

Bird Species Observed in Montana through April 2012

Notes: B = Veri.ed breeding records for MT
b = Indirect evidence of breeding for MT
t = No evidence of breeding for MT, transient
W = Verified overwinter records for MT
(12/15-2/15)
w = Present during winter season

Species with fewer than 20 accepted records are listed in italics

1	Greater White-fronted Goose	t	w
2	Snow Goose	t	w
3	Ross's Goose	t	w
4	<i>Cackling Goose</i>	t	W
5	Canada Goose	B	W
6	<i>Brant</i>	t	
7	Mute Swan	B	W
8	Trumpeter Swan	B	W
9	Tundra Swan	t	W
10	Wood Duck	B	W
11	Gadwall	B	W
12	Eurasian Wigeon	t	w
13	American Wigeon	B	W
14	American Black Duck	t	w
15	Mallard	B	W
16	Blue-winged Teal	B	w
17	Cinnamon Teal	B	W
18	Northern Shoveler	B	W
19	Northern Pintail	B	W
20	<i>Garganey</i>	t	
21	Green-winged Teal	B	W
22	Canvasback	B	W
23	Redhead	B	W
24	Ring-necked Duck	B	W
25	<i>Tufted Duck</i>	t	
26	Greater Scaup	t	W
27	Lesser Scaup	B	W
28	Harlequin Duck	B	W
29	Surf Scoter	t	w
30	White-winged Scoter	t	w
31	<i>Black Scoter</i>	t	w
32	Long-tailed Duck	t	W
33	Bufflehead	B	W
34	Common Goldeneye	B	W
35	Barrow's Goldeneye	B	W
36	Hooded Merganser	B	W
37	Common Merganser	B	W
38	Red-breasted Merganser	t	W
39	Ruddy Duck	B	W
40	Chukar	B	W
41	Gray Partridge	B	W
42	Ring-necked Pheasant	B	W
43	Ruffed Grouse	B	W
44	Greater Sage-Grouse	B	W
45	Spruce Grouse	B	W
46	<i>Willow Ptarmigan</i>		w
47	White-tailed Ptarmigan	B	W
48	Dusky Grouse	B	W
49	Sharp-tailed Grouse	B	W
50	<i>Greater Prairie-Chicken</i>	b	
51	Wild Turkey	B	W
52	<i>Red-throated Loon</i>	t	
53	Pacific Loon	t	w

54	Common Loon	B	W
55	<i>Yellow-billed Loon</i>	t	w
56	Pied-billed Grebe	B	W
57	Horned Grebe	B	W
58	Red-necked Grebe	B	W
59	Eared Grebe	B	W
60	Western Grebe	B	W
61	Clark's Grebe	B	
62	<i>Manx Shearwater</i>	t	
63	<i>Wood Stork</i>	t	
64	Double-crested Cormorant	B	w
65	American White Pelican	B	w
66	American Bittern	B	w
67	<i>Least Bittern</i>	t	
68	Great Blue Heron	B	W
69	Great Egret	t	
70	Snowy Egret	B	
71	<i>Little Blue Heron</i>	t	
72	Cattle Egret	t	
73	<i>Green Heron</i>	t	
74	Black-crowned Night-Heron	B	
75	<i>Yellow-crowned Night-Heron</i>	t	
76	<i>Glossy Ibis</i>	t	
77	White-faced Ibis	B	
78	Turkey Vulture	B	w
79	Osprey	B	w
80	<i>White-tailed Kite</i>	t	
81	<i>Mississippi Kite</i>	t	
82	Bald Eagle	B	W
83	Northern Harrier	B	W
84	Sharp-shinned Hawk	B	W
85	Cooper's Hawk	B	W
86	Northern Goshawk	B	W
87	<i>Red-shouldered Hawk</i>	t	
88	Broad-winged Hawk	t	
89	Swainson's Hawk	B	w
90	Red-tailed Hawk	B	W
91	Ferruginous Hawk	B	W
92	Rough-legged Hawk	t	W
93	Golden Eagle	B	W
94	<i>Crested Caracara</i>	t	
95	American Kestrel	B	W
96	Merlin	B	W
97	Gyrfalcon	t	W
98	Peregrine Falcon	B	W
99	Prairie Falcon	B	W
100	Yellow Rail	b	
101	Virginia Rail	B	W
102	Sora	B	w
103	<i>Common Gallinule</i>	t	
104	American Coot	B	W
105	Sandhill Crane	B	W
106	Whooping Crane	t	
107	Black-bellied Plover	t	
108	American Golden-Plover	t	
109	<i>Snowy Plover</i>	t	
110	Semipalmated Plover	b	
111	Piping Plover	B	
112	Killdeer	B	W
113	Mountain Plover	B	
114	Black-necked Stilt	B	
115	American Avocet	B	
116	Spotted Sandpiper	B	w
117	Solitary Sandpiper	b	

118	Greater Yellowlegs	t	w
119	Willet	B	
120	Lesser Yellowlegs	t	
121	Upland Sandpiper	B	
122	Whimbrel	t	
123	Long-billed Curlew	B	
124	Hudsonian Godwit	t	
125	Marbled Godwit	B	
126	Ruddy Turnstone	t	
127	<i>Black Turnstone</i>	t	
128	Red Knot	t	
129	Sanderling	t	
130	Semipalmated Sandpiper	t	
131	Western Sandpiper	t	
132	Least Sandpiper	t	
133	White-rumped Sandpiper	t	
134	Baird's Sandpiper	t	
135	Pectoral Sandpiper	t	
136	<i>Sharp-tailed Sandpiper</i>	t	
137	Dunlin	t	W
138	<i>Curlew Sandpiper</i>	t	
139	Stilt Sandpiper	t	
140	Buff-breasted Sandpiper	t	
141	Short-billed Dowitcher	t	
142	Long-billed Dowitcher	t	
143	Wilson's Snipe	B	W
144	<i>American Woodcock</i>	t	w
145	Wilson's Phalarope	B	
146	Red-necked Phalarope	t	
147	<i>Red Phalarope</i>	t	
148	<i>Black-legged Kittiwake</i>	t	w
149	Sabine's Gull	t	
150	Bonaparte's Gull	t	
151	<i>Little Gull</i>	t	
152	<i>Ross's Gull</i>	t	
153	<i>Laughing Gull</i>	t	
154	Franklin's Gull	B	
155	Mew Gull	t	W
156	Ring-billed Gull	B	W
157	California Gull	B	W
158	Herring Gull	B	W
159	Thayer's Gull	t	W
160	Iceland Gull	t	W
161	<i>Lesser Black-backed Gull</i>	t	
162	Glaucous-winged Gull	t	W
163	Glaucous Gull	t	W
164	<i>Great Black-backed Gull</i>	t	w
165	Least Tern	B	
166	Caspian Tern	B	
167	Black Tern	B	
168	Common Tern	B	
169	<i>Arctic Tern</i>	B	
170	Forster's Tern	B	
171	<i>Pomarine Jaeger</i>	t	
172	<i>Parasitic Jaeger</i>	t	
173	<i>Long-tailed Jaeger</i>	t	
174	<i>Long-billed Murrelet</i>	t	
175	<i>Ancient Murrelet</i>	t	w
176	Rock Pigeon	B	W
177	Band-tailed Pigeon	t	
178	Eurasian Collared-Dove	B	W
179	<i>White-winged Dove</i>	t	
180	Mourning Dove	B	W
181	<i>Inca Dove</i>	t	

182	<i>Yellow-billed Cuckoo</i>	b	
183	Black-billed Cuckoo	B	
184	Barn Owl	B	w
185	Flammulated Owl	B	w
186	Western Screech-Owl	B	w
187	Eastern Screech-Owl	B	W
188	Great Horned Owl	B	W
189	Snowy Owl	t	W
190	Northern Hawk Owl	B	W
191	Northern Pygmy-Owl	B	W
192	Burrowing Owl	B	w
193	Barred Owl	B	W
194	Great Gray Owl	B	W
195	Long-eared Owl	B	W
196	Short-eared Owl	B	W
197	Boreal Owl	B	W
198	Northern Saw-whet Owl	B	W
199	Common Nighthawk	B	
200	Common Poorwill	B	
201	<i>Whip-poor-will sp.</i>	t	
202	Black Swift	B	
203	Chimney Swift	B	
204	Vaux's Swift	B	
205	White-throated Swift	B	
206	<i>Ruby-throated Hummingbird</i>	B	
207	Black-chinned Hummingbird	B	
208	Anna's Hummingbird	t	W
209	<i>Costa's Hummingbird</i>	t	
210	Calliope Hummingbird	B	
211	Broad-tailed Hummingbird	B	
212	Rufous Hummingbird	B	
213	Belted Kingfisher	B	W
214	Lewis's Woodpecker	B	W
215	Red-headed Woodpecker	B	w
216	<i>Red-bellied Woodpecker</i>	t	
217	Williamson's Sapsucker	B	
218	<i>Yellow-bellied Sapsucker</i>	t	
219	Red-naped Sapsucker	B	w
220	Downy Woodpecker	B	W
221	Hairy Woodpecker	B	W
222	<i>White-headed Woodpecker</i>	t	w
223	American Three-toed Woodpecker	B	W
224	Black-backed Woodpecker	B	W
225	Northern Flicker	B	W
226	Pileated Woodpecker	B	W
227	Olive-sided Flycatcher	B	
228	Western Wood-Pewee	B	
229	<i>Eastern Wood-Pewee</i>	t	
230	<i>Yellow-bellied Flycatcher</i>	t	
231	Alder Flycatcher	b	
232	Willow Flycatcher	B	
233	Least Flycatcher	B	
234	Hammond's Flycatcher	B	
235	<i>Gray Flycatcher</i>	B	
236	Dusky Flycatcher	B	
237	Cordilleran Flycatcher	B	
238	<i>Eastern Phoebe</i>	t	w
239	Say's Phoebe	B	w
240	<i>Vermilion Flycatcher</i>		w
241	<i>Ash-throated Flycatcher</i>	t	
242	<i>Great Crested Flycatcher</i>	t	
243	Cassin's Kingbird	B	
244	Western Kingbird	B	w
245	Eastern Kingbird	B	

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246	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	t
247	Loggerhead Shrike	B W
248	Northern Shrike	t W
249	White-eyed Vireo	b
250	Yellow-throated Vireo	b
251	Plumbeous Vireo	B
252	Cassin's Vireo	B
253	Blue-headed Vireo	t
254	Warbling Vireo	B
255	Philadelphia Vireo	t
256	Red-eyed Vireo	B
257	Gray Jay	B W
258	Pinyon Jay	B W
259	Steller's Jay	B W
260	Blue Jay	B W
261	Western Scrub-Jay	t W
262	Clark's Nutcracker	B W
263	Black-billed Magpie	B W
264	American Crow	B W
265	Common Raven	B W
266	Horned Lark	B W
267	Purple Martin	B
268	Tree Swallow	B
269	Violet-green Swallow	B
270	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	B
271	Bank Swallow	B
272	Cliff Swallow	B
273	Barn Swallow	B
274	Black-capped Chickadee	B W
275	Mountain Chickadee	B W
276	Chestnut-sided Chickadee	B W
277	Boreal Chickadee	B W
278	Red-breasted Nuthatch	B W
279	White-breasted Nuthatch	B W
280	Pygmy Nuthatch	B W
281	Brown Creeper	B W
282	Rock Wren	B w
283	Canyon Wren	B W
284	Carolina Wren	t
285	Bewick's Wren	t W
286	House Wren	B w
287	Pacific Wren	B W
288	Winter Wren	t
289	Sedge Wren	B
290	Marsh Wren	B W
291	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	B
292	American Dipper	B W
293	Golden-crowned Kinglet	B W
294	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	B W
295	Eastern Bluebird	B W
296	Western Bluebird	B w
297	Mountain Bluebird	B w
298	Townsend's Solitaire	B W
299	Veery	B
300	Gray-cheeked Thrush	t
301	Swainson's Thrush	B
302	Hermit Thrush	B w
303	Wood Thrush	t
304	American Robin	B W
305	Varied Thrush	B W
306	Gray Catbird	B w
307	Northern Mockingbird	B W
308	Sage Thrasher	B
309	Brown Thrasher	B W

310	Curve-billed Thrasher	t W
311	European Starling	B W
312	Siberian Accentor	t W
313	American Pipit	B W
314	Sprague's Pipit	B
315	Bohemian Waxwing	b W
316	Cedar Waxwing	B W
317	Lapland Longspur	t W
318	Chestnut-collared Longspur	B
319	Smith's Longspur	t
320	McCown's Longspur	B
321	Snow Bunting	t W
322	Ovenbird	B
323	Northern Waterthrush	B
324	Golden-winged Warbler	t
325	Blue-winged Warbler	t
326	Black-and-White Warbler	B
327	Prothonotary Warbler	t
328	Tennessee Warbler	B
329	Orange-crowned Warbler	B
330	Nashville Warbler	B
331	Connecticut Warbler	t
332	MacGillivray's Warbler	B
333	Mourning Warbler	t
334	Kentucky Warbler	t
335	Common Yellowthroat	B w
336	Hooded Warbler	t
337	American Redstart	B
338	Cape May Warbler	t
339	Northern Parula	t
340	Magnolia Warbler	t
341	Bay-breasted Warbler	t
342	Blackburnian Warbler	t
343	Yellow Warbler	B
344	Chestnut-sided Warbler	t
345	Blackpoll Warbler	t
346	Black-throated Blue Warbler	t w
347	Palm Warbler	t w
348	Pine Warbler	t
349	Yellow-rumped Warbler	B W
350	Yellow-throated Warbler	t W
351	Prairie Warbler	t
352	Black-throated Gray Warbler	B w
353	Townsend's Warbler	B
354	Black-throated Green Warbler	t
355	Canada Warbler	t
356	Wilson's Warbler	B
357	Painted Redstart	t
358	Yellow-breasted Chat	B
359	Green-tailed Towhee	B W
360	Spotted Towhee	B W
361	Eastern Towhee	t
362	American Tree Sparrow	t W
363	Chipping Sparrow	B W
364	Clay-colored Sparrow	B
365	Brewer's Sparrow	B
366	Field Sparrow	B
367	Vesper Sparrow	B w
368	Lark Sparrow	B
369	Black-throated Sparrow	t
370	Sage Sparrow	B
371	Lark Bunting	B
372	Savannah Sparrow	B w
373	Grasshopper Sparrow	B

374	Baird's Sparrow	B
375	Le Conte's Sparrow	B w
376	Nelson's Sparrow	B
377	Fox Sparrow	B w
378	Song Sparrow	B W
379	Lincoln's Sparrow	B w
380	Swamp Sparrow	t W
381	White-throated Sparrow	t W
382	Harris's Sparrow	t W
383	White-crowned Sparrow	B W
384	Golden-crowned Sparrow	b w
385	Dark-eyed Junco	B W
386	Summer Tanager	t
387	Scarlet Tanager	t
388	Western Tanager	B
389	Northern Cardinal	t W
390	Pyrrhuloxia	t
391	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	B w
392	Black-headed Grosbeak	B W
393	Blue Grosbeak	B
394	Lazuli Bunting	B
395	Indigo Bunting	b
396	Painted Bunting	t w
397	Dickcissel	t
398	Bobolink	B
399	Red-winged Blackbird	B W
400	Eastern Meadowlark	t
401	Western Meadowlark	B W
402	Yellow-headed Blackbird	B W
403	Rusty Blackbird	t W
404	Brewer's Blackbird	B W
405	Common Grackle	B W
406	Great-tailed Grackle	b
407	Brown-headed Cowbird	B w
408	Orchard Oriole	B
409	Hooded Oriole	t
410	Bullock's Oriole	B w
411	Baltimore Oriole	B
412	Brambling	t W
413	Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	B W
414	Black Rosy-Finch	B W
415	Pine Grosbeak	B W
416	Purple Finch	t W
417	Cassin's Finch	B W
418	House Finch	B W
419	Red Crossbill	B W
420	White-winged Crossbill	b W
421	Common Redpoll	t W
422	Hoary Redpoll	t W
423	Pine Siskin	B W
424	Lesser Goldfinch	B w
425	American Goldfinch	B W
426	Evening Grosbeak	B W
427	House Sparrow	B W



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