Montana Birding Checklist



compiled by: Robert Schultheis 2015 **Welcome** to your personal Montana Birding Checklist! This checklist contains all of the birds a birder can reasonably expect to find in the state of Montana. Each bird has a place to write when and where you first identified it. The first time a bird species is identified is a special moment for every birder, and the primary purpose of this checklist is to preserve that very personal moment.

- This checklist is intended to be used as a supplement to a North American field guide for Birds. This checklist, by itself, will not help you
 identify birds. It will help you know if a given bird can be reasonably expected to be seen at a given time of year and location within
 Montana.
- Each sub-section is sorted by overall prevalence. The most common bird is first in the sub-section, the least common bird is last.
 However, prevalence is determined by the number of reported observations according to FWP. Some birds which have been the targets of study have observations counts that are inflated relative to their prevalence. For example the Harlequin Duck is relatively rare, but is the second most observed duck in Montana according to FWP.

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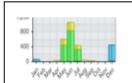
*	Bird overwinters in Montana
*	Bird has been observed between Dec 15 - Feb 15, but is not widely considered to overwinter in Montana.
4€	Direct observations of Bird breeding in Montana
48	Indirect evidence of breeding in Montana
₽	Bird migrates through Montana

Relative Density Maps



The Maps have been copied directly from the FWP website. Maps are divided into quarter latitude / longitude squares. Completely white squares indicate the species has essentially no presence. The darker the color, the greater the density of the species.

Phenology Charts



These charts have been copied directly from the FWP website. They represent when a bird can be expected to be seen in Montana.

- Green represents normal observations
- Yellow represents breeding observations
- Blue represents overwintering observations

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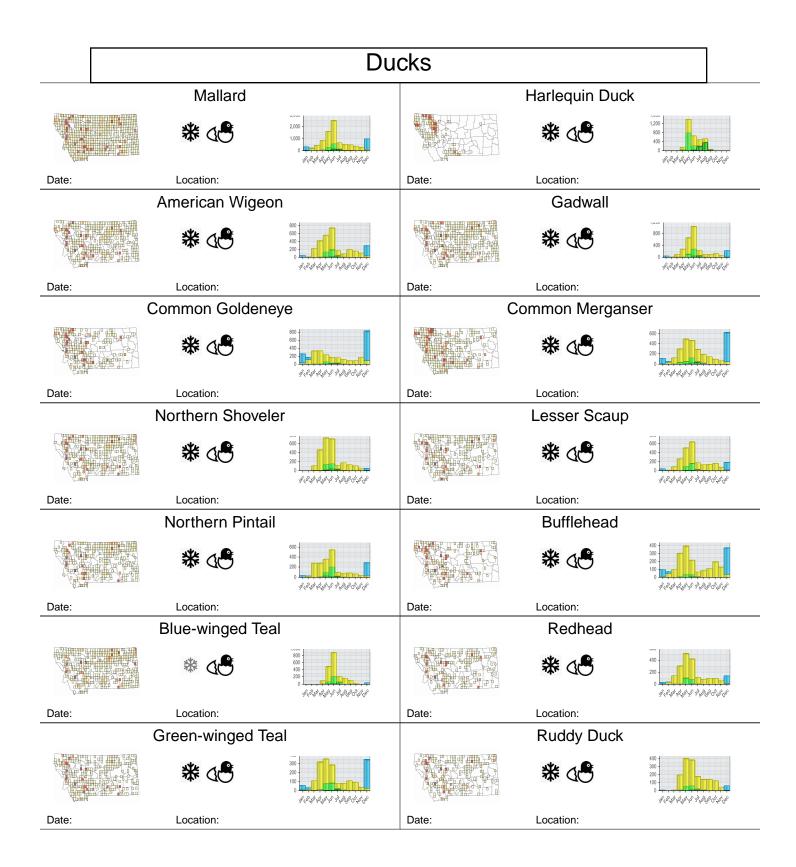
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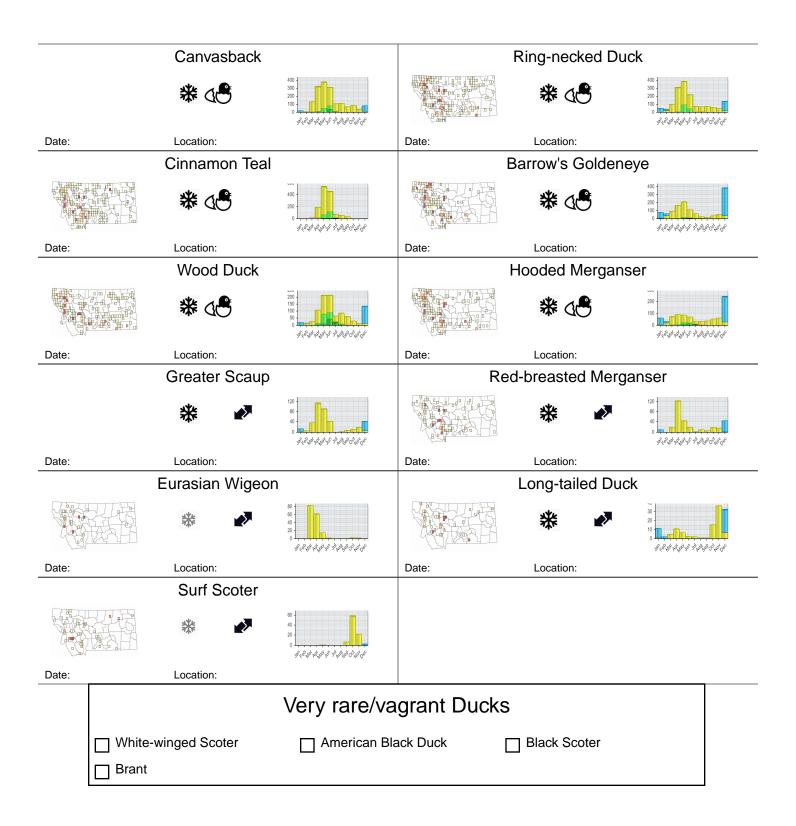
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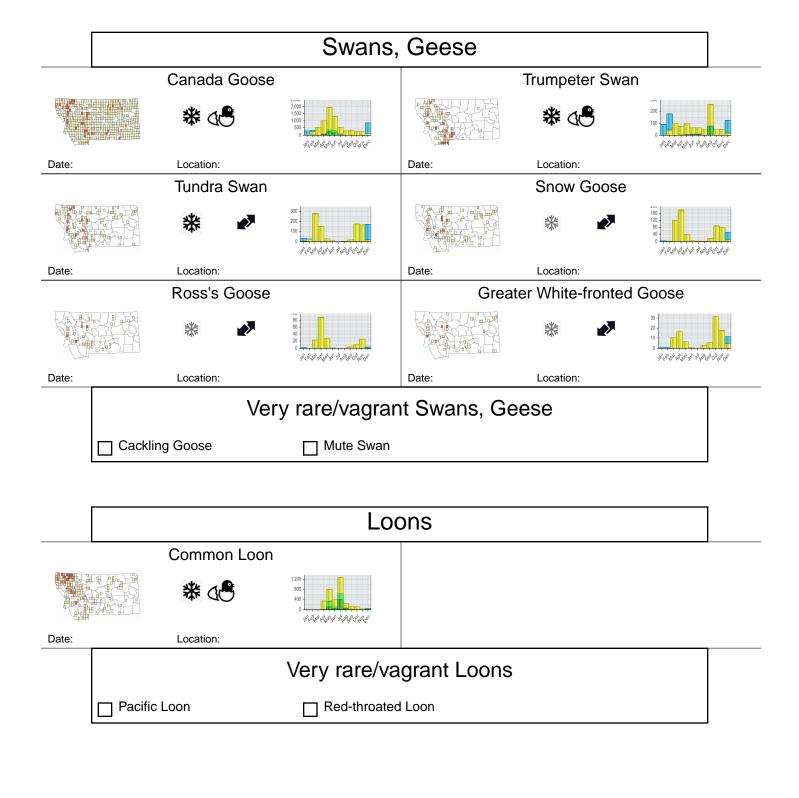
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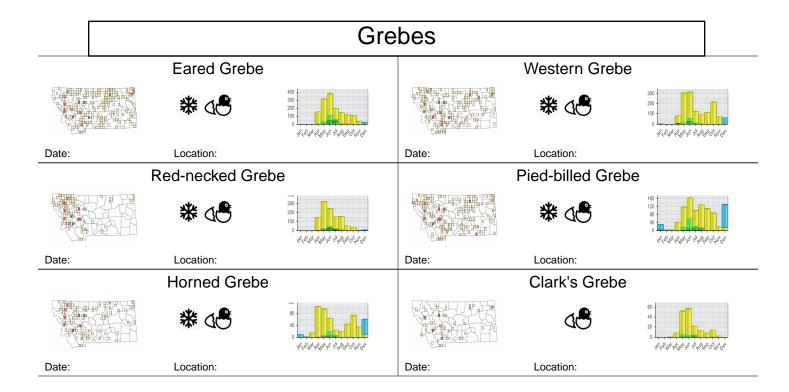
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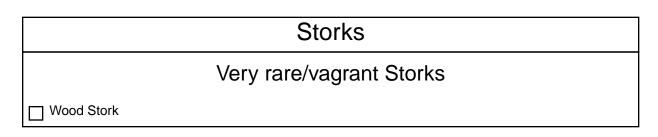
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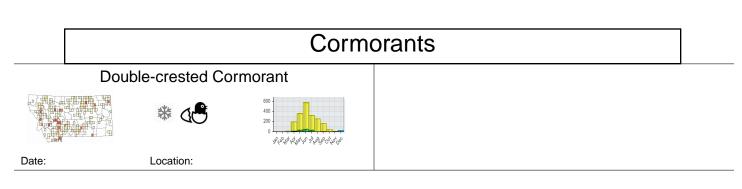




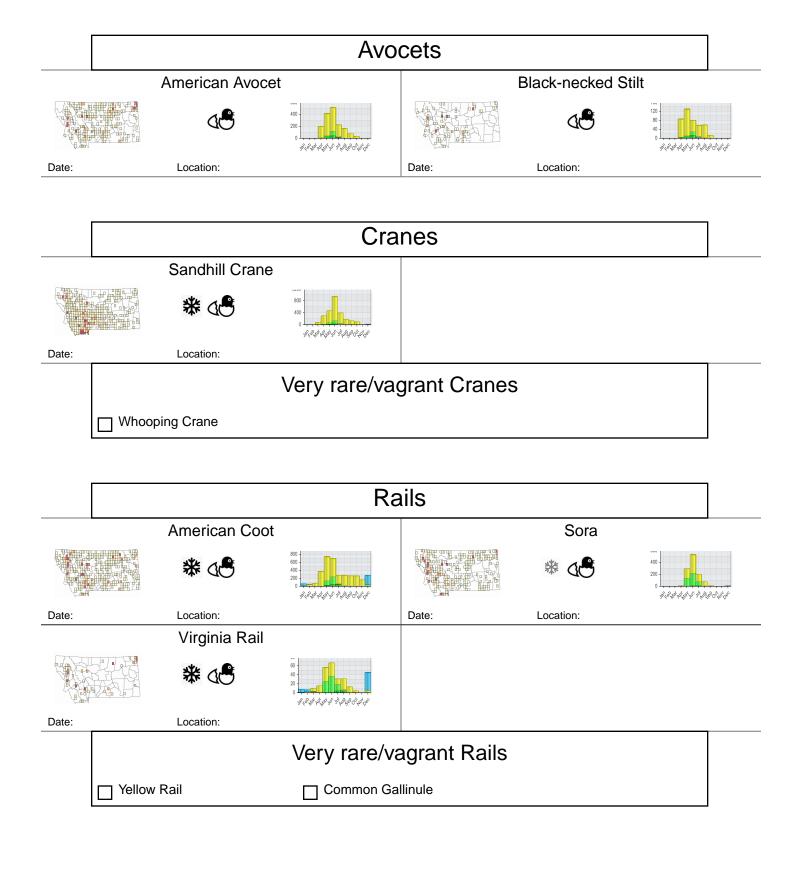






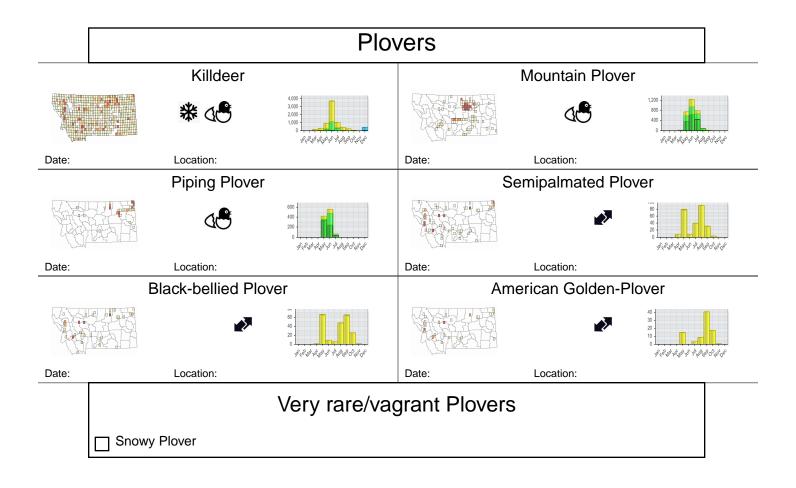


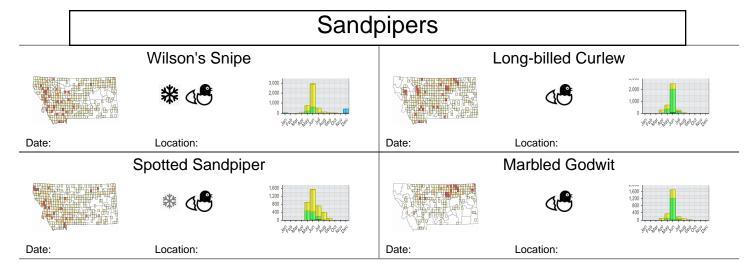
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☐ Green Heron ☐ Little Blue Heron ☐ Least Bittern						
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron						
Ibises						
White-faced Ibis						
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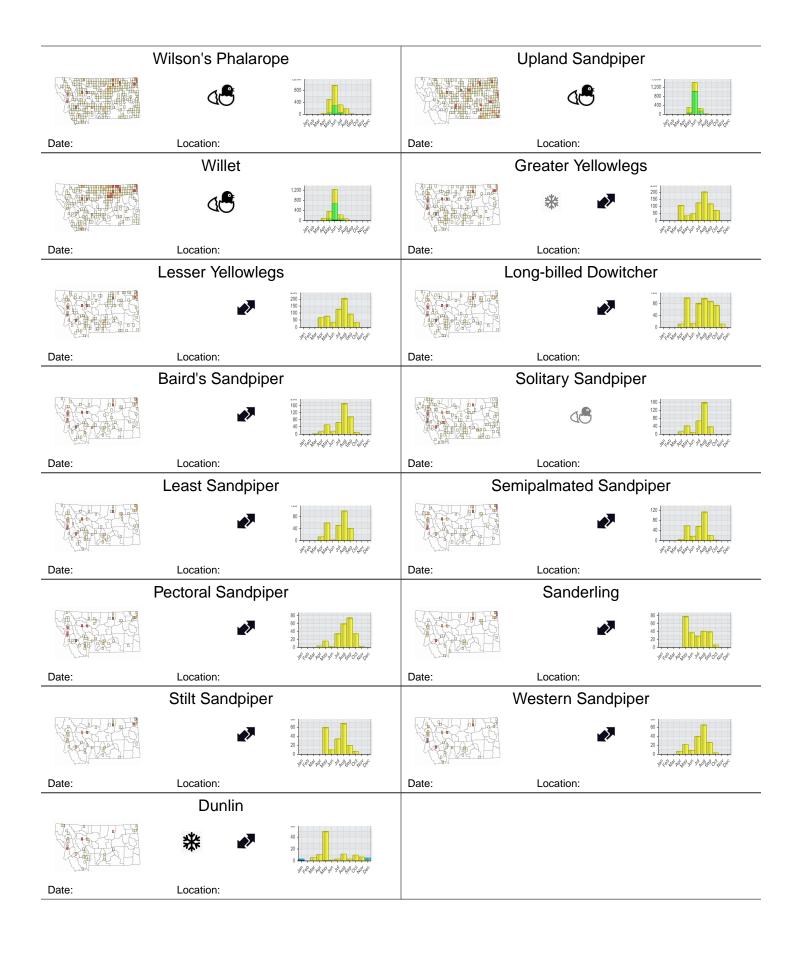


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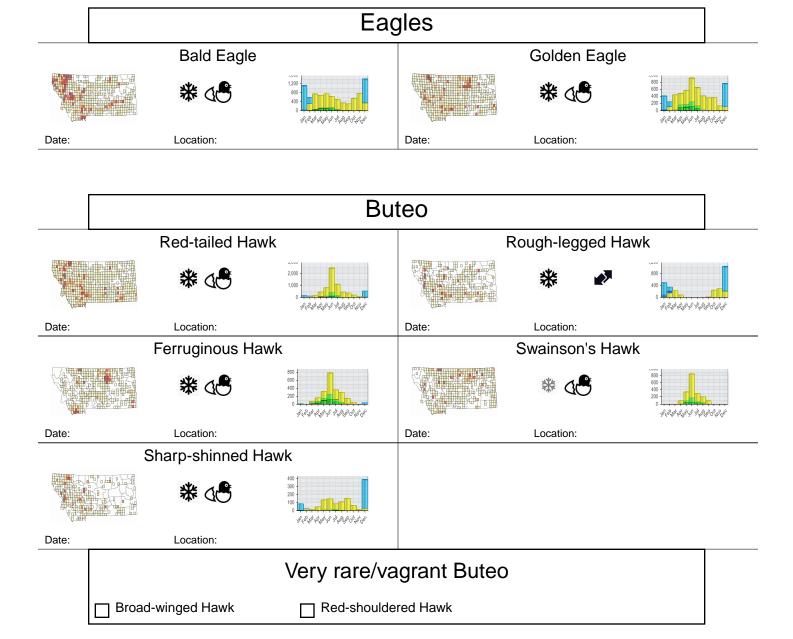






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Raptors



Accipiter

Northern Goshawk







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Cooper's Hawk



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Osprey

Osprey







Date:

Location:

Vultures

Turkey Vulture









Date:

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Falcons

American Kestrel

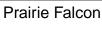








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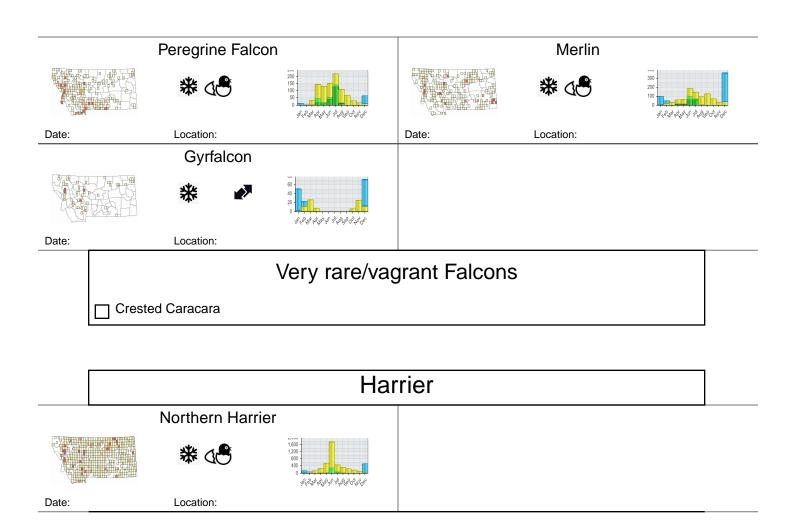




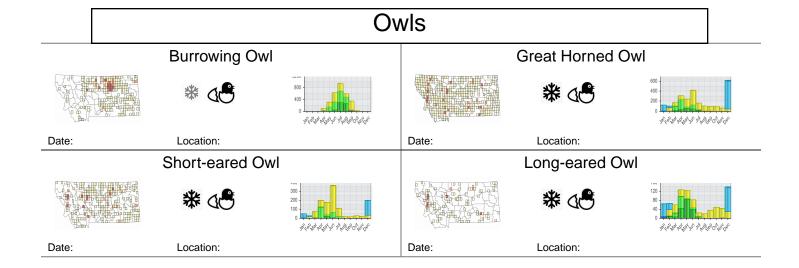
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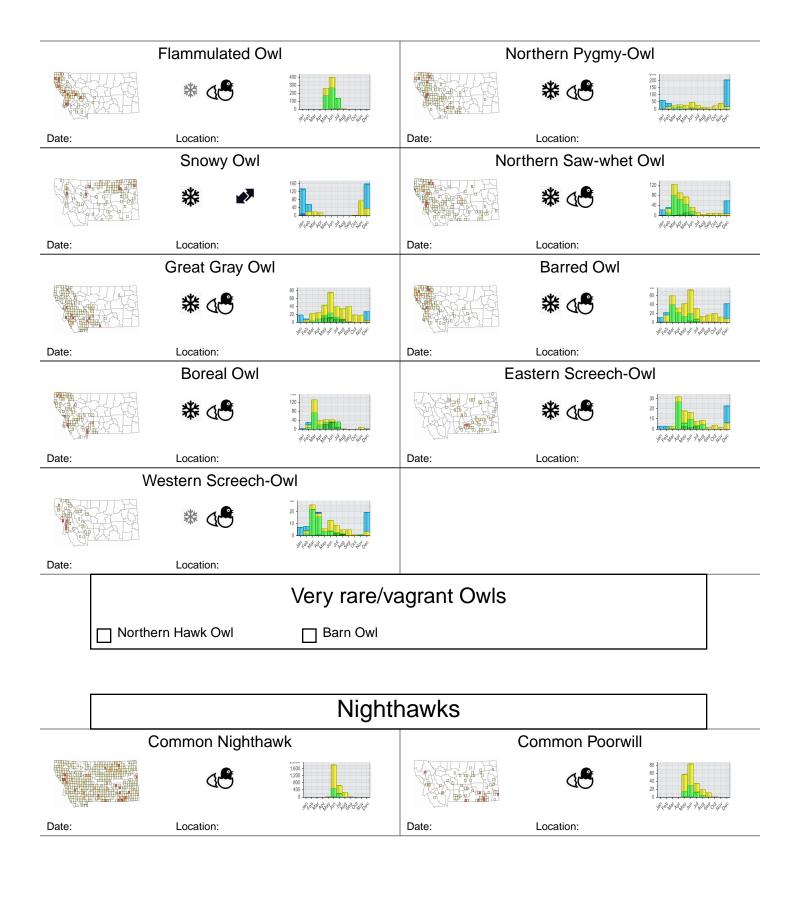
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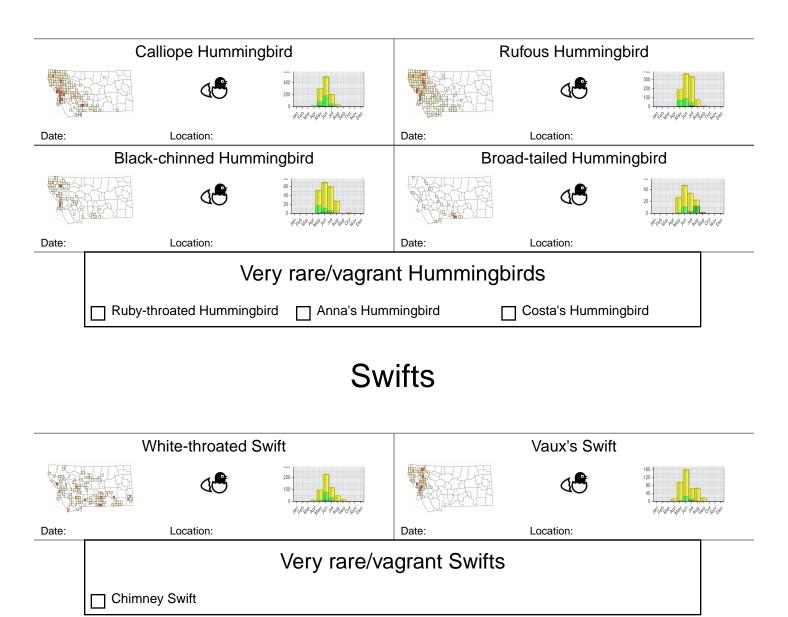


Owls & Nightjars

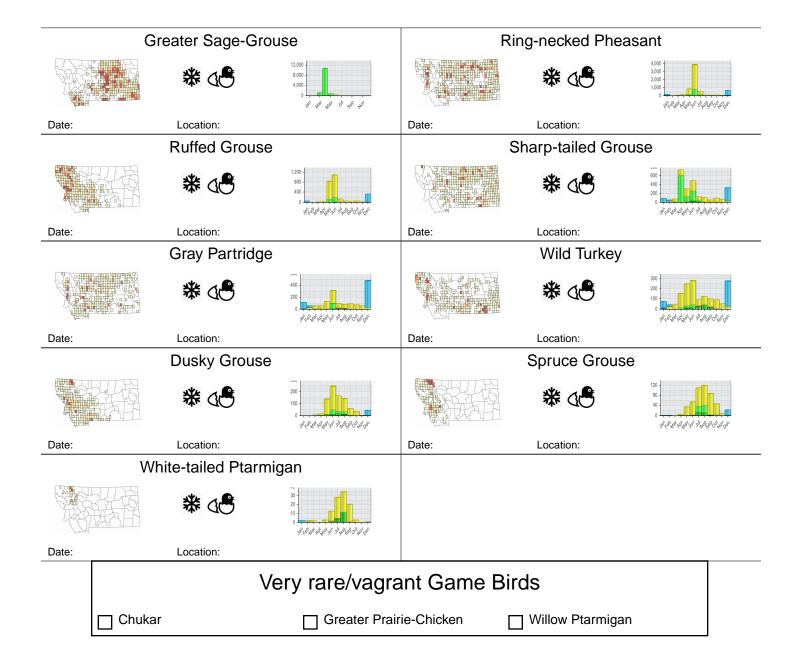




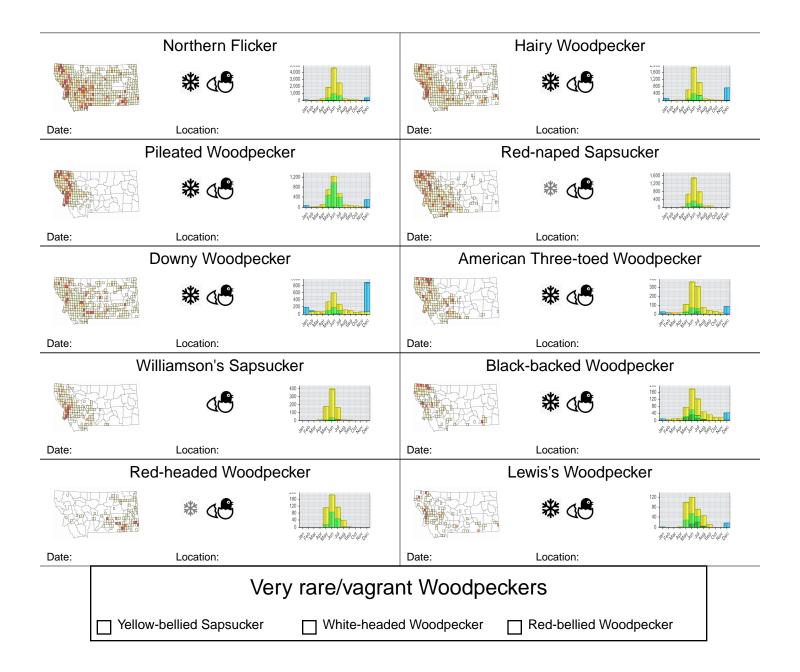
Hummingbirds



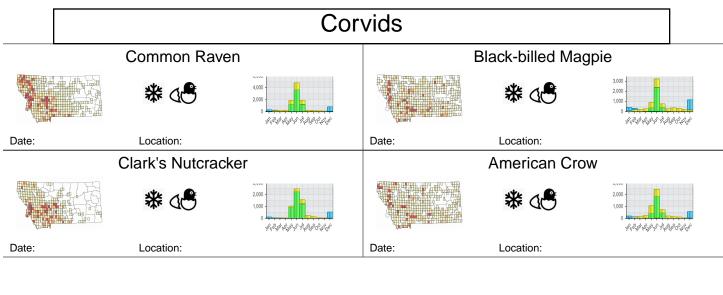
Game birds

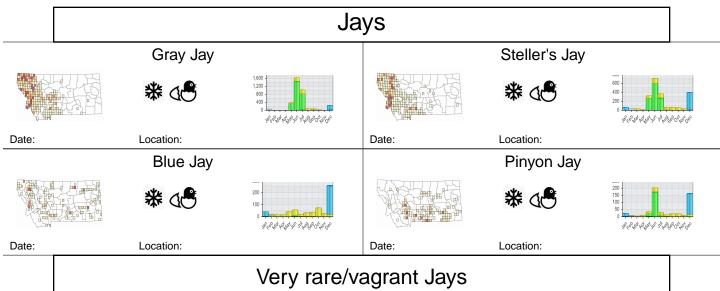


Woodpeckers



Corvids, Jays, Blackbirds

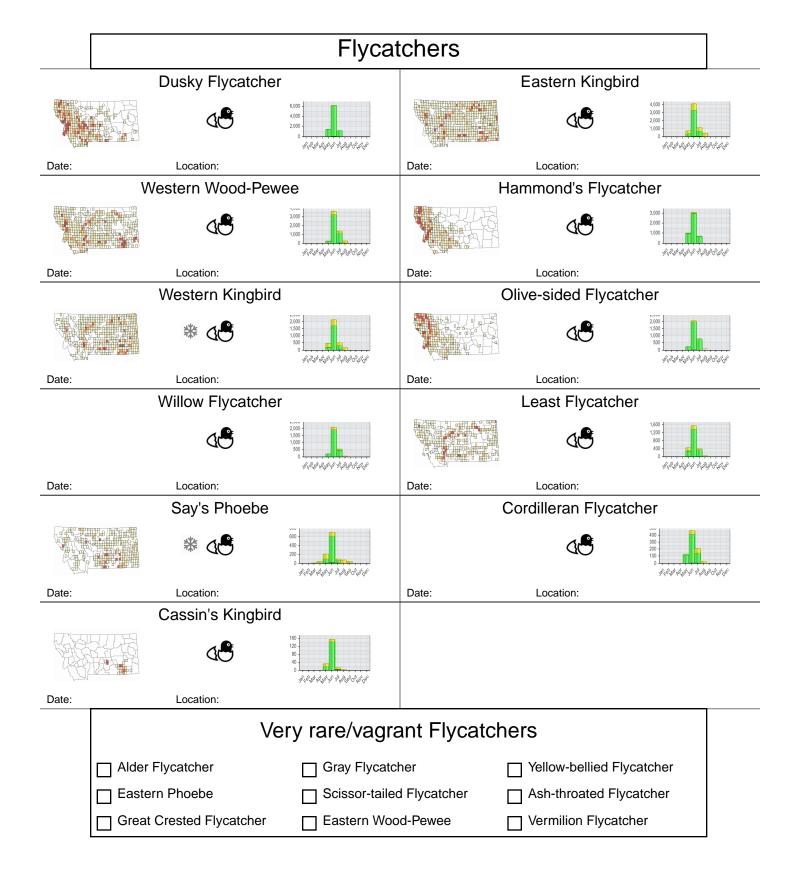


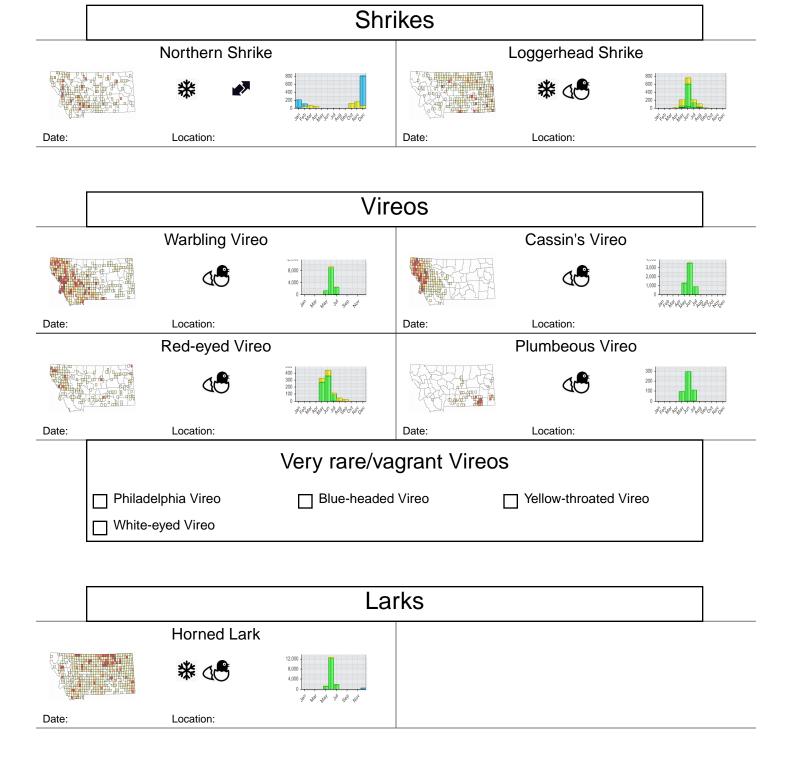


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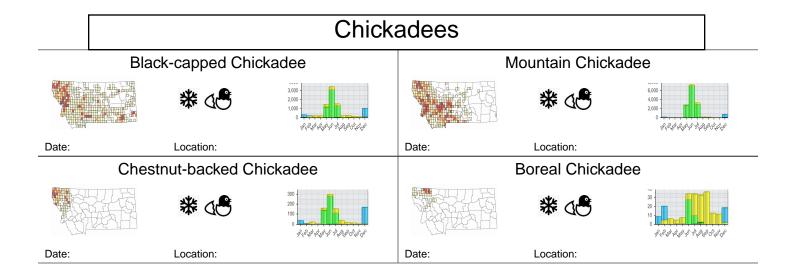
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Song birds





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Nuthatches

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Red-breasted Nuthatch







White-breasted Nuthatch





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Pygmy Nuthatch







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Creepers

Brown Creeper







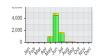
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Wrens

House Wren













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Pacific Wren









Marsh Wren

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Canyon Wren





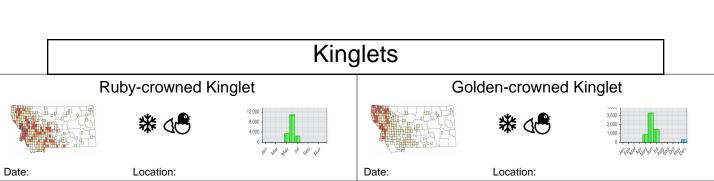


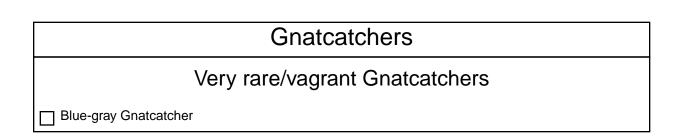


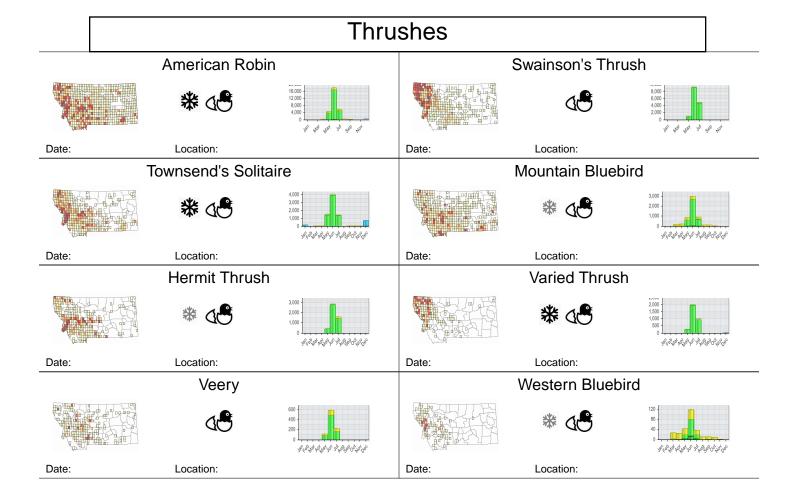
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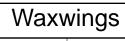
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Cedar Waxwing



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Bohemian Waxwing





Date:

Location:

Longspurs and Snow Buntings

Chestnut-collared Longspur







McCown's Longspur





Location: Date:

Snow Bunting









Date:

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Lapland Longspur



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Very rare/vagrant Longspurs and Snow Buntings

Smith's Longspur

Warblers

Yellow-rumped Warbler





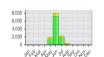




Yellow Warbler







Location: Date:

Townsend's Warbler







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Location: MacGillivray's Warbler







Location:

Common Yellowthroat

Orange-crowned Warbler

Location:



Date:











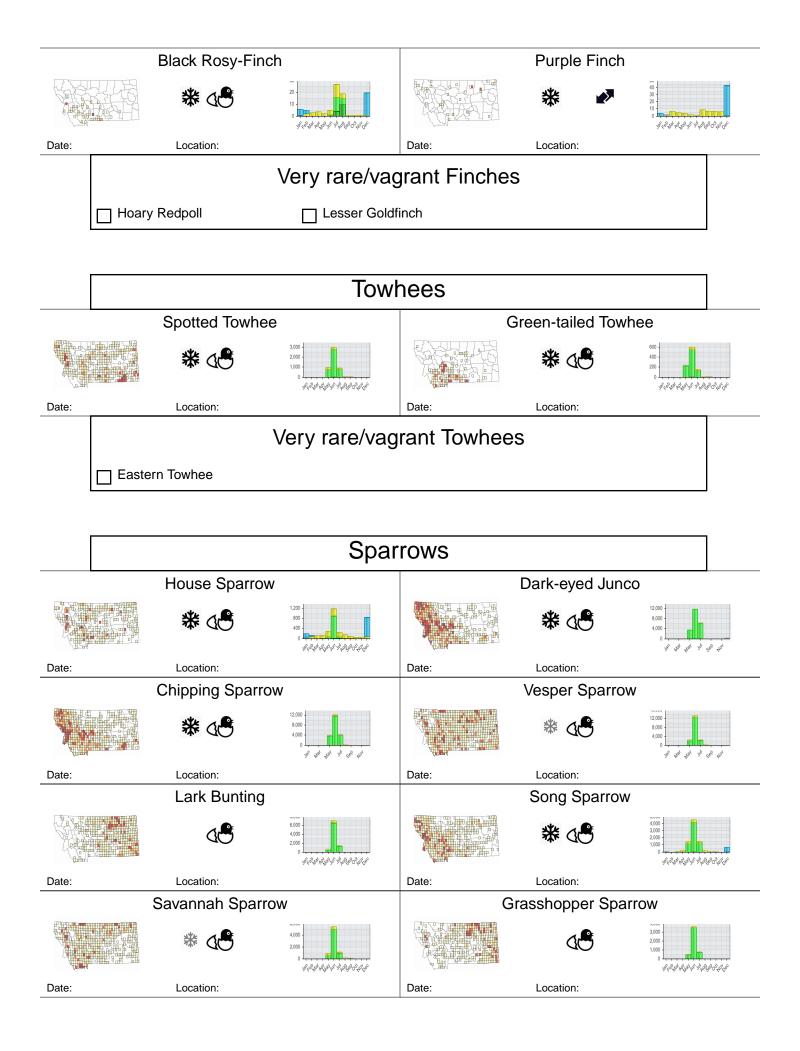
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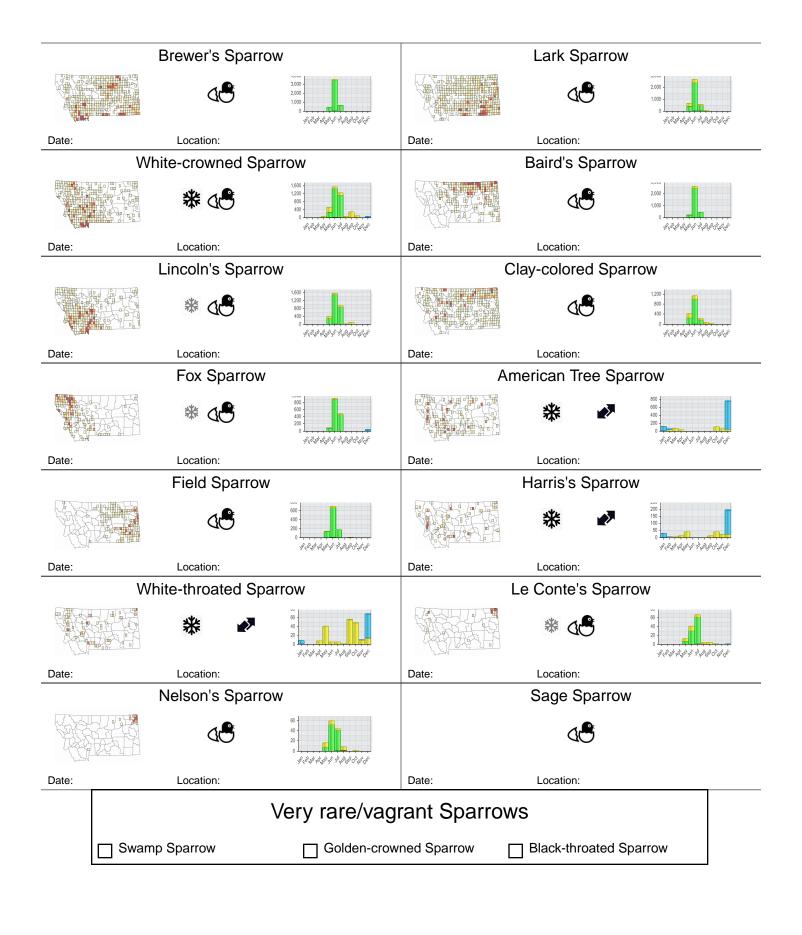


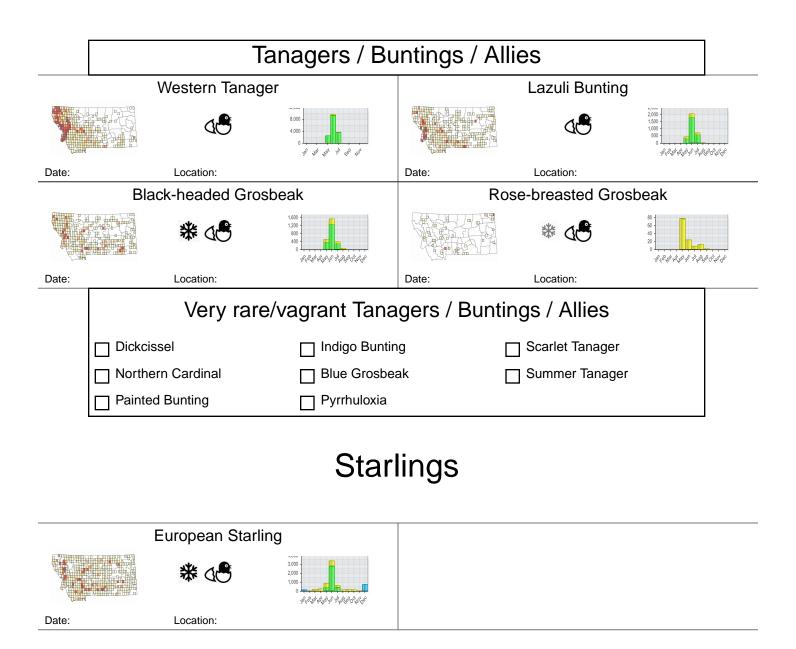
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Cuckoos Black-billed Cuckoo Date: Location: Very rare/vagrant Cuckoos Yellow-billed Cuckoo Finches Pine Siskin Red Crossbill * 400 * 4 Location: Date: Location: Date: **Evening Grosbeak** American Goldfinch * 48 * 45 Location: Date: Location: Date: House Finch Cassin's Finch * 48 * 48 Location: Date: Location: Date: Pine Grosbeak Common Redpoll * 48 New Contract to Carlon And Angline Contract Con New Contract to Carlon And Angline Contract Con Location: Date: Location: Date: Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch White-winged Crossbill * 48 * 48 itazkog titaz kajitaz itaz itajkraj Pos Oci Fraglos hat entha totha hat hytingen of trafer Date: Location: Date: Location:







Pigeons, Doves

