lake. We only saw a Mule Deer, Red Squirrels, and Yellow-pine Chipmunks, but it was still a good day. There were quite a few birds near Hering Lake.



September 2nd

Today we moved up to Slough Creek Campground, in Lamar Valley. We saw the usual stuff along the way, Red Squirrels, Elk, a Least Chipmunk, Bison, a few Mountain Goats, Mule Deer, and Pronghorn. While waiting for a campsite to clear, we saw out only Uinta Ground Squirrel of the trip. We also saw an American Badger quite well, just outside of the campground. That night, I saw a couple *Myotis* sp over the creek.



September 3rd

The morning started with a distant, but better view of a Wolf near the turn off for our campground. We saw a lot of the usual mammals, including a large herd of Elk, with a bugling male, and an American Pika just south of Mammoth Springs. On the way back, we saw 2 Big Brown Bats flying around the lights of the gas station near the junction of the Lamar Valley road.



Species Encountered

Red Squirrel

Yellow-bellied Marmot

Uinta Ground Squirrel

Yellow-pine Chipmunk

Least Chipmunk

Uinta Chipmunk

Common Muskrat

North American Deer Mouse

American Pika

Snowshoe Hare

Big Brown Bat

Coyote

Wolf

American Black Bear

American Badger

Mule Deer

Elk

Pronghorn

American Bison

Mountain Goat

American Marten - dead