

## Great Backyard Bird Count 2025-Final results for UMOWA Country.

The results of the 2025 Great Cornell Backyard Bird Count have been released and contain some good news. Worldwide, 828,113 birders saw 8078 species, 158 more than last year. In Montana, almost 1000 bird enthusiasts reported 161 species. A high of 28 species were seen at Fort Missoula, but UMOWA area birders also reported many species. In Lewis and Clark County, Spring Meadow Lake, Helena Valley Regulating Reservoir, and Lake Helena Wildlife Management Area all together contained 50 species. Gallatin County birders observed 70 species, including a 6 inch Northern Pigmy owl (see photo) near Little Bear Road. Unlike most owls, the Northern Pigmy owl often hunts during the day, so keep your eyes open and you might see one while you enjoy Montana's great outdoors this spring.

