

**Mammals of
Malheur
National Wildlife
Refuge**

This checklist includes 58 species which presently occur within Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. Also included are six species which occurred in the refuge historically, but are no longer present, and six species which may occur in the refuge, but have not been reported.

Malheur is a unique wetland oasis surrounded by Great Basin desert. Distinctive mammalian habitats include large fresh water marshes containing extensive stands of emergent aquatic vegetation; riparian areas bordering streams and canals; irrigated meadows; semi-arid grassland desert areas dominated by sagebrush and greasewood; and basaltic rimrocks.

This checklist can best be used with a field guide to mammals that provides identification and natural history information. Common and scientific names follow Revised Checklist of North American Mammals North of Mexico, 1979 (Jones, J.K., Jr., D.C. Carter, and H.H. Genoways. 1979. Occas. Pap. Mus. Texas Tech Univ., 62: 1-17).

Status Symbols

- c - Common; among the mammals you're most likely to see
- u - Uncommon; patience is required, but this mammal can usually be seen
- r - Rare; may not be present every year, a fortunate sighting
- h - Historically present, but no longer occurs
- p - Possibly occurs

Habitat Symbols

- d - Desert
- m - Marsh and Riparian Areas
- g - Grassland
- r - Rimrock
- w - Widespread



Bobcat kitten at headquarters
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Common Name	Status	Habitat
Shrews		
Preble's Shrew	u	m,g
Vagrant Shrew	c	g
Water Shrew	p	m
Merriam's Shrew	r	d
Bats		
Little Brown Myotis	c	w
Yuma Myotis	c	w
Long-eared Myotis	u	w
Long-legged Myotis	u	w
California Myotis	u	w
Small-footed Myotis	u	d
Silver-haired Bat	u	w
Western Pipistrelle	u	d
Big Brown Bat	c	w
Hoary Bat	c	w
Spotted Bat	p	d
Townsend's Big-eared Bat	u	w
Pallid Bat	u	w
Fringed Myotis	u	w
Hares, Rabbits & Pikas		
Pika	p	r
Pygmy Rabbit	u	d
Nuttall's Cottontail	c	d
White-tailed Jackrabbit	r	d,g
Black-tailed Jackrabbit	c	d,g
Rodents		
Least Chipmunk	c	d
Yellow-bellied Marmot	u	r
White-tailed Antelope Squirrel	u	d
Townsend's Ground Squirrel	u	d
Belding's Ground Squirrel	c	g,d
Golden-mantled Ground Squirrel	u	r
Townsend's Pocket Gopher	c	g,d
Northern Pocket Gopher	u	g,d
Great Basin Pocket Mouse	c	d
Dark Kangaroo Mouse	u	d
Ord's Kangaroo Rat	c	d

Common Name	Status	Habitat
Great Basin Kangaroo Rat	c	d
Beaver	c	w
Western Harvest Mouse	c	w,g
Deer Mouse	c	w
Canyon Mouse	c	r
Northern Grasshopper Mouse	u	g,d
Desert Woodrat	c	r
Bushy-tailed Woodrat	c	r
Montane Vole	c	g
Long-tailed Vole	u	g
Sagebrush Vole	u	d
Muskrat	c	w
House Mouse	u	w
Western Jumping Mouse	h	m,g
Porcupine	c	w
Carnivores		
Coyote	c	w
Red Fox	p	w
Kit Fox	p	d
Black Bear	r	w
Grizzly Bear	h	w
Raccoon	c	w
Long-tailed Weasel	c	w
Mink	c	m
Wolverine	p	w
Badger	c	d,g
Western Spotted Skunk	u	w
Striped Skunk	u	w
River Otter	u	m
Mountain Lion	r	w
Lynx	h	w
Bobcat	u	w
Ungulates		
Elk	r	w
Mule Deer	c	w
Pronghorn	u	d,g
Bison	h	g
Mountain Sheep	h	r