

Montana Natural Heritage - SOC Report

Animal Species of Concern

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Introduction

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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
Accipiter gentilis Northern Goshawk	Accipitridae Hawks / Kites / Eagles	G5	S3	MBTA			SGCN3	2%	68%
		Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Big Horn, Broadwater, Carbon, Carter, Cascade, Deer Lodge, Fergus, Flathead, Gallatin, Glacier, Granite, Hill, Jefferson, Judith Basin, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Liberty, Lincoln, Madison, Meagher, Mineral, Missoula, Park, Petroleum, Pondera, Powder River, Powell, Ravalli, Rosebud, Sanders, Silver Bow, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Teton, Wheatland							
Aechmophorus clarkii Clark's Grebe	Podicipedidae Grebes	G5	S3B	MBTA; BCC10; BCC11			SGCN3	1%	2%
		Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Lake, Phillips, Teton							
Ammospiza leconteii LeConte's Sparrow	Passerellidae New World Sparrows	G5	S3B	MBTA; BCC11			SGCN3	1%	13%
		Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Flathead, Lake, Roosevelt, Sheridan							
Ammospiza nelsoni Nelson's Sparrow	Passerellidae New World Sparrows	G5	S3B	MBTA			SGCN3	0%	3%
		Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Daniels, Phillips, Roosevelt, Sheridan, Toole, Valley							
Anthus spragueii Sprague's Pipit	Motacillidae Pipits	G3G4	S3B	MBTA; BCC11; BCC17		SENSITIVE	SGCN3	18%	67%
		Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Blaine, Carbon, 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, Yellowstone 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 coverte 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		SENSITIVE	SGCN3	3%	100%
		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, Mineral, 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, Wibaux, Yellowstone							

Ardea herodias Great Blue Heron	Ardeidae Bitterns / Egrets / Herons / Night-Herons	G5	S3	MBTA			SGCN3	3%	100%
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, 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.									
Artemisospiza nevadensis Sagebrush Sparrow	Passerellidae New World Sparrows	G5	S3B	MBTA		SENSITIVE	SGCN3	0%	13%
Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Big Horn, Carbon, Gallatin, Meagher, Park									
Athene cucularia Burrowing Owl	Strigidae Owls	G4	S3B	MBTA; BCC17		SENSITIVE	SGCN3	2%	82%
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, Judith Basin, Lewis and Clark, Liberty, Madison, McCone, Musselshell, Petroleum, Phillips, Pondera, Powder River, Prairie, Ravalli, Richland, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sheridan, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Teton, Toole, Treasure, Valley, Wheatland, Wibaux, Yellowstone									
State Rank Reason: Species has a negative short-term population trend.									
Botaurus lentiginosus American Bittern	Ardeidae Bitterns / Egrets / Herons / Night-Herons	G5	S3B	MBTA		SENSITIVE	SGCN3	4%	100%
Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Blaine, Carter, Cascade, Chouteau, Deer Lodge, Fallon, Fergus, Flathead, Gallatin, Glacier, Golden Valley, Lake, Madison, Missoula, Park, Phillips, Powell, Ravalli, Roosevelt, Sanders, Sheridan, Teton, Valley, Yellowstone									
State Rank Reason: The American Bittern is dependent on large wetland complexes, which have declined across the species range. Declines in Montana and the species specialized habitat requirements warrant general concern about the persistence of the species.									
Buteo regalis Ferruginous Hawk	Accipitridae Hawks / Kites / Eagles	G4	S3B	MBTA; BCC17		SENSITIVE	SGCN3	11%	95%
Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Blaine, Broadwater, Carter, Cascade, Chouteau, Custer, Daniels, Dawson, Deer Lodge, Fallon, Fergus, Gallatin, Garfield, Glacier, Golden Valley, Hill, Jefferson, Judith Basin, Lewis and Clark, Liberty, Madison, McCone, Meagher, Musselshell, Park, Petroleum, Phillips, Pondera, Powder River, Powell, Prairie, Richland, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sheridan, Stillwater, Teton, Toole, Valley, Wheatland, Wibaux, Yellowstone									
Calcarius ornatus Chestnut-collared Longspur	Calcariidae Longspurs and Snow Buntings	G5	S2B	MBTA; BCC11; BCC17		SENSITIVE	SGCN2	32%	67%
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, Pondera, 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	MBTA		SENSITIVE	SGCN3	6%	100%
Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Big Horn, Blaine, Broadwater, Carbon, Carter, Cascade, Chouteau, Custer, Daniels, Deer Lodge, 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, Ravalli, Richland, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sanders, Sheridan, Silver Bow, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Teton, Toole, Valley, Wheatland, Yellowstone									
Centrocercus urophasianus Greater Sage-Grouse	Phasianidae Upland Game Birds	G3G4	S2		Sensitive - Known in Forests (BD) Species of Conservation Concern in Forests (CG)	SENSITIVE	SGCN2	17%	75%
Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Big Horn, Blaine, Broadwater, 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									
Centronyx bairdii Baird's Sparrow	Passerellidae New World Sparrows	G4	S3B	MBTA; BCC11; BCC17		SENSITIVE	SGCN3	27%	67%
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, Meagher, Musselshell, Petroleum, Phillips, Pondera, 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.									
Certhia americana Brown Creeper	Certhiidae Creepers	G5	S3	MBTA			SGCN3	4%	53%
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; CH; MBTA		THREATENED	SGCN2	4%	11%
Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Dawson, Garfield, McCone, Phillips, Pondera, Richland, Roosevelt, Sheridan, Valley									

Charadrius montanus Mountain Plover	Charadriidae Plovers	G3	S2B	MBTA; BCC10; BCC11; BCC17		SENSITIVE	SGCN2	20%	73%
		Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Blaine, Broadwater, Carbon, Chouteau, Fergus, Garfield, Golden Valley, Jefferson, Madison, Musselshell, Petroleum, Phillips, Rosebud, Teton, Toole, Treasure, Valley, Wheatland, Yellowstone							
Chlidonias niger Black Tern	Laridae Gulls / Terns	G4G5	S3B	MBTA; BCC10; BCC11; BCC17		SENSITIVE	SGCN3	7%	100%
		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 stellaris Sedge Wren	Troglodytidae Wrens	G5	S3B	MBTA			SGCN3	1%	4%
		Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Phillips, Roosevelt, Sheridan							
Coccothraustes vespertinus Evening Grosbeak	Fringillidae Finches	G5	S3	MBTA; BCC10			SGCN3	3%	100%
		Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Big Horn, 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, Musselshell, Park, Pondera, Powder River, Powell, Ravalli, Sanders, Silver Bow, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Teton, Wheatland, Yellowstone State Rank Reason: Populations in Montana and across North America have experienced rangewide declines, although the causes of these declines are unclear (Bonter and Harvey 2008).							
Coccyzus americanus Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Cuculidae Cuckoos	G5	S3B	PS: LT; MBTA		THREATENED	SGCN3, SGIN	1%	50%
		Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Big Horn, Carbon, Carter, Custer, Gallatin, Lake, Madison, Powder River, Richland, Rosebud, Stillwater, Wibaux, Yellowstone							
Coccyzus erythrophthalmus Black-billed Cuckoo	Cuculidae Cuckoos	G5	S3B	MBTA; BCC11; BCC17		SENSITIVE	SGCN3, SGIN	4%	95%
		Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Big Horn, Blaine, Broadwater, Carter, Cascade, Chouteau, Custer, Dawson, Fallon, Fergus, Gallatin, Garfield, Mccone, Musselshell, Park, Petroleum, Phillips, Pondera, Powder River, Prairie, Richland, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sheridan, Stillwater, Toole, Treasure, Valley, Wibaux, Yellowstone							
Coturnicops noveboracensis Yellow Rail	Rallidae Rails	G4	S3B	MBTA; BCC10; BCC11		SENSITIVE	SGCN3	1%	5%
		Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Roosevelt, Sheridan							
Cygnus buccinator Trumpeter Swan	Anatidae Swans / Geese / Ducks	G4	S3	MBTA	Sensitive - Known in Forests (BD)	SENSITIVE	SGCN3	2%	9%
		Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Flathead, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Madison, Missoula, Park, Powell, Ravalli							
Cypseloides niger Black Swift	Apodidae Swifts	G4	S1B	MBTA; BCC10	Species of Conservation Concern in Forests (FLAT)		SGCN1, SGIN	5%	19%
		Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Carbon, Flathead, Glacier, Lake, Lincoln, Missoula, Ravalli, Sanders State Rank Reason: Species is limited in distribution and requires very specific features for nesting that are rare on the landscape making it vulnerable to extirpation in all or part of its range.							
Dolichonyx oryzivorus Bobolink	Icteridae Blackbirds	G5	S3B	MBTA; BCC10; BCC11; BCC17			SGCN3	9%	100%
		Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Big Horn, Blaine, Broadwater, Carbon, Carter, Cascade, Chouteau, Custer, Daniels, 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, Mineral, Missoula, Musselshell, Park, Petroleum, Phillips, Pondera, Powder River, Powell, Prairie, Ravalli, Richland, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sanders, Sheridan, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Teton, Toole, Treasure, 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	MBTA			SGCN3	1%	27%
		Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Broadwater, Cascade, Deer Lodge, Flathead, Gallatin, Glacier, Granite, Jefferson, Judith Basin, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Lincoln, Madison, Meagher, Mineral, Missoula, Park, Powell, Ravalli, Sanders, Silver Bow, Wheatland							
Empidonax alnorum Alder Flycatcher	Tyrannidae Flycatchers	G5	S3B	MBTA			SGCN3	0%	1%
		Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Flathead, Glacier, Teton							
Gavia immer Common Loon	Gaviidae Loons	G5	S3B	MBTA	Sensitive - Known in Forests (KOOT, LOLO)		SGCN3	1%	14%
		Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Flathead, Glacier, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Lincoln, Missoula, Powell, Sanders							

Grus americana Whooping Crane	Gruidae Cranes	G1	S1M	LE; MBTA		ENDANGERED	SGCN1	0%	0%	
<p>Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Richland, Roosevelt, Sheridan, Wibaux</p> <p>State Rank Reason: The federally endangered Whooping Crane occasionally migrate across the eastern portion of Montana, although their main migratory corridor is found to the east in the Dakotas. While the species was close to extinction during the early and mid-1900s, intensive management has helped to begin the recovery process. The species is still very rare across its range and at risk of extinction.</p>										
Gymnorhinus cyanocephalus Pinyon Jay	Corvidae Jays / Crows / Magpies	G3	S3	MBTA; BCC10; BCC17			SGCN3	5%	55%	
<p>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</p>										
Haemorhous cassinii Cassin's Finch	Fringillidae Finches	G5	S3	MBTA; BCC10			SGCN3	11%	62%	
<p>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</p> <p>State Rank Reason: Data show recent short-term declines in population for this species</p>										
Himantopus mexicanus Black-necked Stilt	Recurvirostridae Avocets	G5	S3B	MBTA			SGCN3	1%	8%	
<p>Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Cascade, Chouteau, Deer Lodge, Flathead, Glacier, Golden Valley, Hill, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Missoula, Phillips, Ravalli, Sheridan, Stillwater, Teton, Toole, Yellowstone</p>										
Histrionicus histrionicus Harlequin Duck	Anatidae Swans / Geese / Ducks	G4	S2B	MBTA	Sensitive - Known in Forests (BD, KOOT, LOLO)		SGCN2	4%	40%	
<p>Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Carbon, Flathead, Gallatin, Glacier, Granite, Lewis and Clark, Lincoln, Madison, Mineral, Missoula, Park, Pondera, Powell, Ravalli, Sanders, Sweet Grass, Teton</p> <p>State Rank Reason: The Harlequin Duck has an extremely limited breeding range in Montana.</p>										
Hydroprogne caspia Caspian Tern	Laridae Gulls / Terns	G5	S2B	MBTA		SENSITIVE	SGCN2	0%	4%	
<p>Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Broadwater, Garfield, Lake, Liberty, McCone, Phillips, Pondera, Powell, Sheridan, Teton, Toole, Valley</p>										
Ixoreus naevius Varied Thrush	Turdidae Thrushes	G5	S3B	MBTA			SGCN3	1%	37%	
<p>Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, 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</p> <p>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.</p>										
Lagopus leucura White-tailed Ptarmigan	Phasianidae Upland Game Birds	G5	S3				SGCN3, SGIN	2%	6%	
<p>Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Flathead, Glacier, Lewis and Clark, Missoula, Pondera, Powell, Teton</p>										
Lanius ludovicianus Loggerhead Shrike	Laniidae Shrikes	G4	S3B	MBTA		SENSITIVE	SGCN3	4%	100%	
<p>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, Judith Basin, Lewis and Clark, Liberty, Madison, McCone, Meagher, Musselshell, Park, Petroleum, Phillips, Pondera, Powder River, Prairie, Richland, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sheridan, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Teton, Toole, Treasure, Valley, Wheatland, Wibaux, Yellowstone</p>										
Leucophaeus pipixcan Franklin's Gull	Laridae Gulls / Terns	G5	S3B	MBTA; BCC10; BCC11; BCC17		SENSITIVE	SGCN3	7%	48%	
<p>Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Blaine, Cascade, Chouteau, Phillips, Roosevelt, Sheridan, Teton</p>										
Leucosticte atrata Black Rosy-Finch	Fringillidae Finches	G4	S2	MBTA; BCC10			SGCN2, SGIN	38%	20%	
<p>Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Broadwater, Carbon, Cascade, Deer Lodge, Gallatin, Granite, Jefferson, Judith Basin, Madison, Meagher, Missoula, Park, Powell, Ravalli, Silver Bow, Stillwater, Sweet Grass</p>										
Leucosticte tephrocotis Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	Fringillidae Finches	G5	S2	MBTA			SGCN2, SGIN	1%	29%	
<p>Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Cascade, Deer Lodge, Flathead, Gallatin, Glacier, Granite, Jefferson, Judith Basin, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Lincoln, Missoula, Sanders, Teton</p>										
Melanerpes erythrocephalus Red-headed Woodpecker	Picidae Woodpeckers	G5	S3B	MBTA; BCC11; BCC17		SENSITIVE	SGCN3	4%	60%	
<p>Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Blaine, Carter, Chouteau, Custer, Dawson, Fallon, Fergus, Garfield, Golden Valley, McCone, Musselshell, Petroleum, Phillips, Powder River, Prairie, Richland, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sheridan, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Treasure, Valley, Wibaux, Yellowstone</p>										
Melanerpes lewis Lewis's Woodpecker	Picidae Woodpeckers	G4	S2B	MBTA; BCC10; BCC17	Species of Conservation Concern in Forests (HLC)	SENSITIVE	SGCN2	8%	78%	
<p>Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Big Horn, Broadwater, Carter, Cascade, Deer Lodge, Flathead, Gallatin, Glacier, Granite, Jefferson, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Lincoln, Madison, Mineral, Missoula, Musselshell, Park, Powder River, Powell, Ravalli, Rosebud, Sanders, Silver Bow, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Yellowstone</p>										

Nucifraga columbiana Clark's Nutcracker	Corvidae Jays / Crows / Magpies	G5	S3	MBTA	Species of Conservation Concern in Forests (FLAT)		SGCN3	9%	84%
		Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Big Horn, Blaine, Broadwater, Carbon, Carter, Cascade, Chouteau, Custer, Deer Lodge, Fergus, Flathead, Gallatin, Garfield, Glacier, Golden Valley, Granite, Hill, 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, Treasure, Valley, Wheatland, Wibaux, Yellowstone							
Numenius americanus Long-billed Curlew	Scolopacidae Sandpipers	G5	S3B	MBTA; BCC11		SENSITIVE	SGCN3	19%	100%
		Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Big Horn, Blaine, Broadwater, Carbon, Carter, Cascade, Chouteau, Custer, Daniels, 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, Wibaux, Yellowstone							
Nycticorax nycticorax Black-crowned Night-Heron	Ardeidae Bitterns / Egrets / Herons / Night-Herons	G5	S3B	MBTA			SGCN3	1%	45%
		Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Cascade, Chouteau, Deer Lodge, Phillips, Ravalli, Roosevelt, Sheridan, Teton							
Oreoscoptes montanus Sage Thrasher	Mimidae Thrashers / Mockingbirds / Catbirds	G4	S3B	MBTA		SENSITIVE	SGCN3	9%	84%
		Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Big Horn, Blaine, Broadwater, Carbon, Carter, Chouteau, Custer, Deer Lodge, Fallon, Fergus, Gallatin, Garfield, Glacier, Golden Valley, Jefferson, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Madison, Mccone, Missoula, Musselshell, Park, Petroleum, Phillips, Powder River, Powell, Prairie, Ravalli, Richland, Rosebud, Sanders, Silver Bow, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Toole, Treasure, Valley, Wheatland, Yellowstone							
Pelecanus erythrorhynchos American White Pelican	Pelecanidae Pelicans	G4	S3B	MBTA			SGCN3	6%	1%
		Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Broadwater, Lake, Phillips, Pondera, Roosevelt, Sheridan, Stillwater, Teton State Rank Reason: American White Pelicans breed at five sites in Montana. Due to limited distribution of breeding sites, the species is potentially at risk of declines.							
Picoides arcticus Black-backed Woodpecker	Picidae Woodpeckers	G5	S3	MBTA	Sensitive - Known in Forests (BD, BRT, KOOT, LOLO)	SENSITIVE	SGCN3	2%	49%
		Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Broadwater, Flathead, Gallatin, Glacier, Granite, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Lincoln, Madison, Mineral, Missoula, Powder River, Powell, Ravalli, Rosebud, Sanders							
Pipilo chlorurus Green-tailed Towhee	Passerellidae New World Sparrows	G5	S3B	MBTA			SGCN3	3%	60%
		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, Madison, Meagher, Musselshell, Park, Petroleum, Phillips, Powder River, Powell, Ravalli, Rosebud, Silver Bow, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Valley, Wheatland, Yellowstone State Rank Reason: Populations in Montana and across the Northern Rockies have undergone recent declines.							
Plegadis chihi White-faced Ibis	Threskiornithidae Ibises	G5	S3B	MBTA		SENSITIVE	SGCN3	4%	45%
		Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Cascade, Chouteau, Phillips, Roosevelt, Sheridan, Teton State Rank Reason: Due to limited distribution of breeding sites, the species is potentially at risk of declines.							
Podiceps auritus Horned Grebe	Podicipedidae Grebes	G5	S3B	MBTA		SENSITIVE	SGCN3	3%	77%
		Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Cascade, Chouteau, Flathead, Glacier, Lake, Phillips, Powell, Sheridan, Teton, Toole							
Poecile hudsonicus Boreal Chickadee	Paridae Chickadees	G5	S3	MBTA			SGCN3	1%	14%
		Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Flathead, Glacier, Lewis and Clark, Lincoln, Teton							
Poliophtila caerulea Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Poliophtilidae Gnatcatchers	G5	S3B	MBTA		SENSITIVE	SGCN2	0%	1%
		Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Big Horn, Broadwater, Carbon, Jefferson, Madison							
Psiloscops flammeolus Flammulated Owl	Strigidae Owls	G4	S3B	MBTA; BCC10	Sensitive - Known in Forests (BD, BRT, KOOT, LOLO) Species of Conservation Concern in Forests (FLAT, HLC)	SENSITIVE	SGCN3	2%	36%
		Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Broadwater, Flathead, Gallatin, Granite, Jefferson, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Lincoln, Madison, Mineral, Missoula, Powell, Ravalli, Sanders, Silver Bow							
Rhynchophanes mccownii Thick-billed Longspur	Calcariidae Longspurs and Snow Buntings	G4	S3B	MBTA; BCC10; BCC11; BCC17		SENSITIVE	SGCN3	41%	79%
		Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Blaine, Broadwater, Carbon, Cascade, Chouteau, Daniels, Fallon, Fergus, Gallatin, Garfield, Glacier, Golden Valley, Hill, Jefferson, Judith Basin, Lewis and Clark, Liberty, Madison, Mccone, Meagher, Musselshell, Park, Petroleum, Phillips, Pondera, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sheridan, Silver Bow, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Teton, Toole, Valley, Wheatland, Yellowstone State Rank Reason: Species faces threats from cover type 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	Passerellidae New World Sparrows	G5	S3B	MBTA		SENSITIVE	SGCN3	12%	100%
		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, 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	MBTA		SENSITIVE	SGCN3	1%	59%
		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	MBTA		SENSITIVE	SGCN3	5%	50%
		Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Blaine, Broadwater, Cascade, Chouteau, Daniels, Flathead, Hill, Lake, Liberty, McCone, Petroleum, Phillips, Roosevelt, Sheridan, Teton, Toole, Valley							
Sternula antillarum Least Tern	Laridae Gulls / Terns	G4	S1B	DM; MBTA		ENDANGERED	SGCN1, SGIN	1%	10%
		Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Custer, Dawson, Garfield, McCone, Prairie, Richland, Roosevelt, Valley, Wibaux							
Strix nebulosa Great Gray Owl	Strigidae Owls	G5	S3	MBTA		SENSITIVE	SGCN3, SGIN	2%	46%
		Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Carbon, Cascade, Deer Lodge, Flathead, Gallatin, Glacier, 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	MBTA			SGCN3, SGIN	0%	1%
		Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Flathead, Glacier, Lewis and Clark, Teton State Rank Reason: Species has a small population and limited distribution in Montana.							
Troglodytes pacificus Pacific Wren	Troglodytidae Wrens	G5	S3	MBTA			SGCN3	1%	39%
		Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Broadwater, Carbon, Cascade, Deer Lodge, Fergus, Flathead, Gallatin, Glacier, Granite, Jefferson, Judith Basin, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Lincoln, Madison, Meagher, Mineral, Missoula, Park, Powell, Ravalli, Sanders, Silver Bow, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Teton							
Tympanuchus phasianellus Sharp-tailed Grouse	Phasianidae Upland Game Birds	G5	SX,S4				SGCN1	6%	100%
		Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: State Rank Reason: Populations west of the Continental Divide are extirpated and have a conservation status rank of SX. Populations east of the Continental Divide have a state rank of S4 and are not a Species of Concern.							

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Special Status Species

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