

Animal Species of Concern

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| BIRDS (AVES) | | | | | | | | | | 66 SPECIES FILTERED BY THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA: SPECIES = BIRDS |
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| SCIENTIFIC NAME COMMON NAME TAXA SORT | FAMILY (SCIENTIFIC) FAMILY (COMMON) | GLOBAL RANK | STATE RANK | USFWS | USFS | BLM | FWP SWAP | % OF GLOBAL BREEDING RANGE IN MT | % OF MT THAT IS BREEDING RANGE | HABITAT |
| Accipiter gentilis Northern Goshawk | Accipitridae Hawks / Kites / Eagles | G5 | S3 | | | SENSITIVE | SGCN3 | 2% | 68% | Mixed conifer forests |
| Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Big Horn, Broadwater, Carbon, Carter, Cascade, Deer Lodge, Fergus, Flathead, Gallatin, Glacier, Granite, Jefferson, Judith Basin, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Liberty, Lincoln, Madison, Meagher, Mineral, Missoula, Park, Petroleum, Powder River, Powell, Ravalli, Rosebud, Sanders, Silver Bow, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Teton, Wheatland | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aechmophorus clarkii Clark's Grebe | Podicipedidae Grebes | G5 | S3B | | | | SGCN3 | 1% | 2% | Lakes, ponds, reservoirs |
| Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Broadwater, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Phillips, Powell, Sheridan, Teton, Yellowstone | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ammodramus bairdii Baird's Sparrow | Emberizidae Sparrows | G4 | S3B | | | SENSITIVE | SGCN3 | 27% | 67% | Grasslands |
| Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Blaine, Carter, Cascade, Chouteau, Custer, Daniels, Dawson, Fallon, Fergus, Glacier, Hill, Judith Basin, Lewis and Clark, Liberty, McCone, Meagher, Musselshell, Petroleum, Phillips, Powder River, Prairie, Richland, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sheridan, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Teton, Toole, Treasure, Valley, Wheatland, Wibaux, Yellowstone | | | | | | | | | | |
| State Rank Reason: Montana populations were declining until recently and the species is declining in most or the surrounding states and provinces. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ammodramus leconteii Le Conte's Sparrow | Emberizidae Sparrows | G4 | S3B | | | SENSITIVE | SGCN3 | 1% | 13% | Prairie wetland |
| Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Flathead, Lake, McCone, Roosevelt, Sheridan | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ammodramus nelsoni Nelson's Sparrow | Emberizidae Sparrows | G5 | S3B | | | SENSITIVE | SGCN3 | 0% | 3% | Prairie wetland |
| Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Daniels, Roosevelt, Sheridan, Valley | | | | | | | | | | |
| Anthus spragueii Sprague's Pipit | Motacillidae Pipits | G4 | S3B | C | | SENSITIVE | SGCN3 | 18% | 67% | Grasslands |
| Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Blaine, Carter, Cascade, Chouteau, Custer, Daniels, Dawson, Fallon, Fergus, Gallatin, Garfield, Glacier, Golden Valley, Hill, Judith Basin, Lewis and Clark, Liberty, Madison, McCone, Meagher, Musselshell, Park, Petroleum, Phillips, Pondera, Prairie, Richland, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sheridan, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Teton, Toole, Valley, Wheatland, Wibaux | | | | | | | | | | |
| State Rank Reason: Although population trends in Montana appear to be relatively stable in recent years, populations have been in decline over the long run and the species faces threats from covertype conversion, overgrazing, exotic plant invasions, altered fire regimes, and mowing prior to fledging of young. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aquila chrysaetos Golden Eagle | Accipitridae Hawks / Kites / Eagles | G5 | S3 | BGEPA; MBTA; BCC | | SENSITIVE | SGCN3 | 3% | 100% | Grasslands |
| Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Big Horn, Blaine, Broadwater, Carbon, Carter, Cascade, Chouteau, Custer, Dawson, Deer Lodge, Fallon, Fergus, Flathead, Gallatin, Garfield, Glacier, Golden Valley, Granite, Hill, Jefferson, Judith Basin, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Liberty, Lincoln, Madison, McCone, Meagher, Missoula, Musselshell, Park, Petroleum, Phillips, Pondera, Powder River, Powell, Prairie, Ravalli, Richland, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sanders, Sheridan, Silver Bow, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Teton, Toole, Treasure, Valley, Wheatland, Yellowstone | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ardea herodias Great Blue Heron | Ardeidae Bitterns / Egrets / Herons | G5 | S3 | | | | SGCN3 | 3% | 100% | Riparian forest |
| Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Big Horn, Blaine, Broadwater, Carbon, Carter, Cascade, Chouteau, Custer, Dawson, Deer Lodge, | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | / Night-Herons | Fallon, Fergus, Flathead, Gallatin, Garfield, Glacier, Golden Valley, Granite, Hill, Jefferson, Judith Basin, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Liberty, Lincoln, Madison, McCone, Meagher, Mineral, Missoula, Musselshell, Park, Petroleum, Phillips, Pondera, Powder River, Powell, Prairie, Ravalli, Richland, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sanders, Sheridan, Silver Bow, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Teton, Treasure, Valley, Wheatland, Wibaux, Yellowstone State Rank Reason: Small breeding population size, evidence of recent declines, and declining regeneration of riparian cottonwood forests due to altered hydrology and grazing. |
| Artemisiospiza nevadensis Sagebrush Sparrow | Emberizidae Sparrows | G5 S3B SENSITIVE SGCN3 0% 13% Sagebrush Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Carbon, Gallatin, Meagher, Park, Ravalli |
| Athene cucularia Burrowing Owl | Strigidae Owls | G4 S3B SENSITIVE SENSITIVE SGCN3 2% 82% Grasslands Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Big Horn, Blaine, Broadwater, Carbon, Carter, Cascade, Chouteau, Custer, Dawson, Fallon, Fergus, Gallatin, Garfield, Glacier, Golden Valley, Hill, Jefferson, Lewis and Clark, Liberty, Madison, McCone, Musselshell, Petroleum, Phillips, Pondera, Powder River, Prairie, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sheridan, Stillwater, Teton, Toole, Treasure, Valley, Wheatland, Yellowstone State Rank Reason: Species has a negative short-term population trend. |
| Botaurus lentiginosus American Bittern | Ardeidae Bitterns / Egrets / Herons / Night-Herons | G4 S3B SGCN3 4% 100% Wetlands Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Blaine, Carter, Cascade, Chouteau, Fergus, Flathead, Glacier, Golden Valley, Lake, Missoula, Phillips, Powell, Ravalli, Roosevelt, Sanders, Sheridan, Teton, Valley, Yellowstone |
| Buteo regalis Ferruginous Hawk | Accipitridae Hawks / Kites / Eagles | G4 S3B SENSITIVE SGCN3 11% 95% Sagebrush grassland Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Blaine, Broadwater, Carter, Cascade, Chouteau, Custer, Daniels, Dawson, Fallon, Fergus, Gallatin, Garfield, Glacier, Golden Valley, Hill, Jefferson, Judith Basin, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Liberty, Madison, McCone, Meagher, Musselshell, Park, Petroleum, Phillips, Pondera, Powder River, Prairie, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sheridan, Stillwater, Teton, Toole, Valley, Wheatland, Yellowstone |
| Calcarius ornatus Chestnut-collared Longspur | Calcariidae Longspurs and Snow Buntings | G5 S2B SENSITIVE SGCN2 32% 67% Grasslands Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Big Horn, Blaine, Carbon, Carter, Cascade, Chouteau, Custer, Daniels, Dawson, Fallon, Fergus, Garfield, Glacier, Golden Valley, Hill, Judith Basin, Lewis and Clark, Liberty, McCone, Musselshell, Petroleum, Phillips, Powder River, Prairie, Richland, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sheridan, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Teton, Toole, Valley, Wheatland, Wibaux, Yellowstone State Rank Reason: Species has a negative short-term population trend and faces threats from loss of native prairie grassland habitats and altered frequency, intensity, and spatial distribution of grazing and fire regimes it is dependent on. |
| Catharus fuscescens Veery | Turdidae Thrushes | G5 S3B SGCN3 6% 100% Riparian forest Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Big Horn, Blaine, Broadwater, Carbon, Cascade, Chouteau, Custer, Deer Lodge, Fergus, Flathead, Gallatin, Glacier, Granite, Jefferson, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Liberty, Lincoln, Madison, McCone, Meagher, Mineral, Missoula, Musselshell, Park, Petroleum, Phillips, Pondera, Powder River, Powell, Ravalli, Richland, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sanders, Silver Bow, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Teton, Wheatland, Yellowstone |
| Centrocercus urophasianus Greater Sage-Grouse | Phasianidae Upland Game Birds | G3G4 S2 SENSITIVE SENSITIVE SGCN2 17% 75% Sagebrush Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Big Horn, Blaine, Carbon, Carter, Chouteau, Custer, Dawson, Deer Lodge, Fallon, Fergus, Gallatin, Garfield, Golden Valley, Hill, Madison, McCone, Meagher, Musselshell, Park, Petroleum, Phillips, Powder River, Prairie, Rosebud, Silver Bow, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Treasure, Valley, Wheatland, Wibaux, Yellowstone |
| Certhia americana Brown Creeper | Certhiidae Creepers | G5 S3 SGCN3 4% 53% Moist conifer forests Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Broadwater, Carbon, Carter, Cascade, Chouteau, Deer Lodge, Fergus, Flathead, Gallatin, Glacier, Golden Valley, Granite, Jefferson, Judith Basin, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Lincoln, Madison, Meagher, Mineral, Missoula, Park, Powder River, Powell, Ravalli, Rosebud, Sanders, Silver Bow, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Teton, Wheatland |
| Charadrius melodus Piping Plover | Charadriidae Plovers | G3 S2B LT THREATENED SPECIAL STATUS SGCN2 4% 11% Prairie lakes and river shorelines Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Dawson, Garfield, McCone, Phillips, Pondera, Richland, Roosevelt, Sheridan, Valley |
| Charadrius montanus Mountain Plover | Charadriidae Plovers | G3 S2B SENSITIVE SGCN2 20% 73% Grasslands Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Blaine, Broadwater, Carbon, Fergus, Garfield, Golden Valley, Jefferson, Madison, Musselshell, Petroleum, Phillips, Rosebud, Teton, Toole, Treasure, Valley, Wheatland |
| Chlidonias niger Black Tern | Laridae Gulls / Terns | G4 S3B SENSITIVE SGCN3 7% 100% Wetlands Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Blaine, Carter, Cascade, Chouteau, Daniels, Flathead, Glacier, Golden Valley, Lake, Madison, Missoula, Phillips, Pondera, Powell, Roosevelt, Sanders, Sheridan, Teton, Yellowstone State Rank Reason: Species has a small breeding population size and negative short-term population trends. |
| Cistothorus platensis Sedge Wren | Troglodytidae Wrens | G5 S3B SENSITIVE SGCN3 1% 4% Prairie wetland Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Phillips, Roosevelt, Sheridan |
| Coccythraustes vespertinus Evening Grosbeak | Fringillidae Finches | G5 S3 SGCN3 3% 100% Conifer forest Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Broadwater, Carter, Cascade, Chouteau, Fergus, Flathead, Gallatin, Glacier, Golden Valley, Granite, Jefferson, Judith Basin, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Lincoln, Madison, Meagher, Mineral, Missoula, Musselshell, Park, Pondera, Powder River, Powell, Ravalli, Sanders, Silver Bow, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Teton, Wheatland State Rank Reason: Populations in Montana and across North America have experienced rangewide declines, although the causes of these declines are unclear |

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| | | (Bonter and Harvey 2008). | | | | | | | | |
| Coccyzus americanus Yellow-billed Cuckoo | Cuculidae Cuckoos | G5 | S3B | PS: LT | THREATENED | SPECIAL STATUS | SGCN3, SGIN | 1% | 50% | Prairie riparian forest |
| | | Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Big Horn, Carbon, Carter, Custer, Gallatin, Madison, Powder River, Richland, Rosebud, Stillwater, Wibaux, Yellowstone | | | | | | | | |
| Coccyzus erythrophthalmus Black-billed Cuckoo | Cuculidae Cuckoos | G5 | S3B | | | | SGCN3, SGIN | 4% | 95% | Riparian forest |
| | | Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Big Horn, Cascade, Chouteau, Custer, Dawson, Fallon, Fergus, Garfield, McCone, Musselshell, Petroleum, Phillips, Powder River, Prairie, Richland, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Stillwater, Treasure, Valley, Wibaux, Yellowstone | | | | | | | | |
| Coturnicops noveboracensis Yellow Rail | Rallidae Rails | G4 | S3B | | | SENSITIVE | SGCN3 | 1% | 5% | Wetlands |
| | | Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Roosevelt, Sheridan | | | | | | | | |
| Cygnus buccinator Trumpeter Swan | Anatidae Swans / Geese / Ducks | G4 | S3 | | SENSITIVE | SENSITIVE | SGCN3 | 2% | 9% | Lakes, ponds, reservoirs |
| | | Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Madison, Park, Powell | | | | | | | | |
| Cypseloides niger Black Swift | Apodidae Swifts | G4 | S1B | | | | SGCN1, SGIN | 5% | 19% | Waterfalls |
| | | Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Flathead, Lake, Lincoln, Missoula, Ravalli | | | | | | | | |
| Dolichonyx oryzivorus Bobolink | Icteridae Blackbirds | G5 | S3B | | | SENSITIVE | SGCN3 | 9% | 100% | Moist grasslands |
| | | Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Big Horn, Blaine, Broadwater, Carbon, Carter, Cascade, Chouteau, Custer, Daniels, Dawson, Fallon, Fergus, Flathead, Gallatin, Garfield, Glacier, Granite, Hill, Jefferson, Judith Basin, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Liberty, Madison, McCone, Meagher, Missoula, Musselshell, Park, Petroleum, Phillips, Powder River, Powell, Prairie, Ravalli, Richland, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sanders, Sheridan, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Teton, Valley, Wheatland, Wibaux, Yellowstone State Rank Reason: Species has undergone recent large population declines in Montana and a patchwork of declines and increases have been documented in surrounding states and provinces. | | | | | | | | |
| Dryocopus pileatus Pileated Woodpecker | Picidae Woodpeckers | G5 | S3 | | | | SGCN3 | 1% | 27% | Moist conifer forests |
| | | Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Broadwater, Cascade, Deer Lodge, Flathead, Gallatin, Glacier, Granite, Jefferson, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Lincoln, Madison, Meagher, Mineral, Missoula, Park, Powell, Ravalli, Sanders, Silver Bow | | | | | | | | |
| Empidonax alnorum Alder Flycatcher | Tyrannidae Flycatchers | G5 | S3B | | | | SGCN3 | 0% | 1% | Woody wetlands |
| | | Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Glacier, Lake, Teton | | | | | | | | |
| Falco peregrinus Peregrine Falcon | Falconidae Falcons | G4 | S3 | DM | SENSITIVE | SENSITIVE | SGCN3 | 2% | 100% | Cliffs / canyons |
| | | Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Big Horn, Blaine, Broadwater, Carbon, Cascade, Chouteau, Deer Lodge, Flathead, Gallatin, Glacier, Granite, Jefferson, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Lincoln, Madison, Meagher, Mineral, Missoula, Park, Pondera, Powell, Prairie, Ravalli, Sanders, Silver Bow, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Teton, Toole, Yellowstone | | | | | | | | |
| Gavia immer Common Loon | Gaviidae Loons | G5 | S3B | | SENSITIVE | SENSITIVE | SGCN3 | 1% | 14% | Mountain lakes w/ emergent veg |
| | | Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Flathead, Glacier, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Lincoln, Missoula, Powell, Sanders, Teton | | | | | | | | |
| Grus americana Whooping Crane | Gruidae Cranes | G1 | S1M | LE | ENDANGERED | SPECIAL STATUS | SGCN1 | 0% | 0% | Wetlands |
| | | Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Richland, Roosevelt, Sheridan, Wibaux | | | | | | | | |
| Gymnorhinus cyanocephalus Pinyon Jay | Corvidae Jays / Crows / Magpies | G5 | S3 | | | | SGCN3 | 5% | 55% | Open conifer forest |
| | | Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Big Horn, Blaine, Broadwater, Carbon, Carter, Cascade, Chouteau, Custer, Fergus, Gallatin, Garfield, Golden Valley, Jefferson, Lewis and Clark, Musselshell, Park, Petroleum, Phillips, Powder River, Rosebud, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Wheatland, Yellowstone | | | | | | | | |
| Haemorhous cassinii Cassin's Finch | Fringillidae Finches | G5 | S3 | | | | SGCN3 | 11% | 62% | Drier conifer forest |
| | | Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Big Horn, Broadwater, Carbon, Cascade, Chouteau, Custer, Deer Lodge, Fergus, Flathead, Gallatin, Glacier, Golden Valley, Granite, Jefferson, Judith Basin, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Lincoln, Madison, Meagher, Mineral, Missoula, Musselshell, Park, Petroleum, Phillips, Powder River, Powell, Ravalli, Rosebud, Sanders, Silver Bow, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Teton, Wheatland, Yellowstone | | | | | | | | |
| Himantopus mexicanus Black-necked Stilt | Recurvirostridae Avocets | G5 | S3B | | | | SGCN3 | 1% | 8% | Wetlands |
| | | Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Cascade, Chouteau, Gallatin, Golden Valley, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Phillips, Ravalli, Stillwater, Teton, Yellowstone | | | | | | | | |
| Histrionicus histrionicus Harlequin Duck | Anatidae Swans / Geese / Ducks | G4 | S2B | | SENSITIVE | SENSITIVE | SGCN2 | 4% | 40% | Mountain streams |
| | | Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Carbon, Flathead, Glacier, Granite, Lewis and Clark, Lincoln, Mineral, Missoula, Park, Pondera, Powell, Sanders, Sweet Grass, Teton State Rank Reason: The Harlequin Duck has an extremely limited breeding range in Montana. | | | | | | | | |
| Hydroprogne caspia Caspian Tern | Laridae Gulls / Terns | G5 | S2B | | | | SGCN2 | 0% | 4% | Large rivers, lakes |
| | | Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Broadwater, Garfield, Lake, McCone, Phillips, Pondera, Powell, Sheridan, Teton, Toole, Valley | | | | | | | | |
| Ixoreus naevius | Turdidae | G5 | S3B | | | | SGCN3 | 1% | 37% | Moist conifer forests |

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| Varied Thrush | Thrushes | Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Broadwater, Cascade, Flathead, Gallatin, Glacier, Golden Valley, Granite, Judith Basin, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Lincoln, Madison, Meagher, Mineral, Missoula, Park, Pondera, Powell, Ravalli, Sanders, Teton State Rank Reason: The Varied Thrush has undergone recent population declines in Montana and across the Northern Rockies and where timber harvest, insect outbreak, and fire result in a loss of suitable breeding habitat. | | | | | | | | |
| Lagopus leucura White-tailed Ptarmigan | Phasianidae Upland Game Birds | G5 | S3 | | | SGCN3, SGIN | 2% | 6% | Alpine | |
| Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Flathead, Glacier, Lewis and Clark, Missoula, Pondera, Powell, Teton | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lanius ludovicianus Loggerhead Shrike | Laniidae Shrikes | G4 | S3B | | | SENSITIVE | SGCN3 | 4% | 100% | Shrubland |
| Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Big Horn, Blaine, Broadwater, Carbon, Carter, Cascade, Chouteau, Custer, Daniels, Dawson, Fallon, Fergus, Gallatin, Garfield, Glacier, Golden Valley, Hill, Jefferson, Liberty, Madison, Mccone, Meagher, Missoula, Musselshell, Petroleum, Phillips, Pondera, Powder River, Powell, Prairie, Richland, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sheridan, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Teton, Toole, Valley, Wheatland, Wibaux, Yellowstone | | | | | | | | | | |
| Leucophaeus pipixcan Franklin's Gull | Laridae Gulls / Terns | G4G5 | S3B | | | SENSITIVE | SGCN3 | 7% | 48% | Wetlands |
| Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Cascade, Chouteau, Phillips, Roosevelt, Sheridan, Teton | | | | | | | | | | |
| Leucosticte atrata Black Rosy-Finch | Fringillidae Finches | G4 | S2 | | | SGCN2, SGIN | 38% | 20% | Alpine | |
| Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Broadwater, Carbon, Cascade, Deer Lodge, Granite, Jefferson, Judith Basin, Madison, Meagher, Missoula, Park, Powell, Ravalli, Silver Bow, Stillwater | | | | | | | | | | |
| Leucosticte tephrocotis Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch | Fringillidae Finches | G5 | S2B,S5N | | | SGCN2, SGIN | 1% | 29% | Alpine | |
| Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Cascade, Flathead, Glacier, Judith Basin, Lewis and Clark, Teton | | | | | | | | | | |
| Melanerpes erythrocephalus Red-headed Woodpecker | Picidae Woodpeckers | G5 | S3B | | | SENSITIVE | SGCN3 | 4% | 60% | Riparian forest |
| Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Carter, Custer, Dawson, Fallon, Mccone, Musselshell, Phillips, Powder River, Prairie, Richland, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sweet Grass, Treasure, Valley, Wibaux, Yellowstone | | | | | | | | | | |
| Melanerpes lewis Lewis's Woodpecker | Picidae Woodpeckers | G4 | S2B | | | SGCN2 | 8% | 78% | Riparian forest | |
| Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Big Horn, Carter, Cascade, Deer Lodge, Flathead, Granite, Jefferson, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Lincoln, Missoula, Musselshell, Powder River, Powell, Ravalli, Rosebud, Sanders, Sweet Grass, Yellowstone | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nucifraga columbiana Clark's Nutcracker | Corvidae Jays / Crows / Magpies | G5 | S3 | | | SGCN3 | 9% | 84% | Conifer forest | |
| Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Big Horn, Blaine, Broadwater, Carbon, Carter, Cascade, Chouteau, Deer Lodge, Fergus, Flathead, Gallatin, Glacier, Golden Valley, Granite, Jefferson, Judith Basin, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Liberty, Lincoln, Madison, Meagher, Mineral, Missoula, Musselshell, Park, Petroleum, Phillips, Pondera, Powder River, Powell, Ravalli, Sanders, Silver Bow, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Teton, Toole, Wheatland | | | | | | | | | | |
| Numenius americanus Long-billed Curlew | Scolopacidae Sandpipers | G5 | S3B | | | SENSITIVE | SGCN3 | 19% | 100% | Grasslands |
| Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Big Horn, Blaine, Broadwater, Carbon, Carter, Cascade, Chouteau, Custer, Daniels, Dawson, Deer Lodge, Fallon, Fergus, Flathead, Gallatin, Glacier, Golden Valley, Granite, Hill, Jefferson, Judith Basin, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Liberty, Madison, Mccone, Meagher, Missoula, Musselshell, Petroleum, Phillips, Pondera, Powder River, Powell, Prairie, Ravalli, Richland, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sanders, Sheridan, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Teton, Toole, Treasure, Valley, Wheatland, Wibaux, Yellowstone | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nycticorax nycticorax Black-crowned Night-Heron | Ardeidae Bitterns / Egrets / Herons / Night-Herons | G5 | S3B | | | SENSITIVE | SGCN3 | 1% | 45% | Wetlands |
| Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Cascade, Chouteau, Deer Lodge, Phillips, Ravalli, Roosevelt, Sheridan, Teton | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oreoscoptes montanus Sage Thrasher | Mimidae Thrashers / Mockingbirds / Catbirds | G5 | S3B | | | SENSITIVE | SGCN3 | 9% | 84% | Sagebrush |
| Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Big Horn, Broadwater, Carbon, Carter, Chouteau, Custer, Fallon, Gallatin, Garfield, Golden Valley, Jefferson, Lewis and Clark, Madison, Musselshell, Park, Petroleum, Phillips, Powder River, Prairie, Richland, Rosebud, Sanders, Silver Bow, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Valley, Wheatland, Yellowstone | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pelecanus erythrorhynchos American White Pelican | Pelecanidae Pelicans | G4 | S3B | | | SGCN3 | 6% | 1% | Lakes, ponds, reservoirs | |
| Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Broadwater, Phillips, Pondera, Roosevelt, Sheridan, Teton | | | | | | | | | | |
| Picoides arcticus Black-backed Woodpecker | Picidae Woodpeckers | G5 | S3 | | SENSITIVE | SENSITIVE | SGCN3 | 2% | 49% | Conifer forest burns |
| Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Broadwater, Flathead, Gallatin, Lewis and Clark, Lincoln, Madison, Mineral, Missoula, Powder River, Powell, Ravalli, Rosebud, Sanders | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pipilo chlorurus Green-tailed Towhee | Emberizidae Sparrows | G5 | S3B | | | SGCN3 | 3% | 60% | Shrub woodland | |
| Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Big Horn, Blaine, Broadwater, Carbon, Chouteau, Custer, Deer Lodge, Fergus, Gallatin, Garfield, Granite, Jefferson, Judith Basin, Lewis and Clark, Lincoln, Madison, Meagher, Missoula, Musselshell, Park, Petroleum, Phillips, Powder River, Silver Bow, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Valley, Wheatland, Yellowstone State Rank Reason: Populations in Montana and across the Northern Rockies have undergone recent declines. | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Plegadis chihi White-faced Ibis | Threskiornithidae Ibises | G5 | S3B | | | SENSITIVE | SGCN3 | 4% | 45% | Wetlands | |
| | | Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Carter, Cascade, Chouteau, Phillips, Roosevelt, Sheridan, Teton | | | | | | | | | |
| Podiceps auritus Horned Grebe | Podicipedidae Grebes | G5 | S3B | | | | SGCN3 | 3% | 77% | Wetlands | |
| | | Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Cascade, Chouteau, Flathead, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Phillips, Powell, Sheridan, Teton | | | | | | | | | |
| Poecile hudsonicus Boreal Chickadee | Paridae Chickadees | G5 | S3 | | | | SGCN3 | 1% | 14% | Spruce-fir forests | |
| | | Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Flathead, Glacier, Lincoln, Teton | | | | | | | | | |
| Polioptila caerulea Blue-gray Gnatcatcher | Poliopitidae Gnatcatchers | G5 | S2B | | | SENSITIVE | SENSITIVE | SGCN2 | 0% | 1% | Utah juniper |
| | | Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Broadwater, Carbon, Jefferson | | | | | | | | | |
| Psiloscops flammeolus Flammulated Owl | Strigidae Owls | G4 | S3B | | | SENSITIVE | SENSITIVE | SGCN3 | 2% | 36% | Dry conifer forest |
| | | Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Broadwater, Flathead, Gallatin, Granite, Jefferson, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Lincoln, Madison, Mineral, Missoula, Powell, Ravalli, Sanders | | | | | | | | | |
| Rhynchophanes mccownii McCown's Longspur | Calcaridae Longspurs and Snow Buntings | G4 | S3B | | | | SENSITIVE | SGCN3 | 41% | 79% | Grasslands |
| | | Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Blaine, Broadwater, Chouteau, Daniels, Fergus, Glacier, Golden Valley, Hill, Judith Basin, Lewis and Clark, Liberty, Madison, Mccone, Musselshell, Petroleum, Phillips, Pondera, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sheridan, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Teton, Toole, Valley, Wheatland, Yellowstone State Rank Reason: Species faces threats from coverture conversion and altered grazing and fire regimes and although populations in the core of their breeding range in northeast Montana appear to be relatively stable, declines are occurring in much of the species global breeding range. | | | | | | | | | |
| Spizella breweri Brewer's Sparrow | Emberizidae Sparrows | G5 | S3B | | | | SENSITIVE | SGCN3 | 12% | 100% | Sagebrush |
| | | Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Big Horn, Blaine, Broadwater, Carbon, Carter, Chouteau, Custer, Dawson, Deer Lodge, Fallon, Fergus, Flathead, Gallatin, Garfield, Glacier, Golden Valley, Granite, Hill, Jefferson, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Liberty, Lincoln, Madison, Mccone, Meagher, Missoula, Musselshell, Park, Petroleum, Phillips, Pondera, Powder River, Powell, Prairie, Ravalli, Richland, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sanders, Silver Bow, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Teton, Toole, Treasure, Valley, Wheatland, Wibaux, Yellowstone State Rank Reason: Species faces threats from loss of sagebrush habitats it is dependent on as a result of habitat conversion for agriculture and increased frequency of fire as a result of weed encroachment and drought. | | | | | | | | | |
| Sterna forsteri Forster's Tern | Laridae Gulls / Terns | G5 | S3B | | | | | SGCN3 | 1% | 59% | Wetlands |
| | | Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Blaine, Cascade, Chouteau, Hill, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Petroleum, Phillips, Powell, Roosevelt, Sheridan, Teton | | | | | | | | | |
| Sterna hirundo Common Tern | Laridae Gulls / Terns | G5 | S3B | | | | | SGCN3 | 5% | 50% | Large rivers, lakes |
| | | Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Blaine, Broadwater, Cascade, Chouteau, Daniels, Flathead, Hill, Lake, Mccone, Petroleum, Phillips, Roosevelt, Sheridan, Teton, Valley | | | | | | | | | |
| Sternula antillarum Least Tern | Laridae Gulls / Terns | G4 | S1B | LE | ENDANGERED | SPECIAL STATUS | SGCN1, SGIN | 1% | 10% | Large prairie rivers | |
| | | Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Custer, Dawson, Garfield, Mccone, Prairie, Richland, Roosevelt, Valley, Wibaux | | | | | | | | | |
| Strix nebulosa Great Gray Owl | Strigidae Owls | G5 | S3 | | | | SENSITIVE | SGCN3, SGIN | 2% | 46% | Conifer forest near open meadows |
| | | Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Carbon, Deer Lodge, Flathead, Gallatin, Granite, Jefferson, Judith Basin, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Lincoln, Meagher, Missoula, Park, Powell, Ravalli, Silver Bow, Sweet Grass, Teton, Wheatland | | | | | | | | | |
| Surnia ulula Northern Hawk Owl | Strigidae Owls | G5 | S3 | | | | | SGCN3, SGIN | 0% | 1% | Conifer forest |
| | | Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Flathead, Glacier, Teton State Rank Reason: Species has a small population and limited distribution in Montana. | | | | | | | | | |
| Troglodytes pacificus Pacific Wren | Troglodytidae Wrens | G5 | S3 | | | | | SGCN3 | 1% | 39% | Moist conifer forests |
| | | Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Broadwater, Fergus, Flathead, Gallatin, Glacier, Granite, Jefferson, Judith Basin, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Lincoln, Madison, Meagher, Mineral, Missoula, Park, Powell, Ravalli, Sanders, Sweet Grass, Teton | | | | | | | | | |
| Tympanuchus phasianellus Sharp-tailed Grouse | Phasianidae Upland Game Birds | G5 | S1,S4 | | | | | SGCN1 | 6% | 100% | Shrub grassland |
| | | State Rank Reason: Populations west of the Continental Divide are a Species of Concern with a state rank of S1. Populations east of the Continental Divide have a state rank of S4 and are not a Species of Concern. | | | | | | | | | |

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