

# WILDLIFE of GOLD HILL

SAGLE, IDAHO



**WHITE-TAILED DEER** *Odocoileus virginianus* (Large tail white underneath, no black tip, erect when startled, antlers branch up from main beam, numerous in populated areas near lake)



**MOOSE** *Alces alces* (Large, ungainly, dark brown body, gray legs, big overhanging snout, distinctive "palmate" antler)



**ELK** *Cervus canadensis*  
(Large pale yellow rump patch, small white tail)

**AMERICAN BLACK BEAR** *Ursus americanus*



**COYOTE** *Canis latrans*



**RED FOX** *Vulpes vulpes* (Bushy tail with white tip)



**BOBCAT** *Lynx rufus* (Short tail with tip black on top only)



**MOUNTAIN LION** *Puma concolor*



**SHORT-TAILED WEASEL** *Mustela erminea*  
(Turns all white in winter except black tail tip)



**COMMON RACCOON** *Procyon lotor*  
(Black face mask, rings on tail)





**AMERICAN RED SQUIRREL** *Tamiasciurus hudsonicus*  
(Ear tufts, black side stripe between the white belly and gray back)



**WESTERN CHIPMUNK** *Neotamias* sp.  
(possibly the "LEAST CHIPMUNK" *Neotamias minimus*)



**SNOWSHOE HARE** *Lepus americanus* (Brown-gray in summer, turns all white in winter except black ear tips, very large hind feet)



**DEER MOUSE** *Peromyscus maniculatus* (White feet and belly, tail dark above and white below and as long as rest of body)



**VESPER BAT** *Vespertilionidae*



**SIERRAN TREE FROG** *Pseudacris sierra* (Small frog, less than 2", black or dark brown eye stripe from nose across eye to shoulder, color variable green to gray or brown, pads on toe-tips)



**COMMON GARTER SNAKE** *Thamnophis sirtalis* (Variable color but usually with dorsal and lateral stripes and red blotches on sides)



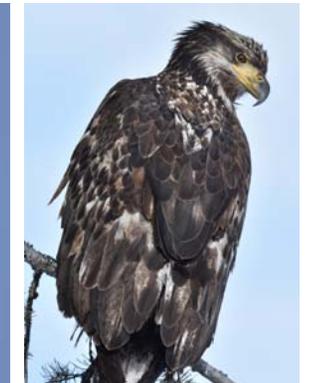
**AMERICAN COOT** *Fulica americana* (Rare visitor from lake, "chicken-like" in appearance)

**WILD TURKEY** *Meleagris gallopavo* (Adult male has hanging "beard" on breast)



**RUFFED GROUSE** *Bonasa umbellus*  
(Head crest, neck ruff prominent in males)

**CALIFORNIA QUAIL** *Callipepla californica*  
(“Comma-shaped” plume on crown of head)



**BALD EAGLE** *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*



**RED-TAILED HAWK** *Buteo jamaicensis*

**BARRED OWL** *Strix varia*



**NORTHERN PYGMY-OWL**  
*Glaucidium gnoma* (Very small owl,  
“eye-like spots on back of head”)



**RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD** *Selasphorus rufus* (Adult male perched, females)



**BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD**  
*Archilochus alexandri*



**PILEATED WOODPECKER** *Dryocopus pileatus*  
(Almost big as a crow, male has red stripe on cheek, pecks squarish holes in tree trunks, fast “wuk” series call)

**RED-SHAFTED FLICKER** *Colaptes auratus*  
(Underside of wings in flight salmon colored, male has red cheek, “kyeer” call)



**DOWNY WOODPECKER** *Dryobates pubescens* (Short bill, color and pattern very similar to Hairy Woodpecker)

**HAIRY WOODPECKER** *Dryobates villosus* (Male has red patch on back of head, body larger than Downy Woodpecker and bill much longer)



**RED-NAPED SAPSUCKER**  
*Sphyrapicus nuchalis*



**CORDILLERAN FLYATCHER** *Empidonax occidentalis*



**TREE SWALLOW** *Tachycineta bicolor* (White throat and breast, white doesn't extend above eye, back blue-black, immature grayish, catches insects in flight)



**VIOLET-GREEN SWALLOW**  
*Tachycineta thalassina* (White extends above eye, back green-black, white rump patches in flight)



**COMMON RAVEN** *Corvus corax* (Larger than crow, heavier bill, back of tail rounded or "V" shaped in flight)



**STELLER'S JAY** *Cyanocitta stelleri* (A camp robber)



**BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE** *Poecile atricapillus*



**CHESTNUT-BACKED CHICKADEE**  
*Poecile rufescens*



**BROWN CREEPER** *Certhia Americana*



**RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH** *Sitta canadensis*



**AMERICAN ROBIN** *Turdus migratorius*



**VARIED THRUSH** *Ixoreus naevius*



**EUROPEAN STARLING** *Sturnus vulgaris*



**TOWNSEND'S WARBLER** *Setophaga townsendi*



**NASHVILLE WARBLER** *Oreothlypis ruficapilla*



**WESTERN TANAGER** *Piranga ludoviciana*



**CHIPPING SPARROW** *Spizella passerina*



**SONG SPARROW** *Melospiza melodia*  
(Distinctive breast Spot, melodious song)





**DARK-EYED JUNCO** *Junco hyemalis*



**BLACK-HEADED GROSBEEK** *Pheucticus melanocephalus*



**EVENING GROSBEEK** *Coccothraustes vespertinus*  
(Male has yellow brow)



**PINE SISKIN** *Spinus pinus*



**GREEN COMMA BUTTERFLY** *Polygonia faunus* (Outer wing margins irregularly toothed, unique pattern of spots on top, underside grayish)



**LORQUIN'S ADMIRAL BUTTERFLY**  
*Limenitis lorquini*



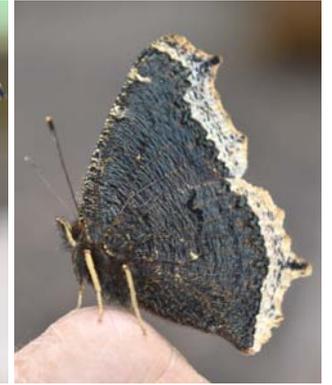
**PALE SWALLOWTAIL BUTTERFLY**  
*Papilio eurymedon*



**WESTERN TIGER SWALLOWTAIL BUTTERFLY**  
*Papilio rutulus*



**MOURNING CLOAK BUTTERFLY**  
*Nymphalis antiopa*



**RANCHMAN'S TIGER MOTH** *Arctia virginalis*



**FINGERED DAGGER MOTH** *Acronicta dactylina*



**POLYPHEMUS MOTH** *Antheraea polyphemus*  
(Our largest moth)



**WHITE UNDERWING MOTH** *Catocala relictata*





**WESTERN YELLOWJACKET** *Vespula pensylvanica*  
(Nests underground or in hollow trees and logs)

**BALD-FACED HORNET** *Dolichovespula maculata*  
(Builds above-ground paper nests in trees, bushes and under eaves)



**NEVADA BUMBLE BEE** *Bombus nevadensis*  
(Furry body, larger than honey bee)

*These are some of the animals most likely to be seen on Gold Hill, but not all.*

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