

Local Residents

*A number of smaller creatures are at home on Wilkerson Pass.
Look for them near the trail or in the sky.*



Black-billed magpie

Found only in the west, magpies are easily recognized by their loud call, and by their long, black tails with iridescent highlights. Their stick nests, built with dome-shaped roofs, are often used for shelter by other birds once the magpies have moved on.



Red-tailed hawk

This raptor nests in tall trees and feeds on small mammals, birds, reptiles, and some insects. Look for the red-orange tail and a speckled band across the belly.



Abert squirrel

Easily identified by their ear tufts, or tassel-ears and charcoal color, this larger squirrel lives in well established Ponderosa pine forests.



Stellar's jay

The jays crest stands at attention when the bird is excited. His loud, screeching call is easy to identify in the forest and campground.



Golden-mantled ground squirrel

With their tails held vertically, these bold creatures scamper across open areas or roads. Their high-pitched "chips" resemble the calls of sparrows and other songbirds. Their fearlessness makes us want to feed them. Please resist.



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