# 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

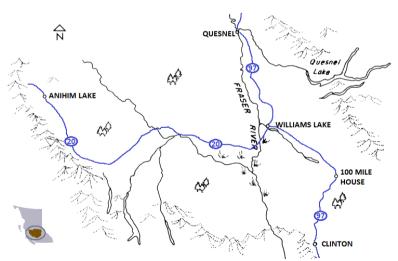
Single Bird: duration of stay

**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
<b>↑</b>	Increased significantly in recent years
$\downarrow$	Decreased significantly in recent years



The area covered by this checklist follows the boundaries of the former Cariboo Forest Region and extends from north of Quesnel to south of Clinton, and from the Cariboo Mountains west to the Coast Mountains beyond Anahim Lake

Species	Code Status	J	F	М	Α	М	J	J	Α	S	Ο	N	D
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GEESE-SWANS Snow Goose	SNGO ↑			_						١.			
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Ross's Goose Greater White-fronted Goose		١.			_								
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_Brant	BRAN								_			Ľ.	L
_Cackling Goose	CACG C												
_Canada Goose	CAGO N												
Mute Swan	MUSW IR				Ĺ	]							
Trumpeter Swan	TRUS ↑			Ξ					1	Ī			
Tundra Swan	TUSW												
DUCKS													
Wood Duck	WODU N↑										-		
_Blue-winged Teal	BWTE N				-	-				-	-		
_Cinnamon Teal	CITE N			-	-					-	+		
Northern Shoveler	NSHO N			-							-	_	
Gadwall	GADW N				-						-		
 Eurasian Wigeon	EUWI ↑			-		-	•			•	•		0
American Wigeon	AMWI N											_	-
Mallard	MALL N												
Northern Pintail	NOPI N			-							-	_	ļ
Green-winged Teal	GWTE N			_							-	_	
Canvasback	CANV N										_	L	
Redhead	REDH N				-					-		_	L
Ring-necked Duck	RNDU N		-	-							-		_
Tufted Duck	TUDU					Γ					Γ		
Greater Scaup	GRSC		-	ļ	-	<u>_</u>	Ļ			-		_	L
Lesser Scaup	LESC N			_							_	_	
Harlequin Duck	HADU N												
Surf Scoter	SUSC					_	-	ļ		L.	_	L	
White-winged Scoter	WWSC N					-					L		
Black Scoter	BLSC												
Black Scoter Long-tailed Duck	LTDU C				-		ļ					L.,	
Bufflehead	BUFF N			4									
Common Goldeneye	COGO N												_
Barrow's Goldeneye	BAGO N			J							<u> </u>		
Barrow's Goldeneye Hooded Merganser				_									
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_Common Merganser													ļ
Red-breasted Merganser	RBME												
Ruddy Duck	RUDU N												

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GROUSE-PTARMIGAN													
California Quail	CAQU IN												
Spruce Grouse	SPGR N								-				
Ruffed Grouse	RUGR N								H				
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												
Ring-necked Pheasant	RNPH IN												
Chukar	CHUK IN												
GREBES													
Pied-billed Grebe	PBGR N		_	-	-				H			-	-
Horned Grebe	HOGR N		ļ	ļ	-						-		<u> </u>
Red-necked Grebe	RNGR N				4				E			-	
Eared Grebe	EAGR N				-							ļ	
Western Grebe	WEGR				-	-	ļ	ļ	ļ <b>,</b>			-	
Clark's Grebe	CLGR R									•	•		
PIGEONS-DOVES													
Rock Pigeon	ROPI NC												
Band-tailed Pigeon	BTPI			-		ļ		ļ	ļ				
Eurasian Collared-Dove	ECDO RIN					_							
Mourning Dove	MODO N↓												
CUCKOOS													
Black-billed Cuckoo	BBCU							0					
NIGHTJARS													
Common Nighthawk	CONI N					-			H	-			
Common Poorwill	COPO N									-			
SWIFTS													
Black Swift	BLSW N					-	-		L	_	1		
Vaux's Swift	VASW N				-	_			<b>L</b>	$\vdash$			
White-throated Swift	WTSW N				4				-	+			
HUMMINGBIRDS													
Rivoli's Hummingbird	RIHU RC							6					

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Black-chinned Hummingbird	BCHU						_			T				
Anna's Hummingbird	ANHU									_				
Calliope Hummingbird	CAHU	N				-			E		İ			
Rufous Hummingbird	RUHU	N												
RAILS-COOTS														
Virginia Rail	VIRA	N		ļ	-	-					-	ļ		
Sora	SORA	N				-	-				-	ŀ		
American Coot	AMCO	N			-4									
Yellow Rail	YERA	PR					-							
CRANES														
Sandhill Crane	SACR	N			-	-						-	•	• •
Whooping Crane	WHCR					c								
STILTS-AVOCETS	DNCT	NT				_								
Black-necked Stilt	BNST													
American Avocet	AMAV	NŢ												
PLOVERS														
Black-bellied Plover	BBPL						-			-		$\vdash$		
American Golden-Plover	AMGP	N									<b>-</b>			
Pacific Golden-Plover	PAGP	R					•			•				
Killdeer	KILL	N			4									
Semipalmated Plover	SEPL	N					_		-		-	H		
Snowy Plover	SNPL	R					٥							
SANDPIPERS-PHALAROPE	S													
Upland Sandpiper	UPSA	N						ļ						
Whimbrel	WHIM					•		•						
Long-billed Curlew	LBCU	N			-									
Hudsonian Godwit	HUGO						٥							
Marbled Godwit	MAGO						• •							
Ruddy Turnstone	RUTU						٥			00				
Black Turnstone	BLTU	R												
Ruff	RUFF	R								•	•			
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	SHSA	R								-	ļ			
Stilt Sandpiper	STSA											H		
Sanderling	SAND						•					H		
Dunlin	DUNL						-			•	-	<del> </del>		L
Baird's Sandpiper	BASA					-	-	-	-		-			
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Least Sandpiper	LESA N												
White-rumped Sandpiper	WRSA R					**							
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	BBSA							•	_				
Pectoral Sandpiper	PESA							_					
Semipalmated Sandpiper	SESA												
Western Sandpiper	WESA				_								
Short-billed Dowitcher	SBDO					_		_			Ľ		
Long-billed Dowitcher	LBDO												
Wilson's Snipe	WISN N				_								
Spotted Sandpiper	SPSA N					-				_		-	
Solitary Sandpiper	SOSA N				-								
Wandering Tattler	WATA					_•			<u> </u>	•			
Lesser Yellowlegs	LEYE P												
Greater Yellowlegs	GRYE N				•	_		۳		┪	<del>                                     </del>	†	
Wilson's Phalarope	WIPH N				-								
Red-necked Phalarope	RNPL					-			-	┢			
Red Phalarope	REPH R										•	<b>†</b>	
JAEGERS													
Pomarine Jaeger	POJA										•	•	
Parasitic Jaeger	PAJA R					•							
Long-tailed Jaeger	LTJA									ļ			
GULLS-TERNS													
Black-legged Kittiwake	BLKI R							٥					
Black-legged Kittiwake Sabine's Gull	SAGU				١,	ļ				ļ			
Bonaparte's Gull	BOGU N				_	_				L		L	
Bonaparte's Gun Franklin's Gull	FRGU								ļ	$\prod$			
Short-billed Gull	SBIG CN						_		_			Ļ	
Short-blicd Gull	RBGU N			_							_		
California Gull	CAGU												
Herring Gull	HERG N			_		<u>_</u>						_	
nerning Guil Iceland Gull	ICGU C												
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Glaucous-winged Guii Glaucous Gull													
Caspian Tern	GLGU								L			-	
Caspian Tern Black Tern	CATE ↑P												
Black Tern Common Tern	BLTE N						_						
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Red-throated Loon	RTLO						•	•		••	•	•		il.
Pacific Loon	PALO				•			ļ	ļ		-		<u> </u> -	ì
Common Loon	COLO	N				4	-			-			•	
Yellow-billed Loon	YBLO		٠		-			•				•	•	₽
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CORMORANTS														ì
Double-crested Cormorant	DCCO	N↑				-								i l
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PELICANS														il.
American White Pelican	AWPE				-	4							ſ	i l
Brown Pelican	BRPE	R					•		١ '	1				i l
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EGRETS-HERONS														i l
American Bittern	AMBI				_									il.
Great Blue Heron	GBHE	N			_									
Great Egret	GREG													il.
Cattle Egret	CAEG	R								•				il.
Green Heron	GRHE							•		•	٠.			il.
Black-crowned Night Heron	BCNH									•	•			il.
White-faced Ibis	WFIB						•		ľ					1
VULTURES														1
Turkey Vulture	TUVU	↑P												•>
Turkey vulture	10 10	1												il.
OSPREY-EAGLES-HAWKS														1
Osprey	OSPR	N				-					-	<u></u>		il.
White-tailed Kite	WTKI	R					٥							il.
Golden Eagle	GOEA	N												
Northern Harrier	NOHA	N				-								<b></b> -
Sharp-shinned Hawk	SSHA	N			-	-	-				-		-	
Cooper's Hawk	COHA	N				-						<u> </u>		 I
Northern Goshawk	NOGO	N												_
_Bald Eagle	BAEA	N			-	-								_
Broad-winged Hawk	BWHA	$R \uparrow P$									F			il.
Swainson's Hawk	SWHA	P				-						•		ì
Red-tailed Hawk	RTHA	N												
Rough-legged Hawk	RLHA				-	_	1				-	-	_	
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OWLS														i l
Barn Owl	BANO									····				ì

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Flammulated Owl	FLOW N				-	_				_			
Western Screech-Owl	WESO PR					ļ	ļ				•		٠
Great Horned Owl	GHOW N												_
Snowy Owl	SNOW		ļ	ļ								ļ	
Northern Hawk Owl	NHOW N												
Northern Pygmy-Owl	NOPO N												
Burrowing Owl	BUOW			٠		•				•	•	•	1
Barred Owl	BADO 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												
KINGFISHERS													
Belted Kingfisher	BEKI N		ļ	H						_			
Bened Kinghisher	DEKI IV												1
WOODPECKERS													
Lewis's Woodpecker	LEWO N					_				<u> </u>			1
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	YBSA NR							•		•			ı
Red-naped Sapsucker	RNSA N				4					-	<u> </u>		ı
Red-breasted Sapsucker	RBSA N			-	-				_		_	-	i i
Am. Three-toed Woodpecker	ATTW N												_
Black-backed Woodpecker	BBWO N												_
Hairy Woodpecker	HAWO N												
Downy Woodpecker	DOWO N												
Northern Flicker	NOFL N												
Pileated Woodpecker	PIWO N												
FALCONS													
Eurasian Kestrel	EUKE												0
American Kestrel	AMKE N											<u> </u>	
Merlin	MERL N		L										
Gyrfalcon	GYRF		ļ	ļ								ļ	
Peregrine Falcon	PEFA N											L	
Prairie Falcon	PRFA N	•											
FLYCATCHERS													
Western Kingbird	WEKI N				-								
Eastern Kingbird	EAKI N												
Olive-sided Flycatcher	OSFL N					-							

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Western Wood-Peewee	WWPE	N					-			-	_			
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	YBFL							•		•				
Alder Flycatcher	ALFL	N					-	_		┢	L			
Willow Flycatcher	WIFL	N					-			-	-			
Least Flycatcher	LEFL	N					-	_		-	$\vdash$			
Hammond's Flycatcher	HAFL	N				-					H			
Dusky Flycatcher	DUFL	N				-	-				-			
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	<b>PSFL</b>	N					-			-	-			
Black Phoebe	BLPH	R						}						
Say's Phoebe	SAPH									_			•	
VIREOS														
Cassin's Vireo	CAVI	NC				-	_							
Warbling Vireo	WAVI	N					-			H	-	ļ.		
Red-eyed Vireo	REVI	N					• -				-			
SHRIKES														
Loggerhead Shrike	LOSH					•								
Northern Shrike	NSHR					_	ļ			ļ		_		
JAYS-MAGPIES-CROWS														
_Canada Jay	CAJA	NC												
Steller's Jay	STJA	N N												
Blue Jay	BLJA	N												
Clark's Nutcracker	CLNU	- '												
Black-billed Magpie	BBMA													
American Crow	AMCR													
Common Raven	CORA													
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CHICKADEES	D.C.C.	N.T.												
Black-capped Chickadee	BCCH													
Mountain Chickadee	MOCH													
Chestnut-backed Chickadee Boreal Chickadee	CBCH													
boreai Unickadee	ВОСН	IN												
LARKS														
Horned Lark	HOLA	N												•
SWALLOWS														
Bank Swallow	BANS	N					_				-			
Tree Swallow	TRES	N			-						†			

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Winlet annu Consiliano	WCCW N												
Violet-green Swallow	VGSW N NRWS N				_								
No. Rough-winged Swallow Barn Swallow		Ι.			_								
Cliff Swallow	BARS N		ľ										
Cilii Swallow	CLSW N												
KINGLET													
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	RCKI N			-									
Golden-crowned Kinglet	GCKI N				-								
WAXWINGS													
Bohemian Waxwing	BOWA P			-									
Cedar Waxwing	CEWA N			Γ		-4				-	ļ		
ccdar waxwing	CEWII IV									Γ			
NUTHATCH-CREEPER-WR	EN												
Red-breasted Nuthatch	RBNU N												
White-breasted Nuthatch	WBNU P												
Pygmy Nuthatch	PYNU						0						
Brown Creeper	BRCR N	_											
Rock Wren	ROWR N				-				_				
House Wren	HOWR N↑										-		
Pacific Wren	PAWR NC				-						-		
Marsh Wren	MAWR N			-									
MIMID													
Gray Catbird	GRCA N					-					ļ		
Sage Thrasher	SATH						•						
Northern Mockingbird	NOMO						ļ		ļ	ļ.			
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STARLINGS													
European Starling	EUST NI												
DIPPER													
American Dipper	AMDI N												
American Dipper	AIVIDI IN												
BLUEBIRDS-THRUSHES													
Western Bluebird	WEBL N			_		•	**	•	<u> </u>				
Mountain Bluebird	MOBL N			4									
Townsend's Solitaire	TOSO N				H								
Veery	VEER N					-			-	t			
Gray-cheeked Thrush	GCTH RN						_			-			
Swainson's Thrush	SWTH N					-				-			

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Hermit Thrush	HETH	N				_	-					H		'
American Robin	AMRO	N		-	-							-		
Varied Thrush	VATH	N		-	-									
OLD WORLD SPARROWS														
House Sparrow	HOSP	NI												
DYDYTTC														
PIPITS	4.3.4DI					_	_							
American Pipit	AMPI	N				_								
Sprague's Pipit	SPPI	N												
FINCHES														
Brambling	BRAM												•	••
Evening Grosbeak	EVGR	N		*									,	7
Pine Grosbeak	PIGR	N		*	┢-							H	*	
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	GCRF	N			H							-		
House Finch	HOFI	N												
Purple Finch	PUFI	N				_						-		
Cassin's Finch	CAFI	N				_								
Common Redpoll	CORE			*		-	-					4	*	
Hoary Redpoll	HORE													ļ
Red Crossbill	RECR	N							7					
White-winged Crossbill	WWCR	N						3	7					
Pine Siskin	PISI	N						*						_
_Lesser Goldfinch	LEGO						٥							
American Goldfinch	AMGO	N									-			
BUNTINGS														
Lapland Longspur	LALO					_				-	_		L	
Thick-billed Longspur	TBLO	С						,	}					
Snow Bunting	SNBU	C				_						-		_
SPARROWS														
Grasshopper Sparrow	GRSP								٥					
Lark Sparrow	LASP	N											•	*
Lark Bunting	LARB						<u> </u>	•						
Chipping Sparrow	CHSP	N				-					-		• •	•
Clay-coloured Sparrow	CCSP	N↑					-				•			
Brewer's Sparrow	BRSP						-			†				
Fox Sparrow	FOSP	N			<del> </del>	-					_	$\vdash$		
American Tree Sparrow	ATSP						-							

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Dark-eyed Junco	DEJU N												
White-crowned Sparrow	WCSP N										I.		
Golden-crowned Sparrow	GCSP N										Γ		
Harris's Sparrow	HASP						•						
White-throated Sparrow	WTSP N↑									L.	Γ		
Vesper Sparrow	VESP N				7			••		T.			
LeConte's Sparrow	LCSP							••		Ľ			
Savannah Sparrow	SAVS N												
Song Sparrow	SOSP N												
Lincoln's Sparrow	LISP N				7							Ť	•
Swamp Sparrow	SWSP P↑											Γ.	·
Spotted Towhee	SPTO ↑CN			_							T		
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Yellow-breasted Chat	YBCH R					•	•		•				
Yellow-headed Blackbird	YHBL N			-	4					<b> -</b> -	<u> </u>		•
Bobolink	BOBO N					-			╄-	_			
Western Meadowlark	WEME N		•	-					┢-		-		•
Hooded Oriole	HOOR R					0							
Bullock's Oriole	BUOR NC					-			-	-			
Baltimore Oriole	BAOR												
Red-winged Blackbird	RWBL N										-		
Brown-headed Cowbird	BHCO N		ļ	ļ							Γ	ļ	ļ
Rusty Blackbird	RUBL N												
Brewer's Blackbird	BRBL N			_						-	-		
Common Grackle	COGR NR		ļ	-			ļ			Γ			ļ
Great-tailed Grackle	GTGR R					0							
WARD EDG													
WARBLERS	OVEN												
Ovenbird	OVEN					_	••	•		L			
Northern Waterthrush	NOWA N					_				Г			
Golden-winged Warbler	GWWA R						°						
Black-and-white Warbler	BAWW					_	_		Ľ				
Tennessee Warbler	TEWA N												
Orange-crowned Warbler	OCWA N				-								
Nashville Warbler	NAWA N				-						Γ		
MacGillivray's Warbler	MGWA N										1		
Common Yellowthroat	COYE N									Γ	T		
American Redstart	AMRE N					•				$\vdash$			
Cape May Warbler	CMWA R									•	•	•	*
Northern Parula	NOPA R						0						

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Magnolia Warbler	MAWA						-					-		
Chestnut-sided Warbler	CSWA						_			••				
Yellow Warbler	YEWA						_					Ī		
Blackpoll Warbler	BLPW	N					-				Ī			
Palm Warbler	PAWA					_	L•				••	L		
Yellow-rumped Warbler	YRWA		•		_	•							_	
Black-throated Gray Warbler	BTYW									•				
Townsend's Warbler	TOWA	N					-				•	$\vdash$		
Wilson's Warbler	WIWA	N				-								
CARDINALS														
Scarlet Tanager	SCTA	R												**
Western Tanager	WETA						-				-			
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	RBGR											-		
Black-headed Grosbeak	BHGR	P					_				F			
Lazuli Bunting	LAZB	N↑					-				-			
Indigo Bunting	INBU	R						ļ						
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# Species of special interest

American White Pelican: only nesting colonies 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 birding sites

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 **Walker Valley:** 108 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@shaw.ca or snail mail to

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