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# ***CHECKLIST of the Birds of Haida Gwaii Queen Charlotte Islands***

## ***Abundance Codes***

- a**    **abundant:** widespread; usually more than 200 individuals per day per locality; may be local (e.g. raft of Western Grebes)
- c**    **common:** widespread; usually occurs in numbers of 20 to 200 individuals per day per locality (e.g. Varied Thrush in forests)
- u**    **uncommon:** species usually occurs in small numbers, of 1 to 20 individuals per day per locality (e.g. Peregrine Falcon)
- ra**   **rare:** 1 to 6 sightings per season (e.g. Snow Bunting)
- ca**   **casual:** 2 to 6 records only
- acc** **accidental:** 1 record only

## ***Season of Occurrence Codes***

- R**    **resident:** present year round, not necessarily breeding. Abundance may change from season to season.
- T**    **transient:** present in migration, but does not stay to breed.
  
- Sp**   **spring:** March through May records
- Su**   **summer:** June through August records
- F**    **fall:** September through November records
- W**    **winter:** December through February records

- Bold**        known to breed on the Islands
- Italicized*    introduced to the Islands

__ <b>Red-throated Loon</b>	uR, cT	__ Gadwall	ra
__ Pacific Loon	cT, cW	__ Eurasian Wigeon	uW
__ <b>Common Loon</b>	cT, uSu, cW	__ American Wigeon	raSu, cW
__ Yellow-billed Loon	uR, uT	__ Canvasback	uW
__ Pied-billed Grebe	ra	__ Redhead	raW
__ Horned Grebe	uSp, cW	__ Ring-necked Duck	uW
__ Red-necked Grebe	raR, uSp, cW	__ Greater Scaup	cSpT, uSu, cW
__ Western Grebe	cW	__ Lesser Scaup	raW
__ Black-footed Albatross	cSu, raW	__ Common Eider	acc
__ Laysan Albatross	ca	__ King Eider	ca
__ Northern Fulmar	cR	__ Steller's Eider	ca
__ Pink-footed Shearwater	raT, cSu	__ <b>Harlequin Duck</b>	uSuF, cSpW
__ Flesh-footed Shearwater	acc	__ Oldsquaw	cSpT, cW
__ Buller's Shearwater	uSu, cF	__ Black Scoter	cSpT, uW
__ Sooty Shearwater	aSu, uW	__ Surf Scoter	cT, aW
__ Short-tailed Shearwater	ra	__ White-winged Scoter	cT, uSu, aW
__ <b>Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel</b>	aSu, raW	__ Common Goldeneye	raR, cW
__ <b>Leach's Storm-Petrel</b>	aSu	__ <b>Barrow's Goldeneye</b>	uW
__ Double-crested Cormorant	raSu, uW	__ Bufflehead	raR, cSpT, cW
__ Brandt's Cormorant	ra	__ <b>Hooded Merganser</b>	raR, uW
__ <b>Pelagic Cormorant</b>	cR	__ <b>Common Merganser</b>	cR
__ Red-faced Cormorant	acc	__ <b>Red-breasted Merganser</b>	raR, uW
__ Magnificent Frigatebird	acc	__ Ruddy Duck	caW
__ American Bittern	ca	__ Osprey	ra
__ <b>Great Blue Heron</b>	uR	__ <b>Bald Eagle</b>	cR
__ Great Egret	acc	__ Northern Harrier	ra
__ Cattle Egret	caW	__ <b>Sharp-shinned Hawk</b>	uR
__ Tundra Swan	ra	__ Cooper's Hawk	ra
__ Trumpeter Swan	uT, cW	__ <b>Northern Goshawk</b>	raR
__ Greater White-fronted Goose	uSp, raFW	__ <b>Red-tailed Hawk</b>	uR
__ Snow Goose	raFW	__ Rough-legged Hawk	caW
__ Emperor Goose	ca	__ American Kestrel	ra
__ Brant	aSpT, cW	__ Merlin	ra
__ <b>Canada Goose</b>	uSu, aW	__ <b>Peregrine Falcon (Peale's)</b>	uR
__ Wood Duck	caW	__ Gryfalcon	caW
__ <b>Green-winged Teal</b>	uSu, cW	__ <b>Ring-necked Pheasant</b>	ra
__ <b>Mallard</b>	cR	__ <b>Blue Grouse</b>	uR
__ Northern Pintail	cSpT, aSu, uW	__ Rock Ptarmigan	acc
__ Blue-winged Teal	raSu	__ Virginia Rail	ca
__ Cinnamon Teal	raSpSu	__ Sora	ca
__ Northern Shoveler	uTW	__ American Coot	uW
		__ <b>Sandhill Crane</b>	uT, uSpSu
		__ Black-bellied Plover	cT
		__ Pacific Golden-Plover	uT

__ American Golden-Plover	uT
__ <b>Semipalmated Plover</b>	cSpSu
__ <b>Killdeer</b>	uT, uSuW
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__ <b>Black Oystercatcher</b>	cR
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__ Greater Yellowlegs	uT
__ Lesser Yellowlegs	uT
__ Solitary Sandpiper	ca
__ Wandering Tattler	uSpFT
__ <b>Spotted Sandpiper</b>	uSu
__ Upland Sandpiper	ca
__ Whimbrel	uSpSuT
__ Marbled Godwit	caSp
__ Hudsonian Godwit	acc
__ Bar-tailed Godwit	acc
__ Ruddy Turnstone	uT, raW
__ Black Turnstone	cT, cW
__ Surfbird	uT, uW
__ Red Knot	raT
__ Sanderling	cT, cW
__ Semipalmated Sandpiper	uT
__ Western Sandpiper	aT
__ <b>Least Sandpiper</b>	cT, cSu
__ White-rumped Sandpiper	acc
__ Baird's Sandpiper	raT
__ Pectoral Sandpiper	uT
__ Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	raT
__ Rock Sandpiper	uW
__ Dunlin	cT, cW
__ Curlew Sandpiper	acc
__ Buff-breasted Sandpiper	caSpSu
__ Ruff	ca
__ Rufous-necked Stint	acc
__ Stilt Sandpiper	ca
__ Wood Sandpiper	acc
__ <b>Short-billed Dowitcher</b>	uT, raSu
__ Long-billed Dowitcher	ut
__ <b>Common Snipe</b>	uR
__ Red-necked Phalarope	cT
__ Red Phalarope	raFT
__ Wilson's Phalarope	acc
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__ Pomarine Jaeger	raT
__ Parasitic Jaeger	uT
__ Long-tailed Jaeger	raT
__ South Polar Skua	ca
__ Franklin's Gull	acc
__ Bonaparte's Gull	raT
__ <b>Mew Gull</b>	uSu, cW

__ Black-tailed Gull	acc
__ Ring-billed Gull	ra
__ California Gull	uFT
__ Herring Gull	raSu, uW
__ Thayer's Gull	uW
__ Western Gull	raW
__ <b>Glaucous-winged Gull</b>	cSu, aW
__ Glaucous Gull	ra
__ Black-legged Kittiwake	cT, uSu, raW
__ Red-legged Kittiwake	acc
__ Sabine's Gull	uT
__ Caspian Tern	raSpSu
__ Arctic Tern	raFT
__ Aleutian Tern	acc
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__ <b>Common Murre</b>	cSpSu, cW
__ Thick-billed Murre	ca
__ <b>Pigeon Guillemot</b>	cSpSu, raW
__ <b>Marbled Murrelet</b>	cSpSu
__ <b>Ancient Murrelet</b>	aSpSu, uW
__ <b>Cassin's Auklet</b>	aSpSu
__ <b>Rhinoceros Auklet</b>	aSpSu, uFT
__ <b>Tufted Puffin</b>	uSpSu
__ <b>Horned Puffin</b>	raSpSu
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__ <i>Rock Dove</i>	R
__ Band-tailed Pigeon	raSpW
__ Mourning Dove	ca
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__ Great Horned Owl	acc
__ Snowy Owl	raFW
__ Long-eared Owl	acc
__ Short-eared Owl	raFT
__ <b>Northern Saw-whet Owl</b>	uR
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__ Common Nighthawk	ca
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__ Black Swift	ca
__ Vaux Swift	ca
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__ Anna's Hummingbird	ra
__ <b>Rufous Hummingbird</b>	cSpSu
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__ <b>Belted Kingfisher</b>	cR
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__ Lewis' Woodpecker	ca
__ <b>Red-breasted Sapsucker</b>	uR
__ Downy Woodpecker	ca
__ <b>Hairy Woodpecker</b>	uR
__ <b>Northern Flicker</b>	uR

__ <b>Pacific-slope Flycatcher</b>	cSu
__ Say's Phoebe	ca
__ Eastern Kingbird	caSpSu
__ Eurasian Skylark	acc
__ Horned Lark	ca
__ <b>Tree Swallow</b>	cSpSu
__ Violet-green Swallow	ca
__ Cliff Swallow	ca
__ <b>Barn Swallow</b>	cSpSu
__ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	acc
__ <b>Steller's Jay</b>	uR
__ Clark's Nutcracker	ca
__ <b>Northwestern Crow</b>	cR
__ <b>Common Raven</b>	cR
__ <b>Chestnut-backed Chickadee</b>	cR
__ <b>Red-breasted Nuthatch</b>	raR
__ <b>Brown Creeper</b>	raR
__ House Wren	acc
__ <b>Winter Wren</b>	cR
__ <b>American Dipper</b>	uR
__ <b>Golden-crowned Kinglet</b>	cR
__ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	ca
__ Northern Wheatear	acc
__ Mountain Bluebird	ca
__ Townsend's Solitaire	ca
__ <b>Swainson's Thrush</b>	cSu
__ <b>Hermit Thrush</b>	uSp, cSu, raW
__ <b>American Robin</b>	cSpSu, uW
__ <b>Varied Thrush</b>	cR
__ Northern Mockingbird	acc
__ American Pipit	uT
__ Red-throated Pipit	acc
__ Yellow Wagtail	acc
__ Bohemian Waxwing	raW
__ <b>Cedar Waxwing</b>	raR
__ Northern Shrike	ca

__ <b>European Starling</b>	cR
__ <b>Orange-crowned Warbler</b>	uSpSu
__ Yellow-rumped Warbler	uT, raW
__ <b>Townsend's Warbler</b>	cSpSu
__ Palm Warbler	ca
__ Yellow Warbler	ca
__ <b>Wilson's Warbler</b>	uSu
__ Prairie Warbler	acc
__ American Tree Sparrow	ra
__ Chipping Sparrow	ca
__ <b>Savannah Sparrow</b>	cT, uSu
__ <b>Fox Sparrow</b>	uR
__ <b>Song Sparrow</b>	cR
__ <b>Lincoln's Sparrow</b>	cSpSu
__ White-throated Sparrow	ca
__ Golden-crowned Sparrow	ra
__ White-crowned Sparrow	ra
__ <b>Dark-eyed Junco</b>	cR
__ Lapland Longspur	raFT
__ Smith's Longspur	ca
__ Snow Bunting	raW
__ Yellow-headed Blackbird	acc
__ Rusty Blackbird	acc
__ Red-winged Blackbird	ra
__ Brewer's Blackbird	ca
__ Great-tailed Grackle	acc
__ Brown-headed Cowbird	ra
__ Brambling	ra
__ <b>Pine Grosbeak</b>	uR
__ Purple Finch	ca
__ Cassin's Finch	acc
__ <b>Red Crossbill</b>	uR
__ White-winged Crossbill	ra
__ Common Redpoll	ca
__ Hoary Redpoll	ca
__ <b>Pine Siskin</b>	cR
__ American Goldfinch	ca
__ Evening Grosbeak	ca

**Hypothetical:**

These birds are recorded as seen in the area, but details of sightings are not confirmed.

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| Snowy Egret         | Turkey Vulture |
| Pileated Woodpecker | Purple Martin  |
| Boreal Chickadee    | Rustic Bunting |

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