

# Bird Checklists of the United States

## Ninepipe and Pablo National Wildlife Refuges



*Moiese, Montana*

Ninepipe and Pablo National Wildlife Refuges are located in the south central part of the Flathead Valley in western Montana. Established primarily for waterfowl, the 4500 acres in these refuges include reservoirs, marshes, and grass uplands.

The reservoirs are used primarily for irrigation water storage. Drawdowns in the irrigation season result in much fluctuation of the water level.

Numerous glacial potholes in the vicinity hold water throughout the year and furnish excellent habitat for nesting waterfowl.

Waterfowl numbers vary through the year with concentrations in spring and fall. Spring migration is at a peak from late March to early May when as many as 100,000 birds may be observed. Fall populations often peak to more than 200,000 birds in early October to late November. Waterfowl nest from April until July.

This bird list contains 188 species.

\* - indicates birds nesting on the refuge.

Sp - March-May

S - June-August

F - September-November

W - December-February

a - abundant

c - common

u - uncommon

o - occasional

r - rare

LOONS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Common Loon	c	u	u	-
GREBES	Sp	S	F	W
___ Red-necked Grebe*	c	c	u	-
___ Horned Grebe*	u	u	u	-
___ Eared Grebe*	u	u	u	-
___ Western Grebe*	c	c	c	-

___ Pied-billed Grebe*	u	u	u	-
PELICANS	Sp	S	F	W
___ American White Pelican	o	o	o	-
CORMORANTS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Double-crested Cormorant*	c	c	o	-
HERONS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Great Blue Heron*	c	o	c	o
___ Green Heron	-	r	-	-
___ Great Egret	-	r	-	-
___ Snowy Egret	-	r	-	-
___ Black-crowned Night-Heron	-	r	-	-
___ Least Bittern	-	r	-	-
___ American Bittern*	c	u	o	-
IBISES	Sp	S	F	W
___ White-faced Ibis	-	r	-	-
WATERFOWL	Sp	S	F	W
___ Tundra Swan (Whistling Swan)	c	r	c	-
___ Canada Goose*	c	c	a	o
___ White-fronted Goose	-	-	o	-
___ Snow Goose	u	-	u	-
___ Ross' Goose	r	-	r	-
___ Mallard*	a	a	a	c
___ Black Duck	-	-	r	-
___ Gadwall*	u	c	c	o
___ Pintail*	a	c	a	u
___ Green-winged Teal*	c	u	c	o
___ Blue-winged Teal*	u	c	o	-
___ Cinnamon Teal*	u	u	o	-
___ American Wigeon*	a	c	a	o
___ Northern Shoveler*	u	u	c	-
___ Wood Duck*	o	u	o	-
___ Redhead*	c	c	u	-
___ Ring-necked Duck*	u	o	u	-
___ Canvasback*	u	o	o	-
___ Lesser Scaup*	u	o	u	-
___ Common Goldeneye	c	o	c	u
___ Barrow's Goldeneye	u	-	u	o
___ Bufflehead	u	o	u	u
___ Oldsquaw	-	-	r	-
___ Harlequin Duck	-	-	r	-
___ White-winged Scoter	-	-	r	-
___ Ruddy Duck*	c	c	u	-
___ Hooded Merganser	o	o	u	-
___ Common Merganser*	c	u	c	u
___ Red-breasted Merganser	o	o	o	-
HAWKS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Northern Goshawk	o	-	o	o
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	o	o	u	-
___ Cooper's Hawk	o	o	u	-
___ Red-tailed Hawk*	u	o	u	-
___ Swainson's Hawk*	u	o	u	-
___ Rough-legged Hawk	u	-	u	u
___ Ferruginous Hawk	o	o	o	-
___ Golden Eagle	u	o	c	u
___ Bald Eagle	u	o	c	u
___ Northern Harrier*	c	c	c	u
OSPREY	Sp	S	F	W
___ Osprey	o	o	o	-
FALCONS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Prairie Falcon	o	o	o	o
___ Peregrine Falcon	o	o	o	-
___ Merlin	o	-	o	r
___ American Kestrel*	c	u	c	o

GALLINACEOUS BIRDS				
___ Ring-necked Pheasant*	Sp	S	F	W
___ Gray Partridge	c	a	a	a
	o	o	o	o
CRANES				
___ Sandhill Crane	Sp	S	F	W
	-	-	o	-
RAILS				
___ Virginia Rail	Sp	S	F	W
___ Sora*	o	o	o	-
___ American Coot*	u	u	o	-
	u	c	a	o
PLOVERS				
___ Semi-palmated Plover	Sp	S	F	W
___ Killdeer*	o	r	o	-
___ Black-bellied Plover	c	a	c	o
	o	o	o	-
SANDPIPERS				
___ Common Snipe*	Sp	S	F	W
___ Long-billed Curlew	u	u	c	-
___ Spotted Sandpiper*	r	r	-	-
___ Solitary Sandpiper	u	u	u	-
___ Willet	o	o	o	-
___ Greater Yellowlegs	o	o	o	-
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	u	u	c	-
___ Pectoral Sandpiper	u	u	c	-
___ Baird's Sandpiper	o	o	o	-
___ Least Sandpiper	-	u	o	-
___ Dowitcher (species?)	o	u	o	-
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper	u	u	u	-
___ Western Sandpiper	-	u	o	-
___ Marbled Godwit	-	u	o	-
___ Sanderling	u	u	-	-
	-	u	o	-
AVOCETS				
___ American Avocet*	Sp	S	F	W
	c	c	o	-
PHALAROPES (Order Charadriiformes)				
___ Wilson's Phalarope*	Sp	S	F	W
___ Northern Phalarope	c	u	-	-
	c	o	-	-
GULLS, TERNS				
___ California Gull*	Sp	S	F	W
___ Ring-billed Gull*	u	u	u	o
___ Franklin's Gull	c	c	c	o
___ Bonaparte's Gull	o	o	o	-
___ Forster's Tern*	-	-	o	-
___ Common Tern*	c	c	u	-
___ Least Tern	u	o	u	-
___ Black Tern*	-	r	-	-
	c	c	u	-
DOVES				
___ Mourning Dove*	Sp	S	F	W
	c	c	u	-
OWLS				
___ Great Horned Owl*	Sp	S	F	W
___ Snowy Owl	c	u	u	u
___ Long-eared Owl	-	-	-	o
___ Short-eared Owl*	-	-	o	-
	c	u	c	c
NIGHTJARS				
___ Common Nighthawk*	Sp	S	F	W
	o	c	u	-
SWIFTS				
___ Black Swift	Sp	S	F	W
	-	o	u	-

HUMMINGBIRDS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Black-chinned Hummingbird	u	u	-	-
___ Rufous Hummingbird	u	c	o	-
___ Calliope Hummingbird	u	u	-	-
KINGFISHERS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Belted Kingfisher	o	o	o	o
WOODPECKERS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Northern Flicker*	c	c	c	u
___ Lewis' Woodpecker	o	o	o	-
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	o	o	o	-
___ Hairy Woodpecker	o	-	o	-
___ Downy Woodpecker	o	o	o	o
FLYCATCHERS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Eastern Kingbird*	-	o	r	-
___ Western Kingbird*	o	o	o	-
___ Say's Phoebe*	u	u	-	-
___ Willow Flycatcher	o	o	r	-
___ Western Flycatcher	-	o	-	-
___ Western Wood-Pewee	-	o	-	-
LARKS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Horned Lark*	c	c	c	c
SWALLOWS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Violet-green Swallow	c	o	c	-
___ Tree Swallow*	c	c	c	-
___ Bank Swallow*	c	c	u	-
___ Rough-winged Swallow	u	o	u	-
___ Barn Swallow*	c	c	u	-
___ Cliff Swallow*	c	c	u	-
MAGPIES, CROWS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Black-billed Magpie*	c	c	c	c
___ Common Raven	c	o	o	o
___ American Crow*	c	c	u	r
CHICKADEES	Sp	S	F	W
___ Black-capped Chickadee	u	o	u	u
___ Mountain Chickadee	o	-	o	o
NUTHATCHES	Sp	S	F	W
___ White-breasted Nuthatch	o	-	o	o
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	o	-	o	o
___ Pygmy Nuthatch	o	-	o	o
WRENS	Sp	S	F	W
___ House Wren	o	o	o	-
___ Marsh Wren*	c	c	u	o
___ Rock Wren	-	-	o	-
THRASHERS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Gray Catbird*	u	u	o	-
___ Brown Thrasher	r	-	-	-
THRUSHES	Sp	S	F	W
___ American Robin*	c	c	c	u
___ Hermit Thrush	o	-	o	-
___ Swainson's Thrush	o	o	-	-
___ Mountain Bluebird*	o	o	o	-
___ Townsend's Solitaire	o	-	-	o
KINGLETS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	o	-	-	-

___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	u	-	-	u
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PIPITS	Sp	S	F	W
___ American Pipit	u	-	c	-
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WAXWINGS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Bohemian Waxwing	o	-	o	o
___ Cedar Waxwing	o	o	o	-
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SHRIKES	Sp	S	F	W
___ Northern Shrike	u	-	u	u
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STARLINGS	Sp	S	F	W
___ European Starling*	a	c	a	u
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VIREOS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Solitary Vireo	o	o	-	-
___ Red-eyed Vireo	o	o	-	-
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WARBLERS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	o	o	-	-
___ Yellow Warbler*	u	u	-	-
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler*	u	u	-	-
___ Northern Waterthrush	o	-	-	-
___ MacGillivray's Waterthrush	u	u	-	-
___ Common Yellowthroat*	c	c	-	-
___ Wilson's Warbler	o	o	-	-
___ American Redstart*	o	o	-	-
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WEAVER FINCHES	Sp	S	F	W
___ House Sparrow*	c	c	c	c
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BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES	Sp	S	F	W
___ Bobolink	-	o	-	-
___ Western Meadowlark*	c	c	c	u
___ Yellow-headed Blackbird*	c	c	c	-
___ Red-winged Blackbird*	a	a	a	u
___ Northern Oriole*	o	o	-	-
___ Brewer's Blackbird*	c	c	u	-
___ Brown-headed Cowbird	o	o	-	-
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TANAGERS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Western Tanager	o	o	-	-
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FINCHES	Sp	S	F	W
___ Lazuli Bunting	o	o	-	-
___ Evening Grosbeak	u	-	u	u
___ Cassin's Finch	o	o	-	-
___ Common Redpoll	o	-	o	o
___ Pine Siskin	u	o	-	-
___ American Goldfinch	o	o	o	-
___ Red Crossbill	-	-	o	-
___ Spotted Towhee	r	-	-	-
___ Savannah Sparrow*	u	u	o	-
___ Vesper Sparrow*	o	u	o	-
___ Lark Sparrow	o	u	o	-
___ Dark-eyed Junco	o	-	o	o
___ Tree Sparrow	o	-	o	u
___ Chipping Sparrow*	u	o	u	-
___ White-crowned Sparrow	u	o	u	-
___ Fox Sparrow	u	o	-	-
___ Lincoln's Sparrow	o	o	-	-
___ Song Sparrow*	u	o	u	u
___ Snow Bunting	u	-	u	u

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