

**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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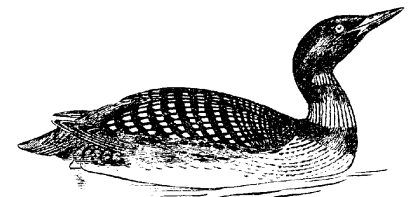
182 sq km, plus local waters

**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**

<input type="checkbox"/>	red-throated loon	raS uW
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pacific loon	raS cW
<input type="checkbox"/>	arctic loon	ca1
<input type="checkbox"/>	common loon	uS cW
<input type="checkbox"/>	yellow-billed loon	raW

**grebes**

<input type="checkbox"/>	red-necked grebe	raS cW
<input type="checkbox"/>	horned grebe	raS cW
<input type="checkbox"/>	eared grebe	raW
<input type="checkbox"/>	pied-billed grebe	raS fcW
<input type="checkbox"/>	western grebe	uS cW
<input type="checkbox"/>	Clark's grebe	ca1

**shearwaters & fulmars**

<input type="checkbox"/>	northern fulmar	ca1
<input type="checkbox"/>	short-tailed shearwater	ca1
<input type="checkbox"/>	sooty shearwater	raTf

**pelicans**

<input type="checkbox"/>	American white pelican	ca1
<input type="checkbox"/>	brown pelican	ca1

**cormorants**

<input type="checkbox"/>	* double-crested cormorant	cR
<input type="checkbox"/>	* pelagic cormorant	cR
<input type="checkbox"/>	Brandt's cormorant	uS fcW

**herons & bitterns**

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<input type="checkbox"/>	* great blue heron	cR
<input type="checkbox"/>	great egret	ca1
<input type="checkbox"/>	cattle egret	ca

**swans, geese & ducks**

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<input type="checkbox"/>	tundra swan	uT
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<input type="checkbox"/>	brant	uTsp
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<input type="checkbox"/>	tufted duck	ca1

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<input type="checkbox"/>	greater scaup	raS cW
<input type="checkbox"/>	lesser scaup	fcW
<input type="checkbox"/>	king eider	ca1
<input type="checkbox"/>	harlequin duck	uS cW
<input type="checkbox"/>	long-tailed duck	uW
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<input type="checkbox"/>	black scoter	uW
<input type="checkbox"/>	white-winged scoter	uS fcW
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Barrow's goldeneye	cW
<input type="checkbox"/>	* bufflehead	raS cW
<input type="checkbox"/>	* hooded merganser	fcS cW
<input type="checkbox"/>	common merganser	uS cW
<input type="checkbox"/>	red-breasted merganser	uS cW
<input type="checkbox"/>	ruddy duck	raS uW

**vultures**

<input type="checkbox"/>	* turkey vulture	cS
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**ospreys, eagles, hawks & falcons**

<input type="checkbox"/>	northern harrier	raW
<input type="checkbox"/>	sharp-shinned hawk	fcR cT
<input type="checkbox"/>	* Cooper's hawk	fcR
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Swainson's hawk	ca1
<input type="checkbox"/>	* red-tailed hawk	uW cS
<input type="checkbox"/>	rough-legged hawk	raW
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<input type="checkbox"/>	American kestrel	raW raT
<input type="checkbox"/>	* peregrine falcon	uR fcT

**quail, pheasants & grouse**

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<input type="checkbox"/>	* ring-necked pheasant	uR
<input type="checkbox"/>	* blue grouse	fcR
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**rails and coots**

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<input type="checkbox"/>	* Virginia rail	uS raW
<input type="checkbox"/>	* sora	rS

**plovers**

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**oystercatchers**

<input type="checkbox"/>	* black oystercatcher	fcR
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**sandpipers & phalaropes**

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<input type="checkbox"/>	red phalarope	raT
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**jaegers, gulls & terns**

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Caspian tern	raS
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**auks & murre**

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<input type="checkbox"/>	* pigeon guillemot	fcR
<input type="checkbox"/>	ancient murrelet	uW
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<input type="checkbox"/>	rhinoceros auklet	fcS raW

**pigeons & doves**

<input type="checkbox"/>	mourning dove	raS
<input type="checkbox"/>	* rock dove	cR
<input type="checkbox"/>	band-tailed pigeon	fcS uW

**barn-owls & typical owls**

<input type="checkbox"/>	barn owl	raR
<input type="checkbox"/>	short-eared owl	raW raT
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<input type="checkbox"/>	snowy owl	raW
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<input type="checkbox"/>	n. saw-whet owl	raR
<input type="checkbox"/>	* w. screech owl	fcR
<input type="checkbox"/>	northern pygmy-owl	raR

**goatsuckers**

<input type="checkbox"/>	* common nighthawk	fcS
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**swifts**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Vaux's swift	uS
<input type="checkbox"/>	black swift	uS

**hummingbirds**

<input type="checkbox"/>	* Anna's hummingbird	uR
<input type="checkbox"/>	* rufous hummingbird	cS

**kingfishers**

<input type="checkbox"/>	* belted kingfisher	cR
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**woodpeckers**

<input type="checkbox"/>	* red-breasted sapsucker	fcR
<input type="checkbox"/>	* downy woodpecker	cR
<input type="checkbox"/>	* hairy woodpecker	cR
<input type="checkbox"/>	* northern flicker	cR
<input type="checkbox"/>	* pileated woodpecker	cR

**tyrant flycatchers**

<input type="checkbox"/>	* olive-sided flycatcher	fcS
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<input type="checkbox"/>	* Pacific slope flycatcher	cS
<input type="checkbox"/>	* willow flycatcher	cS
<input type="checkbox"/>	eastern kingbird	ca1

**shrikes**

<input type="checkbox"/>	northern shrike	raW
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**vireos**

<input type="checkbox"/>	warbling vireo	fcS
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hutton's vireo	fcR
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cassin's vireo	fcS

**jays, magpies & crows**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Steller's jay	fcR
<input type="checkbox"/>	gray jay	ca1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Clark's nutcracker	ca1
<input type="checkbox"/>	black-billed magpie	ca2
<input type="checkbox"/>	* common raven	cR
<input type="checkbox"/>	* northwestern crow	cR

**larks**

<input type="checkbox"/>	horned lark	fcT
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**swallows**

<input type="checkbox"/>	purple martin	raT
<input type="checkbox"/>	n. rough-winged swallow	uS fcT
<input type="checkbox"/>	* violet-green swallow	cS
<input type="checkbox"/>	tree swallow	uS fcT
<input type="checkbox"/>	* cliff swallow	uS
<input type="checkbox"/>	* barn swallow	cS