

Bird Species Observed in Montana through July 2018

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

Species with fewer than 20 accepted records are in blue italics

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

54	Pied-billed Grebe	B	W
55	Horned Grebe	B	W
56	Red-necked Grebe	B	W
57	Eared Grebe	B	W
58	Western Grebe	B	W
59	Clark's Grebe	B	
60	Rock Pigeon	B	W
61	Band-tailed Pigeon	t	
62	Eurasian Collared-Dove	B	W
63	<i>Inca Dove</i>	t	
64	White-winged Dove	t	
65	Mourning Dove	B	W
66	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	b	
67	Black-billed Cuckoo	B	
68	Common Nighthawk	B	
69	Common Poorwill	B	
70	<i>Eastern/Mexican Whip-poor-will</i>	t	
71	Black Swift	B	
72	Chimney Swift	B	
73	Vaux's Swift	B	
74	White-throated Swift	B	
75	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	B	
76	Black-chinned Hummingbird	B	
77	Anna's Hummingbird	t	W
78	<i>Costa's Hummingbird</i>	t	
79	Broad-tailed Hummingbird	B	
80	Rufous Hummingbird	B	
81	Calliope Hummingbird	B	
82	<i>Yellow Rail</i>	b	
83	Virginia Rail	B	W
84	Sora	B	w
85	<i>Common Gallinule</i>	t	
86	American Coot	B	W
87	Sandhill Crane	B	W
88	Whooping Crane	t	
89	Black-necked Stilt	B	
90	American Avocet	B	
91	Black-bellied Plover	t	
92	American Golden-Plover	t	
93	<i>Snowy Plover</i>	b	
94	Semipalmated Plover	t	
95	Piping Plover	B	
96	Killdeer	B	W
97	Mountain Plover	B	
98	Upland Sandpiper	B	
99	Whimbrel	t	
100	Long-billed Curlew	B	
101	Hudsonian Godwit	t	
102	Marbled Godwit	B	
103	Ruddy Turnstone	t	
104	<i>Black Turnstone</i>	t	
105	Red Knot	t	
106	<i>Sharp-tailed Sandpiper</i>	t	
107	Stilt Sandpiper	t	
108	<i>Curlew Sandpiper</i>	t	
109	Sanderling	t	
110	Dunlin	t	W
111	<i>Purple Sandpiper</i>	t	
112	Baird's Sandpiper	t	
113	Least Sandpiper	t	
114	White-rumped Sandpiper	t	
115	Buff-breasted Sandpiper	t	
116	Pectoral Sandpiper	t	
117	Semipalmated Sandpiper	t	

118	Western Sandpiper	t	
119	Short-billed Dowitcher	t	
120	Long-billed Dowitcher	t	
121	<i>American Woodcock</i>	t	w
122	Wilson's Snipe	B	W
123	Spotted Sandpiper	B	w
124	Solitary Sandpiper	B	
125	Lesser Yellowlegs	t	
126	Willet	B	
127	Greater Yellowlegs	t	w
128	<i>Wood Sandpiper</i>	t	
129	Wilson's Phalarope	B	
130	Red-necked Phalarope	t	
131	<i>Red Phalarope</i>	t	
132	<i>Pomarine Jaeger</i>	t	
133	<i>Parasitic Jaeger</i>	t	
134	<i>Long-tailed Jaeger</i>	t	
135	<i>Long-billed Murrelet</i>	t	
136	<i>Ancient Murrelet</i>	t	w
137	<i>Black-legged Kittiwake</i>	t	w
138	Sabine's Gull	t	
139	Bonaparte's Gull	t	
140	<i>Little Gull</i>	t	
141	<i>Ross's Gull</i>	t	
142	<i>Laughing Gull</i>	t	
143	Franklin's Gull	B	
144	Mew Gull	t	W
145	Ring-billed Gull	B	W
146	<i>Western Gull</i>	t	
147	California Gull	B	W
148	Herring Gull	B	W
149	Iceland Gull	t	W
150	Lesser Black-backed Gull	t	w
151	Glaucous-winged Gull	t	W
152	Glaucous Gull	t	W
153	<i>Great Black-backed Gull</i>	t	w
154	Least Tern	B	
155	Caspian Tern	B	
156	Black Tern	B	
157	Common Tern	B	
158	<i>Arctic Tern</i>	B	
159	Forster's Tern	B	
160	Red-throated Loon	t	w
161	Pacific Loon	t	w
162	Common Loon	B	W
163	<i>Yellow-billed Loon</i>	t	w
164	<i>Manx Shearwater</i>	t	
165	<i>Wood Stork</i>	t	
166	Double-crested Cormorant	B	w
167	American White Pelican	B	w
168	American Bittern	B	w
169	<i>Least Bittern</i>	t	
170	Great Blue Heron	B	W
171	Great Egret	t	
172	Snowy Egret	B	
173	<i>Little Blue Heron</i>	t	
174	Cattle Egret	t	
175	Green Heron	t	
176	Black-crowned Night-Heron	B	
177	<i>Yellow-crowned Night-Heron</i>	t	
178	<i>Glossy Ibis</i>	t	
179	White-faced Ibis	B	
180	Turkey Vulture	B	w
181	Osprey	B	w

182	<i>White-tailed Kite</i>	t	
183	Golden Eagle	B	W
184	Northern Harrier	B	W
185	Sharp-shinned Hawk	B	W
186	Cooper's Hawk	B	W
187	Northern Goshawk	B	W
188	Bald Eagle	B	W
189	<i>Mississippi Kite</i>	t	
190	<i>Red-shouldered Hawk</i>	t	
191	Broad-winged Hawk	t	
192	Swainson's Hawk	B	w
193	Red-tailed Hawk	B	W
194	Rough-legged Hawk	t	W
195	Ferruginous Hawk	B	W
196	Barn Owl	B	W
197	Flammulated Owl	B	
198	Western Screech-Owl	B	W
199	Eastern Screech-Owl	B	W
200	Great Horned Owl	B	W
201	Snowy Owl	t	w
202	Northern Hawk Owl	B	W
203	Northern Pygmy-Owl	B	W
204	Burrowing Owl	B	w
205	Barred Owl	B	W
206	Great Gray Owl	B	W
207	Long-eared Owl	B	W
208	Short-eared Owl	B	W
209	Boreal Owl	B	W
210	Northern Saw-whet Owl	B	W
211	Belted Kingfisher	B	W
212	Lewis's Woodpecker	B	W
213	Red-headed Woodpecker	B	w
214	<i>Red-bellied Woodpecker</i>	t	W
215	Williamson's Sapsucker	B	
216	<i>Yellow-bellied Sapsucker</i>	t	
217	Red-naped Sapsucker	B	w
218	American Three-toed Woodpecker	B	W
219	Black-backed Woodpecker	B	W
220	Downy Woodpecker	B	W
221	Hairy Woodpecker	B	W
222	<i>White-headed Woodpecker</i>	t	w
223	Northern Flicker	B	W
224	Pileated Woodpecker	B	W
225	<i>Crested Caracara</i>	t	
226	American Kestrel	B	W
227	Merlin	B	W
228	Gyrfalcon	t	W
229	Peregrine Falcon	B	W
230	Prairie Falcon	B	W
231	<i>Ash-throated Flycatcher</i>	t	
232	<i>Great Crested Flycatcher</i>	t	
233	Cassin's Kingbird	B	
234	Western Kingbird	B	
235	Eastern Kingbird	B	
236	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	t	
237	Olive-sided Flycatcher	B	
238	Western Wood-Pewee	B	
239	<i>Eastern Wood-Pewee</i>	t	
240	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	t	
241	Alder Flycatcher	B	
242	Willow Flycatcher	B	
243	Least Flycatcher	B	
244	Hammond's Flycatcher	B	
245	Gray Flycatcher	B	

CHECKLIST OF MONTANA BIRDS

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Canyon Wren

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

310	American Robin	B W
311	Varied Thrush	B W
312	Gray Catbird	B w
313	<i>Curve-billed Thrasher</i>	t W
314	Brown Thrasher	B W
315	Sage Thrasher	B
316	Northern Mockingbird	B W
317	European Starling	B W
318	Bohemian Waxwing	b W
319	Cedar Waxwing	B W
320	<i>Siberian Accentor</i>	W
321	House Sparrow	B W
322	American Pipit	B W
323	Sprague's Pipit	B
324	<i>Brambling</i>	t W
325	Evening Grosbeak	B W
326	Pine Grosbeak	B W
327	Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	B W
328	Black Rosy-Finch	B W
329	House Finch	B W
330	Purple Finch	t W
331	Cassin's Finch	B W
332	Common Redpoll	t W
333	Hoary Redpoll	t W
334	Red Crossbill	B W
335	White-winged Crossbill	B W
336	Pine Siskin	B W
337	Lesser Goldfinch	B W
338	American Goldfinch	B W
339	Lapland Longspur	t W
340	Chestnut-collared Longspur	B
341	<i>Smith's Longspur</i>	t
342	McCown's Longspur	B
343	Snow Bunting	t W
344	Green-tailed Towhee	B W
345	Spotted Towhee	B W
346	<i>Eastern Towhee</i>	t W
347	American Tree Sparrow	t W
348	Chipping Sparrow	B W
349	Clay-colored Sparrow	B
350	Brewer's Sparrow	B
351	Field Sparrow	B
352	Vesper Sparrow	B w
353	Lark Sparrow	B
354	<i>Black-throated Sparrow</i>	t
355	Sagebrush Sparrow	B
356	Lark Bunting	B
357	Savannah Sparrow	B w
358	Grasshopper Sparrow	B
359	Baird's Sparrow	B
360	LeConte's Sparrow	B w
361	Nelson's Sparrow	B
362	Fox Sparrow	B w
363	Song Sparrow	B W
364	Lincoln's Sparrow	B W
365	Swamp Sparrow	t W
366	White-throated Sparrow	t W
367	Harris's Sparrow	t W
368	White-crowned Sparrow	B W
369	<i>Golden-crowned Sparrow</i>	b w
370	Dark-eyed Junco	B W
371	Yellow-breasted Chat	B
372	Yellow-headed Blackbird	B W
373	Bobolink	B

374	<i>Eastern Meadowlark</i>	t
375	Western Meadowlark	B W
376	Orchard Oriole	B
377	<i>Hooded Oriole</i>	t
378	Bullock's Oriole	B w
379	Baltimore Oriole	B
380	Red-winged Blackbird	B W
381	Brown-headed Cowbird	B w
382	Rusty Blackbird	t W
383	Brewer's Blackbird	B W
384	Common Grackle	B W
385	<i>Great-tailed Grackle</i>	B W
386	Ovenbird	B
387	Northern Waterthrush	B
388	<i>Golden-winged Warbler</i>	t
389	<i>Blue-winged Warbler</i>	t
390	Black-and-white Warbler	B
391	<i>Prothonotary Warbler</i>	t
392	Tennessee Warbler	B
393	Orange-crowned Warbler	B
394	Nashville Warbler	B
395	<i>Virginia's Warbler</i>	t
396	<i>Connecticut Warbler</i>	t
397	MacGillivray's Warbler	B
398	Mourning Warbler	t
399	<i>Kentucky Warbler</i>	t
400	Common Yellowthroat	B w
401	<i>Hooded Warbler</i>	t
402	American Redstart	B
403	Cape May Warbler	t
404	Northern Parula	t
405	Magnolia Warbler	t
406	<i>Bay-breasted Warbler</i>	t
407	Blackburnian Warbler	t
408	Yellow Warbler	B
409	Chestnut-sided Warbler	b
410	Blackpoll Warbler	t
411	Black-throated Blue Warbler	t w
412	Palm Warbler	t w
413	<i>Pine Warbler</i>	t w
414	Yellow-rumped Warbler	B W
415	<i>Yellow-throated Warbler</i>	t w
416	<i>Prairie Warbler</i>	t
417	<i>Black-throated Gray Warbler</i>	B w
418	Townsend's Warbler	B
419	Black-throated Green Warbler	t
420	Canada Warbler	t
421	Wilson's Warbler	B w
422	<i>Painted Redstart</i>	t
423	<i>Summer Tanager</i>	t
424	Scarlet Tanager	t
425	Western Tanager	B
426	<i>Northern Cardinal</i>	t W
427	<i>Pyrrhuloxia</i>	t
428	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	b w
429	Black-headed Grosbeak	B w
430	<i>Blue Grosbeak</i>	B
431	Lazuli Bunting	B
432	Indigo Bunting	b
433	<i>Painted Bunting</i>	t w
434	Dickcissel	B

* *Bell's Vireo* not on official list but likely has occurred in Montana.



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