










Checklist of Cariboo Chilcotin Birds



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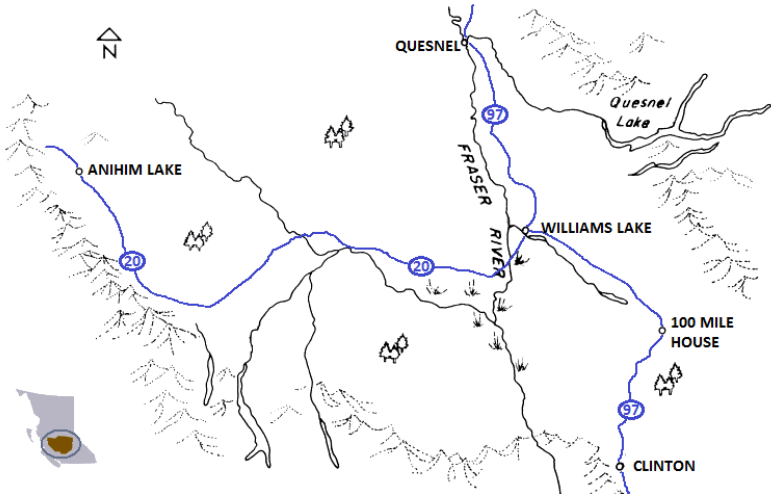
Explanation of Symbols

-  **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 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	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
GEESE-SWANS														
Snow Goose	SNGO	↑					—						—	
Ross's Goose	ROGO				•		•••							
Greater White-fronted Goose	GWFG	↑	•			—						—		
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↑												
Blue-winged Teal	BWTE	N						—		—				
Cinnamon Teal	CITE	N												
Northern Shoveler	NSHO	N												
Gadwall	GADW	N												
Eurasian Wigeon	EUWI	↑						•				••		○
American Wigeon	AMWI	N												
Mallard	MALL	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												
Spruce Grouse	SPGR	N												
Ruffed Grouse	RUGR	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												
Ring-necked Pheasant	RNPH	IN												
Chukar	CHUK	IN												
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												
PIGEONS-DOVES														
Rock Pigeon	ROPI	NC												
Band-tailed Pigeon	BTPI													
Eurasian Collared-Dove	ECDO	RIN												
Mourning Dove	MODO	N↓												
CUCKOOS														
Black-billed Cuckoo	BBCU													
NIGHTJARS														
Common Nighthawk	CONI	N												
Common Poorwill	COPO	N												
SWIFTS														
Black Swift	BLSW	N												
Vaux's Swift	VASW	N												
White-throated Swift	WTSW	N												
HUMMINGBIRDS														
Rivoli's Hummingbird	RIHU	RC												

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Black-chinned Hummingbird	BCHU	N												
Anna's Hummingbird	ANHU	↑N												
Calliope Hummingbird	CAHU	N												
Rufous Hummingbird	RUHU	N												
RAILS-COOTS														
Virginia Rail	VIRA	N												
Sora	SORA	N												
American Coot	AMCO	N												
Yellow Rail	YERA	PR												
CRANES														
Sandhill Crane	SACR	N												
Whooping Crane	WHCR													
STILTS-AVOCETS														
Black-necked Stilt	BNST	N												
American Avocet	AMAV	N↑												
PLOVERS														
Black-bellied Plover	BBPL													
American Golden-Plover	AMGP	N												
Pacific Golden-Plover	PAGP	R												
Killdeer	KILL	N												
Semipalmated Plover	SEPL	N												
Snowy Plover	SNPL	R												
SANDPIPERS-PHALAROPES														
Upland Sandpiper	UPSA	N												
Whimbrel	WHIM													
Long-billed Curlew	LBCU	N												
Hudsonian Godwit	HUGO													
Marbled Godwit	MAGO													
Ruddy Turnstone	RUTU													
Black Turnstone	BLTU	R												
Ruff	RUFF	R												
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	SHSA	R												
Stilt Sandpiper	STSA													
Sanderling	SAND													
Dunlin	DUNL													
Baird's Sandpiper	BASA													

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Little Stint	LIST	R									o			
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													
Long-billed Dowitcher	LBDO						■		■	■	■			
Wilson's Snipe	WISN	N					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Spotted Sandpiper	SPSA	N					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Solitary Sandpiper	SOSA	N					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Wandering Tattler	WATA							•		•			•	
Lesser Yellowlegs	LEYE	P					■		■	■				
Greater Yellowlegs	GRYE	N				■	■	■	■	■	■	■		
Wilson's Phalarope	WIPH	N					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Red-necked Phalarope	RNPL						■		■	■	■			
Red Phalarope	REPH	R											•	→
JAEGERS														
Pomarine Jaeger	POJA												•	•
Parasitic Jaeger	PAJA	R						••	•	•	•			
Long-tailed Jaeger	LTJA													
GULLS-TERNS														
Black-legged Kittiwake	BLKI	R												
Sabine's Gull	SAGU							•		•				
Bonaparte's Gull	BOGU	N					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Franklin's Gull	FRGU													
Short-billed Gull	SBIG	CN					■		■	■	■	■		
Ring-billed Gull	RBGU	N					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
California Gull	CAGU						■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Herring Gull	HERG	N					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	•
Iceland Gull	ICGU	C												
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												

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LOONS														
Red-throated Loon	RTLO						•	•		••	•		•→	
Pacific Loon	PALO				•								—	
Common Loon	COLO	N												
Yellow-billed Loon	YBLO		•→					•					•	•→
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	R												
Green Heron	GRHE							•						
Black-crowned Night Heron	BCNH						•	•					•	•
White-faced Ibis	WFIB							•		•				
VULTURES														
Turkey Vulture	TUVU	↑P	•											••
OSPREY-EAGLES-HAWKS														
Osprey	OSPR	N												
White-tailed Kite	WTKI	R						◦						
Golden Eagle	GOEA	N												
Northern Harrier	NOHA	N												
Sharp-shinned Hawk	SSHA	N												
Cooper's Hawk	COHA	N												
Northern Goshawk	NOGO	N												
Bald Eagle	BAEA	N												
Broad-winged Hawk	BWHA	R↑P												
Swainson's Hawk	SWHA	P												
Red-tailed Hawk	RTHA	N												
Rough-legged Hawk	RLHA													
OWLS														
Barn Owl	BANO													

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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	NOPO	N	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Burrowing Owl	BUOW					•	•				•	•	•	
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				█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
WOODPECKERS														
Lewis's Woodpecker	LEWO	N												
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	YBSA	NR							•			•		
Red-naped Sapsucker	RNSA	N				█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Red-breasted Sapsucker	RBSA	N				█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
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													◦
American Kestrel	AMKE	N				█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Merlin	MERL	N	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Gyrfalcon	GYRF													
Peregrine Falcon	PEFA	N												
Prairie Falcon	PRFA	N	•											
FLYCATCHERS														
Western Kingbird	WEKI	N						█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Eastern Kingbird	EAKI	N						█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Olive-sided Flycatcher	OSFL	N						█	█	█	█	█	█	█

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Violet-green Swallow	VGSW	N												
No. Rough-winged Swallow	NRWS	N												
Barn Swallow	BARS	N		•										
Cliff Swallow	CLSW	N												
KINGLET														
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	RCKI	N												
Golden-crowned Kinglet	GCKI	N												
WAXWINGS														
Bohemian Waxwing	BOWA	P												
Cedar Waxwing	CEWA	N												
NUTHATCH-CREEPER-WREN														
Red-breasted Nuthatch	RBNU	N												
White-breasted Nuthatch	WBNU	P												
Pygmy Nuthatch	PYNU													
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												
Sage Thrasher	SATH													
Northern Mockingbird	NOMO													
STARLINGS														
European Starling	EUST	NI												
DIPPER														
American Dipper	AMDI	N												
BLUEBIRDS-THRUSHES														
Western Bluebird	WEBL	N												
Mountain Bluebird	MOBL	N												
Townsend's Solitaire	TOSO	N												
Veery	VEER	N												
Gray-cheeked Thrush	GCTH	RN												
Swainson's Thrush	SWTH	N												

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Hermit Thrush	HETH	N												
American Robin	AMRO	N												
Varied Thrush	VATH	N												
OLD WORLD SPARROWS														
House Sparrow	HOSP	NI												
PIPITS														
American Pipit	AMPI	N												
Sprague's Pipit	SPPI	N												
FINCHES														
Brambling	BRAM													
Evening Grosbeak	EVGR	N												
Pine Grosbeak	PIGR	N												
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	GCRF	N												
House Finch	HOFI	N												
Purple Finch	PUFI	N												
Cassin's Finch	CAFI	N												
Common Redpoll	CORE													
Hoary Redpoll	HORE													
Red Crossbill	RECR	N												
White-winged Crossbill	WWCR	N												
Pine Siskin	PISI	N												
Lesser Goldfinch	LEGO													
American Goldfinch	AMGO	N												
BUNTINGS														
Lapland Longspur	LALO													
Thick-billed Longspur	TBLO	C												
Snow Bunting	SNBU													
SPARROWS														
Grasshopper Sparrow	GRSP													
Lark Sparrow	LASP	N												
Lark Bunting	LARB													
Chipping Sparrow	CHSP	N												
Clay-coloured Sparrow	CCSP	N↑												
Brewer's Sparrow	BRSP													
Fox Sparrow	FOSP	N												
American Tree Sparrow	ATSP													

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Magnolia Warbler	MAWA	P						█	█	█	█			
Chestnut-sided Warbler	CSWA	NR								•	•			
Yellow Warbler	YEWA	N					█	█	█	█	█			
Blackpoll Warbler	BLPW	N					█	█	█	█	█			
Palm Warbler	PAWA						•					•	•	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	YRWA	N	•			█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Black-throated Gray Warbler	BTYW	R									•			
Townsend's Warbler	TOWA	N					█	█	█	█	█			
Wilson's Warbler	WIWA	N					█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
CARDINALS														
Scarlet Tanager	SCTA	R												•→
Western Tanager	WETA	N					█	█	█	█	█			
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	RBGR						█	█	█	█	█			
Black-headed Grosbeak	BHGR	P					█	█	█	█	█			
Lazuli Bunting	LAZB	N↑					█	█	█	█	█			
Indigo Bunting	INBU	R									•	•		
Dickcissel	DICK				•			█	█	█	█			
The Checklist contains 334 species.														

Notes

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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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