

## Bird Species Observed in Montana through April 2007

Notes: B = Verified breeding records for MT  
b = Indirect evidence of breeding for MT  
t = No evidence of breeding for MT, transient  
W = Verified over-wintering records for MT  
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>Brant</i>	t	
5	<i>Cackling Goose</i>	t	w
6	Canada Goose	B	W
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	Greater Scaup	t	W
26	Lesser Scaup	B	W
27	Harlequin Duck	B	W
28	Surf Scoter	t	W
29	White-winged Scoter	t	w
30	<i>Black Scoter</i>	t	w
31	Long-tailed Duck	t	W
32	Bufflehead	B	W
33	Common Goldeneye	B	W
34	Barrow's Goldeneye	B	W
35	Hooded Merganser	B	W
36	Common Merganser	B	W
37	Red-breasted Merganser	t	W
38	Ruddy Duck	B	W
39	Chukar	B	W
40	Gray Partridge	B	W
41	Ring-necked Pheasant	B	W
42	Ruffed Grouse	B	W
43	Greater Sage-Grouse	B	W
44	Spruce Grouse	B	W
45	<i>Willow Ptarmigan</i>		w
46	White-tailed Ptarmigan	B	W
47	Dusky Grouse	B	W
48	Sharp-tailed Grouse	B	W
49	<i>Greater Prairie-Chicken</i>	b	
50	Wild Turkey	B	W
51	<i>Red-throated Loon</i>	t	w
52	Pacific Loon	t	w
53	Common Loon	B	W

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

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

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

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

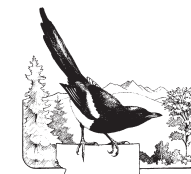
304	Brown Thrasher	B	W
305	Curve-billed Thrasher	t	W
306	European Starling	B	W
307	Siberian Accentor	t	W
308	American Pipit	B	W
309	Sprague's Pipit	B	
310	Bohemian Waxwing	B	W
311	Cedar Waxwing	B	W
312	Blue-winged Warbler	t	
313	Golden-winged Warbler	t	
314	Tennessee Warbler	B	
315	Orange-crowned Warbler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

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

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