

BIRD LIST – OWEN SOWERWINE NATURAL AREA

This cumulative list of 111* species was compiled from annual mid-June field trips and periodic visits by members of the Flathead Audubon Society to the Owen Sowerwine Natural Area, 1992-2006, and a month-long Birdathon effort in 2002. It also includes species recorded during 8 Kalispell Christmas Bird Counts, standardized counts at three points in the area during the 1996 and 1997 breeding seasons, and Bald Eagle / waterfowl counts since 1985. The list includes species seen along the Stillwater River from Conrad Drive to Leisure Lane and overhead; those seen **adjacent to, but not within the Natural Area** are listed in **boldface**. Evidence of breeding status is as described in Montana Bird Distribution, 5th edition: **t** = no evidence of breeding; **b** = circumstantial evidence of breeding (e.g. singing males); and **B** = hard evidence of breeding (e.g. occupied nest, dependent young).

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| American White Pelican | t | Common Nighthawk | t | Veery | b |
| Double-crested Cormorant | t | Vaux's Swift | B | Swainson's Thrush | b |
| Great Blue Heron | B | Black Swift | t | American Robin | B |
| Turkey Vulture | t | Calliope Hummingbird | b | Gray Catbird | B |
| Canada Goose | B | Black-chinned Hummingbird | t | Cedar Waxwing | B |
| Wood Duck | b | Belted Kingfisher | B | Bohemian Waxwing | t |
| Mallard | B | Red-naped Sapsucker | B | European Starling | t |
| Green-winged Teal | t | Downy Woodpecker | B | Cassin's Vireo | t |
| Blue-winged Teal | t | Hairy Woodpecker | b | Warbling Vireo | b |
| Cinnamon Teal | t | Northern Flicker | b | Red-eyed Vireo | b |
| Northern Pintail | t | Pileated Woodpecker | B | Yellow Warbler | b |
| Common Goldeneye | B | Western Wood-Pewee | b | Yellow-rumped Warbler | t |
| Hooded Merganser | B | Willow Flycatcher | b | Townsend's Warbler | b |
| Common Merganser | B | Least Flycatcher | b | American Redstart | b |
| Osprey | B | Dusky Flycatcher | b | Ovenbird | t |
| Bald Eagle | t | Eastern Kingbird | B | Northern Waterthrush | b |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk | t | Tree Swallow | B | MacGillivray's Warbler | b |
| Cooper's Hawk | t | Violet-green Swallow | b | Common Yellowthroat | b |
| Red-tailed Hawk | B | N. Rough-winged Swallow | B | Wilson's Warbler | t |
| American Kestrel | t | Bank Swallow | B | Western Tanager | t |
| Merlin | t | Cliff Swallow | t | Black-headed Grosbeak | b |
| Peregrine Falcon | t | Barn Swallow | t | Rose-breasted Grosbeak | t |
| Ring-necked Pheasant | b | Steller's Jay | t | Lazuli Bunting | b |
| Ruffed Grouse | b | Blue Jay | b | Chipping Sparrow | b |
| Wild Turkey | B | Black-billed Magpie | B | Song Sparrow | b |
| Long-billed Curlew | t | American Crow | t | Dark-eyed Junco | b |
| Killdeer | b | Common Raven | t | Red-winged Blackbird | b |
| Spotted Sandpiper | b | Black-capped Chickadee | B | Yellow-headed Blackbird | t |
| Solitary Sandpiper | t | Mountain Chickadee | b | Brewer's Blackbird | t |
| Long-billed Dowitcher | t | Red-breasted Nuthatch | b | Brown-headed Cowbird | b |
| Common Snipe | b | White-breasted Nuthatch | B | Bullock's Oriole | b |
| Ring-billed Gull | t | Brown Creeper | B | House Finch | b |
| Rock Dove | t | House Wren | b | Red Crossbill | t |
| Mourning Dove | b | American Dipper | t | Pine Siskin | t |
| Great Horned Owl | B | Ruby-crowned Kinglet | b | American Goldfinch | b |
| Northern Pygmy-owl | t | Golden-crowned Kinglet | t | Evening Grosbeak | t |
| Northern Saw-whet Owl | t | Mountain Bluebird | b | House Sparrow | t |

* This list is incomplete, based as it is on infrequent visits. It is representative of the rich diversity of the site. Compiled by: Daniel Casey, American Bird Conservancy, 33 Second St. East, Kalispell MT 59901. (dcasey@abcbirds.org)