

Milk River/Writing-on-Stone May Species Counts												
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Snow Goose	1	1		1				1		1	0.50	5
Canada Goose	1117	1039	550	703	2134	433	389	635	1075	513	858.80	10
Trumpeter Swan			4								0.40	1
Tundra Swan					2						0.20	1
Wood Duck						2			1		0.30	2
Blue-winged Teal	287	174	409	208	145	41	398	170	200	37	206.90	10
Cinnamon Teal	130	97	109	129	83	52	118	32	65	45	86.00	10
Northern Shoveler	482	439	1353	806	491	68	852	422	366	69	534.80	10
Gadwall	448	424	598	541	367	71	680	319	412	166	402.60	10
American Wigeon	70	86	109	113	79	29	94	86	87	18	77.10	10
Mallard	1203	721	1204	671	1106	272	1179	460	613	262	769.10	10
Northern Pintail	145	317	836	358	108	23	569	123	202	45	272.60	10
Green-winged Teal	8	1	12	29	22	14	27	7	14	10	14.40	10
Canvasback	56	51	108	61	74	9	39	32	42	17	48.90	10
Redhead	43	35	161	110	57	5	111	79	140	24	76.50	10
Ring-necked Duck	2	4	15	10	12	1	11	8	11	4	7.80	10
Greater Scaup	7		41	99	4	4	2	2			15.90	7
Lesser Scaup	85	88	81	147	134	36	121	168	155	70	108.50	10
Bufflehead	3		4	24	5	1	73	30	1	5	14.60	9
Common Goldeneye			2	2			18	1	1	1 CW	2.40	5
Hooded Merganser	2	6		4				1			1.30	4
Common Merganser	1		5	1cw	1	3	1CW	6	1 CW	6	2.20	6
Red-breasted Merganser										1	0.10	1
Ruddy Duck	103	28	294	231	200	17	172	66	120	44	127.50	10
Ruffed Grouse					2						0.20	1
Sharp-tailed Grouse	13	14	4	3	1	3	9	10	14	15	8.60	10
Gray Partridge	85	58	16	18	41	5	39	57	70	64	45.30	10
Ring-necked Pheasant	10	25	9	17	9	13	19	13	51	19	18.50	10
Rock Pigeon	82	97	61	149	143	119	203	186	144	129	131.30	10
Eurasian Collared-Dove	103	29	30	13	95	15	32	6	19	12	35.40	10
Mourning Dove	158	207	167	156	222	141	437	277	266	337	236.80	10
Common Nighthawk	2	1			2	1	2	1 CW			0.80	5
Sora	9	5	4	17	7		10	5	11	1	6.90	9

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American Coot	371	25	1064	587	160	80	91	234	63	50	272.50	10
Black-necked Stilt	29	3	32	18	40	10	40	4	25	4	20.50	10
American Avocet	326	220	581	280	191	32	217	96	189	10	214.20	10
Black-bellied Plover			2	1		10	1		2		1.60	5
Killdeer	137	176	58	137	126	28	91	101	135	85	107.40	10
Semipalmated Plover		2									0.20	1
Upland Sandpiper		3	2	1	1	2	4	1	5	3	2.20	9
Hudsonian Whimbrel	1	5			11			6	1		2.40	5
Long-billed Curlew	11	22	14	18	31	25	22	25	26	31	22.50	10
Marbled Godwit	61	40	32	64	57	24	21	33	36	36	40.40	10
Short-billed Dowitcher	1									7	0.80	2
Long-billed Dowitcher	1				2				1		0.40	3
Wilson's Snipe	4	2	1	2	3	5	11	6		4	3.80	9
Wilson's Phalarope	788	520	634	403	444	55	193	437	437	60	397.10	10
Red-necked Phalarope				55	2				53		11.00	3
Spotted Sandpiper	13	27	29	21	54	12	24	18	21	24	24.30	10
Solitary Sandpiper							1	1		4	0.60	3
Lesser Yellowlegs		2				1	2				0.50	3
Willet	95	107	60	61	152	50	60	65	80	46	77.60	10
Greater Yellowlegs						2					0.20	1
Sanderling	2000cw	1304	16	80	73	12	50			9	154.40	7
Dunlin					1						0.10	1
Baird's Sandpiper	1		1	17	7				4		3.00	5
Least Sandpiper								5			0.50	1
Pectoral Sandpiper			2	7				2		1	1.20	4
Western Sandpiper	1cw		1								0.10	1
Semipalmated Sandpiper			17	89	46	15	20	6	1	3	19.70	8
Bonaparte's Gull						1					0.10	1
Franklin's Gull	2227	410	2586	102	74	31	8	34	96	329	589.70	10
Ring-billed Gull	65	92	119	41	27	15	5	175	72	106	71.70	10
California Gull	7	22	12	47	2	11	115	122	66	3	40.70	10
Caspian Tern	2	1		1			1		1		0.60	5
Black Tern	6	2		23	4	2	4	14	6	2	6.30	9

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Forster's Tern	10	6	3	2	17	3	5	6	11		6.30	9
Common Tern	4	2	17	21	21	3	9	3	1	3	8.40	10
Pied-billed Grebe	1			2	1		1	1	3	1	1.00	7
Horned Grebe	1		3	2							0.60	3
Red-necked Grebe		1		12	47		18	1			7.90	5
Eared Grebe	694	105	685	317	153	24	350	261	266	156	301.10	10
Western Grebe	24	44	18	22	19	2		6	30	11	17.60	9
Clark's Grebe	3										0.30	1
Double-crested Cormorant	34	18	5	21	9	13	1	30	19	20	17.00	10
White-faced Ibis	13	25	113	1	66	25	60	20	68	62	45.30	10
American Bittern			2							2	0.40	2
Black-crowned Night-Heron	12	15	17	14	19	11	5	3	9	4	10.90	10
Great Blue Heron	4	3	1	6		1	2	2	3	6	2.80	9
Snowy Egret					CW1						0.00	0
American White Pelican	65	32	16	104	73	11	7	104	42	34	48.80	10
Turkey Vulture	1	1	1cw	2	6	2	2	2	2	3	2.10	9
Osprey		1								1	0.20	2
Golden Eagle	3	10	7	10	10	9	8	5	3	5	7.00	10
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1			1							0.20	2
American Goshawk											0.00	0
Northern Harrier	38	61	46	32	92	36	35	62	72	59	53.30	10
Bald Eagle				1	4		1	2	2	1 CW	1.00	5
Broad-winged Hawk	2				2			1 CW		1	0.50	3
Swainson's Hawk	42	56	72	65	67	41	86	92	76	81	67.80	10
Red-tailed Hawk	12	23	25	16	36	15	5	9	2	21	16.40	10
Rough-legged Hawk		1						2			0.30	2
Ferruginous Hawk	51	24	15	12	41	13	42	37	37	34	30.60	10
Great Horned Owl	5	24	12	13	11	7	9	11	14	10	11.60	10
Burrowing Owl				1		1	3	3	3	1	1.20	6
Short-eared Owl	1	3		1					14		1.90	4
Belted Kingfisher	1	1	1	2				1	1	2	0.90	7
Red-naped Sapsucker					CW1	1					0.10	1
Downy Woodpecker	2	1	2	2	1	1	3	1	1 CW	1	1.40	9

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Northern Flicker	3	2	2	1cw	2	3	2	3	1	3	2.10	9
American Kestrel	5	1	2	1	6	4	5	7	5	5	4.10	10
Merlin	6	2	4	3	4	6	3	5	4	2	3.90	10
Peregrine Falcon	1cw										0.00	0
Prairie Falcon	1cw	3	1	2cw	3	4	2	2 CW	5	4	2.20	7
Olive-sided Flycatcher	1		1cw	1		1					0.30	3
Western Wood-Pewee	1	2	2	1cw	CW4	1				1 CW	0.60	4
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher			1								0.10	1
Least Flycatcher	13	12	19	38	6	15	22	23	9	26	18.30	10
Dusky Flycatcher										2	0.20	1
Eastern Phoebe							2				0.20	1
Say's Phoebe	7	6	3	5	9	2	6	7	10	12	6.70	10
Ash-throated Flycatcher								1			0.10	1
Western Kingbird	31	45	52	17	76	19	55	30	65	128	51.80	10
Eastern Kingbird	85	31	116	21	93	65	163	105	57	48	78.40	10
Western Warbling Vireo										1 CW	0.00	0
E/W Warbling Vireo			1	2		4	2	1	2		1.20	6
Red-eyed Vireo			1	2	1	1	1CW	1 CW	2		0.70	5
Loggerhead Shrike	16	3	10	18	20	14	26	25	37	31	20.00	10
Black-billed Magpie	88	73	68	47	129	72	110	108	102	90	88.70	10
American Crow	30	33	26	9	35	19	10	20	11	20	21.30	10
Common Raven	9	16	16	14	34	43	38	48	58	39	31.50	10
Horned Lark	1045	352	965	256	681	356	540	714	848	948	670.50	10
Bank Swallow	91	230	0	6	103	0	34	77	9	13	56.30	8
Tree Swallow	18	16	36	14	21	19	8	4	7	49	19.20	10
Violet-green Swallow	2	9	1cw	12	6	10	16	6	12	7	8.00	9
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	32	18	20		5	15	3	2		4	9.90	8
Barn Swallow	353	131	146	58	172	84	110	96	63	69	128.20	10
Cliff Swallow	1379	1157	1085	753	1277	551	737	531	811	349	863.00	10
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			1			2		1 CW			0.30	2
Red-breasted Nuthatch			1	1	3	4	1	1 CW	1	2	1.30	7
Brown Creeper						1					0.10	1
Rock Wren	3	1	3	3	4	7	6	6	17	8	5.80	10

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Northern House Wren	39	35	22	19	11	11	21	20	18	18	21.40	10
Marsh Wren	10	7	13	23	4	1	7	6	9	4	8.40	10
European Starling	316	160	168	121	159	110	98	101	165	246	164.40	10
Gray Catbird	4	25	15	8	14	13	5	1 CW	14	6	10.40	9
Brown Thrasher	6	4	7	7	5	8	7	8	6	11	6.90	10
Mountain Bluebird				2cw	2					1	0.30	2
Townsend's Solitaire	1	1									0.20	2
Veery						1		1 CW			0.10	1
Gray-cheeked Thrush					1			3 CW		2	0.30	2
Swainson's Thrush	16	7	17	21	54	46	15	46	9	36	26.70	10
Hermit Thrush						1					0.10	1
American Robin	173	175	119	152	185	132	163	202	157	241	169.90	10
Cedar Waxwing	13		21	12	4	41	55	22	7CW	2	17.00	8
House Sparrow	336	223	374	150	527	456	393	473	230	276	343.80	10
Sprague's Pipit	1	11	8	19	7	9	12	15	9	6	9.70	10
Evening Grosbeak								2 CW			0.00	0
Pine Grosbeak								1			0.10	1
House Finch	6	9	52	3cw		2	9	3	27	47	15.50	8
Pine Siskin	31		17		39	5CW		20	3		11.00	5
American Goldfinch	13	12	60	20	61	49	40	49	21	81	40.60	10
Chestnut-collared Longspur	76	73	96	128	21	45	114	59	97	171	88.00	10
Thick-billed Longspur		1		2					1	6	1.00	4
Grasshopper Sparrow				1	1		5		1		0.80	4
Chipping Sparrow	62	23	22	242	55	67	12	42	58	290	87.30	10
Clay-colored Sparrow	19	33	19	56	37	27	16	9	28	61	30.50	10
Brewer's Sparrow						1				7	0.80	2
Lark Sparrow	1	2	1cw	1	CW1	2	2CW	5	10	7	2.80	7
Lark Bunting	9	1	2		3		1	1CW	56	1537	160.90	7
American Tree Sparrow								1			0.10	1
White-crowned Sparrow	1	4	7	8	3	1CW		8	1	4	3.60	8
Harris's Sparrow								1			0.10	1
White-throated Sparrow				1	1					1	0.30	3
Vesper Sparrow	531	190	269	273	341	233	270	166	307	397	297.70	10

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Savannah Sparrow	53	102	123	133	80	52	101	75	72	121	91.20	10
Baird's Sparrow		6	4	12	3	5	1		3	6	4.00	8
Song Sparrow		3	4	4	1		4	3	3	5	2.70	8
Lincoln's Sparrow						2			1	1	0.40	3
Spotted Towhee	4	9	5	6	10	8	15	11	14	7	8.90	10
Yellow-breasted Chat	1	3	2				1	1	2		1.00	6
Yellow-headed Blackbird	622	419	294	363	486	53	242	231	214	260	318.40	10
Bobolink		4		2		1	6			1	1.40	5
Western Meadowlark	316	392	254	318	265	157	369	329	439	429	326.80	10
Bullock's Oriole		1	1cw	1		1CW				1	0.30	3
Baltimore Oriole	5	2	5	3	2	3	7	3	10	3	4.30	10
Red-winged Blackbird	704	805	997	690	934	448	768	881	681	606	751.40	10
Brown-headed Cowbird	386	561	648	261	264	322	629	393	347	430	424.10	10
Brewer's Blackbird	672	125	81	232	464	248	377	176	235	243	285.30	10
Common Grackle	87	89	71	114	121	77	94	288	192	456	158.90	10
Ovenbird			1cw			1					0.10	1
Northern Waterthrush	1	1	1	1	1	1				2	0.80	7
Black-and-white Warbler				1							0.10	1
Tennessee Warbler		1	1	2		1CW	1	4		4	1.30	6
Orange-crowned Warbler		1		11				1		1	1.40	4
MacGillivray's Warbler				1							0.10	1
Common Yellowthroat	5	22	9	16	12	13	14	7	18	8	12.40	10
American Redstart		3	1	1	1	3	2	5	1CW	3	1.90	8
Cape May Warbler				1cw			1CW				0.00	0
Magnolia Warbler								1 CW	1		0.10	1
Northern Yellow Warbler	44	39	58	123	46	53	67	46	68	64	60.80	10
Blackpoll Warbler	1		1	3		1		1		1 CW	0.70	5
Yellow-rumped Warbler		5	9	111	18	11	5	14		16	18.90	8
Black-throated Green Warbler									1		0.10	1
Wilson's Warbler					1		1				0.20	2
Western Tanager			1	2		1CW			1		0.40	3
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1cw			1				2	1CW		0.30	2
Lazuli Bunting				1		1CW				1 CW	0.10	1

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total # individuals (count days)	17608	13121	18967	12315	14683	6056	13085	10798	11743	11233	12,960.90	
total # species (count days)	126	128	128	140	130	130	126	131	127	134	130.00	
total # of individual cw	5		6	11	7	10	5	16	11	6		
total # species cw	2004		6	7	4	6	4	12	5	6		

Cumulative Total # of Species	Count days	231
Observed from 2001-2026	CW only	8
	Total seen	239