

# MONTANA ANIMAL SPECIES OF CONCERN OBSERVATION FORM

Return form documenting sightings of animal species of special concern to:  
Zoologist, Montana Natural Heritage Program, 1515 East Sixth Avenue, Helena, MT 59620

We are interested in observations of species of concern that indicate the presence of **resident populations** or major concentrations. For many birds, however, we are interested primarily in nesting locations. In addition to actually locating an occupied nest, other indications of breeding include recently fledged young, adults carrying food or fecal sacs, territorial males, adults carrying nest materials, etc. Please indicate what evidence was used to determine breeding. Observation criteria are indicated for each species on the special concern list. "N" indicates nesting information is needed, "O" indicates observations of any kind are needed, and "C" indicates that data on large concentrations are needed (primarily migratory gatherings).

## Shaded area information required

### General:

Common Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Scientific Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Description (how specimen was identified from similar species): \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Observer(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of submission (M/D/Y): \_\_\_\_\_

### Observation data:

Date of observation (M/D/Y): \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a previously documented occurrence?  yes - occ. (nest) # \_\_\_\_\_  No \_\_\_\_\_  Unk \_\_\_\_\_

Age Structure: # of adults \_\_\_\_\_ # juveniles \_\_\_\_\_ # unknown \_\_\_\_\_

Status: Breeding  Wintering  Burrow Site  Rookery  Nest Site  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Comments (nest description; number of eggs, young; number of fledglings etc.):

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### Locational Information:

**Please provide a photocopy of map with location of the occurrence marked or outlined.**

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Quad Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Description (TRS & quarter quarter): \_\_\_\_\_

Or, if GPS location: Datum: \_\_\_\_\_ (NAD83 (preferred), WGS84, etc)

Latitude: \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude: \_\_\_\_\_

Decimal degree format (hddd.dddd)

**Locational Uncertainty:**

This depiction of the observation is accurate to within 20 ft of its actual location on the ground:

Y

N - Depiction is accurate to within \_\_\_\_\_ meters kilometers feet miles of its actual location.

Is the observed area known to be located within some feature(s) on the map (e.g., wetland boundary, lake, road, trail, highway, contour lines)?  Y  N

If Y, indicate the boundary within which the observed area is known to be located on the map, and if applicable, identify the feature: \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., lake)

**Confidence Extent:**

Is there habitat for this animal that was not surveyed in the area of the observation?

- Y

- N

? - Unknown

**Occurrence data (Size):**

Size of observed feature:  none (point)  
(nest site, animal observation)

\_\_\_\_\_ sq. meters \_\_\_\_\_ sq. miles \_\_\_\_\_ acres  
(prairie dog town, bird colony)

**General Habitat Description: (predominant plant community, habitat description, etc.)** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Associated Animals:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Land Owner:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Owner comments** (special requests, permissions, circumstances): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

**Photos:** Y N ( If Y may we obtain duplicates at our expense?) \_\_\_\_\_

**Specimens:** Y N **Collection Numbers:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Location of specimen** \_\_\_\_\_