

Montana Screech Owl Surveys



Photo by Tyler Pockette



To learn more about this survey, including protocols, resources, and species identification, scan the QR code above.



Want to participate? Scan this QR code to fill out the interest form and we will email you the link to the training session.



Interested in participating in a statewide survey of Western and Eastern Screech Owls?

The Western Screech Owl is a species listed on Montana's Species of Greatest Inventory Need List and both Eastern and Western Screech Owls are listed as Potential Species of Concern. The SGIN and PSOC lists identify species in greatest need of survey and conservation efforts. With the last winter survey of these Owls occurring in 2014, and an increase in human development over the last decade, there is a major gap in our understanding of Screech Owl populations across the state.

Citizen science is an extremely valuable tool for conservationists and land managers. With this method, we can collect a large quantity of data about when and where Screech Owls are present across a broad geography. Each survey will consist of ten call stations along a driving transect route between sunset and sunrise. Though participants will need to learn Screech Owl vocalizations, this survey is open to anyone with an interest in bird conservation.

Are you ready to help answer these questions and inform wildlife conservation in Montana?

Please email Gwynne at gwynne@mtaudubon.org if you have any questions or would like to participate in this survey.