



Montana and Wyoming Species Checklist

May 23 - June 4, 2009

Bird Species	Scientific name	Notes
Trumpeter Swan	<i>Cygnus buccinator</i>	Total of 8 over 3 days: including pair on nest
Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	Abundant
Wood Duck	<i>Aix sponsa</i>	1 at Two Moons in Billings
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Abundant
Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	Common - seen on 5 days
American Wigeon	<i>Anas americana</i>	Seen on 7 days
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	Seen on 4 days
Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	Seen on 5 Days
Blue-winged Teal	<i>Anas discors</i>	Good numbers on the prairie outside Billings
Green-winged Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	Seen on 9 Days
Cinnamon Teal	<i>Anas cyanoptera</i>	Abundant
Redhead	<i>Aythya americana</i>	Seen on two days - mainly paired for breeding
Ring-Necked Duck	<i>Aythya collaris</i>	Common - seen on 5 days
Lesser Scaup	<i>Aythya affinis</i>	Common seen on 8 days
Harlequin Duck	<i>Histrionicus histrionicus</i>	2 seen hauled out on rocks at LeHardy Rapids
Barrow's Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala islandica</i>	Common - seen on 5 days - a real treat
Bufflehead	<i>Bucephala albeola</i>	Common - seen on 7 days
Common Merganser	<i>Mergus merganser</i>	Common - seen on 5 days
Ruddy Duck	<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>	Seen on 4 days in stunning alternate plumage
Gray Partridge	<i>Perdix perdix</i>	Pair seen in prairie nr. Billings
Wild Turkey	<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	Pair at Pictograph Caves SP
Common Loon	<i>Gavia immer</i>	1 in alternate plumage
Eared Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	A few in stunning alternate plumage
Red-Necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>	A few in stunning alternate plumage at Red Rocks
Clark's Grebe	<i>Aechmophorus grisegina</i>	Seen on 2 days
Western Grebe	<i>Aechmophorus clarkii</i>	Seen on 3 days
American White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>	Seen on 4 days - perfect views as Pelican Creek!
Double-crested Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i>	Seen on 3 days
Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>	Common - seen on 6 days
Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	Seen on 4 days - including kettle in Jackson
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	Abundant
Northern Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	4 days - including a couple of beautiful males
Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	Seen on two days including two chicks in nest!
Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Seen on 7 days including close nest views
Coopers Hawk	<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	Individuals seen on 5 days
Broad-Winged Hawk	<i>Buteo platypterus</i>	2nd Jackson record!!!!
Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	Abundant - including stunning rufous morph
Swainson's Hawk	<i>Buteo swainsoni</i>	Seen on 5 Days
Ferruginous Hawk	<i>Buteo regalis</i>	3 - best views roadside nr. Billings
American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	Common - seen 9 days
Prairie Falcon	<i>Falco mexicanus</i>	2 - only one seen by group
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	2 - best views at Hoodoos

Sora	<i>Porzana carolina</i>	5 Days - Seen well at Jackson's Visitors Center
American Coot	<i>Fulica americana</i>	Common - seen on 8 days
Sandhill Crane	<i>Grus canadensis</i>	Fairly Common - Seen 6 days including nesting pair
Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	Seen most days - including chicks in Billings
American Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra americana</i>	Seen 3 days - with great views in prairie
Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularius</i>	Fairly Common
Long-billed Curlew	<i>Numenius americanus</i>	Seen 3 days - 5 birds seen in prairie nr. Billings
Wilson's Snipe	<i>Gallinago delicata</i>	Heard regularly - seen well in Lamar Valley
Wilson's Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus tricolor</i>	Seen on 5 days - a dozen seen on prairie tour
Red-necked-Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>	2 seen in Hayden Valley including stunning female
Franklin's Gull	<i>Leucophaeus pipixcan</i>	Seen on 2 days - big flock near Red Rocks
Ring-Billed Gull	<i>Larus delawarensis</i>	Seen on 3 days
California Gull	<i>Larus californicus</i>	Seen on 3 days
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	Seen on 3 days including close views in Billings
Forster's Tern	<i>Sterna fosteri</i>	A couple at Red Rocks
Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>	1 at Red Rocks
Rock Pigeon	<i>Atagioenas fasciata</i>	Thankfully quite scarce - nesting on cliff nr. Billings
Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>	Seen on 5 days
Eurasian Collared-dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	Seen on 2 days - range expansion ongoing!
Great Gray Owl	<i>Strix nebulosa</i>	1 at Phantom Lake - killer views of successful hunt
Burrowing Owl	<i>Athene funereus</i>	3 in prairie nr. Billings
Great Horned Owl	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>	Seen on 3 days - including at nest
White-throated Swift	<i>Aeronautes saxatalis</i>	Seen on 2 days
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	<i>Cynanthus latirostris</i>	Seen on 2 days - great views at feeders
Calliope Hummingbird	<i>Stellula calliope</i>	Seen on 3 days - great views at feeders
Belted Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle alcyon</i>	Seen on 3 days
Lewis's Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes lewis</i>	Amazing views at nest near Cooke City
Northern Flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	Common - included hybrid Red/Yellow shafted bird
Williamson's Sapsucker	<i>Sphyrapicus thyroideus</i>	Seen 2 days - best at Blacktail Plateau
Red-naped Sapsucker	<i>Sphyrapicus nuchalis</i>	Fairly Common - seen on 5 days
Downy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides pubescens</i>	Surprisingly uncommon - seen on 1 day
Hairy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides villosus</i>	Fairly Common - seen on 4 days
American Three Toed Woodpecker	<i>Picoides dorsalis</i>	4 individuals including stunning views of pair
Western Wood-Pewee	<i>Contopus sordidulus</i>	Seen twice around Billings in open habitat
Willow Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax traillii</i>	1 Seen at Jackson Visitors Center
Least Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax minimus</i>	1 Seen on Chief Joseph Highway
Dusky Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax oberholseri</i>	Most common empid. Dee-hic!
Hammonds Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax hammondii</i>	Confirmed sighting on Targhee Pass
Say's Phoebe	<i>Sayornis say</i>	1 Seen in prairie nr. Billings
Eastern Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus tyrannus</i>	Seen on 5 days
Western Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus verticalis</i>	Seen on 3 days including large numbers nr. Billings
Loggerhead Shrike	<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>	A few seen in the prairie
Plumbeous Vireo	<i>Vireo plumbeus</i>	1 Seen near Billings
Warbling Vireo	<i>Vireo gilvus</i>	Common
Gray Jay	<i>Perisoreus canadensis</i>	Seen on a few days including at café in Cooke City
Steller's Jay	<i>Cyanocitta stelleri</i>	elusive around Cooke City etc
Clark's Nutcracker	<i>Nucifraga columbiana</i>	A common trip favorite - seen 6 Days
Pinyon Jay	<i>Gymnorhinus</i>	Small flock at feeders near Billings

	<i>cyanocephalus</i>	
American Crow	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	7 Days but completely outnumbered by Ravens
American Magpie	<i>Pica hudsonia</i>	Abundant
Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	Abundant
Horned Lark	<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>	Seen on 2 days in lowlands
Tree Swallow	<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>	Abundant
Violet-green Swallow	<i>Tachycineta thalassina</i>	Abundant
Bank Swallow	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	Seen on 5 days
Cliff Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon pyrrhonota</i>	Abundant
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Abundant
Black-capped Chickadee	<i>Poecile atricapillus</i>	Common
Mountain Chickadee	<i>Poecile gambeli</i>	Common
Brown Creeper - c*	<i>Certhia americana</i>	Pair seen near Tower Junction
White-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>	Fairly common but elusive
Red-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta canadensis</i>	Fairly common
House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	Amusingly abundant at Lupine Meadows
Rock Wren	<i>Salpinctes obsoletus</i>	Best views at the Hoodoos - 3 days
Canyon Wren	<i>Catherpes mexicanus</i>	Great views at nest at Pictograph SP
Marsh Wren	<i>Cistothorus palustris</i>	Common at wetlands along Chief Joseph
American Dipper	<i>Cinclus mexicanus</i>	Seen twice - best nr. Dick's in Jackson
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<i>Regulus calendula</i>	Abundant but amusingly hard to get on
Mountain Bluebird	<i>Sialia currucoides</i>	Common
Townsend's Solitaire	<i>Myadestes townsendi</i>	Seen 2 days - best at burn with 3-toeds
Swainson's Thrush	<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>	Seen well at burn near Yellowstone Lake - 2 days
Hermit Thrush	<i>Catharus guttatus</i>	1 on Chief Joseph - too wet for anyone to leave van
American Robin	<i>Turus migratorius</i>	300+ million in US - we probably saw half of them
Gray Catbird	<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>	Seen on 3 days
Sage Thrasher	<i>Oreoscoptes montanus</i>	Seen exceptionally well on road in Lamar
European Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Sadly all too common
American Pipit	<i>Anthus rubescens</i>	Seen on peaks in the Bear Tooths
Cedar Waxwing	<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>	Seen best at Dick's feeders in Jackson
Orange-Crowned Warbler	<i>Vermivora celata</i>	1 Seen in Fish Creek area
Yellow-Rumped Warbler	<i>Dendroica coronata</i>	Abundant
Yellow Warbler	<i>Dendroica petechia</i>	Common in wetlands
MacGillivray's Warbler	<i>Oporornis tolmiei</i>	Seen well on four days - best at Moose-Wilson Rd
Common Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>	Seen on 2 days
Wilson's Warbler	<i>Wilsonia pusilla</i>	Seen on 3 days
Yellow-Breasted Chat	<i>Icteria virens</i>	Display flight views at Pictograph Caves SP !!!
Western Tanager	<i>Piranga ludoviciana</i>	Incredible numbers at Dick's feeders in Jackson
Green-tailed Towhee	<i>Pipilo chlorurus</i>	4 days including good views on Moose-Wilson
Spotted Towhee	<i>Pipilo maculatus</i>	Great views at Pictograph Caves SP
Chipping Sparrow	<i>Spizella passerine</i>	Abundant
Brewer's Sparrow	<i>Spizella breweri</i>	2 days - best in Lamar Valley
Lark Sparrow	<i>Chondestes grammacus</i>	3 days - best - Red Rocks and Ag. Fields nr. Billings
Lark Bunting	<i>Calamospiza melanocorys</i>	2 days - good flocks in prairie nr. Billings
Savannah Sparrow	<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>	Seen on 7 days
Lincoln's Sparrow	<i>Melospiza lincolni</i>	Common and vocal in wetlands
Song Sparrow	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>	Seen on 5 days

Vesper Sparrow	<i>Poocetes gramineus</i>	Common - seen on 10 days
White-crowned sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia atricapilla</i>	Abundant
Dark-eyed Junco	<i>Junco hyemalis</i>	Abundant - Pink-sided form
Chestnut-collared Longspur	<i>Calcarius ornatus</i>	Seen well in prairie nr. Billings
McCown's Logspur	<i>Calcarius mccownii</i>	Display flight views in prairie nr. Billings
Black-Headed Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus melanocephalus</i>	Seen on 3 days
Lazuli Bunting	<i>Passerina amoena</i>	Seen best at 45th Paralel Bridge early morning
Bobolink - c	<i>Dolichonyx oryzivorus</i>	5+ Unexpected nr. Kelly
Western Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella neglecta</i>	Abundant
Yellow-headed Blackbird	<i>Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus</i>	Abundant
Red-Winged Blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	Fairly Common
Common Grackle	<i>Quiscalus quiscula</i>	Seen 5 days but not that common
Brewer's Blackbird	<i>Euphagus cyanocephalus</i>	Abundant
Brown-Headed Cowbird	<i>Molothrus ater</i>	Abundant
Bullocks Oriole	<i>Icterus bullockii</i>	Seen 4 days - best at Dick's Feeders in Jackson
Black Rosy-finch	<i>Leucosticte atrata</i>	Seen and heard at summit of Bear Tooth Highway
Cassin's Finch	<i>Carpodacus cassinii</i>	Common
Red-Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>	Seen 4 days - including large flock nr. Targhee
White-winged Crossbill	<i>Loxia leucoptera</i>	State rarity - a pair seen from motel in Cooke City!
House Finch	<i>Carpodacus mexicanus</i>	Enjoyably uncommon around Billings
Pine Siskin	<i>Carduelis pinus</i>	Common
American Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis tristis</i>	Fairly common
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Not seen on half of the days!!!!
Mammal Species		Notes
Black Bear	<i>Ursus americanus</i>	4 days - highlight Sow with 2 cubs at roadside
Brown Bear	<i>Ursus arctos</i>	3 - 1 provided exceptional views
Coyote	<i>Canis latrans</i>	Seen on 4 days
Grey Wolf	<i>Canis lupus</i>	Seen on 2 days
Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	Seen on 2 days
Black-tailed Prairie Dog	<i>Cynomys ludovicianus</i>	Many seen with Burrowing Owls
Desert Cottontail	<i>Sylvilagus audubonii</i>	Seen on two days
North American Beaver	<i>Castor canadensis</i>	Seen on two days
Yellow-bellied Marmot	<i>Marmota flaviventris</i>	Seen on 7 days
Uintah Ground Squirrel	<i>Spermophilus armatus</i>	
Wyoming Ground Squirrel	<i>Spermophilus elegans</i>	Common
American Red Squirrel	<i>Tamiasciurus hudsonicus</i>	Seen on 5 days
Yellow-pine Chipmunk	<i>Tamias amoenus</i>	Seen at Tower
Pronghorn	<i>Antilocapra americana</i>	Seen on 6 days
Mule Deer	<i>Odocoileus hemionus</i>	Seen on 4 days
Elk	<i>Cervus canadensis</i>	Common especially in the Lamar Valley
American Bison	<i>Bison bison</i>	Common huge herd nr. W. Yellowstone
Moose	<i>Alces alces</i>	Best views of mother and calf near Cooke City
Bighorn Sheep	<i>Ovis canadensis</i>	Fairly Common
Mountain Goat	<i>Oreamnos americanus</i>	Distant but good views around Cooke City