

Checklist of Cariboo-Chilcotin Birds



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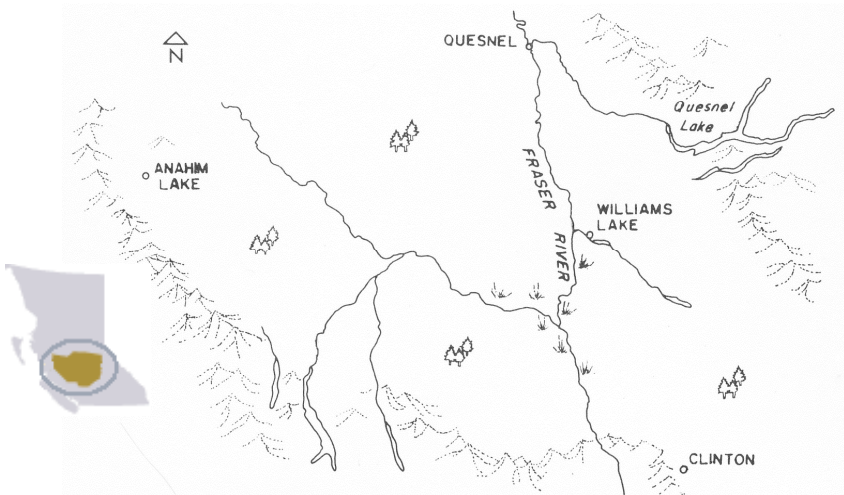
Explanation of Symbols

- █ **Common:** 20 or more individuals per day per locality
- ▬ **Fairly Common:** 7 to 20 individuals per day per locality
- ▬ **Uncommon:** 1 to 6 individuals per day per locality
- **Rare:** 1 to 6 individuals per season
- ⋯ **Occasional:** more than 6 records but not every year
- **Casual:** 2 to 6 records – or well outside normal date range
- **Accidental:** one record
- **Single Bird:** duration of stay
- █* **Irruptive:** may be absent in some years

The width of the bars represents the likelihood of encountering the species, in a given month, **and in the appropriate habitat**

Status Codes

N	Nests in checklist area
P	Probably nests in checklist area
I	Introduced
R	Recent addition to checklist
C	Change to species name
↑	Increased significantly in recent years
↓	Decreased significantly in recent years



The area covered by this checklist extends from Quesnel south to Clinton and from the Cariboo Mountains near Quesnel Lake west to the Coast Mountains near Anahim Lake

Species	Code	Status	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
GEESE-SWANS														
Greater White-fronted Goose	GWFG	↑	•			—	—					—	—	
Snow Goose	SNGO				—	—							—	—
Ross's Goose	ROGO			•			••							
Brant	BRAN							••		•		•		•
Cackling Goose	CACG	C			—	—				—	—			
Canada Goose	CAGO	N			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mute Swan	MUSW	IR												○
Trumpeter Swan	TRUS		—	—	—	—							—	—
Tundra Swan	TUSW				—	—							—	—
DUCKS														
Wood Duck	WODU	N↑				—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gadwall	GADW	N				—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Eurasian Wigeon	EUWI				—	—		•				••		
American Wigeon	AMWI	N			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mallard	MALL	N	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Blue-winged Teal	BWTE	N				—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cinnamon Teal	CITE	N				—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Northern Shoveler	NOSL	N				—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Northern Pintail	NOPI	N			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Green-winged Teal	GWTE	N				—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Canvasback	CANV	N				—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Redhead	REDH	N				—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ring-necked Duck	RNDU	N				—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tufted Duck	TUDU					—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Greater Scaup	GRSC					—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lesser Scaup	LESC	N				—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Harlequin Duck	HADU	N				—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Surf Scoter	SUSC					—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
White-winged Scoter	WWSC	N				—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Black Scoter	BLSC				•		•••							
Long-tailed Duck	LTDU	C				—	—			•				
Bufflehead	BUFF	N				—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Common Goldeneye	COGO	N	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Barrow's Goldeneye	BAGO	N	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hooded Merganser	HOME	N				—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Common Merganser	COME	N				—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Red-breasted Merganser	RBME					—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ruddy Duck	RUDU	N				—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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GROUSE-PTARMIGAN														
California Quail	CAQU	IN												
Chukar	CHUK	IN												
Ring-necked Pheasant	RNPH	IN												
Ruffed Grouse	RUGR	N												
Spruce Grouse	SPGR	N												
Willow Ptarmigan	WIPT	N												
Rock Ptarmigan	ROPT													
White-tailed Ptarmigan	WTPT	N												
Dusky Grouse	DUGR	NC												
Sooty Grouse	SOGR	PRC												
Sharp-tailed Grouse	STGR	N												
LOONS														
Red-throated Loon	RTLO						•	•		••	•		→	
Pacific Loon	PALO													
Common Loon	COLO	N												
Yellow-billed Loon	YBLO							•				•	•	▶
GREBES														
Pied-billed Grebe	PBGR	N												
Horned Grebe	HOGR	N												
Red-necked Grebe	RNGR	N												
Eared Grebe	EAGR	N												
Western Grebe	WEGR													
Clark's Grebe	CLGR	R										•	•	
CORMORANTS														
Double-crested Cormorant	DCCO	N↑												
PELICANS														
American White Pelican	AWPE	N↑												
Brown Pelican	BRPE	R						•		•				
EGRETS-HERONS														
American Bittern	AMBI	N												
Great Blue Heron	GBHE	N												
Great Egret	GREG													
Cattle Egret	CAEG													
Green Heron	GRHE													
Black-crowned Night Heron	BCNH													

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VULTURES														
Turkey Vulture	TUVU	↑P												
OSPREY-EAGLES-HAWKS														
Osprey	OSPR	N												
Bald Eagle	BAEA	N												
Northern Harrier	NOHA	N												
Sharp-shinned Hawk	SSHA	N												
Cooper's Hawk	COHA	N												
Northern Goshawk	NOGO	N												
Broad-winged Hawk	BWHA	R												
Swainson's Hawk	SWHA													
Red-tailed Hawk	RTHA	N												
Rough-legged Hawk	RLHA													
Golden Eagle	GOEA	N												
FALCONS														
Eurasian Kestrel	EUKE													
American Kestrel	AMKE	N												
Merlin	MERL	N												
Gyrfalcon	GYRF													
Peregrine Falcon	PEFA	N												
Prairie Falcon	PRFA	N												
RAILS-COOTS														
Yellow Rail	YERA	PR												
Virginia Rail	VIRA	N												
Sora	SORA	N												
American Coot	AMCO	N												
CRANES														
Sandhill Crane	SACR	N												
Whooping Crane	WHCR													
PLOVERS														
Black-bellied Plover	BBPL													
American Golden-Plover	AMGP	N												
Pacific Golden-Plover	PAGP	R												
Semipalmated Plover	SEPL	N												
Killdeer	KILL	N												

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STILTS-AVOCETS														
Black-necked Stilt	BNST								-----					
American Avocet	AMAV	N↑					-----	-----						
SANDPIPERS-PHALAROPES														
Spotted Sandpiper	SPSA	N					-----	-----						
Solitary Sandpiper	SOSA	N					-----	-----						
Wandering Tattler	WATA							•		•		•		
Greater Yellowlegs	GRYE	N				-----	-----	-----	-----					
Lesser Yellowlegs	LEYE	P				-----	-----		-----	-----				
Upland Sandpiper	UPSA	N									•			
Whimbrel	WHIM						•	••						
Long-billed Curlew	LBCU	N				-----	-----	-----						
Hudsonian Godwit	HUGO							○						
Marbled Godwit	MAGO						••							
Ruddy Turnstone	RUTU							○						
Sanderling	SAND						•		-----	-----				
Semipalmated Sandpiper	SESA					-----	-----		-----	-----				
Western Sandpiper	WESA					-----	-----		-----	-----				
Least Sandpiper	LESA	N				-----	-----		-----	-----				
White-rumped Sandpiper	WRSA	R										•	•	
Baird's Sandpiper	BASA					-----	-----		-----	-----				
Pectoral Sandpiper	PESA									-----	-----			
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	SHSA	R												
Dunlin	DUNL													
Stilt Sandpiper	STSA													
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	BBSA									•	•	•		
Short-billed Dowitcher	SBDO													
Long-billed Dowitcher	LBDO					-----	-----	-----	-----					
Wilson's Snipe	WISN	N				-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				
Wilson's Phalarope	WIPH	N				-----	-----	-----	-----					
Red-necked Phalarope	RNPL						-----		-----	-----				
Red Phalarope	REPH	R											•	
GULLS-TERNS-JAEGERS														
Sabine's Gull	SAGU								•					
Bonaparte's Gull	BOGU	N				-----	-----	-----	-----					
Franklin's Gull	FRGU													
Mew Gull	MEGU													
Ring-billed Gull	RBGU	N				-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				
California Gull	CAGU					-----	-----			-----	-----			

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Herring Gull	HERG	N				■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	●
Thayer's Gull	THGU											-----		
Glaucous-winged Gull	GWGU				●		●●		●					●
Glaucous Gull	GLGU						●							●
Caspian Tern	CATE	↑P					■	■	■	■				
Black Tern	BLTE	N				●	■	■	■	■				
Common Tern	COTE					●	■			■	■			
Arctic Tern	ARTE	N					■	■	■	■	-----			
Forster's Tern	FOTE	R					●●	●						
Pomarine Jaeger	POJA												●	●
Parasitic Jaeger	PAJA	R											●	
Long-tailed Jaeger	LTJA										-----			
PIGEONS-DOVES														
Rock Pigeon	ROPI	NC	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Band-tailed Pigeon	BTPI	P										-----		
Eurasian Collared-Dove	ECDO	RP						■	■	■	■			
Mourning Dove	MODO	N						■	■	■	■			
CUCKOOS														
Black-billed Cuckoo	BBCU								○					
OWLS														
Barn Owl	BNOW											-----		
Flammulated Owl	FLOW	N					■	■	■	■				
Western Screech-Owl	WESO	PR					○							
Great Horned Owl	GHOW	N	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Snowy Owl	SNOW		-----									-----		
Northern Hawk Owl	NHOW	N												
Northern Pygmy-Owl	NPOW	N	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Burrowing Owl	BUOW						●	●				●	●	●
Barred Owl	BAOW	N	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Great Gray Owl	GGOW	N	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Long-eared Owl	LEOW	N	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Short-eared Owl	SEOW	N↓				■	■					■	■	
Boreal Owl	BOOW	N	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Northern Saw-whet Owl	NSWO	N	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
NIGHTJARS														
Common Nighthawk	CONI	N						■	■	■	■			
Common Poorwill	COPO	N				■	■	■	■	■	■			

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SWIFTS														
Black Swift	BLSW	N							██████████					
Vaux's Swift	VASW	P						██████████	██████████					
White-throated Swift	WTSW	N					██████████	██████████						
HUMMINGBIRDS														
Black-chinned Hummingbird	BCHU	P						██████████	██████████					
Anna's Hummingbird	ANHU												
Calliope Hummingbird	CAHU	N						██████████	██████████					
Rufous Hummingbird	RUHU	N						██████████	██████████				
KINGFISHERS														
Belted Kingfisher	BEKI	N					██████████	██████████	██████████					
WOODPECKERS														
Lewis's Woodpecker	LEWO	N							██████████	██████████				
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	YBSA	NR							•				•	
Red-naped Sapsucker	RNSA	N						██████████	██████████	██████████				
Red-breasted Sapsucker	RBSA	N						██████████	██████████				
Downy Woodpecker	DOWO	N	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████
Hairy Woodpecker	HAWO	N	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████
Am. Three-toed Woodpecker	ATTW	N	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████
Black-backed Woodpecker	BBWO	N	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████
Northern Flicker	NOFL	N	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████
Pileated Woodpecker	PIWO	N	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████
FLYCATCHERS														
Olive-sided Flycatcher	OSFL	N							██████████	██████████				
Western Wood-Peevee	WWPE	N							██████████	██████████				
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	YBFL	R							•				•	
Alder Flycatcher	ALFL	N							██████████	██████████				
Willow Flycatcher	WIFL	N							██████████	██████████				
Least Flycatcher	LEFL	N							██████████	██████████				
Hammond's Flycatcher	HAFL	N							██████████	██████████				
Dusky Flycatcher	DUFL	N							██████████	██████████				
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	PSFL	N							██████████	██████████				
Say's Phoebe	SAPH	N							██████████	██████████				•
Western Kingbird	WEKI	N							██████████	██████████				
Eastern Kingbird	EAKI	N							██████████	██████████				

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CREEPERS														
Brown Creeper	BRCR	N	—————											
WRENS-DIPPER-KINGLETS														
Rock Wren	ROWR	N						—————						
House Wren	HOWR	N					-----							
Pacific Wren	PAWR	NC						—————						
Marsh Wren	MAWR	N						—————						
American Dipper	AMDI	N	—————											
Golden-crowned Kinglet	GCKI	N	—————											
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	RCKI	N					—————							
BLUEBIRDS-THRUSHES														
Western Bluebird	WEBL							•	••					
Mountain Bluebird	MOBL	N						—————						
Townsend's Solitaire	TOSO	N	—————											
Veery	VEER	N						—————						
Gray-cheeked Thrush	GCTH	RN						—————						
Swainson's Thrush	SWTH	N						—————						
Hermit Thrush	HETH	N						—————						
American Robin	AMRO	N						—————						
Varied Thrush	VATH	N						—————						
CATBIRDS-THRASHERS														
Gray Catbird	GRCA	N						—————					•	
Northern Mockingbird	NOMO							-----						
Sage Thrasher	SATH							•			•			
STARLINGS														
European Starling	EUST	NI	—————											
PIPITS														
American Pipit	AMPI	N						—————						
Sprague's Pipit	SPPI	N						-----						
WAXWINGS														
Bohemian Waxwing	BOWA	N	—————											
Cedar Waxwing	CEWA	N						—————						••
BUNTINGS														
Lapland Longspur	LALO						———					———		

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Snow Bunting	SNBU		██████████												██████████	
WARBLERS																
Ovenbird	OVEN						•	••	•							
Northern Waterthrush	NOWA	N					██████████									
Black-and-white Warbler	BAWW						•	•			•					
Tennessee Warbler	TEWA	N					-----									
Orange-crowned Warbler	OCWA	N					██████████									
Nashville Warbler	NAWA	N					██████████									
MacGillivray's Warbler	MACW	N					██████████									
Common Yellowthroat	COYE	N					██████████									
American Redstart	AMRE	N					██████████									
Cape May Warbler	CMWA	R											•	•→		
Magnolia Warbler	MGNW						██████████									
Yellow Warbler	YEWA	N					██████████									
Chestnut-sided Warbler	CSWA	NR								••						
Blackpoll Warbler	BKPW	N					-----									
Palm Warbler	PAWA						•						•			
Yellow-rumped Warbler	YRWA	N					██████████									
Townsend's Warbler	TOWA	N					██████████									
Wilson's Warbler	WIWA	N					██████████									
Yellow-breasted Chat	YBCH	R					•	••	→							
SPARROWS																
Spotted Towhee	SPTO	NC↑					██████████									
American Tree Sparrow	ATSP															
Chipping Sparrow	CHSP	N					██████████					•	•			
Clay-coloured Sparrow	CCSP	N↑					██████████									
Brewer's Sparrow	BRSP						-----									
Vesper Sparrow	VESP	N					██████████									
Lark Sparrow	LASP	N					-----									
Lark Bunting	LKBU						••									
Savannah Sparrow	SAVS	N					██████████									
Grasshopper Sparrow	GRSP															
Le Conte's Sparrow	LCSP						•	••								
Fox Sparrow	FOSP	N					██████████									
Song Sparrow	SOSP	N	██████████													
Lincoln's Sparrow	LISP	N					██████████								•	
Swamp Sparrow	SWSP	↑P					•	•	•	•						
White-throated Sparrow	WTSP	N↑					█				█					
Harris's Sparrow	HASP							•			•					

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White-crowned Sparrow	WCSP	N					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Golden-crowned Sparrow	GCSP	N					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Dark-eyed Junco	DEJU	N	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
CARDINALS														
Scarlet Tanager	SCTA													▶▶
Western Tanager	WETA	N					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	RBGR												
Black-headed Grosbeak	BHGR	P											
Lazuli Bunting	LZBU	N↑					■	■	■	■	■			
Indigo Bunting	INBU	R					•	•			•			
Dickcissel	DICK			•			•	→						
ICTERIDS														
Bobolink	BOBO	N						■	■	■	■			
Red-winged Blackbird	RWBL	N	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Western Meadowlark	WEME	N	•		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	•
Yellow-headed Blackbird	YHBL	N					■	■	■	■	■	■		•
Rusty Blackbird	RUBL	N											
Brewer's Blackbird	BRBL	N					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Common Grackle	COGR	NR											
Brown-headed Cowbird	BHCO	N					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Bullock's Oriole	BUOR	NC					■	■	■	■	■			
FINCHES														
Brambling	BRAM												•	•
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	GCRF	N	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Pine Grosbeak	PIGR	N	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Purple Finch	PUFI	N					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Cassin's Finch	CAFI	N					■	■	■	■	■	■		
House Finch	HOFI	N	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Red Crossbill	RECR	N	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
White-winged Crossbill	WWCR	N	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Common Redpoll	CORE		■	■	■	■	■					■	■	■
Hoary Redpoll	HORE												
Pine Siskin	PISI	N	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
American Goldfinch	AMGO	N	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Evening Grosbeak	EVGR	N	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
OLD WORLD SPARROWS														
House Sparrow	HOSP	NI	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

The Checklist contains 317 species.

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Species of Special interest in the Cariboo Chilcotin

American White Pelican: only nesting colony in BC

Eared Grebe: significant nesting area

Barrow's Goldeneye: major nesting populations

American Avocet: new range expansion

Long-billed Curlew: major nesting area

Arctic Tern: very rare nesting site

Semipalmated Plover: rare nesting locations

Prairie Falcon: rare nesting locations

White-throated Swift: most northerly nesting area

Flammulated Owl: most northerly nesting area

Vesper Sparrow: significant nesting population

Prime Cariboo Chilcotin Birding Areas

Scout Island Nature Centre: Williams Lake

Alkali Lake: 50 km west of W.L. on Dog Creek Road

Chilanko Marsh: 200 km west of W.L. on hwy. 20

Becher Prairie ponds: on the plateau West of the Fraser River

Horsefly Bay: on Quesnel Lake at the mouth of the Horsefly River

100 Mile Marsh: 100 Mile House

Churn Creek Provincial Park: 50 km south of Alkali Lake

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If you observe rare species, please document your observation by photograph if possible and report the sighting to muskratexpress@midbc.com or



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