

Big Hole Battlefield

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BIRD CHECKLIST

"The eagle, the hawk, the raven, and many other denizens of the air have a place in the Wyakin category.... Wyakin is your faith in some strength to help you, in battle." ...Yellow Wolf

This checklist covers Big Hole National Battlefield, and the surrounding area of the Big Hole Valley. Birds that are **highlighted** are those that have been sighted specifically on the Battlefield based on surveys performed by UCBN in 1999 and surveys by the University of Montana Avian Science Center (2007-2009). These birds can potentially be found throughout the Big Hole Valley, as well. Other birds listed are sightings within the Big Hole Valley (not Battlefield specific) and come from information found by utilizing the Natural Heritage Tracker at <http://mtnhp.org/Tracker/NHTMap.aspx>.

KEY:

- C** Common – frequently or almost always seen
F Fairly Common – seen usually in small numbers
U Uncommon – often overlooked, seldom seen but not a surprise
R Rare – few sightings on record, surprising but not out of range

Sightings will vary greatly depending on the seasons and migration patterns.

DUCKS

- ☐ Mallard **C**
- ☐ Northern Pintail **C**
- ☐ Gadwall **U**
- ☐ American Wigeon **U**
- ☐ Northern Shoveler **C**
- ☐ Blue-winged Teal **C**
- ☐ Cinnamon Teal **C**
- ☐ Green-winged Teal **C**
- ☐ Wood Duck **U**
- ☐ Redhead **C**
- ☐ Canvasback **F**
- ☐ Ring-necked Duck **U**
- ☐ Lesser Scaup **C**
- ☐ Common Goldeneye **C**
- ☐ Barrow's Goldeneye **U**
- ☐ Bufflehead **U**
- ☐ Common Merganser **C**
- ☐ Ruddy Duck **F**

GEESE

- ☐ Canada Goose **C**
- ☐ Snow Goose **F**
- ☐ Ross' Goose **R**

GREBES

- ☐ Western Grebe **C**
- ☐ Red-necked Grebe **U**
- ☐ Horned Grebe **U**
- ☐ Eared Grebe **C**
- ☐ Pied-Billed Grebe **U**

LOONS

- ☐ Common Loon **U**

SWANS

- ☐ Tundra Swan

PELICANS

- ☐ American White Pelican

CORMORANTS

- ☐ Double-Crested Cormorant

CRANES

- ☐ Sandhill Crane **C**

HERONS

- ☐ Great Blue Heron **C**

RAILS AND COOTS

- ☐ Sora **C**
- ☐ American Coot

SHOREBIRDS

- ☐ American Avocet **U**
- ☐ Black-necked Stilt **R**
- ☐ Killdeer **C**
- ☐ Long-billed Curlew **F**
- ☐ Greater Yellowlegs **U**
- ☐ Lesser Yellowlegs **U**
- ☐ Spotted Sandpiper **C**
- ☐ Long-billed Dowitcher **R**
- ☐ Wilson's Phalarope **C**
- ☐ Least Sandpiper **C**
- ☐ Common Snipe **C**
- ☐ Wilson's Snipe **C**

GULLS AND TERNS

- ☐ California Gull **F**
- ☐ Franklin's Gull **U**
- ☐ Bonapart's Gull **R**
- ☐ Common Tern **R**
- ☐ Black Tern **U**

GROUSE & ALLIES

- ☐ Greater Sage Grouse **U**
- ☐ Blue/Dusky Grouse **F**
- ☐ Ruffed Grouse **C**
- ☐ Spruce Grouse **F**
- ☐ Gray Partridge **F**

PIGEONS AND DOVES

- ☐ Mourning Dove **F**
- ☐ Eurasian Collared Dove (exotic) **R**
- ☐ Rock Pigeon (exotic) **F**

HUMMINGBIRDS

- ☐ Rufous Hummingbird **C**

WAXWINGS

- ☐ Bohemian Waxwing **U**
- ☐ Cedar Waxwings **F**



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EAGLES

- Golden Eagle C
- Bald Eagle F

HAWKS

- Northern Goshawk U
- Coopers Hawk U
- Northern Harrier F
- Rough-legged Hawk C
- Ferruginous Hawk R
- Red-tailed Hawk C
- Swainson's Hawk C
- Osprey C
- Sharp-shinned Hawk U

FALCONS

- Prairie Falcon U
- Peregrine Falcon R
- Merlin R
- American Kestrel C

VULTURES

- Turkey Vulture U

OWLS

- Great Horned Owl U
- Long-eared Owl U
- Short-eared Owl F
- Snowy Owl R
- Great Gray Owl R
- Burrowing Owl R
- Northern Saw-whet Owl R
- Northern Pygmy Owl R
- Flammulated Owl R
- Boreal Owl R

NIGHTJARS

- Common Nighthawk C

JAYS AND CROWS

- Steller's Jay U
- Gray Jay C
- Clark's Nutcracker F
- Black-billed Magpie C
- American Crow C
- Common Raven C

KINGFISHERS

- Belted Kingfisher C

WOODPECKERS

- Northern Flicker F
- Pileated Woodpecker R
- Lewis' Woodpecker R
- Hairy Woodpecker C
- Three-toed Woodpecker R
- Downy Woodpecker C
- Red-naped Sapsucker U

FLYCATCHERS

- Eastern Kingbird C
- Say's Phoebe U
- Willow Flycatcher U
- Least Flycatcher F
- Hammond's Flycatcher F
- Dusky Flycatcher F
- Olive-sided Flycatcher F
- Western Wood-Pewee F

SHRIKES

- Northern Shrike R

VIREOS

- Solitary Vireo F
- Plumbeous Vireo F
- Cassin's Vireo F
- Red-eyed Vireo F
- Warbling Vireo C

LARKS

- Horned Lark C

SWALLOWS

- Barn Swallow F
- Cliff Swallow C
- Violet-green Swallow U
- Bank Swallow U
- Northern Rough-winged Swallow U
- Tree Swallow C

CHICKADEES

- Black-capped Chickadee C
- Mountain Chickadee C

NUTHATCHES AND CREEPERS

- Red-breasted Nuthatch C
- Brown Creeper U

WRENS

- House Wren C
- Rock Wren R
- Marsh Wren C

DIPPERS

- American Dipper C

MIMIC THRUSHES

- Gray Catbird U

THRUSHES, BLUEBIRDS, SOLITAIRES

- American Robin C
- Hermit Thrush C
- Swainson's Thrush C
- Veery C
- Townsend's Solitaire F
- Mountain Bluebird C

KINGLETS

- Golden-Crowned Kinglet F
- Ruby-Crowned Kinglet C

PIPITS

- American Pipit C

STARLINGS

- European Starling (exotic) C

BLACKBIRDS AND ORIOLES

- Yellow-headed Blackbird C
- Red-winged Blackbird C
- Brewer's Blackbird C
- Common Grackle F
- Brown-headed Cowbird C
- Bullock's Oriole C
- Western Meadowlark C

TANAGERS

- Western Tanager C

WOOD WARBLERS

- Orange-crowned Warbler R
- Nashville Warbler U
- Yellow Warbler C
- Yellow-rumped Warbler C
- Townsend's Warbler C
- Wilson's Warbler C
- Audubon's Warbler F
- Common Yellowthroat C
- Northern Waterthrush U
- American Redstart F

GROSBEAKS AND BUNTINGS

- Rose-breasted Grosbeak R
- Evening Grosbeak U
- Pine Grosbeak U
- Lazuli Bunting F
- Snow bunting F

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

- House sparrow (exotic) C

SPARROWS

- Savannah Sparrow C
- Vesper Sparrow
- American Tree Sparrow U
- Chipping Sparrow C
- Clay-colored Sparrow C
- Brewer's Sparrow C
- Harris' Sparrow R
- White-crowned sparrow C
- Fox Sparrow F
- Song Sparrow U
- Lincoln's Sparrow C
- Golden-crowned Sparrow U
- Dark-eyed Junco C

FINCHES

- Cassin's Finch F
- House Finch C
- Gray-crowned Rosy Finch C
- American Goldfinch U
- Pine Siskin C
- Common Redpoll C
- Red Crossbill U



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