

What is the Natural Heritage Program?

The Montana Natural Heritage Program is the state's source for information on the status and distribution of our native animals and plants, emphasizing species of concern and important habitats such as wetlands. We collect, validate, and distribute information, and assist natural resource managers and others in applying this information effectively. Established by the Montana State legislature in 1983, the program is located in the Montana State Library, where it is part of the Natural Resource Information System.

Natural Heritage Program products and services include:

- Field Guides with extensive information on Montana's animals, plants, and habitats;
- MapViewer – an online mapping service displaying wildlife sightings, land management information, land cover, and geo-referenced photos;
- Land Management Maps showing public and conservation lands;
- Link to NatureServe Explorer, with species information for North America;
- Wide variety of online publications on Montana's biological resources;
- Plus, expert biologists and data managers to answer questions and ensure information accuracy.



Land Management Maps show public lands, managed areas, and conservation easements.

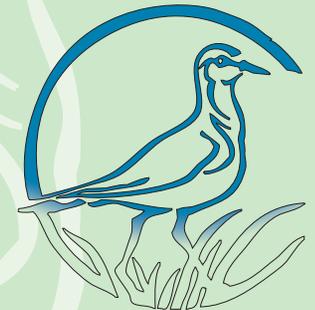


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*Your Source for Information
about Montana's Animals,
Plants, and Habitats*

Montana Field Guides

The Montana Field Guides provide information on identification, habitat, ecology, and distribution of Montana's wildlife, rare plants, and ecosystems. Check out the Field Guides online to read descriptions, see range maps, view photos, and listen to animal calls. Field Guides include:

- Animal Field Guide
- Plant Field Guide
- Ecological Systems Guide



Publications About Montana

Visit NHP online to download detailed information on Montana's biological resources, including reports on:

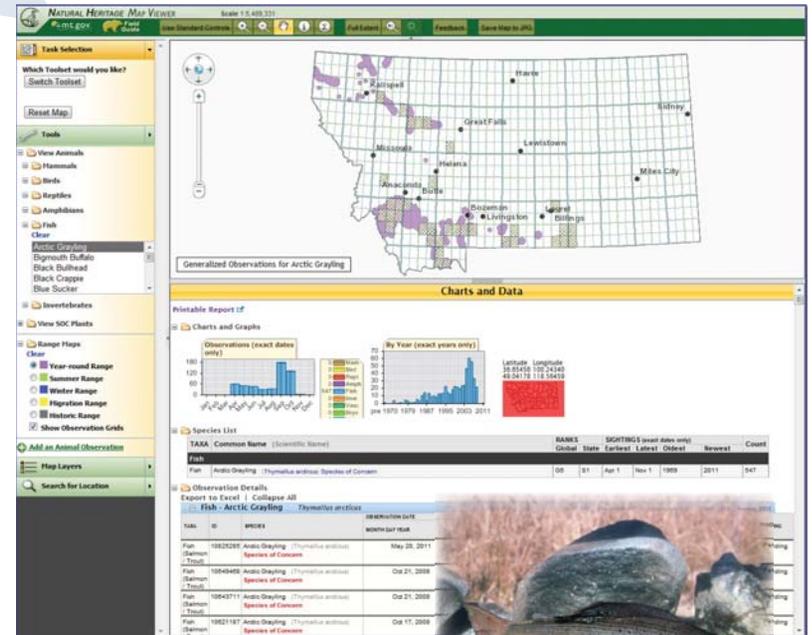
- Species of Concern
- Botany
- Aquatic Ecology
- Birds
- Fish
- Mammals
- Invertebrates
- Reptiles and Amphibians



MapViewer

The MapViewer is an interactive web mapping service that empowers users to perform a variety of tasks to access and use Natural Heritage information. The MapViewer displays and provides reports for:

- Land Cover and Ecological Systems for Montana;
- Animal and plant sightings from across Montana;
- Montana Land Management Data (including conservation easements, public lands, and managed areas;)
- Thousands of on-the-ground geo-referenced photos.



Visit the Natural Heritage Program at <http://mtnhp.org> to discover these tools and more!