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THREATENED, ENDANGERED AND CANDIDATE SPECIES IN MONTANA
Endangered Species Act

ENDANGERED (E) - Any species that is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range.

THREATENED (T) - Any species that is likely to become an endangered species within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range.

PROPOSED (P) – Any species of that is proposed in the Federal Register to be listed under section 4 of the Act.

CANDIDATE (C) - Those taxa for which the Service has sufficient information on biological status and threats to propose to list them as threatened or endangered. We encourage their consideration in environmental planning and partnerships, however, none of the substantive or procedural provisions of the Act apply to candidate species.

NON-ESSENTIAL EXPERIMENTAL POPULATION (XN) - A population of a listed species reintroduced into a specific area that receives more flexible management under the Act.

CRITICAL HABITAT, PROPOSED CRITICAL HABITAT (CH, PCH) - The specific areas (i) within the geographic area occupied by a species, at the time it is listed, on which are found those physical or biological features (I) essential to conserve the species and (II) that may require special management considerations or protection; and (ii) specific areas outside the geographic area occupied by the species at the time it is listed upon determination that such areas are essential to conserve the species.

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	STATUS	RANGE - MONTANA
Black-footed Ferret	*Mustela nigripes*	E/XN	Prairie dog complexes; Eastern Montana
Whooping Crane	*Grus americana*	E	Wetlands; migrant eastern Montana
Least Tern	*Sterna antillarum*	E	Yellowstone, Missouri River sandbars, beaches; Eastern Montana
Pallid Sturgeon	*Scaphirhynchus albus*	E	Bottom dwelling; Missouri, Yellowstone Rivers

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White Sturgeon (Kootenai River population)	*Acipenser transmontanus*	E	Bottom dwelling; Kootenai River
Grizzly Bear	*Ursus arctos horribilis*	T	Alpine/subalpine coniferous forest; Western Montana.
Piping Plover	*Charadrius melodus*	T CH	Missouri River sandbars, alkali beaches; northeastern Montana Alkali lakes in Sheridan County; riverine and reservoir shoreline in Garfield, McCone, Phillips, Richland, Roosevelt and Valley counties
Water Howellia	*Howellia aquatilis*	T	Wetlands; Swan Valley, Lake and Missoula Counties
Ute Ladies'-tresses	*Spiranthes diluvialis*	T	River meander wetlands; Jefferson, Madison, Beaverhead, Gallatin, Broadwater counties
Bull trout (Columbia River basin and St. Mary - Belly River populations)	*Salvelinus confluentus*	T CH	Clark Fork, Flathead, Kootenai, St. Mary and Belly river basins; cold water rivers & lakes Portions of rivers, streams, lakes and reservoirs within Deer Lodge, Flathead, Glacier, Granite, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Lincoln, Mineral, Missoula, Powell, Ravalli, Sanders counties
Canada lynx (contiguous U.S. population)	*Lynx canadensis*	T CH	Western Montana - montane spruce/fir forest Western Montana - montane spruce/fir forest
Spalding's Campion (or "catchfly")	*Silene spaldingii*	T	Upper Flathead River and Fisher River drainages; Tobacco Valley - open grasslands with rough fescue or bluebunch wheatgrass
Yellow-billed cuckoo (western population)	*Coccyzus americanus*	C	Population west of the Continental Divide; riparian areas with cottonwoods and willows
Greater sage-grouse	*Centrocercus urophasianus*	C	Eastern, central, and southwestern Montana in sagebrush, sagebrush-grasslands, and associated agricultural lands.
Sprague's Pipit	*Anthus spragueii*	C	Grassland habitats with little or no shrub cover east of the Continental Divide
Arctic Grayling (Upper Missouri River DPS)	*Thymallus arcticus*	C	Southwestern Montana; Big Hole River, Mussigbrod Lake, Miner Lake, Madison River/Ennis Reservoir, Red Rock Lakes

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Wolverine	*Gulo gulo luscus*	C	High elevation alpine and boreal forests in areas that are cold and receive enough winter precipitation to reliably maintain deep persistent snow late into the warm season
Meltwater Lednian Stonefly	*Lednia tumana*	C	High elevation meltwater streams; Glacier National Park