










Checklist of Cariboo-Chilcotin Birds



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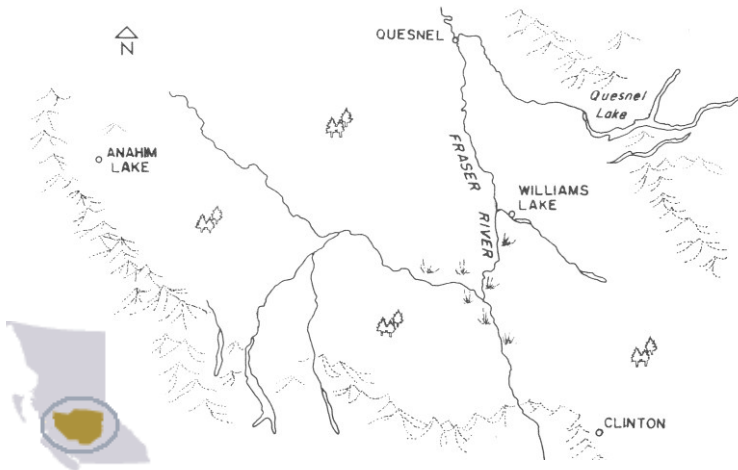
Explanation of Symbols

	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
WATERFOWL														
Greater White-fronted Goose	GWFG	↑		•		—	—					—	—	
Snow Goose	SNGO					—	—					—	—	
Ross's Goose	ROGO				•		•	•						
Brant	BRAN							•	•	•			•	
Cackling Goose	CACG	C												
Canada Goose	CAGO	N			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Trumpeter Swan	TRUS		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tundra Swan	TUSW				—	—						—	—	—
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-winger 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			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
GROUSE-PTARMIGAN														
California Quail	CAQU	IN												
Chukar	CHUK	IN												

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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	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
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										•	•	
PELICANS														
American White Pelican	AWPE	N↑				█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Brown Pelican	BRPE	R					•		•					
CORMORANTS														
Double-crested Cormorant	DCCO	N↑												
BITTERN-HERONS-EGRETS														
American Bittern	AMBI	N					█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Great Blue Heron	GBHE	N				█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Great Egret	GREG													
Cattle Egret	CAEG													
Green Heron	GRHE							•		•	•		•	•
Black-crowned Night Heron	BCNH						•			•		•	•	
VULTURES														
Turkey Vulture	TUVU	↑												

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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													
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													
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													
Herring Gull	HERG	N												
Thayer's Gull	THGU													
Glaucous-winged Gull	GWGU													
Glaucous Gull	GLGU													
Caspian Tern	CATE	↑												
Black Tern	BLTE	N												

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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-Pee wee	WWPE	N												
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	YBFL	R												
Alder Flycatcher	ALFL	N												
Willow Flycatcher	WIFL	N												
Least Flycatcher	LEFL	N												
Hammond's Flycatcher	HAFI	N												
Dusky Flycatcher	DUFL	N												
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	PSFL	N												
Say's Phoebe	SAPH	N												
Western Kingbird	WEKI	N												
Eastern Kingbird	EAKI	N												
SHRIKES														
Loggerhead Shrike	LOSH													
Northern Shrike	NOSH													
VIREOS														
Cassin's Vireo	CAVI	NC												

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Warbling Vireo	WAVI	N					■	■	■	■	■			
Red-eyed Vireo	REVI	N					●	■	■	■				
JAYS-MAGPIES-CROWS														
Gray Jay	GRJA	N	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Steller's Jay	STJA	N	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Blue Jay	BLJA	N												
Clark's Nutcracker	CLNU	N	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Black-billed Magpie	BBMA	N	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
American Crow	AMCR	N				■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Common Raven	CORA	N	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
LARKS														
Horned Lark	HOLA	N			■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
SWALLOWS														
Tree Swallow	TRSW	N				■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Violet-green Swallow	VGSW	N				■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
N. Rough-winged Swallow	NRWS	N				■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Bank Swallow	BKSW	N					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Cliff Swallow	CLSW	N					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Barn Swallow	BASW	N					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
CHICKADEES														
Black-capped Chickadee	BCCH	N	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Mountain Chickadee	MOCH	N	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	CBCH	N	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Boreal Chickadee	BOCH	N	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
NUTHATCHES														
Red-breasted Nuthatch	RBNU	N	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
White-breasted Nuthatch	WBNU	P												
Pygmy Nuthatch	PYNU							○						
CREEPERS														
Brown Creeper	BRCR	N	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
WRENS														
Rock Wren	ROWR	N					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
House Wren	HOWR	N					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Pacific Wren	PAWR	NC					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

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Marsh Wren	MAWR	N												
DIPPERS														
American Dipper	AMDI	N												
KINGLETS-BLUEBIRDS-THRUSHES														
Golden-crowned Kinglet	GCKI	N												
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	RCKI	N												
Western Bluebird	WEBL													
Mountain Bluebird	MOBL	N												
Townsend's Solitaire	TOSO	N												
Veery	VEER	N												
Gray-cheeked Thrush	GCTH	PR												
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												
WARBLERS														
Tennessee Warbler	TEWA	N												
Orange-crowned Warbler	OCWA	N												
Nashville Warbler	NAWA	N												
Yellow Warbler	YEWA	N												
Chestnut-sided Warbler	CSWA	NR												
Magnolia Warbler	MGNW	N												

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Cape May Warbler	CMWA	R											•	• →
Yellow-rumped Warbler	YRWA	N				■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Townsend's Warbler	TOWA	N					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Palm Warbler	PAWA						•						•	
Blackpoll Warbler	BKPW	N												
Black-and-white Warbler	BAWW						•	•					•	
American Redstart	AMRE	N					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Ovenbird	OVEN						•	•	•					
Northern Waterthrush	NOWA	N					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
MacGillivray's Warbler	MACW	N					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Common Yellowthroat	COYE	N					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Wilson's Warbler	WIWA	N					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Yellow-breasted Chat	YBCH	R					•	•	•	•				
SPARROWS-BLACKBIRDS														
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	↑					•	•	•	•				
White-throated Sparrow	WTSP	N↑					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Harris's Sparrow	HASP							•					•	
White-crowned Sparrow	WCSP	N					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Golden-crowned Sparrow	GCSP	N					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Dark-eyed Junco	DEJU	N	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Lapland Longspur	LALO					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Snow Bunting	SNBU		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Western Tanager	WETA	N					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	RBGR													
Black-headed Grosbeak	BHGR	P												
Lazuli Bunting	LZBU	N↑					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

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Indigo Bunting	INBU	R						•						
Dickcissel	DICK				•			•	→					
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 Check List contains 310 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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