

Special Status Species

A wide variety of animals live and/or dwell in the forest lands around Last Chance Grade. Elk, deer, bears, bats, birds, and many other species common to Del Norte County are known to inhabit the area.

Several special status species, protected by federal and/or state laws, also are known to have habitat in the area—including the northern spotted owl and the marbled murrelet.



Marbled Murrelet

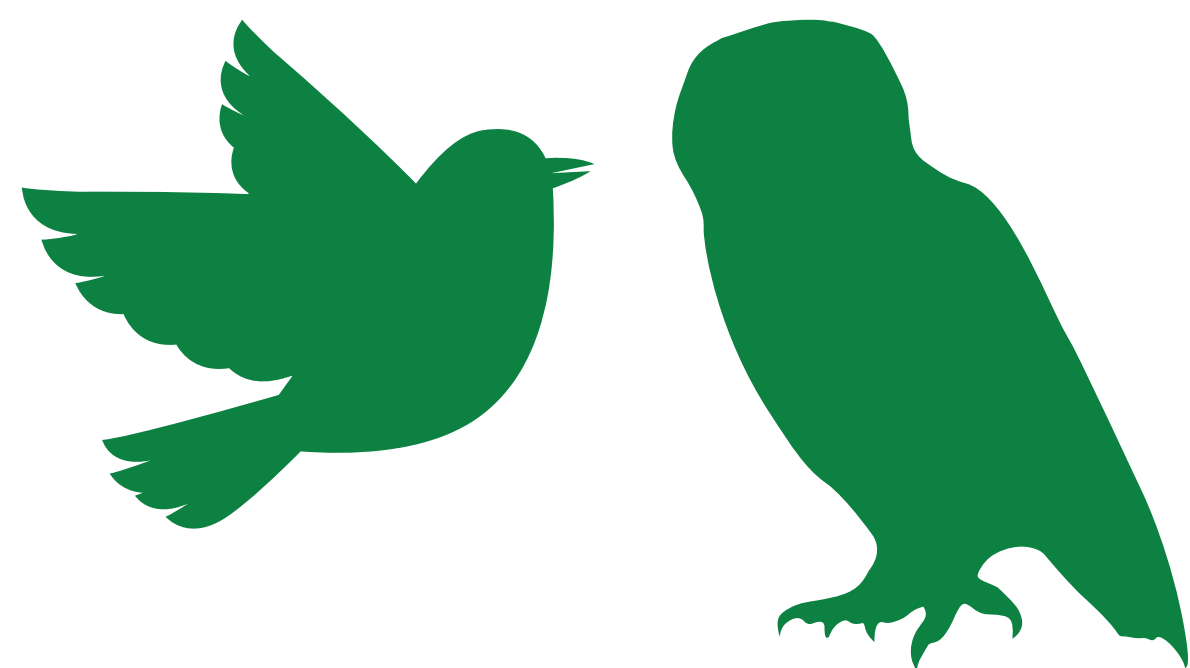
- Found in mature, coniferous forests
- Requires large branches which provide nesting platforms
- Present in the Last Chance Grade area



Northern Spotted Owl

- Found in coniferous forests
- Builds nests in treetops, cavities, and snags
- Not detected during surveys, but it is assumed the species may be present in the Last Chance Grade area

Habitat Impacts



Suitable Habitat for the Marbled Murrelet and Northern Spotted Owl

Estimated acres of redwood, Douglas-fir, and Sitka spruce forest permanently affected

