

NATURAL AREAS AT **BAREFOOT LAKES**

The High Plains Environmental Center (HPEC) is a nonprofit organization that manages the natural areas around Barefoot Lakes. Our goal is to restore native Colorado habitat that supports wildlife, especially pollinators.

The natural areas at Barefoot Lakes already have the capacity to support many different types of wildlife throughout the year, and the HPEC is working to restore more of the native plant community and improve habitat quality in these natural areas to benefit even more wildlife. We are implementing a long-term management plan to remove invasive weeds and restore native grasses so that both human and wildlife visitors can enjoy the natural areas at Barefoot Lakes.



HABITATS AT **BAREFOOT LAKES**



- 1. SHORELINE:** Dragonfly, Minnows, Turtles, & Cattails
- 2. WETLAND (MARSH):** Frogs, Snakes, Geese, Milkweed
- 3. RIVER:** Deer, Osprey, Trout, Cottonwoods & Willows
- 4. GRASSLAND:** Ant Colonies, Butterflies, Mice & Voles, Tall Grasses & Sages
- 5. UPLAND:** Prairie Dogs, Red Tail Hawk, Meadowlark, Rabbit Brush & Short Grasses

BIRDS AT **BA**REFOOT LAKES

MALLARD DUCK

WATERFOWL

Size: 1.5 – 2.3 ft Long, 1.5-3.5 lbs Weight, 2.5 – 3.2 ft Wingspan

Diet: Aquatic Vegetation, Insects, Worms, & Grains

Habitat: Wetlands w/ Food & Cover: Lakes, Rivers, Streams, Small Ponds, Swamps, Marshlands, & Water Reservoirs



GREAT BLUE HERON

WATERFOWL

Size: 3.2-4.5 ft Tall, Weighs 4.5-5.5 lbs, Wingspan 5.5-6.5 ft.

Diet: Fish & Aquatic Pests, Insects, Reptiles, Amphibians, Ducklings & Small Mammals.

Habitat: Marshes, Mangroves, Wet Meadows, Lake Edge/ Shoreline



AMERICAN BALD EAGLE

RAPTOR

Size: 2.5-3 ft Tall, 6.6 – 14 lbs, 6ft – 7ft Wingspan

Diet: Fish, Small Mammals (Squirrels, Prairie Dogs, Rabbits, Racoons), & Birds (Waterfowl)

Habitat: Seacoasts, Rivers, Lakes, Marshes: Open Waters w/ Fish



RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD

SONGBIRD

Size: 9-10 in Tall, Approx. 0.2 lbs, 14-15 in Wingspan

Diet: Insects, Spiders, Invertebrates, & Seeds & Grains

Habitat: Cattail Marsh, Wooded Or Brushy Swamps, Wet Meadows, Hay Fields, Salt Marshes, Canals & Ditches- Wetlands w/ Vegetation



KILLDEER

SHOREBIRD

Size: 9-11 in. tall, 0.15 – 0.2 lbs, 9 – 11 in wingspan

Diet: Insects (Beetles, Caterpillars, Grasshoppers, Fly Larvae) & Other Bugs (Spiders, Worms, Snails)

Habitat: Prairies w/ Water, Coastal Wetlands, Beaches, Coastal Fields

