



## The Bitterroot River Important Bird Area

### Bird Checklist



MONTANA AUDUBON

- Greater white-fronted Goose
- Snow Goose
- Cackling Goose
- Canada Goose
- Tundra Swan
- Trumpeter Swan
  
- Wood Duck
- Gadwall
- Eurasian Wigeon
- American Wigeon
- Mallard
- Blue-winged Teal
- Cinnamon Teal
- Northern Shoveler
- Northern Pintail
- Green-winged Teal
- Canvasback
- Redhead
- Ring-necked Duck
- Greater Scaup
- Lesser Scaup
- Surf Scoter
- White-winged Scoter
- Black Scoter
- Bufflehead
- Common Goldeneye
- Barrow's Goldeneye
- Hooded Merganser
- Common Merganser
- Ruddy Duck
  
- Chukar
- Gray Partridge
- Ring-necked Pheasant
- Ruffed Grouse
- Dusky Grouse
- Wild Turkey
- California Quail
  
- Common Loon
- Pied-billed Grebe
- Horned Grebe
- Red-necked Grebe
- Eared Grebe
- Clark's Grebe
  
- American White Pelican
- Double-crested Cormorant
- American Bittern
- Great Blue Heron
- Great Egret
- Snowy Egret
- Black-crowned Night-Heron
- White-faced Ibis
  
- Turkey Vulture
- Osprey
- Bald Eagle
- Northern Harrier
- Sharp-shinned Hawk
- Cooper's Hawk
- Northern Goshawk
- Swainson's Hawk
- Red-tailed Hawk
- Rough-legged Hawk
- Golden Eagle
- American Kestrel
- Merlin
- Peregrine Falcon
- Prairie Falcon
  
- Virginia Rail
- Sora
- American Coot
  
- Sandhill Crane
- Semipalmated Plover
- Killdeer
- Black-necked Stilt
- American Avocet
- Greater Yellowlegs
- Lesser Yellowlegs
- Solitary Sandpiper
- Spotted Sandpiper
- Upland Sandpiper
- Whimbrel
- Long-billed Curlew
- Marbled Godwit
- Semipalmated Sandpiper
- Western Sandpiper
- Least Sandpiper
  
- Baird's Sandpiper
- Pectoral Sandpiper
- Stilt sandpiper
- Short-billed Dowitcher
- Long-billed Dowitcher
- Wilson's Snipe
- Wilson's Phalarope
- Red-necked Phalarope
  
- Bonaparte's Gull
- Ring-billed Gull
- California Gull
- Herring Gull
- Glaucous Gull
- Caspian Tern
- Common Tern
- Forster's Tern
- Least Tern
- Black Tern
  
- Rock Pigeon
- Mourning Dove
  
- Barn Owl
- Flammulated Owl
- Western Screech-Owl
- Great Horned Owl
- Northern Pygmy-Owl
- Long-eared Owl
- Short-eared Owl
- Northern Saw-whet Owl
  
- Common Nighthawk
  
- Black Swift
- Vaux's Swift
- White-throated Swift
  
- Black-chinned Hummingbird
- Anna's Hummingbird
- Calliope Hummingbird
- Rufous Hummingbird
  
- Belted Kingfisher
  
- Lewis's Woodpecker
- Red-headed Woodpecker
- Red-naped Sapsucker

- Downy Woodpecker
- Hairy Woodpecker
- Northern Flicker
- Pileated Woodpecker
- Olive-sided Flycatcher
- Western Wood-Pewee
- Willow Flycatcher
- Least Flycatcher
- Hammond's Flycatcher
- Dusky Flycatcher
- Cordilleran Flycatcher
- Say's Phoebe
- Vermilion Flycatcher
- Western Kingbird
- Eastern Kingbird
- Northern Shrike
- Loggerhead Shrike
- Cassin's Vireo
- Warbling Vireo
- Red-eyed Vireo
- Steller's Jay
- Blue Jay
- Clark's Nutcracker
- Black-billed Magpie
- American Crow
- Common Raven
- Horned Lark
- Tree Swallow
- Violet-green Swallow
- Northern Rough-winged Swallow
- Bank Swallow
- Cliff Swallow
- Barn Swallow
- Black-capped Chickadee
- Mountain Chickadee
- Red-breasted Nuthatch
- White-breasted Nuthatch
- Pygmy Nuthatch
- Brown Creeper
- Rock Wren

- House Wren
- Winter Wren
- Marsh Wren
- American Dipper
- Golden-crowned Kinglet
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet
- Western Bluebird
- Mountain Bluebird
- Townsend's Solitaire
- Veery
- Swainson's Thrush
- Hermit Thrush
- American Robin
- Varied Thrush
- Gray Catbird
- Northern Mockingbird
- Sage Thrasher
- European Starling
- American Pipit
- Sprague's Pipit
- Bohemian Waxwing
- Cedar Waxwing
- Nashville Warbler
- Yellow Warbler
- Chestnut-sided Warbler
- Yellow-rumped Warbler
- Black-and-white Warbler
- American Redstart
- Northern Waterthrush
- MacGillivray's Warbler
- Common Yellowthroat
- Wilson's Warbler
- Western Tanager
- Spotted Towhee
- American Tree Sparrow
- Chipping Sparrow
- Clay-colored Sparrow
- Brewer's Sparrow
- Vesper Sparrow
- Lark Sparrow

- Savannah Sparrow
- Le Conte's Sparrow
- Song Sparrow
- Lincoln's Sparrow
- White-throated Sparrow
- Harris' Sparrow
- White-crowned Sparrow
- Dark-eyed Junco
- Snow Bunting
- Black-headed Grosbeak
- Lazuli Bunting
- Bobolink
- Red-winged Blackbird
- Western Meadowlark
- Yellow-headed Blackbird
- Rusty Blackbird
- Brewer's Blackbird
- Common Grackle
- Brown-headed Cowbird
- Bullock's Oriole
- Pine Grosbeak
- Cassin's Finch
- House Finch
- Red Crossbill
- White-winged Crossbill
- Common Redpoll
- Pine Siskin
- American Goldfinch
- Evening Grosbeak
- House Sparrow

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## The Bitterroot River Important Bird Area

The Important Bird Areas (IBA) Program, established by the National Audubon Society, is a global initiative to identify, monitor, and protect a network of sites that are critical for the conservation of birds and other wildlife. IBAs include sites for breeding, wintering, and/or migrating birds. They may be a few acres or thousands of acres, but usually are discrete sites that stand out from the surrounding landscape. Since 1995, 2,000 IBAs have been identified in the United States; 37 of them are in Montana.

The Bitterroot River IBA encompasses the 500-year floodplain around a 50 km stretch of the Bitterroot River from Woodside (just north of Hamilton) to just south of Lolo. The Bitterroot River IBA also includes the Lee Metcalf National Wildlife Refuge.

Bitterroot Audubon Society formally adopted the Bitterroot River Important Bird Area (IBA) in 2008 after Montana Audubon and National Audubon designated it as one of more than 2,000 recognized areas important to birds and their habitat. Bitterroot Audubon hopes to work with landowners to focus attention on the importance of native cottonwood river bottom habitat in maintaining healthy populations of birds.

For more information about the IBA program and the Bitterroot River IBA, please contact:

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