

chickadees & bushtits

- * chestnut-backed chickadee cR
- * bushtit cR

nuthatches & creepers

- * red-breasted nuthatch cR
- * brown creeper cR

wrens

- * Bewick's wren cR
- * house wren fcS
- * winter wren cR
- marsh wren fcSraW

dippers

- American dipper raW

kinglets & thrushes

- golden-crowned kinglet uS cW
- ruby-crowned kinglet fcW
- Townsend's solitaire uT
- mountain bluebird raT
- western bluebird raS
- varied thrush uS cW
- * American robin cR
- * Swainson's thrush cS
- hermit thrush uW fcT

mimids

- northern mockingbird ca1

starlings

- * European starling cR

pipits

- American pipit raW cT

waxwings

- * cedar waxwing cS raW

wood warblers, tanagers, sparrows, buntings, meadowlarks & blackbirds

- * orange-crowned warbler cS
- * yellow warbler cS
- yellow-rumped warbler--
- * Audubon's cS raW
- Myrtle fcT
- black-throated gray warbler uS
- Townsend's warbler cS raW
- * MacGillivray's warbler fcS
- * common yellowthroat cS
- * Wilson's warbler fcS
- western tanager fcS
- black-headed grosbeak uS

- * spotted towhee cR

- * chipping sparrow cS
- * savannah sparrow fcS cT
- vesper sparrow ca1
- golden-crowned sparrow cW
- white-throated sparrow uW
- * white-crowned sparrow cS uW
- fox sparrow cS cW
- * song sparrow cR
- Lincoln's sparrow raW uT
- * dark-eyed junco cR
- Lapland longspur raTf
- snow bunting raTf

- western meadowlark raW
- * brown-headed cowbird fcR
- yellow-headed blackbird ca2
- * red-winged blackbird cR
- * Brewer's blackbird cS
- evening grosbeak raR
- pine grosbeak raW

finches

- gray-crowned rosy-finch ca2
- * purple finch cR
- * house finch cR
- * red crossbill cR
- pine siskin cR
- * American goldfinch cS

old world sparrows

- * house sparrow cR

HYPOTHETICAL SPECIES

Reported, but with insufficient details.

- Bullock's oriole eurasian skylark
- great gray owl orchard oriole
- rock wren scissor-tailed flycatcher
- smew snowy egret
- white-faced ibis

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Bird names & taxonomic order follow

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182 sq km, plus local waters

Explanation of Symbols:

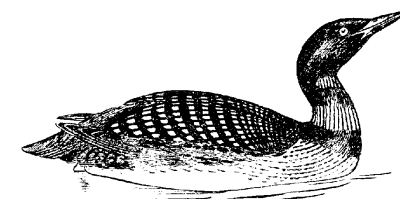
Relative abundance

N.B.- many species are common but rarely seen

- c** common-large numbers
25-100 per day
- fc** fairly common-often seen or heard.
5-25 per day
- u** uncommon- small numbers seen
or heard 1-5 per day
- ra** rare-less than 10 times per year
- ca** casual-less than one per year,
often outside normal range
- *** known to breed locally
- (1)** indicates number of records
for casual species

Seasonal Status

- R** Resident, present all year
- S** Summer
- W** Winter
- T** Transient spring & fall
- Tsp** Transient spring
- Tf** Transient fall



loons

- red-throated loon raS uW
- Pacific loon raS cW
- arctic loon ca1
- common loon uS cW
- yellow-billed loon raW

grebes

- red-necked grebe raS cW
- horned grebe raS cW
- eared grebe raW
- pied-billed grebe raS fcW
- western grebe uS cW
- Clark's grebe ca1

shearwaters & fulmars

- northern fulmar ca1
- short-tailed shearwater ca1
- sooty shearwater raTf

pelicans

- American white pelican ca1
- brown pelican ca1

cormorants

- * double-crested cormorant cR
- * pelagic cormorant cR
- Brandt's cormorant uS fcW

herons & bitterns

- American bittern ca1
- * great blue heron cR
- great egret ca1
- cattle egret ca

swans, geese & ducks

- mute swan uR cW
- trumpeter swan fcW uT
- tundra swan uT
- * Canada goose cR
- brant uTsp
- gtr. white-fronted goose raW uT
- snow goose ca1
- * wood duck uR
- * mallard cR
- gadwall raT
- northern pintail fcW
- American wigeon raS cW
- Eurasian wigeon uW
- northern shoveler raS uW
- cinnamon teal raS
- blue-winged teal raS
- green-winged teal raS cW
- canvasback uW
- redhead raW
- tufted duck ca1

- ring-necked duck cW
- greater scaup raS cW
- lesser scaup fcW
- king eider ca1
- harlequin duck uS cW
- long-tailed duck uW
- surf scoter uS cW
- black scoter uW
- white-winged scoter uS fcW
- common goldeneye raS cW
- Barrow's goldeneye cW
- * bufflehead raS cW
- * hooded merganser fcS cW
- common merganser uS cW
- red-breasted merganser uS cW
- ruddy duck raS uW

vultures

- * turkey vulture cS

ospreys, eagles, hawks & falcons

- northern harrier raW
- sharp-shinned hawk fcR cT
- * Cooper's hawk fcR
- northern goshawk raR
- Swainson's hawk ca1
- * red-tailed hawk uW cS
- rough-legged hawk raW
- golden eagle raT
- * bald eagle cR
- * osprey fcS
- * merlin uR fcT
- American kestrel raW raT
- * peregrine falcon uR fcT

quail, pheasants & grouse

- * California quail cR
- mountain quail ca1
- * ring-necked pheasant uR
- * blue grouse fcR
- * ruffed grouse fcR

rails and coots

- American coot fcW
- * Virginia rail uS raW
- * sora rS

plovers

- black-bellied plover raT
- * killdeer cR

oystercatchers

- * black oystercatcher fcR

sandpipers & phalaropes

- greater yellowlegs uW
- lesser yellowlegs uT

- solitary sandpiper uT
- spotted sandpiper uS raW
- ruddy turnstone fcW uT
- black turnstone raW raT
- wandering tattler uT
- surfbird uW fcT
- rock sandpiper uW
- dunlin fcW
- pectoral sandpiper uT
- Baird's sandpiper raT
- western sandpiper cT
- long-billed dowitcher fcT
- short-billed dowitcher fcT
- * common snipe raR
- red phalarope raT
- red-necked phalarope uT

jaegers, gulls & terns

- long-tailed jaeger ca1
- parasitic jaeger raT
- little gull ca2
- Bonaparte's gull uW fcT
- Franklin's gull raT
- mew gull uS cW
- ring-billed gull raW
- California gull raW cT
- herring gull uW
- Thayer's gull cW
- glaucous gull raW
- * glaucous-winged gull gucR
- western gull raS uW
- Heermann's gull uT
- Caspian tern raS
- common tern fcT

auks & murre

- common murre fcS cW
- * pigeon guillemot fcR
- ancient murrelet uW
- marbled murrelet fcR
- rhinoceros auklet fcS raW

pigeons & doves

- mourning dove raS
- * rock dove cR
- band-tailed pigeon fcS uW

barn-owls & typical owls

- barn owl raR
- short-eared owl raW raT
- * great horned owl uR
- snowy owl raW
- * barred owl fcR
- n. saw-whet owl raR
- * w. screech owl fcR
- northern pygmy-owl raR

goatsuckers

- * common nighthawk fcS

swifts

- Vaux's swift uS
- black swift uS

hummingbirds

- * Anna's hummingbird uR
- * rufous hummingbird cS

kingfishers

- * belted kingfisher cR

woodpeckers

- * red-breasted sapsucker fcR
- * downy woodpecker cR
- * hairy woodpecker cR
- * northern flicker cR
- * pileated woodpecker cR

tyrant flycatchers

- * olive-sided flycatcher fcS
- western wood-peewee raS
- * Pacific slope flycatcher cS
- * willow flycatcher cS
- eastern kingbird ca1

shrikes

- northern shrike raW

vireos

- warbling vireo fcS
- Hutton's vireo fcR
- Cassin's vireo fcS

jays, magpies & crows

- Steller's jay fcR
- gray jay ca1
- Clark's nutcracker ca1
- black-billed magpie ca2
- * common raven cR
- * northwestern crow cR

larks

- horned lark fcT

swallows

- purple martin raT
- n. rough-winged swallow uS fcT
- * violet-green swallow cS
- tree swallow uS fcT
- * cliff swallow uS
- * barn swallow cS