

Spanish – English Environmental Education Vocabulary



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Notes: This list is an ongoing project, and I will add to it as I come across new words. This list reflects the natural environment of Boulder, Colorado. Most Spanish speakers in the Boulder area use Mexican Spanish, which I have emphasized here. Since vocabulary varies from country to country, some Spanish speakers may not understand some of these words.

Mammals		Birds	
Abert Squirrel	Ardilla de Abert (f)	Avocet	Avoceta (f)
Antler	Asta (f)	Bald Eagle	Aguila cabeciblanca (f)
Badger	Tejón (m)	Barn Owl	Lechuza de campanario (f)
Bat	Murciélago (m)	Bittern	Avetoro (m)
Beaver	Castor (m)	Blue-winged Teal	Cerceta de alas azules (f)
Bighorn Sheep	Borrego cimarron (m)	Burrowing Owl	Lechucita de las madrigueras (f)
Birth	Parto (m)	Canada Goose	Ganso canadiense (m)
Bison	Bisonte (m)	Chick	Polluelo (m)
Black bear	Oso negro (m)	Chickadee	Paro (m)
Black-footed ferret	Hurón de patas negras (m)	Coot	Gallareta (f)
Bobcat	Gato montés (m), lince rojo (m)	Cormorant	Pato buzo (m), cormorán (m)
Burrow	Madriguera (f)	Crow	Cuervo (m)
Coyote	Coyote (m)	Dipper	Mirlo de agua (m)
Deermouse	Ratón silvestre o campestre (m)	Dove,	Paloma (f)
Deer	Venado (m)	Flicker	Carpintero alirrojo (m)
Echolocation	Ecolocación	Flycatcher	Mosquetero (m)
Elk	Wapiti (m)	Golden Eagle	Aguila real (f)
Fur	Pelaje (m)	Goldfinch	Jilguero (m)
Gopher	Tuza (f)	Great blue heron	Garza cenizo (f)
Grizzly Bear	Oso grisly (m)	Great Egret	Garza real (f)
Ground squirrel	Ardilla terrestre (f)	Great Horned Owl	Buho Cornado (m)
Hare (Snowshoe)	Liebre (de las nieves) (f)	Gull	Gaviota (f)
Herd, Flock, Pack	Manada (f)	Hummingbird	Colibrí (m), Chupaflor (m)
Horn	Cuerno (m)	Ibis	Ibis (m)
Lynx	Lince (m)	Killdeer	Tildío (m)
Mammal	Mamífero (m)	Kingfisher	Martín pescador(m)
Marmot	Marmota (f)	Magpie	Urraca (f)
Mink	Visón (m)	Mallard	Pato cabeciverde (m)
Mole	Topo (m)	Meadowlark	Gorjeador, Pradero (m)
Moose	Alce (m)	Oriole (Northern)	Turpial (m), bolsero (m)
Mountain Lion	Puma (m)	Osprey	Aguila pescadora (f)
Muskrat	Rata almizclera (f)	Pelican	Pelícano (m)
Otter	Nutria (f)	Peregrine Falcon	Halcón peregrino (m)
Porcupine	Puercoespín (m)	Pigeon	Pichon (m)
Prairie dog	Perrito de la pradera (m), juancito	Raptors	Aves rapaces (f)
Preble's mouse	Ratón saltador prebles (m)	Raven	Cuervo grande (m)
Pronghorn	Berrendo (m), antilope (m)	Red-tailed hawk	Gavilán colirojo (m)
Pups or kits	Cachorros, cachorritos (m)	Red-winged Blackbird	Tordo sargento (m)
Rabbit	Conejo (m)	Robin	Petirrojo(m)
Raccoon	Mapache (m)	Sandhill Crane	Grulla gris (f)
Red Fox	Zorro rojo (m)	Screech Owl	Tecolote (m)
Skull	Calavera (f) Cráneo (m)	Shoveler	Pato chucharón (m)
Skunk	Zorrillo (m), mofeta (f)	Snowy Egret	Garceta pie-dorado (f)
To give birth	Dar a luz	Sparrow	Gorrión (m)
To suckle, nurse	Amamantar	Steller's Jay	Chara copetona (f)
Weasel	Comadreja (f)	Swallow	Golondrina (f)
Whiskers	Bigotes (m)	Tern	Gaviotín(m)
		To hatch	Salir del huevo
		To lay (an egg)	Poner (un huevo)
		To migrate	Migrar
		Turkey vulture	Zopilote de cabeza roja (m)
		Warbler	Chipe, Reinta (f)
		Wild Turkey	Guajolote (m), pavo (m)

Woodpecker Pájaro carpintero (m)
Wren Chivrín (m), Soterrey (m)

Invertebrates

Ant Hormiga (f)
Aphid Pulgón (m)
Bee Abeja (f)
Beetle Escarabajo (m)
Black Widow Viuda negra (f)
Bug (Hemiptera) Chinche (f)
Butterfly Mariposa (f)
Caterpillar Oruga (f), gusano (m)
Cocoon Capullo (m)
Crayfish Langostino(m), Cangrejo del río
Cricket Grillo (m)
Dragonfly Libélula (f),
Earthworm Lombriz (f)
Flea Pulga (f)
Grasshopper Chapulín (m), Saltamontes (m)
Honeybee Abeja melífera (f)
Ladybug Mariquita (f), Catarina (f)
Larvae Larvas (f)
Metamorphosis Metamorfosis (f)
Molt Mudar de piel
Monarch butterfly Mariposa monarca (f)
Moth Mariposa nocturna, polilla (f)
Roly-poly bug Cochinita (f)
Scorpion Escorpión (f) Alacrán (m)
Spider web Telaraña (f)
Spider Araña (f)
Tick Garrapata (f)
Wasp Avispa (f)

Herptiles

Bullfrog Rana toro (f)
Chorus frog Rana corista (f)
Kingsnake Culebra real (f)
Lizard Lagartija (f), cachora (f)
Rattlesnake Víbora Cascabel (m)
Snake (general) Víbora (f)
Snapping turtle Tortuga mordedora (f)
Tadpole Renacuajo (m)
Tiger salamander Salamandra atigrada (f)
Toad Sapo (m)
Watersnake Víbora acuática (f)

Plants

Ash Fresno (m)
Bark Corteza (f)
Blue grama Grama azulada (f)
Branch Rama (f)
Buffalo Grass Hierba de búfalos (f)
Bush Arbusto (m)
Cambium Cábium (m)
Chokecherry Capulí (m)
Cottonwood Alamo (m)
Daisy Margarita (f)
Dandelion Diente de león (m)
Douglas fir Abeto Douglas (m)
Fern Helecho(m)
Fir Abeto (m)
Flowers Flores (f)
Foxtail barley Cebada cola de zorro (f)
Fungus Hongos (m)
Grass Zacate (m)
Juniper Enebro (m)

Leaves Hojas (f)
Legume Legumbre (m)
Lichen Liquen(M)
Maple Arce (m)
Moss Musgo (m)
Mushroom Hongo (m)
Oak Roble (m)
Orchid Orquídea (f)
Pine Pino (m)
Pollen Polen (m)
Pollination Polinización(f)
Pollinator Polinizador (m)
Ponderosa pines Pinos ponderosas (m)
Prickly pear Nopal (m)
Roots Raíces (f)
Shoot Tallo(m)
Sideoats grama Zacate banderilla (m)
Sunflower Girasol (m)
Thistle Cardo (m)
To sprout Brotar
Tree Arbol (m), palo (m)
Weed Maleza (f)
Willow Sauce (m)

Outdoors

Guide Guía (f) (m)
Guided hike Caminata guiada (f)
Interpreter Intérprete (f) (m)
Naturalist Naturalista (f) (m)
Park ranger Guardabosque (f) (m)
Scientist Científico (m) (f)
Trail Sendero, camino (m)
View Vista (f)
Wildlife Mgt Manejo de Fauna Silvestre (m)

Weather

Blizzard Tormenta de nieve (f)
Climate Change Cambio Climático (m)
Downpour Aguacero (m)
Drought Sequía (f)
Flash flood Inundación repentina (f)
Global Warming Calentamiento global (m)
Greenhouse Effect Efecto invernadero
Hail Granizo (m)
Lightning bolt Rayo (m), Relámpago (m)
Storm Tormenta (f)
Thunder Trueno (m)
Wildfire Incendio (m)
Wind turbine Turbina e ó lica (f)
Wind mill Molino de viento (m)

Geology and Landforms

Alpine Alpino
Cave Cueva (f)
Continental Divide División continental (f)
Continental plate Placa tectónica (f)
Crag Peña (f)
Creek Quebrada (f)
Earth's crust Corteza de la tierra (f)
Erosion Erosión (f)
Fossil Fósil (m)
Glacier Glaciar (m)
Granite Granito (m)
Granitic Granítico
Igneous Igneo
Landslide Derrumbe (m)

Limestone	Piedra caliza (f)
Marsh	Ciénega (f)
Metamorphic	Metamórfico
Mountain	Montaña (f)
Peak	Pico (m)
Plains	Llanuras (f)
Prairie	Pradera (f)
Riparian area	Zona ribereña (f)
Rocky Mountains	Montañas Rocosas (f)
Sandstone	Arenisca (f)
Sediment	Sedimento (m)
Sedimentary	Sedimentario
Shale	Esquisto (m)
Slope	Cuesta (f)
Spring	Manantial, Ojo de Agua (m)
Summit	Cumbre (m)
Topography	Topografía (f)
Uplift	Levantamiento (m)
Watershed	Cuenca (f)
Wetland	Pantano (m), Humedal (m)
Woodland	Bosque (m)

Fish

Bass	Róbalo (m)
Carp	Carpa (f)
Cutthroat trout	Trucha asesina (f)
Fishing line	(Hilo de) Cádiz (m)
Rainbow trout	Trucha arcoiris (f)
Sunfish	Pez luna (m)

Agriculture

Alfalfa field	Alfalfar
Alfalfa	Alfalfa (f)
Barley	Cebada (f)
Brewing barley	Cebada cervecera (f)
Cattle	Ganado (m)
Corn	Maíz (m)
Crops	Cultivos (m)
Ditches	Zanajas (f)
Hay bale	Paca (f)
Hay	Heno (m)
Mulch	Acolchado(m)
Orchard	Huerta (f)
Ranching	Ganadería (f)
Rice	Arroz (m)
Silage	Ensilado(m)
Stubble	Rastrojo (m)
Thinning	Aclaración(f)
To farm	Cultivar
To irrigate	Regar (ie verb)
To make silage	Ensilar
Vegetable crops	Hortalizas (f)
Watering	Riego (m)
Wheat	Trigo (m)

Biological Terms

Adaptation	Adaptación (f)
Biodiversity	Diversidad biológica (f)
Camouflage	Camuflaje (m)
Carnivore	Carnívoro (m)
Carrying capacity	Capacidad de carga (f)
Census	Censo (m)
Commensalisms	Comensalismo (m)
Competition	Competencia (f)
Ecology	Ecología (f)
Evolution	Evolución(f)

Extinct	Extinguido
Extinction	Extinción (f)
Food web	Red alimenticia (f)
Habitat	Hábitat (m)
Herbivore	Herbívoro (m)
Living things	Seres vivos (m)
Microbes, bacteria	Micróbios (m)
Mutualism	Mutualismo (m)
Natural Selection	Selección natural (f)
Omnivore	Omnívoro (m)
Organism	Organismo (m)
Parasite	Parásito (m)
Predator	Depredador (m)
Prey	Presa (f)
Research	Investigación (f)
Species	Especie (f)
Theory	Teoría (f)
Threatened	Amenazada
To breed	Procrearse, reproducirse
To feed	Alimentarse (ie verb)
To grow	Crecer
To hide	Esconderse
To mate	Aparearse
To mate for life	Aparearse de por vida
Wildlife	Fauna silvestre (f)