



# IMPORTANT BIRD AREAS IN WYOMING CRITERIA FOR SITE SELECTION



## 1) Sites or complexes of sites important to endangered, threatened or species of concern in Wyoming.

*Description:* Sites or complexes of sites that regularly support significant breeding or non-breeding densities of one or more of the following species listed as endangered, threatened, or of special concern in the state of Wyoming. Applies primarily to breeding or wintering sites, though regular migratory areas may be considered if known to be of exceptional importance. The site should be one of regular and/or recent occurrence of a species in the last ~10 years. Thresholds may vary.

### Endangered

Whooping Crane  
Least Tern

### Threatened

Bald Eagle  
Piping Plover  
Snowy Plover

### Species of Special Concern

Common Loon	Ferruginous Hawk	Mountain Plover
Trumpeter Swan	Merlin	Upland Sandpiper
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Peregrine Falcon	Northern Pygmy Owl
American White Pelican	Long-billed Curlew	Burrowing Owl
(breeding colonies)	Lewis' Woodpecker	Great Gray Owl
American Bittern	Ash-throated Flycatcher	Boreal Owl
Snowy Egret	Western Scrub-Jay	Black-backed Woodpecker
(breeding colonies)	Juniper Titmouse	Pygmy Nuthatch
Black-crowned Night-Heron	Bushtit	Veery
(breeding colonies)	Scott's Oriole	Orange-crowned Warbler
White-faced Ibis	Western Grebe	American Redstart
(breeding colonies)	(breeding colonies)	Common Yellowthroat
Caspian Tern	Clark's Grebe	Baird's Sparrow
(breeding colonies)	(breeding colonies)	Grasshopper Sparrow
Forster's Tern	Great Blue Heron	McCown's Longspur
(breeding colonies)	(breeding colonies)	Chestnut Collared Longspur
Harlequin Duck	Northern Goshawk	Bobolink

## 2) Sites or complexes of sites important to species of high conservation priority in Wyoming.

*Description:* Sites or complexes of sites that regularly support significant breeding or non-breeding densities of the following species identified as high conservation priority by Partners In Flight. Thresholds may vary.

Vesper Sparrow	Sage Sparrow	Broad-tailed Hummingbird
Franklin's Gull	Brewer's Sparrow	Rufous Hummingbird
Short-eared Owl	Sage Thrasher	Calliope Hummingbird
Western Bluebird	Townsend's Warbler	Black-billed Cuckoo
Dickcissel	Loggerhead Shrike	Cassin's Kingbird
Eastern Screech-Owl	Red-naped Sapsucker	Dusky Flycatcher
Western Screech-Owl	Williamson's Sapsucker	Gray Flycatcher
Three-toed Woodpecker	Black-chinned Hummingbird	Hammond's Flycatcher
Cordilleran Flycatcher	Marsh Wren	American Dipper
Willow Flycatcher	Golden-crowned Kinglet	Swainson's Hawk
Brown Creeper	Greater Sage-Grouse	Wilson's Phalarope
Lark Sparrow	Plumbeous Vireo	MacGillivray's Warbler
Willet	Black-backed Woodpecker	Lark Bunting
Red-headed Woodpecker		

**3) Sites or complexes of sites that contain rare or unique habitat within the state/region or an exceptional representative of a natural habitat, and that hold important species or species assemblages largely restricted to a distinctive habitat type.**

*Description:* Sites or complexes of sites with habitats that are rare or unique in the state, or are exceptional examples (large and intact) of the habitats that should support, or could be managed to support, the full complement of bird species dependent upon that habitat type. Consideration will also be given to sites with exceptionally high species and habitat diversity, and some attempt will be made to distribute representative sites throughout the state.

**4) Sites or complexes of sites where significant numbers of birds concentrate for breeding, during migration, or in the winter.**

*Description:* Sites or complexes of sites that *regularly* hold significant numbers of one or more species, breeding or non-breeding, including migrants. Significant numbers are not easily defined. The following guidelines are suggested to provide some logical thresholds for site selection. Except where indicated, numerical estimates should be based on a short period of time, e.g. one-time counts such as daily surveys – not on cumulative totals. Introduced, feral, and nuisance species (resident Canada Goose, European Starling, House Sparrow) should not be included.

**Waterfowl:** >2,000 or more waterfowl over a short period

**Terns:** >25 breeding pairs

**Gulls:** >2,000 breeding pairs

**Shorebirds:** >500 over short period of time

**Waders :** >50 breeding pairs

**Raptors:** >1,000 migrants in a season or large breeding/wintering concentration

**Landbirds:** Consistently holds an exceptional number of landbirds in migratory concentration or attracts an exceptional diversity of landbirds over the course of a year.