

Birds of Montana - Taxonomic List - 2008
Rare Birds are Highlighted

The following list of Montana birds is organized taxonomically (43rd Supplement of AOU). An alphabetic list of birds appears on page 4. This list was developed for individuals recording birds through the Montana Bird Distribution project. Because we need you to record bird names accurately in the quarter-quarter latilong (QQLL) spreadsheet, we want you to have an official bird list (so you can check the official spelling easily). The birds that are highlighted (*underlined, blue in color, and italicized*) on the list require additional information to be gathered. These birds are species that are of conservation concern or considered rare. This list can also be downloaded at <<http://mtaudubon.org/birds/distributionQQLL.html>>.

Loons/Grebes

Red-throated Loon
 Common Loon
Yellow-billed Loon
 Pacific Loon
 Pied-billed Grebe
 Horned Grebe
 Red-necked Grebe
 Eared Grebe
 Western Grebe
 Clark's Grebe

Pelicans/Cormorants

Manx Shearwater
 American White Pelican
 Double-crested
 Cormorant

Hérons and Allies

American Bittern
Least Bittern
 Great Blue Heron
 Great Egret
 Snowy Egret
Little Blue Heron
 Cattle Egret
Green Heron
 Black-crowned Night-
 Heron
Yellow-crowned Night-
 Heron
Glossy Ibis
 White-faced Ibis
Wood Stork

Geese/Ducks/Swans

Tundra Swan
 Trumpeter Swan
 Mute Swan
 Greater White-fronted
 Goose
 Snow Goose
 Ross's Goose

Brant

Canada Goose
Cackling Goose
 Wood Duck
 Green-winged Teal
 American Black Duck
 Mallard
 Northern Pintail
Garganey
 Blue-winged Teal
 Cinnamon Teal
 Northern Shoveler
 Gadwall
 Eurasian Wigeon
 American Wigeon
 Canvasback
 Redhead
 Ring-necked Duck
 Greater Scaup
 Lesser Scaup
 Harlequin Duck
 Long-tailed Duck
Black Scoter
 Surf Scoter
 White-winged Scoter
 Common Goldeneye
 Barrow's Goldeneye
 Bufflehead
 Hooded Merganser
 Common Merganser
 Red-breasted Merganser
 Ruddy Duck

Raptors

Turkey Vulture
 Osprey
White-tailed Kite
Mississippi Kite
 Bald Eagle
 Northern Harrier
 Sharp-shinned Hawk
 Cooper's Hawk
 Northern Goshawk

Red-shouldered Hawk

Broad-winged Hawk
 Swainson's Hawk
 Red-tailed Hawk
 Ferruginous Hawk
 Rough-legged Hawk
 Golden Eagle
 American Kestrel
 Merlin
 Peregrine Falcon
 Gyrfalcon
 Prairie Falcon

Grouse and Allies

Gray Partridge
 Chukar
 Ring-necked Pheasant
 Spruce Grouse
 Blue Grouse
Willow Ptarmigan
 White-tailed Ptarmigan
 Ruffed Grouse
 Greater Sage-Grouse
Greater Prairie-Chicken
 Sharp-tailed Grouse
 Wild Turkey

Sandpipers and Allies

Yellow Rail
 Virginia Rail
 Sora
Common Moorhen
 American Coot
 Sandhill Crane
 Whooping Crane
 Black-bellied Plover
 American Golden-Plover
Snowy Plover
 Semipalmated Plover
 Piping Plover
 Killdeer
 Mountain Plover
 Black-necked Stilt

American Avocet
 Greater Yellowlegs
 Lesser Yellowlegs
 Solitary Sandpiper
 Willet
 Spotted Sandpiper
 Upland Sandpiper
 Whimbrel
 Long-billed Curlew
 Hudsonian Godwit
 Marbled Godwit
 Ruddy Turnstone
Black Turnstone
 Red Knot
 Sanderling
 Semipalmated Sandpiper
 Western Sandpiper
 Least Sandpiper
 White-rumped Sandpiper
 Baird's Sandpiper
 Pectoral Sandpiper
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper
 Dunlin
Curlew Sandpiper
 Stilt Sandpiper
Buff-breasted Sandpiper
 Short-billed Dowitcher
 Long-billed Dowitcher
 Wilson's Snipe
American Woodcock
 Wilson's Phalarope
 Red-necked Phalarope
Red Phalarope

Gulls/Terns and Allies

Pomarine Jaeger
Parasitic Jaeger
Long-tailed Jaeger
Laughing Gull
 Franklin's Gull
Little Gull
 Bonaparte's Gull
Mew Gull

Ring-billed Gull
California Gull
Herring Gull
[Thayer's Gull](#)
[Iceland Gull](#)
[Glaucous-winged Gull](#)
Glaucous Gull
[Great Black-backed Gull](#)
[Black-legged Kittiwake](#)
[Ross's Gull](#)
Sabine's Gull
Caspian Tern
Common Tern
[Arctic Tern](#)
Forster's Tern
Least Tern
Black Tern
[Long-billed Murrelet](#)
[Ancient Murrelet](#)

Doves and Allies

Rock Pigeon
[Band-tailed Pigeon](#)
Eurasian Collared-Dove
[White-winged Dove](#)
Mourning Dove

Cuckoos

Black-billed Cuckoo
[Yellow-billed Cuckoo](#)

Owls

Barn Owl
Flammulated Owl
Eastern Screech-Owl
Western Screech-Owl
Great Horned Owl
Snowy Owl
Northern Hawk Owl
Northern Pygmy-Owl
Burrowing Owl
Barred Owl
Great Gray Owl
Long-eared Owl
Short-eared Owl
Boreal Owl
Northern Saw-whet Owl

Goatsuckers

Common Nighthawk
Common Poorwill
[Whip-poor-will](#)

Swifts

Black Swift
Chimney Swift
Vaux's Swift
White-throated Swift

Hummingbirds

[Ruby-throated Hummingbird](#)
Black-chinned Hummingbird
[Anna's Hummingbird](#)
[Costa's Hummingbird](#)
Calliope Hummingbird
Broad-tailed Hummingbird
Rufous Hummingbird

Kingfisher & Woodpeckers

Belted Kingfisher
Lewis's Woodpecker
Red-headed Woodpecker
[Red-bellied Woodpecker](#)
[Yellow-bellied Sapsucker](#)
Williamson's Sapsucker
Red-naped Sapsucker
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
[White-headed Woodpecker](#)
Black-backed Woodpecker
American Three-toed Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
> Red-shafted Flicker*
> Yellow-shafted Flicker*
Pileated Woodpecker

Flycatchers

Olive-sided Flycatcher
Western Wood-Pewee
[Eastern Wood-Pewee](#)
[Yellow-bellied Flycatcher](#)
Alder Flycatcher
Willow Flycatcher
Least Flycatcher
Hammond's Flycatcher
Dusky Flycatcher
[Gray Flycatcher](#)
Cordilleran Flycatcher
[Eastern Phoebe](#)
Say's Phoebe
[Vermilion Flycatcher](#)
[Ash-throated Flycatcher](#)

[Great Crested Flycatcher](#)
Cassin's Kingbird
Western Kingbird
Eastern Kingbird
[Scissor-tailed Flycatcher](#)

Larks & Swallows

Horned Lark
Purple Martin
Tree Swallow
Violet-green Swallow
Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Bank Swallow
Cliff Swallow
Barn Swallow

Jays

Gray Jay
Steller's Jay
Blue Jay
[Western Scrub-Jay](#)
Pinyon Jay
Clark's Nutcracker
Black-billed Magpie
American Crow
Common Raven

Chickadees/Nuthatches

Black-capped Chickadee
Mountain Chickadee
Boreal Chickadee
Chestnut-backed Chickadee
Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-breasted Nuthatch
Pygmy Nuthatch
Brown Creeper

Wrens/Dipper/Kinglets

Rock Wren
Canyon Wren
[Bewick's Wren](#)
House Wren
Winter Wren
[Sedge Wren](#)
Marsh Wren
American Dipper
Golden-crowned Kinglet
Ruby-crowned Kinglet

Gnatcatcher/Thrush

[Blue-gray Gnatcatcher](#)
Eastern Bluebird
Western Bluebird

Mountain Bluebird
Townsend's Solitaire
Veery
[Gray-cheeked Thrush](#)
Swainson's Thrush
Hermit Thrush
[Wood Thrush](#)
American Robin
Varied Thrush
Gray Catbird
Northern Mockingbird
Sage Thrasher
Brown Thrasher
[Curve-billed Thrasher](#)
[Siberian Accentor](#)

Pipit/Waxwings/Shrike

American Pipit
Sprague's Pipit
Bohemian Waxwing
Cedar Waxwing
Northern Shrike
Loggerhead Shrike

Starling

European Starling

Vireo

[White-eyed Vireo](#)
[Blue-headed Vireo](#)
[Yellow-throated Vireo](#)
Warbling Vireo
[Philadelphia Vireo](#)
Red-eyed Vireo
Plumbeous Vireo
Cassin's Vireo

Warblers

[Blue-winged Warbler](#)
[Golden-winged Warbler](#)
Tennessee Warbler
Orange-crowned Warbler
Nashville Warbler
[Northern Parula](#)
Yellow Warbler
Chestnut-sided Warbler
Magnolia Warbler
Cape May Warbler
[Black-throated Blue Warbler](#)
Yellow-rumped Warbler
> Myrtle Warbler*
> Audubon's Warbler*

Black-throated Gray Warbler
Townsend's Warbler
Black-throated Green Warbler
Blackburnian Warbler
Yellow-throated Warbler
Pine Warbler
Prairie Warbler
Palm Warbler
Bay-breasted Warbler
Blackpoll Warbler
Black-and-white Warbler
American Redstart
Prothonotary Warbler
Ovenbird
Northern Waterthrush
Kentucky Warbler
Connecticut Warbler
Mourning Warbler
MacGillivray's Warbler
Common Yellowthroat
Hooded Warbler
Wilson's Warbler
Canada Warbler
Painted Redstart
Yellow-breasted Chat

Tanagers

Summer Tanager
Scarlet Tanager
Western Tanager

Grosbeak/Buntings

Northern Cardinal
Pyrrhuloxia
Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Black-headed Grosbeak
Blue Grosbeak
Lazuli Bunting
Indigo Bunting
Painted Bunting

Towhees/Sparrows

Dickcissel
Green-tailed Towhee
Eastern Towhee
Spotted Towhee
American Tree Sparrow
Chipping Sparrow
Clay-colored Sparrow
Brewer's Sparrow
Field Sparrow
Vesper Sparrow

Lark Sparrow
Black-throated Sparrow
Sage Sparrow
Lark Bunting
Savannah Sparrow
Baird's Sparrow
Grasshopper Sparrow
Le Conte's Sparrow
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow
Fox Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Lincoln's Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
Golden-crowned Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow
Harris's Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco
> Grey-headed Junco*
> White-winged Junco*
> Slate-colored Junco*
> Oregon (Montana) Junco*
> Pink-sided Junco*
McCown's Longspur
Lapland Longspur
Smith's Longspur
Chestnut-collared Longspur
Snow Bunting

Blackbirds/Orioles

Bobolink
Red-winged Blackbird
Western Meadowlark
Yellow-headed Blackbird
Rusty Blackbird
Brewer's Blackbird
Great-tailed Grackle
Common Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird
Orchard Oriole
Hooded Oriole
Baltimore Oriole
Bullock's Oriole
Brambling

Finch

Black Rosy-Finch
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch
> Gray-crowned form*
> Gray-headed (Hepburn's) form*

Pine Grosbeak
Purple Finch
Cassin's Finch
House Finch
Red Crossbill
White-winged Crossbill
Common Redpoll
Hoary Redpoll
Pine Siskin
Lesser Goldfinch
American Goldfinch
Evening Grosbeak

House Sparrow

House Sparrow

* These birds are subspecies. Because the potential exists for one or more of these subspecies to be elevated to species status in the future, detailed observation reports of these birds are requested. If you are not sure which subspecies you have seen, please use the species name (but not both the species name and the subspecies name).

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Alder Flycatcher	<u>Black-throated Green Warbler</u>	<u>Common Moorhen</u>	Great Egret
American Avocet		Common Nighthawk	Great Gray Owl
American Bittern	<u>Black-throated Sparrow</u>	Common Poorwill	Great Horned Owl
American Black Duck	<u>Blue Grosbeak</u>	Common Raven	<u>Greater Prairie-Chicken</u>
American Coot	Blue Grouse	Common Redpoll	Greater Sage-Grouse
American Crow	Blue Jay	Common Tern	Greater Scaup
American Dipper	<u>Blue-gray Gnatcatcher</u>	Common Yellowthroat	Greater White-fronted Goose
American Golden-Plover	<u>Blue-headed Vireo</u>	<u>Connecticut Warbler</u>	Greater Yellowlegs
American Goldfinch	Blue-winged Teal	Cooper's Hawk	<u>Great-tailed Grackle</u>
American Kestrel	<u>Blue-winged Warbler</u>	Cordilleran Flycatcher	<u>Green Heron</u>
American Pipit	Bobolink	<u>Costa's Hummingbird</u>	Green-tailed Towhee
American Redstart	Bohemian Waxwing	<u>Curlew Sandpiper</u>	Green-winged Teal
American Robin	Bonaparte's Gull	<u>Curve-billed Thrasher</u>	Grey-headed Junco**
American Three-toed Woodpecker	Boreal Chickadee		Gyrfalcon
American Tree Sparrow	Boreal Owl	Dark-eyed Junco*	
American White Pelican	<u>Brambling</u>	Dickcissel	Hairy Woodpecker
American Wigeon	<u>Brant</u>	Double-crested Cormorant	Hammond's Flycatcher
<u>American Woodcock</u>	Brewer's Blackbird	Downy Woodpecker	Harlequin Duck
<u>Ancient Murrelet</u>	Brewer's Sparrow	Dunlin	Harris's Sparrow
<u>Anna's Hummingbird</u>	Broad-tailed Hummingbird	Dusky Flycatcher	Hermit Thrush
<u>Arctic Tern</u>	Broad-winged Hawk		Herring Gull
<u>Ash-throated Flycatcher</u>	Brown Creeper	Eared Grebe	Hoary Redpoll
Audubon's Warbler**	Brown Thrasher	Eastern Bluebird	Hooded Merganser
	Brown-headed Cowbird	Eastern Kingbird	<u>Hooded Oriole</u>
	<u>Buff-breasted Sandpiper</u>	<u>Eastern Phoebe</u>	<u>Hooded Warbler</u>
	Bufflehead	Eastern Screech-Owl	Horned Grebe
Baird's Sandpiper	Bullock's Oriole	<u>Eastern Towhee</u>	Horned Lark
Baird's Sparrow	Burrowing Owl	<u>Eastern Wood-Pewee</u>	House Finch
Bald Eagle		Eurasian Collared-Dove	House Sparrow
Baltimore Oriole	<u>Cackling Goose</u>	Eurasian Wigeon	House Wren
<u>Band-tailed Pigeon</u>	California Gull	European Starling	Hudsonian Godwit
Bank Swallow	Calliope Hummingbird	Evening Grosbeak	
Barn Owl	Canada Goose		<u>Iceland Gull</u>
Barn Swallow	Canada Warbler	Ferruginous Hawk	Indigo Bunting
Barred Owl	Canvasback	Field Sparrow	
Barrow's Goldeneye	Canyon Wren	Flammulated Owl	<u>Kentucky Warbler</u>
<u>Bay-breasted Warbler</u>	Cape May Warbler	Forster's Tern	Killdeer
Belted Kingfisher	Caspian Tern	Fox Sparrow	
<u>Bewick's Wren</u>	Cassin's Finch	Franklin's Gull	Lapland Longspur
Black Rosy-Finch	Cassin's Kingbird	Gadwall	Lark Bunting
<u>Black Scoter</u>	Cassin's Vireo	<u>Garganey</u>	Lark Sparrow
Black Swift	Cattle Egret	Glaucous Gull	<u>Laughing Gull</u>
Black Tern	Cedar Waxwing	<u>Glaucous-winged Gull</u>	Lazuli Bunting
<u>Black Turnstone</u>	Chestnut-backed Chickadee	<u>Glossy Ibis</u>	Le Conte's Sparrow
Black-and-white Warbler	Chestnut-collared Longspur	Golden Eagle	<u>Least Bittern</u>
Black-backed Woodpecker	Chestnut-sided Warbler	Golden-crowned Kinglet	Least Flycatcher
Black-bellied Plover	Chimney Swift	<u>Golden-crowned Sparrow</u>	Least Sandpiper
Black-billed Cuckoo	Chipping Sparrow	<u>Golden-winged Warbler</u>	Least Tern
Black-billed Magpie	Chukar	Grasshopper Sparrow	<u>Lesser Goldfinch</u>
<u>Blackburnian Warbler</u>	Cinnamon Teal	Gray Catbird	Lesser Scaup
Black-capped Chickadee	Clark's Grebe	<u>Gray Flycatcher</u>	Lesser Yellowlegs
Black-chinned Hummingbird	Clark's Nutcracker	Gray Jay	Lewis's Woodpecker
Black-crowned Night-Heron	Clay-colored Sparrow	Gray Partridge	Lincoln's Sparrow
Black-headed Grosbeak	Cliff Swallow	<u>Gray-cheeked Thrush</u>	<u>Little Blue Heron</u>
<u>Black-legged Kittiwake</u>	Common Goldeneye	Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	<u>Little Gull</u>
Black-necked Stilt	Common Grackle	<u>Great Black-backed Gull</u>	Loggerhead Shrike
Blackpoll Warbler	Common Loon	Great Blue Heron	Long-billed Curlew
<u>Black-throated Blue Warbler</u>	Common Merganser	<u>Great Crested Flycatcher</u>	Long-billed Dowitcher
<u>Black-throated Gray Warbler</u>			

Long-billed Murrelet

Long-eared Owl
Long-tailed Duck
Long-tailed Jaeger

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Magnolia Warbler
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Red-eyed Vireo
Redhead
Red-headed Woodpecker
Red-naped Sapsucker
Red-necked Grebe
Red-necked Phalarope
Red-shafted Flicker**
Red-shouldered Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
Red-throated Loon
Red-winged Blackbird
Ring-billed Gull
Ring-necked Duck
Ring-necked Pheasant
Rock Pigeon
Rock Wren
Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Ross's Goose
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Rough-legged Hawk
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Whimbrel
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White-crowned Sparrow
White-eyed Vireo
White-faced Ibis
White-headed Woodpecker
White-rumped Sandpiper
White-tailed Kite
White-tailed Ptarmigan
White-throated Sparrow
White-throated Swift
White-winged Crossbill
White-winged Dove
White-winged Junco**
White-winged Scoter
Whooping Crane
Wild Turkey
Willet
Williamson's Sapsucker
Willow Flycatcher
Willow Ptarmigan
Wilson's Phalarope
Wilson's Snipe
Wilson's Warbler
Winter Wren
Wood Duck
Wood Stork
Wood Thrush

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