

Birds

of the

Upper Swan Valley



Species	Season-Abundance				Habitat
	Sp	S	F	W	
Swallow					
Tree Swallow *B	1	1			OW
Violet-Green Swallow B	1	1			OW
Northern Rough-Winged Swallow B	2	2			OW
Cliff Swallow B	1	1			OW
Barn Swallow B	1	1			OW
Jay-Crow-Raven					
Gray Jay B	1	1	1	1	All
Stellar's Jay *B	1	1	1	1	All
Blue Jay	3	3	3	3	All
Clark's Nutcracker B	3	3	3	3	A
Black-Billed Magpie	3	3	3	3	O
American Crow	3	3	3	3	FOW
Common Raven *B	1	1	1	1	All
Chickadee-Nuthatch					
Black-Capped Chickadee *B	1	1	1	1	All
Mountain Chickadee *B	1	1	1	1	All
Chestnut-Backed Chickadee	2	2	2	2	All
Red-Breasted Nuthatch *B	1	1	1	1	All
White-Breasted Nuthatch B	2	2	2	2	All
Pygmy Nuthatch * B	2	2	2	2	All
Brown Creeper B	2	2	2	2	F
Wren					
Marsh Wrens	3	3	3		W
Winter Wren B	1	1	1		AF
Dipper					
American Dipper B	1	1	1	1	W
Kinglet					
Golden-Crowned Kinglet *B	1	1	1	1	FW
Ruby-Crowned Kinglet * B	1	1	3		FW
Bluebird-Thrush					
Western Bluebird B	3	3	3		O
Mountain Bluebird B	1	1	1		O
Townsend's Solitaire B	2	2	2	2	AO

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	Sp	S	F	W	
Swainson's Thrush *B	1	1	1		F
Hermit Thrush	3	3			W
American Robin	1	1	1	2	All
Varied Thrush	1	2	2		AFW
Waxwing					
Bohemian Waxwing	3	1			OW
Cedar Waxwing B	1	1	1	4	OW
Starling					
European Starling	2			2	O
Vireo					
Solitary Vireo	1	1			OW
Warbling Vireo B	1	1			OW
Red-Eyed Vireo * B	1	1			OW
Warbler					
Orange-Crowned Warbler	3	3			FO
Nashville Warbler *B	1	1			FW
Yellow Warbler B	1	1			W
Yellow-Rumped Warbler *B	1	1			FW
Townsend's Warbler *B	1	1			FW
American Redstart *B	1	1			FW
Northern Waterthrush *B	1	1			W
MacGillivray's Warbler *B	1	1			W
Common Yellowthroat *B	1	1			W
Wilson's Warbler			2		OW
Tanager-Grosbeak-Bunting					
Western Tanager B	1	1	2		AFW
Black-Headed Grosbeak B	3	3			FOW
Lazuli Bunting	4				O
Towhee-Sparrow					
Spotted (rufous-sided) Towhee	3	3			O
American Tree Sparrow		4			FO
Chipping Sparrow * B	1	1			FO
Lark Sparrow	4				O
Fox Sparrow B	2	2			W
Song Sparrow *B	1	1	1	3	W

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	Sp	S	F	W	
Lincoln's Sparrow B	2	2	3	4	OW
White-Crowned Sparrow B	1	1	2	4	O
Dark-Eyed Junco *B	1	1	1	1	All
Snow Bunting				3	O
Blackbird-Oriole					
Red-Winged Blackbird B	1	1	2	2	W
Western Meadowlark B	3	3			O
Yellow-Headed Blackbird	3	3			W
Brewer's Blackbird	2				OW
Brown-Headed Cowbird B	1	1			O
Northern Oriole	4				O
Finch					
Grey-Crowned Rosy-Finch	3		3	3	O
Pine Grosbeak B	3	3	3	1	AFO
Cassin's Finch B	1	2	1	1	FO
House Finch	2	2			O
Red Crossbill *B	1	1	1	1	AF
White-Winged Crossbill *B	3	3	3	3	AF
Common Redpoll	2			2	OW
Hoary Redpoll	3			3	O
Pine Siskin *B	1	1	1	1	AFO
American Goldfinch	2	3	3	3	O
Evening Grosbeak *B	1	1	1	1	All

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The Upper Swan Valley of Western Montana is located at the south end of the Swan River drainage between the 9,000 foot peaks of the Swan Range on the east side and the equally impressive Mission Mountains on the west side. This area comprises the upper headwaters portion of the 50-mile long valley.

Dozens of tributaries flow into the Swan River throughout the Upper Swan Valley. These riparian areas, together with both open and closed canopy forests, provide a rich mosaic of wildlife habitat. A variety of birds live here year round, and species such as warblers, hummingbirds, tanagers and common loons migrate here each spring.

The Swan Valley is also home to bull trout, westslope cutthroat trout, whitetail and mule deer, elk, moose, grizzly and black bear, mountain lion, lynx, and wolverine, in addition to small furbearers, rodents, reptiles, and amphibians.

This bird list includes species that have been observed in the Upper Swan Valley since the mid-1980s during ornithological activities and bird counts conducted in the Upper Swan Valley.

Wildlife viewing: If wildlife stops what it's doing, looks up at you, and moves off, you are too close. Please back away. Binoculars are highly recommended as are long lenses for cameras. Often, your vehicle will serve perfectly for a blind.

EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

SEASONS

Sp-Spring F-Fall
S-Summer W-Winter

ABUNDANCE

1-Likely to be seen or heard.
2-Present but less likely to be seen or heard.
3-Present but unlikely to be seen or heard.
4-Seldom present. Seldom seen or heard.

HABITAT

A-Alpine O-Open
F-Forest W-Wetland

B-Birds known to breed in the Upper Swan Valley

*Birds that have been seen at the Swan Ecosystem site

Species	Season-Abundance				Habitat
	Sp	S	F	W	
Loon-Grebe					
Common Loon B	1	1	3		W
Red-necked Grebe B	1	1	2		W
Bittern-Heron					
American Bittern B	3	3	3		W
Great Blue Heron B	1	1	1	3	W
Swan-Goose-Duck					
Tundra Swan	2	4	2		W
Snow Goose	2	4	2		W
Canada Goose B	1	1	1		W
Wood Duck * B	1	1	2		W
Ring-Necked Duck B	1	1	2		W
Ruddy Duck	2		2		W
Green-winged Teal	2	2			W
Blue-winged Teal	2	2			W
Mallard B	1	1	1		W
Cinnamon Teal	1	1			W
Common Merganser B	1	1	1		W
Hooded Merganser B	1	1	1		W
Bufflehead B	1	1	2		W
Barrow's Goldeneye B	1	1	2		W
Common Goldeneye B	1	1	2		W
Northern Shoveler	1		3		W
American Wigeon	1		3		W
Redhead B	2	2			W
Lesser Scaup	4	4			W
Vulture					
Turkey Vulture	2	1	2		O
Osprey-Eagle-Hawk					
Osprey *B	1	1	2		W
Bald Eagle *	1	2	1	1	All
Golden Eagle	1	4	2	1	O
Northern Harrier B	1	1	2		OW
Sharp-Shinned Hawk B	2	2	2	4	F
Cooper's Hawk B	3	3	3		F
Northern Goshawk * B	3	3	3	3	F
Red-tailed Hawk * B	1	1	1		All

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	Sp	S	F	W	
Rough-legged Hawk	3		3	3	O
American Kestrel *B	1	1	1		O
Merlin	3	3	3	4	O
Peregrine Falcon	4	4	4		O
Prairie Falcon	4	4	4		O
Grouse					
Spruce Grouse B	2	2	2	2	AF
Blue Grouse B	3	3	3	3	AF
Ruffed Grouse B	1	1	1	1	F
Coot					
American Coot	1	1	2		W
Crane-Killdeer-Sandpiper-Snipe					
Sandhill Crane B	1	1	3		OW
Killdeer B	1	1			OW
Spotted Sandpiper B	2	2			AW
Solitary Sandpiper	4	4			W
Common Snipe B	1	1			OW
Dove					
Mourning Dove	3	2	3		O
Owl					
Western Screech Owl	4	4	4	4	F
Great Horned Owl B	1	2	2	1	F
Northern Pygmy Owl B	1	2	2	1	F
Barred Owl B	1	2	2	1	F
Great Gray Owl B	3	3	3	3	F
Long-Eared Owl					
Northern Saw-Whet Owl B	3	3	3	3	F
Nightjar					
Common Nighthawk *B	2	1	3		O
Swift					
Vaux's Swift *		3			OW

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	Sp	S	f	W	
Hummingbird					
Black-Chinned Hummingbird	3	3			All
Broad-Tailed Hummingbird	4	4			All
Calliope Hummingbird B	1	1			All
Rufous Hummingbird	1	1			All
Kingfisher					
Belted Kingfisher * B	1	1	1		W
Woodpecker					
Lewis' Woodpecker B	3	3	3		FO
Red-Naped Sapsucker B	1	1	3		FOW
Downy Woodpecker * B	1	1	1	1	All
Hairy Woodpecker * B	1	1	1	1	All
Northern Three-Toed Woodpecker	3	3	3	3	All
Northern Flicker * B	1	1	1	1	FOW
Pileated Woodpecker * B	1	1	1	1	FOW
Flycatcher					
Olive-Sided Flycatcher B	2	2			AW
Western Wood Pewee B	2	2			FOW
Willow Flycatcher B	1	1			W
Least Flycatcher B	2	2			FO
Hammond's Flycatcher B	2	2			F
Dusky Flycatcher B	2	2			FO
Cordilleran Flycatcher B	2	2			FOW
Western Kingbird	2	2			OW
Eastern Kingbird B	2	2			OW

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