

Seasonal and abundance categories indicate the general occurrence and numbers of each species.

**Seasonal Periods**

**March-May = Northward migration and early breeding season**  
**June-July = Late breeding season and post-breeding dispersal**  
**August-October = Southward migration**  
**November-February = Wintering**

**Abundance abbreviations**

**A = Abundant** - seen in suitable habitats in large flocks every trip

**C = Common** - typically seen or heard in suitable habitats every birding trip, usually as individuals or small groups

**FC = Fairly Common** - often seen or heard reliably in suitable habitats, but not every trip

**U = Uncommon** - seen or heard only a few times each season or at a few specific locations

**R = Rare** - not seen every year during given period

**E = Eruptive** - seen in good numbers some years, but not seen at all in others, as in some finch species and Snowy Owls

**V = Vagrant** - seen 3 times or less on the N. Olympic Peninsula

**UK = Unknown** - probably present, but habitat not visited enough during respective season to establish abundance

Remember that the status and abundances of these birds may vary significantly depending on habitat availability, tides, and weather, so occurrences may differ between dates, localities, and years.

Habitats Mar-May Jun-Jul Aug-Oct Nov-Feb

**GEESE AND DUCKS**

	Habitats	Mar-May	Jun-Jul	Aug-Oct	Nov-Feb
Gr. White-fronted Goose	FSB	U	R	FC	U
Emperor Goose	BS	V	V	R	R
Snow Goose	F		R	R	
Canada Goose	FSM	C	C	A	A
Cackling Goose	FMS	U		U	U
Brant	BLS	A	R	FC	A
Mute Swan	BS	R	R	R	R
Trumpeter Swan	FS	FC		U	FC
Tundra Swan	F	U		R	U
Wood Duck	M	FC	FC	FC	U
Gadwall	M	FC	FC	FC	FC
Falcated Duck	M		V		
Eur. Wigeon	MSBFH	U		FC	FC
Am. Wigeon	MSBFH	A	U	A	A
Mallard	MSBRFH	A	C	A	A
Blue-winged Teal	M	U	U	U	R
Cinnamon Teal	M	U	U	U	R
N. Shoveler	MSB	C	C	C	C
N. Pintail	MSB	C	U	C	A
Green-winged Teal	SM	C	U	C	C
Canvasback	MB	R	R	R	U
Redhead	MB	R	R	R	R
Ring-necked Duck	M	FC	R	FC	FC
Greater Scaup	BM	FC	R	FC	C
Lesser Scaup	MB	FC	U	U	FC
Common Eider	B			V	
King Eider	BL	V			V
Harlequin Duck	SRBL	C	FC	C	C
Surf Scoter	BL	C	FC	C	A
White-winged Scoter	BL	C	FC	C	A
Black Scoter	L	FC	R	FC	FC

	Habitats	Mar-May	Jun-Jul	Aug-Oct	Nov-Feb
Long-tailed Duck	BL	FC		U	C
Bufflehead	BLMR	C	R	U	A
Com. Goldeneye	BL	FC	R	FC	C
Barrow's Goldeneye	BL	FC	U	U	FC
Hooded Merganser	BM	FC	FC	FC	FC
Com. Merganser	RB	FC	FC	C	FC
Red-breasted Merganser	BL	C	U	C	A
Ruddy Duck	MB	U	U	U	FC

**GROUSE AND QUAILS**

	Habitats	Mar-May	Jun-Jul	Aug-Oct	Nov-Feb
Ring-necked Pheasant	FTM	FC	FC	FC	FC
Ruffed Grouse	DT	FC	FC	U	U
Sooty Grouse	CD	C	FC	FC	U
California Quail	TH	C	C	A	C

**LOONS & GREBES**

	Habitats	Mar-May	Jun-Jul	Aug-Oct	Nov-Feb
Red-throated Loon	LB	FC	U	FC	C
Pacific Loon	LB	C	U	C	C
Common Loon	BL	C	FC	C	C
Yellow-billed Loon	LB	R	R	R	U
Pied-billed Grebe	MB	FC	FC	FC	FC
Horned Grebe	BL	FC	R	FC	C
Red-necked Grebe	BL	FC	R	FC	C
Eared Grebe	LB	U	R	U	U
Western Grebe	LB	FC	R	FC	C
Clark's Grebe	LB				R

**TUBENOSES**

	Habitats	Mar-May	Jun-Jul	Aug-Oct	Nov-Feb
Shy Albatross	P			V	
Laysan Albatross	P	UK	U	R	UK
Black-footed Albatross	P	FC	C	C	UK
Short-tailed Albatross	PL		V		
N. Fulmar	PL	C	C	C	C
Pink-footed Shearwater	P	U	FC	C	UK
Flesh-footed Shearwater	P	R	U	U	UK
Buller's Shearwater	P	R	U	U	UK
Sooty Shearwater	PL	C	A	A	U
Short-tailed Shearwater	PL	UK	R	U	U
Manx Shearwater	P	V	V		
Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel	PLB	FC	FC	FC	UK
Leach's Storm-Petrel	P	U	U	U	UK

**PELICANS, CORMORANTS & HERONS**

	Habitats	Mar-May	Jun-Jul	Aug-Oct	Nov-Feb
Am. White Pelican	B	V			V
Brown Pelican	LB	U	FC,E	FC,E	R
Brandt's Cormorant	LB	FC	U	FC	FC
Double-crested Corm.	BLM	C	FC	C	C
Red-faced Cormorant	L	V			
Pelagic Cormorant	LB	C	C	C	C
American Bittern	M	FC	U	U	U
Great Blue Heron	MBSR	C	FC	C	C
Great Egret	SBM	V	V	V	
Snowy Egret	SBM		V		
Cattle Egret	FM				V
Green Heron	RM	U	R	R	
Black-cr. Night-Heron	M	V			R

**VULTURES**

	Habitats	Mar-May	Jun-Jul	Aug-Oct	Nov-Feb
Turkey Vulture	O	C	FC	C	R

**DIURNAL RAPTORS**

	Habitats	Mar-May	Jun-Jul	Aug-Oct	Nov-Feb
Osprey	SBLR	FC	FC	FC	R
White-tailed Kite	FM	V	V	V	
Bald Eagle	RBSLRMO	C	C	C	C

	Habitats	Mar-May	Jun-Jul	Aug-Oct	Nov-Feb
Northern Harrier	MF	C	FC	C	C
Sharp-shinned Hawk	CTHC	FC	U	FC	FC
Cooper's Hawk	DTHC	FC	U	FC	FC
Northern Goshawk	C	R	R	R	R
Red-shouldered Hawk	MFD			V	
Broad-winged Hawk	O		V		
Swainson's Hawk	O	R			
Red-tailed Hawk	ODTFM	FC	FC	FC	C
Ferruginous Hawk	O	V			
Rough-legged Hawk	FM			R	R
Golden Eagle	PO	U	U	U	U
American Kestrel	FT	FC	U	FC	FC
Merlin	SFCDT	FC	U	FC	FC
Gyr Falcon	SBMO			R	U
Peregrine Falcon	SBLFMO	FC	U	FC	FC
Prairie Falcon	FT			V	

**RAILS AND CRANES**

	Habitats	Mar-May	Jun-Jul	Aug-Oct	Nov-Feb
Virginia Rail	M	FC	FC	FC	FC
Sora	M	U	U	R	R
American Coot	MB	C	FC	C	C
Sandhill Crane	OF	U	R	U	R

**SHOREBIRDS**

	Habitats	Mar-May	Jun-Jul	Aug-Oct	Nov-Feb
Black-bellied Plover	BSF	A	FC	A	A
American Golden-Plover	BSF	R		U	
Pacific Golden-Plover	BSF	R		U	
Snowy Plover	S	V			
Semipalmated Plover	BSM	C	U	C	R
Killdeer	MFBS	C	C	C	FC
Black Oystercatcher	SB	FC	FC	FC	FC
Black-necked Stilt	MB	V			
Am. Avocet	MB	V			
Greater Yellowlegs	BSM	FC	U	C	U
Lesser Yellowlegs	BSM	FC	U	FC	V
Solitary Sandpiper	M	R		R	
Willet	BS	R		R	R
Wandering Tattler	SB	U	R	FC	
Spotted Sandpiper	BRS	U	FC	FC	R
Upland Sandpiper	M			V	
Whimbrel	BS	FC	FC	FC	R
Bristle-thighed Curlew	S	V			
Long-billed Curlew	B	R	V	R	
Bar-tailed Godwit	B		V	V	
Marbled Godwit	BS	FC	U	FC	U
Ruddy Turnstone	BS	FC	U	FC	R
Black Turnstone	BS	C	U	C	FC
Surfbird	SB	U	R	FC	U
Great Knot	SB			V	
Red Knot	BS	U	V	U	R
Sanderling	BS	C	U	C	C
Semipalmated Sandpiper	BSM	V	R	U	
W. Sandpiper	BSM	A	FC	A	R
Red-necked Stint	BM	V	V	V	
Least Sandpiper	BSM	A	FC	A	R
White-rumped Sandpiper	B		V		
Baird's Sandpiper	S	R		U	
Pectoral Sandpiper	S	R		FC	
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	MS	R		R	
Rock Sandpiper	S	U		U	R
Dunlin	S	A		C	A

	Habitats	Mar-May	Jun-Jul	Aug-Oct	Nov-Feb
Curlew Sandpiper	S		V		
Stilt Sandpiper	M				R
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	MS				R
Ruff	M				R
Short-billed Dowitcher	SM	C	U	A	R
Long-billed Dowitcher	SM	C		C	R
Wilson's Snipe	FM	FC	FC	C	U
Wilson's Phalarope	MF	U		V	
Red-necked Phalarope	LPB	U		C	R
Red Phalarope	PLB	U		FC	R

**JAEGERS, GULLS & TERNS**

	Habitats	Mar-May	Jun-Jul	Aug-Oct	Nov-Feb
South Polar Skua	P				R
Pomarine Jaeger	PL	U	R	U	
Parasitic Jaeger	PLB	U	R	FC	
Long-tailed Jaeger	P	UK		R	
Franklin's Gull	S			V	
Little Gull	S		V		
Black-headed Gull	S			V	
Bonaparte's Gull	BS	U	U	FC	U
Heermann's Gull	SLB	R	FC	A	R
Mew Gull	SBLFH	FC	R	C	A
Ring-billed Gull	SB	U	FC	C	U
California Gull	SBLFH	FC	C	A	U
Herring Gull	SLB	U	R	FC	U
Thayer's Gull	SLB	FC	R	U	FC
Iceland Gull	S	V	V	V	V
Lesser Black-backd Gull	S			V	
Slaty-backed Gull	SBF				V
Western Gull	SBL	FC	U	C	C
W. X Gl-wngd Gull	SBL	A	A	A	A
Glaucous-winged Gull	SBLFH	A	A	A	A
Glaucous Gull	SBF	R	R	U	U
Sabine's Gull	PL	UK		FC	
Black-legged Kittiwake	PL	U	R	FC	UK
Red-legged Kittiwake	L		V		V
Caspian Tern	BL	FC	FC	C	
Elegant Tern	BL		R	R	
Common Tern	BL	U		FC	
Arctic Tern	PL	UK		U	V
Forster's Tern	BS	V		V	

**ALCIDS**

	Habitats	Mar-May	Jun-Jul	Aug-Oct	Nov-Feb
Common Murre	LPB	A	A	A	C
Thick-billed Murre	L				V
Pigeon Guillemot	BL	C	C	C	FC
Long-billed Murrelet	BL			V	
Marbled Murrelet	LB	FC	FC	FC	FC
Xantus's Murrelet	L		V		
Ancient Murrelet	LB	U		U	FC
Cassin's Auklet	LP	FC	FC	FC	UK
Rhinoceros Auklet	LB	A	A	C	U
Horned Puffin	L		V	V	V
Tufted Puffin	LP	FC	FC	FC	V

**PIGEONS AND DOVES**

	Habitats	Mar-May	Jun-Jul	Aug-Oct	Nov-Feb
Rock Pigeon	H	C	C	C	C
Band-tailed Pigeon	CDH	FC	FC	FC	U
Eurasian Collared-Dove	H	C	C	C	C
White-winged Dove	TH		V		
Mourning Dove	HTD	FC	FC	FC	FC

<u>OWLS</u>	Habitats	Mar-May	Jun-Jul	Aug-Oct	Nov-Feb
Barn Owl	FH	FC	FC	FC	FC
W. Screech-Owl	DT	U	FC	FC	FC
Great Horned Owl	DT	FC	FC	FC	FC
Snowy Owl	S				E
N. Pygmy-Owl	CD	U	U	U	U
Burrowing Owl	FM				R
Spotted Owl	C	U	U	U	U
Barred Owl	CD	FC	FC	FC	FC
Great Gray Owl	CF			V	V
Long-eared Owl	CH			V	V
Short-eared Owl	FM	R	R	R	U
N. Saw-whet Owl	C	FC	FC	FC	FC

<u>GOATSUCKERS, SWIFTS, AND HUMMINGBIRDS</u>	Habitats	Mar-May	Jun-Jul	Aug-Oct	Nov-Feb
Common Nighthawk	O	R	U	FC	
Black Swift	O	R	U	U	
Vaux's Swift	O	FC	FC	C	
Anna's Hummingbird	THD	FC	U	U	FC
Calliope Hummingbird	DC	V	V		
Rufous Hummingbird	THD	C	C	FC	R

<u>KINGFISHERS AND WOODPECKERS</u>	Habitats	Mar-May	Jun-Jul	Aug-Oct	Nov-Feb
Belted Kingfisher	RBS	C	C	C	FC
Lewis's Woodpecker	C	R		R	R
Acorn Woodpecker	FD		V	V	
Williamson's Sapsucker	C		V	V	
Red-naped Sapsucker	CD		V	V	
Red-breasted Sapsucker	CD	FC	FC	FC	FC
Downy Woodpecker	CDTH	C	C	C	C
Hairy Woodpecker	CDTH	FC	FC	FC	FC
Am. Three-toed Wdpckr	C		V	V	
Black-backed Wdpckr	C		R	V	
Northern Flicker	CDTH	FC	C	C	C
Pileated Woodpecker	DC	FC	FC	FC	FC

<u>FLYCATCHERS</u>	Habitats	Mar-May	Jun-Jul	Aug-Oct	Nov-Feb
Olive-sided Flycatcher	DC	U	FC	U	
W. Wood-Pewee	C	U	FC	U	
Willow Flycatcher	CDT	U	C	FC	
Hammond's Flycatcher	DC	FC	FC	FC	
Dusky Flycatcher	DC	R		R	
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	CD	FC	C	FC	
Eastern Phoebe	D		V		
Say's Phoebe	FT			V	
Tropical/Couch's Kingbird	FST			V	
Western Kingbird	FST	R		V	
Eastern Kingbird	FSD	V	V		

<u>SHRIKES, VIREOS, AND CORVIDS</u>	Habitats	Mar-May	Jun-Jul	Aug-Oct	Nov-Feb
Loggerhead Shrike	FT		V		
N. Shrike	FT	U		R	U
Cassin's Vireo	D	FC	U	U	
Hutton's Vireo	DC	FC	FC	FC	FC
Warbling Vireo	D	FC	C	U	
Red-eyed Vireo	D	U	U	U	
Gray Jay	CA	FC	FC	FC	FC
Steller's Jay	CDH	C	C	C	C
Blue Jay	HD	V		V	V
W. Scrub-Jay	HD	V		V	V
Clark's Nutcracker	CA		R	R,E	
Black-billed Magpie	H			V	V
Am. Crow/NW Crow	HSFTDC	A	C	A	A
Com. Raven	CDFAH	C	C	C	C

<u>LARKS AND SWALLOWS</u>	Habitats	Mar-May	Jun-Jul	Aug-Oct	Nov-Feb
Skylark	F	R			R
Horned Lark	FA	FC	FC	U	U
Purple Martin	O	R	U	R	
Tree Swallow	OH	C	C	C	R
Violet-green Swallow	OH	C	A	A	R
N. Rough-winged Swallow	OR	FC	FC	FC	
Cliff Swallow	OH	C	C	C	
Barn Swallow	OH	C	A	A	R

<u>CHICKADEES, NUTHATCHES, WRENS, ETC.</u>	Habitats	Mar-May	Jun-Jul	Aug-Oct	Nov-Feb
Black-capped Chickadee	DCTH	C	C	C	C
Mountain Chickadee	C				R
Chestnut-bckd Chickadee	CDH	C	C	C	C
Bushtit	TD	C	C	C	FC
Red-breasted Nuthatch	CDH	C	C	C	C
White-breasted Nuthatch	DC	V			V
Pygmy Nuthatch	C			V	
Brown Creeper	DC	C	C	FC	FC
Rock Wren	S		V	V	
Bewick's Wren	TD	C	C	C	C
House Wren	TD	FC	FC	R	V
Winter Wren	CDT	C	C	C	C
Marsh Wren	M	C	C	C	C
American Dipper	R	FC	FC	FC	FC

<u>KINGLETS AND THRUSHES</u>	Habitats	Mar-May	Jun-Jul	Aug-Oct	Nov-Feb
Golden-crowned Kinglet	CDTH	C	C	A	A
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	DTHC	C	U	FC	C
Western Bluebird	FTH	FC	FC	U	U
Mountain Bluebird	FTH	R			R
Townsend's Solitaire	ACH	FC	FC	U	R
Veery	D		V		
Swainson's Thrush	DC	FC	C	FC	
Hermit Thrush	CD	FC	C	FC	U
Am. Robin	DCHTF	A	C	A	A
Varied Thrush	CDH	C	C	FC	FC

<u>MISC. PASSERINES</u>	Habitats	Mar-May	Jun-Jul	Aug-Oct	Nov-Feb
Gray Catbird			V		
N. Mockingbird	HT	V	V		
Sage Thrasher	T		V		
Brown Thrasher	TH		V		
European Starling	HTFD	A	A	A	A
Am. Pipit	ASF	U	FC	FC	R
Bohemian Waxwing	THD	V			E
Cedar Waxwing	THD	FC	C	C	R

<u>WARBLERS</u>	Habitats	Mar-May	Jun-Jul	Aug-Oct	Nov-Feb
Tennessee Warbler	D	V		V	
Orange-crowned Warbler	DT	C	C	C	R
Nashville Warbler	DT	R	R	R	
N. Parula	D		V		
Yellow Warbler	DT	FC	FC	FC	V
Chestnut-sided Warbler	DM		V		
Magnolia Warbler	CD			V	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	CDTMH	C	FC	C	U
Black-throated Blue Warb	DC				V
Black-thrtd Gray Warbler	D	FC	FC	FC	
Townsend's Warbler	CD	C	C	FC	U
Hermit Warbler	C	U	U	R	
Palm Warbler	FST				V

<u>TANAGERS, SPARROWS, AND BUNTINGS</u>	Habitats	Mar-May	Jun-Jul	Aug-Oct	Nov-Feb
Blackpoll Warbler	DC		V	V	
Black-and-white Warb.	CH	V	V		V
American Redstart	D		V		
N. Waterthrush	CM	V			
MacGillivray's Warbler	TD	FC	FC	U	
Common Yellowthroat	MRT	C	C	FC	R
Wilson's Warbler	DC	C	C	C	V

<u>TANAGERS, SPARROWS, AND BUNTINGS</u>	Habitats	Mar-May	Jun-Jul	Aug-Oct	Nov-Feb
Western Tanager	CD	FC	C	U	
Spotted Towhee	THD	C	C	C	C
Am. Tree Sparrow	TD	R			R
Chipping Sparrow	CDT	U	U	U	
Vesper Sparrow	F	R	R	R	R
Lark Sparrow	T			R	
Lark Bunting	F		V	V	
Savannah Sparrow	FMT	C	C	A	U
Fox Sparrow	TM	FC	R	C	C
Song Sparrow	DTMFCHS	C	C	C	C
Lincoln's Sparrow	TFM	FC	R	FC	U
Swamp Sparrow	MT			R	R
White-throated Sparrow	TH	U		R	U
Harris's Sparrow	TH	R		V	R
White-crowned Sparrow	THF	C	C	C	FC
Golden-crowned Spar.	THF	C	R	C	C
Dark-eyed Junco	CDHT	A	C	C	A
Lapland Longspur	FS			U	U
Snow Bunting	SF	R		R	U
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	DH	V	V	V	
Black-headed Grosbeak	DC	FC	C	U	
Lazuli Bunting	TD	R	R	R	
Indigo Bunting	TD		V		
Dickcissel	F			V	V

<u>ICTERIDS AND FINCHES</u>	Habitats	Mar-May	Jun-Jul	Aug-Oct	Nov-Feb
Bobolink	FM			V	V
Red-winged Blackbird	FMHT	C	A	A	A
W. Meadowlark	F	U	U	U	U
Yellow-hdd Blackbird	HM	R	V	R	V
Rusty Blackbird	FH	V		V	
Brewer's Blackbird	FMHT	C	A	A	A
Common Grackle	SF		V		
Brown-headed Cowbird	FTDH	C	C	FC	U
Orchard Oriole	DH			V	
Hooded Oriole	DH		V		
Bullock's Oriole	HD	U	FC	U	
Brambling	H				V
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	A	R	FC	R	UK
Pine Grosbeak	CA	UK	R	UK	R
Purple Finch	TH	FC	FC	FC	FC
Cassin's Finch	C	R			R
House Finch	HT	C	C	A	A
Red Crossbill	CO	E	E	E	E
White-winged Crossbill	CO	E		E	E
Common Redpoll	HCD				R
Pine Siskin	HCD	C	C	A	A
Am Goldfinch	THD	C	C	C	U
Evening Grosbeak	DCO	FC	FC	FC	FC

<u>OLD WORLD SPARROWS</u>	Habitats	Mar-May	Jun-Jul	Aug-Oct	Nov-Feb
House Sparrow	HT	C	C	C	C



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WASHINGTON**  
*And Adjacent Offshore Waters*

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From deep ocean to alpine glaciers, from soggy rain forests to the driest region of western Washington, the north Olympic Peninsula provides birders with tremendous opportunities. From majestic albatrosses sailing over offshore waves to Gray-crowned Rosy-Finches picking frozen insects from high mountain glaciers, the birding can be truly spectacular. This area almost always leads Washington in high counts of species during the spring migration count and the Christmas bird count, a testament to the great birding of this region.

This checklist compiles the latest seasonal information for over 350 species of birds that have been seen within the boundaries of Clallam and Jefferson Counties, plus the offshore waters of the Strait of Juan de Fuca and the Pacific Ocean to beyond the continental shelf break. Such a checklist is obsolete from the moment it is printed, as information about bird distribution and movements constantly changes. You can add to our knowledge of north Olympic Peninsula birds by calling the Dungeness River Audubon Center (360-681-4076) or emailing [riverscenter@olympus.net](mailto:riverscenter@olympus.net) with your sightings.

Each entry shows the species' common name, its typical habitats, and an abundance code for each seasonal period.

**Habitat Codes:**

- P = Pelagic, deep ocean**
- L = Coastal ocean, Strait of Juan de Fuca**
- B = Bays, estuaries, and tide flats**
- S = Shorelines, beaches, spits, and sea stacks**
- C = Coniferous forests**
- D = Deciduous/coniferous mixed forests**
- A = Alpine, high Olympic Mountains**
- R = Rivers**
- F = Fields, farmlands, and prairies**
- M = Marshes and ponds**
- T = Brush lands, thickets, and berry patches**
- H = Human habitats: towns, parks, yards, and feeders**
- O = Overhead, aerial flyers and soarers**