

# Annotated Checklist of the Birds of the Lower Columbia Basin

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Species	Breeding Status Note [3]	Occurrence Note [4],[5]				Occurrence Notes Note [8]
		Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	
<b>Waterfowl</b>						
Emperor Goose					A	Note [6]
Snow Goose						Most north bound migrants by leave late Apr becoming Rare until start of Oct. Otherwise Common.
Ross's Goose		C	C/R	R	C	
Greater White-fronted Goose		R	R	R	R	Records from end Jul to early May. Otherwise no records.
Brant		F	F/A	A/F	F	North bound migrants leave early May. Post breeding birds arrive late Aug. Otherwise Accidental.
Cackling Goose			A		A	Note [6]
Canada Goose	CO	C	C/R	R	C	Most north bound migrants leave by late Apr then Rare until mid Jun, Rare at end Sep with some early post breeding arrivals, increasing to Common early Oct. Otherwise no records.
Trumpeter Swan		C	C	C	C	
Tundra Swan		U	U		U	Uncommon from early Oct to late May.
Wood Duck	CO	F	U/R	R	R/F	Fairly Common from mid Oct to end Mar decreasing to Uncommon early Apr and then Rare until south bound migrants arrive.
Garganey		F	F	F	F	
Blue-winged Teal	CO	A			A	Note [6]
Cinnamon Teal	CO		U	U	U	Spring arrival early Apr, leave by late Oct. Note [7]
Northern Shoveler	PR	R/F	F	F	F/A	Increasing to Fairly Common late Mar when most north bound birds arrive. Post breeding birds leave by start Oct. One late Dec record. Note [7]
Gadwall	CO	C	C/U	U/C	C	Uncommon from early Jun to mid Sep. Otherwise Common.
Eurasian Wigeon		C	C/U	U/C	C	Uncommon from late May to mid Sep. Otherwise Common.
American Wigeon	PR	U	U	R	R/U	Uncommon from mid Oct until late May. Rare end Sep to early Oct. Otherwise no records.
Mallard	CO	C	C/U	U/C	C	Isolated probable breeding evidence. Common early Sep to early May. Otherwise Uncommon.
Northern Pintail	PO	C	C	C	C	
Green-winged Teal	PR	C	C/U	U/C	C	Common late Aug to end Apr. Otherwise Uncommon.
Canvasback		C	C/U	U/C	C	Common late Aug to mid May. Otherwise Uncommon.
Redhead	CO	C/U	U/R	R/U	C	Common early Oct to late Mar then Uncommon until late May. Then Rare until end of Aug. Uncommon in Sep.
Ring-necked Duck		C	C/F	U	C	Common from early Oct to mid Apr then Fairly Common until end Jun. Uncommon Jul to end Sep although some larger flocks can occur particularly in Walla Walla county.
Tufted Duck		C	C/U	U/C	C	Common early Sep to late Apr. Otherwise Uncommon
		A				Note [6]

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Greater Scaup		C	C/R	A	C	Common from early Oct to late Apr with larger concentrations typically in Walla Walla county. Rare from late Apr to end Jul. Otherwise Accidental.
Lesser Scaup		C	C/U	R/U	C	Common early Oct to late Apr then Uncommon until end of Jun. Rare Jul and Aug and Uncommon Sep.
Steller's Eider				A		Note [6]
Harlequin Duck		A	A		A	Note [6]
Surf Scoter		A	A	U	U	Uncommon from late Sep to late Nov. Isolated records in Feb, Mar, and May. No other records.
White-winged Scoter		A	A	R	R	Rare from early Aug to early Dec. Isolated records in Feb, Apr, May and Jun.
Black Scoter		A		A	A	Note [6]
Long-tailed Duck		R	R		R	Records from mid Oct to end Apr.
Bufflehead		C	C/U	R	C	Common from early Oct to mid May then Uncommon to end of June. Otherwise Rare.
Common Goldeneye		C	U/R	R	F/C	Common from Nov until end Mar. Uncommon Apr to end May. Rare from Jun to end Sep. Fairly Common Oct.
Barrow's Goldeneye		F	R	A	F	Fairly Common late Oct to end Mar. Rare Apr to end May. Accidental in Jul with one record. Otherwise no records.
Hooded Merganser		F	U/R	R/F	F	Fairly Common early Sep to end Mar. Uncommon Apr. Otherwise Rare.
Common Merganser	CO	C	C	U	C	Isolated breeding records along Columbia River.
Red-breasted Merganser		R	R/A	A	R	Rare from Oct to end of May. Otherwise Accidental.
Ruddy Duck	CO	C	C/U	U/C	C	Uncommon from early May to early Sep. Otherwise Common.
<b>Grouse, Quail, and Allies</b>						
Northern Bobwhite						Exotic: Escapee, no established wild population.
California Quail	CO	C	C	C	C	Exotic: Naturalized.
Wild Turkey	CO	U	U	U	U	Exotic: Naturalized. Spreading into the basin, less common in Benton county.
Greater Sage-Grouse		A			A	Note [6], Likely extirpated in our area due habitat loss.
Gray Partridge	CO	U	U	U	U	Exotic: Naturalized.
Ring-necked Pheasant	CO	C	C	C	C	Exotic: Naturalized. Possible declining trend.
Chukar	CO	F	F	F	F	Exotic: Naturalized.
<b>Grebes</b>						
Pied-billed Grebe	CO	F	F/U	U/F	F	Fairly Common from mid Aug to end Apr. Otherwise Uncommon.

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Horned Grebe		C	C/F/R	U	C	Common from Oct to end Apr. Fairly Common until late May then Rare until mid Jun. Uncommon late Aug and Sep. Otherwise no records.
Red-necked Grebe		R	R	R/U	U/R	Uncommon early Sep to end Nov. Otherwise Rare.
Eared Grebe	CO	F	F/U	U/F	F	Fairly Common mid Sept to end May. Otherwise Uncommon.
Western Grebe	CO	C	C/F	F/C	C	Common mid Sep to end of May. Otherwise Fairly Common. Isolated confirmed breeding.
Clark's Grebe	PR	U	U	U	U	
<b>Pigeons and Doves</b>						
Rock Pigeon	CO	C	C	C	C	Exotic: Naturalized.
Band-tailed Pigeon		A	A		A	Note [6]
Eurasian Collared-Dove	CO	F	F	F	F	Exotic: Naturalized.
Mourning Dove	CO	C	C	C	C	
<b>Cuckoos</b>						
Yellow-billed Cuckoo			A			Note [6]
<b>Nightjars</b>						
Common Nighthawk	PR		F	F	A	Spring arrival mid May, most leave by late Sep. Accidental in Oct.
Common Poorwill	PR	U	U	U		Spring arrival late Mar and leave by late Sep. Nocturnal and difficult to detect may affect status.
<b>Swifts</b>						
Vaux's Swift	PR		U	U	R	Spring arrival mid Apr, most leave by late Sep, Rare in early Oct with isolated records.
White-throated Swift	CO	U	U	U		Spring arrival late Mar and leave by late Sep. Limited to areas adjacent to basalt cliffs. Most prime breeding areas difficult to access.
<b>Hummingbirds</b>						
Black-chinned Hummingbird	CO		C	C/F		Common mid Apr until early Sep then Fairly Common to late Sep.
Anna's Hummingbird	CO	F	F	F	F	Rare mostly in winter before 2006, has become Fairly Common resident.
Calliope Hummingbird			U/R	R/U		Most north bound migrants from mid Apr to end May. Most post breeding migrants from mid Aug to mid Sep. Rare Jun to mid Jul.
Rufous Hummingbird			F/U	U/F/R	A	Fairly Common mid Apr to late May. Uncommon Jun and Jul. Fairly Common Aug to mid Sep then Rare to end Sep. Accidental in Oct with one record.
<b>Rails, Gallinules, and Allies</b>						
Virginia Rail	CO	F	F	F	F	
Sora	PR	A	U	U	A	Spring arrival mid Apr, most leave by late Sep. Otherwise Accidental.

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American Coot	CO	C	C/U	U/C	C	Numbers decrease from late Apr to late Aug. Otherwise Common.
<b>Cranes</b>						
Sandhill Crane		A/C	C	A/C	C/A	Most north bound migrants from mid Feb to end Apr. Most post breeding migrants from mid Sep to end Oct. Otherwise Accidental.
<b>Shorebirds</b>						
Black-necked Stilt	CO	F	F	F	F	North bound arrivals start late Mar and post breeding birds leave end Oct. Otherwise no records.
American Avocet	CO	F	F	F	F	North bound arrivals start mid Mar and post breeding birds leave mid Oct. Otherwise no records.
Black-bellied Plover			R	A/U	U	North bound migrants late Apr to early Jun when Rare. South bound migrants early Sep to start Nov when Uncommon. Accidental in Aug with isolated records.
American Golden-Plover			A	R	R	Accidental in early June with isolated records. South bound migrants from end Aug to end Oct when Rare.
Pacific Golden-Plover				A	A	Note [6]
Killdeer	CO	U/C	C	C	C/U	Increasing to Common Mar to early Nov. Otherwise Uncommon.
Semipalmated Plover			R	U	U	Rare north bound migrants from late Apr to beginning of Jun. Post breeding migrants from mid Jul to mid Oct when they are Uncommon. Otherwise no records.
Snowy Plover			A			Note [6]
Whimbrel			A	A		Note [6]
Long-billed Curlew	CO	U	U	U/R		Uncommon mid Mar to mid Jul subsequently Rare to mid Aug.
Hudsonian Godwit			A	A		Note [6]
Marbled Godwit			R	R		Rare from mid Apr to start of Oct.
Ruddy Turnstone			A	A		Note [6]
Black Turnstone			A			Note [6]
Red Knot				A	A	Note [6]
Ruff				A	A	Note [6]
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper				A	A	Note [6]
Stilt Sandpiper			A	U	U/R	Accidental in May with one record. Uncommon from mid Aug to late Sep, subsequently Rare until early Nov.
Sanderling			R	R	R	Records from Apr to early Jun and from mid Jul to end Oct. Otherwise no records.
Dunlin		U/F	F/U	R	F	Uncommon Jan to mid Mar then Increasing to Fairly Common until end Apr, Uncommon during May, Rare starting mid Sep Increasing to Fairly Common Oct until late Dec. Otherwise no records.

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Baird's Sandpiper				F	F	Fairly Common Aug to mid Oct
Little Stint			A			Note [6]
Least Sandpiper		R	R/U	F	F/U	Uncommon mid Apr to late May during migration. South bound migrants arrive late Jun, Fairly Common until early Nov then Uncommon to early Dec. Rare from early Dec to mid Apr.
White-rumped Sandpiper			A			Note [6]
Buff-breasted Sandpiper				A	A	Note [6]
Pectoral Sandpiper			A	R/F	F/R	Accidental in May with isolated records. Most South bound migrants from early Aug to mid Nov. Isolated records Jul and late Nov when Rare.
Semipalmated Sandpiper			A	U		Isolated May records when Accidental. Uncommon early Jul to mid Sep.
Western Sandpiper		A	U	C	C/U	Uncommon Apr and May. South bound birds arrive late Jun when Uncommon. Increasing to Common early Jul to mid Oct then Uncommon to mid Nov. Accidental from Jan to Mar.
Short-billed Dowitcher			A	R	R	One May record when accidental. Rare from late Jul to early Oct.
Long-billed Dowitcher		R	U/F/R	R/C	C/U	Rare Jan to end Mar. Uncommon in Apr, Increasing to Fairly Common during May. Rare from late Jun early Jul. Increasing to Common mid Jul to end Oct then Uncommon to mid Dec.
Wilson's Snipe	PR	U	U	U/F	F/U	Increasing to Fairly Common mid Sep to early Nov. Otherwise Uncommon.
Wilson's Phalarope	PO		F	U		Fairly Common early May to end Jun. Uncommon early Jul to mid Sep. Declining trend, numbers depend on water management practices.
Red-necked Phalarope			U/R	R/F	U	Uncommon from early Apr to end May. Rare Jun to mid Jul. Fairly Common from late Jul late Sep, then Uncommon to early Nov.
Red Phalarope					A	Note [6]
Spotted Sandpiper	CO	R	R/F	F	F/R	Increasing to Fairly Common early May to early Oct. Otherwise Rare.
Solitary Sandpiper			R	U	R	Rare early Apr to end May. Uncommon early Jul to end Sep. Isolated early Oct records when Rare.
Greater Yellowlegs		R	F/R	R/C	C/R	Fairly Common Apr and May, Rare June to mid Jul then increasing to Common until end Oct. Otherwise Rare.
Willet			R	A		Isolated records late Apr to early Jun when Rare. Accidental in Aug with one record.
Lesser Yellowlegs			U/R	C	C	Uncommon Apr and May, Rare Jun, Common early Jul to end Oct.
<b>Jaegers</b>						
Pomarine Jaeger				A		Note [6]
Parasitic Jaeger				R	R	Rare from late Aug to mid Nov

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Long-tailed Jaeger				A		Note [6]
<b>Gulls and Terns</b>						
Black-legged Kittiwake		A			A	Note [6]
Ivory Gull		A				Note [6]
Sabine's Gull			A	R	R	Isolated May records when Accidental. Rare late Aug to late Oct.
Bonaparte's Gull		A	U	R/F	F/R	Increasing to Fairly Common from Aug to mid Nov.
Black-headed Gull		A			A	Note [6]
Little Gull				A		Note [6]
Ross's Gull					A	Note [6]
Franklin's Gull		A	A/R	R	R	Rare from May to late Nov. Isolated records in Jan and Apr when Accidental.
Black-tailed Gull				A		Note [6]
Heermann's Gull					A	Note [6]
Short-billed Gull		U/R	A	A	A/U	Uncommon mid Oct to end Feb, Rare in Mar. Otherwise Accidental.
Ring-billed Gull	CO	C	C	C	C	
Western Gull		A		A	A	Formerly Rare, this species has become Accidental with only 4 records from 2010 to 2021.
California Gull	CO	C	C	C	C	
Herring Gull						Uncommon from late Apr to early Jun then Rare until early Sep when increasing to Fairly Common.
		F	F/U	R/F	F	
Iceland Gull		U			U	Uncommon from late Oct to end Mar.
Lesser Black-backed Gull		U		A	U	Once accidental, it has occurred annually from 2008 to at least 2022 with significantly more sightings since 2015. Uncommon from early Oct to mid Mar, 1 Aug record when Accidental.
Slaty-backed Gull		A			A	A single individual has been repeatedly present since 2016 to at least 2022 with dates ranging from mid Oct to mid Mar. No other observations. Note [6]
Glaucous-winged Gull						Decreasing to Uncommon mid Apr to end Jun then Rare until mid Sep when increasing to Fairly Common.
		F	F/U	R/F	F	
Glaucous Gull		R	R		R	Records from mid Nov to start of May
Least Tern				A		Note [6]
Caspian Tern	CO		C	C		Common from mid Mar to start of Oct.
Black Tern			R	A/R		Rare from early May to end Jun. Accidental Jul. Rare Aug late Sep.
Common Tern			R	A/U	U	Rare late May to mid Jun. Uncommon early Aug to mid Oct. Accidental in Jul with 1 record.
Arctic Tern				A	A	Note [6]
Forster's Tern	CO	A	F	F	R	Fairly Common from mid Apr to late Sep, Rare in Oct, One late Mar record when Accidental.

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<b>Loons</b>						
Red-throated Loon		R/A			R	Most records from mid Oct to mid Jan, 1 Mar record.
Pacific Loon		R	A	A	U/R	Uncommon from early Oct to early Dec then decreasing to Rare until late Mar. Otherwise Accidental.
Common Loon		F	F/R	R/F	F	Fairly Common from mid Sep until early Jun. Otherwise Rare.
<b>Frigatebirds</b>						
Magnificent Frigatebird				A		Note [6]
<b>Cormorants</b>						
Double-crested Cormorant	CO	C	C	C	C	
<b>Pelicans</b>						
American White Pelican	CO	C	C	C	C	
Brown Pelican				A	A	Note [6]
<b>Hérons, Ibis, and Allies</b>						
American Bittern	PR	A	U	R	R	
Great Blue Heron	CO	C	C	C	C	
Great Egret	CO	U	C	C	C/U	Uncommon from Nov to end of Mar. Otherwise Common.
Snowy Egret			A	A		Note [6]
Cattle Egret		A			A	Formerly Rare, records declined since mid 2000s, now Accidental. Note [6].
Green Heron				A	A	Note [6]
Black-crowned Night-Heron	CO	F	F	F	F	
White-faced Ibis	PR		U/R	R	A	Uncommon mid Apr to mid Jun. Isolated probable breeding evidence at Kahlotus Lake. Dependent on water management practices.
<b>Vultures, Hawks, and Allies</b>						
Turkey Vulture		A	R	R	A	Increasing trend since 2015.
Osprey	CO	F	F	F	F/R	Fairly common from late Mar to mid Oct becoming Rare until late Dec.
Golden Eagle		R	R	R	R	
Northern Harrier	CO	F	F	F	F	
Sharp-shinned Hawk		F	F/R	R/F	F	Rare Jun to Aug. Otherwise Fairly Common.
Cooper's Hawk	CO	F	F	F	F	Has increased since mid 2000s, formerly not breeding resident.
Northern Goshawk		R	A	A	R	Most records from mid Oct to late Mar, isolated Apr, May, Sep records

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Bald Eagle	CO	C	U	U	U/C	Common from mid Oct to mid Mar. Has increased and now has breeding pairs.
Red-shouldered Hawk		A		A	A	Note [6]
Broad-winged Hawk				A	A	Note [6]
Swainson's Hawk	CO	R	F	F	R	Fairly Common Apr to late Sep, Rare in Oct, isolated records late Mar when Rare.
Red-tailed Hawk	CO	C	C	C	C	
Rough-legged Hawk						Fairly Common mid Oct to late Apr, Rare in May and early Oct, Accidental in late Sep with one record.
Ferruginous Hawk	CO	R	R	R	R	Formerly Uncommon, numbers have declined after early 2000s.
<b>Owls</b>						
Barn Owl	CO	U	U	U	U	
Flammulated Owl			A	A		Note [6]
Western Screech-Owl	CO	U	U	U	U	
Great Horned Owl	CO	F	F	F	F	
Snowy Owl		R			R	Irruptive, Records from mid Nov to late Mar.
Burrowing Owl	CO	R/U	U	U/R	R	Increasing to Uncommon mid Mar to late Jul. Overall numbers have been declining, becoming increasingly dependent on artificial burrows.
Barred Owl		A			A	Note [6], possible increasing trend.
Long-eared Owl	CO	U	U	U	U	Numbers have declined.
Short-eared Owl	PR	U	U	U	U	
Northern Saw-whet Owl		U			U	Records from Oct to late Mar.
<b>Kingfishers</b>						
Belted Kingfisher	PR	F	U	U/F	F	Uncommon from Apr to end Jul.
<b>Woodpeckers</b>						
Lewis's Woodpecker			U/R	R/U		Most records from late Apr to mid May and from end Aug to end Sep.
Williamson's Sapsucker		A				Note [6]
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		A			A	Note [6]
Red-naped Sapsucker			R		R	Records from mid Apr to mid May and from early Sep to early Oct.
Red-breasted Sapsucker		R	A	A	A	Formerly accidental. Nearly annual since 2016. Rare Jan to mid Feb. Accidental in June, Sep, and Dec with isolated records.
Black-backed Woodpecker			A			Note [6]



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Downy Woodpecker	CO	C	C	C	C	
Hairy Woodpecker		R	R/A	A/R	R	Accidental Jun to end Aug. Otherwise Rare.
Northern Flicker	CO	C	C/F	F/C	C	Common Sep to mid May. Otherwise Fairly Common.
<b>Falcons</b>						
American Kestrel	CO	F	F	F	F	
Merlin		U	U/R	R/U	U	Uncommon from Sep to late Apr. Otherwise Rare.
Gyr Falcon		R			R	Rare late Nov to late Mar.
Peregrine Falcon	CO	U	U	U	U	
Prairie Falcon	CO	U	U	U	U	
<b>Flycatchers</b>						
Olive-sided Flycatcher			U/R	R/U	U	Most records from early Apr to mid Jun and from mid Aug to late Sep.
Western Wood-Pewee	CO		F	F		Records from May to end Sep.
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher				A		Note [6]
Willow Flycatcher			U	R/U		Uncommon early May to end Jun, Rare Jul to mid Aug then increasing to Uncommon until mid Sep.
Least Flycatcher			A			Note [6]
Hammond's Flycatcher			F	F	R	Most records from mid Apr to start Jun and from mid Aug to late Sep. Rare early Oct.
Gray Flycatcher			U	A/U		Most records from mid Apr to end May and from mid Aug to late Sep. Accidental late Jul and early Aug
Dusky Flycatcher			F	F		Most records from mid Apr to start Jun and from mid Aug to late Sep. Isolated records outside these date ranges.
Pacific-slope Flycatcher			U	U		Most records from late Apr to early Jun and from mid Aug to late Sep.
Black Phoebe		A		A	A	Note [6]
Say's Phoebe	CO	R/F	F	F	F/R	Increasing to Fairly Common from mid Feb to mid Oct.
Ash-throated Flycatcher			R	R		Records from early Jun to late Jun and from late Aug to mid Sep. Formerly Accidental, records have increased since 2016.
Variegated Flycatcher				A		Note [6]
Western Kingbird	CO		C	C/R	R	Spring arrival mid Apr, most leave by early Sep then Rare to early Oct.
Eastern Kingbird	CO		C	C/R		Spring arrival mid May, most leave by early Sep then Rare to mid Sep.

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Scissor-tailed Flycatcher				A		Note [6]
<b>Vireos</b>						
Cassin's Vireo			F	F		Most records from late Apr to early Jun and from late Aug to late Sep. Isolated records outside these date ranges.
Warbling Vireo			F	F/R	R	Fairly Common from late Apr to early Jun and then Rare to end of Jul. Fairly Common end Jul to late Sep and then Rare to early Oct.
Red-eyed Vireo			R	R		Records from late May to mid Sep.
<b>Shrikes</b>						
Loggerhead Shrike	CO	R/F	F	F/R	R	Increasing to Fairly Common mid Mar to late Sep.
Northern Shrike		U	R		U	Rare in early Apr.
<b>Jays, Magpies, Crows, and Ravens</b>						
Steller's Jay		R	A	A	R	Rare from late Oct to early Mar. Accidental in Apr and late Sep with isolated records.
Blue Jay		R	R		R	Records from mid Oct to end Apr.
California Scrub-Jay	PR	U	U	U	U	Established as year round resident in 2007.
Black-billed Magpie	CO	C	C	C	C	
Clark's Nutcracker		A		A		Note [6]
American Crow	CO	C	C	C	C	
Common Raven	CO	C	C	C	C	
<b>Chickadees</b>						
Black-capped Chickadee	CO	C	C	C	C	
Mountain Chickadee		R	R		R	Irruptive, Rare from Oct to mid Apr.
<b>Larks</b>						
Horned Lark	CO	C	C	C	C	
<b>Martins and Swallows</b>						
Bank Swallow	CO		R/C	C/R	R	Common from mid Apr to mid Sep. Rare early Apr and from mid Sep to end Oct.
Tree Swallow	CO	R/C	C	C/F	R	Rare mid Feb increasing to common by mid Mar until end Aug then Fairly Common to end Sep. Rare in Oct.
Violet-green Swallow	CO	R/C	C/F	F	R	Rare Jan and Feb increasing to Common by mid Mar until mid May then becoming Fairly Common until end Sep. Rare in Oct.
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	CO	R	C	C/U	A	Rare mid Mar increasing to Common by early Apr until early Sep then Uncommon to late Sep. Rare in Oct and Nov.

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Purple Martin				A		Note [6]
Barn Swallow	CO	A	F/C	C	C/R	Fairly Common early Apr increasing to Common by mid Apr until early Oct then decreasing to Rare until early Dec. Accidental in Jan to end Mar with isolated records.
Cliff Swallow	CO	U	C	C/F/R	A	Uncommon in Mar increasing to Common by start of Apr until late Jul then decreasing to Fairly Common until early Sep. Rare the rest of Sep. Accidental in Nov with 1 record.
<b>Bushtit</b>						
Bushtit		A				Note [6]
<b>Kinglets</b>						
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		F	C/F	A/F/C	F	Increasing to Common early Apr until mid May then Fairly Common until start of Jun. Fairly Common starting end of Aug to mid Sep then increasing to Common mid Sep until early Nov and then decreasing to Fairly Common. Isolated records in Jul when Accidental.
Golden-crowned Kinglet		F	F/R	F	F	Fairly Common from end Aug to end May, decreasing to Rare in Jun. Otherwise no records.
<b>Waxwings</b>						
Bohemian Waxwing		U	U		U	Irruptive. Uncommon from early Nov to early Apr.
Cedar Waxwing	CO	C	C	C	C	
<b>Nuthatches</b>						
Red-breasted Nuthatch	CO	U	U	U	U	Formerly not a breeding resident. Records increased since early 2000s.
White-breasted Nuthatch		R		R	R	Rare from late Aug to late Jan.
Pygmy Nuthatch				A	A	Note [6]
<b>Treecreepers</b>						
Brown Creeper		U	R	A	U	Uncommon early Oct to end Mar. Rare Apr to late May. Accidental in Sep with 1 record.
<b>Gnatcatchers</b>						
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher			A	A	A	Note [6]
<b>Wrens</b>						
Rock Wren	CO	R/F	F	F	F/R	Increasing to Fairly Common mid Mar to mid Oct. Otherwise Rare.
Canyon Wren	CO	U	U	U	U	Almost exclusively limited to areas adjacent to basalt cliffs. Most prime breeding areas difficult to access.
Bewick's Wren	CO	C	C	C	C	
House Wren	CO		F	F	R	Spring arrival mid Apr, most leave by mid Sep then Rare to early Oct.
Pacific Wren		U	U/R	R/U	U	Rare from mid Aug to mid Sep then becoming Uncommon until mid Apr then Rare to mid May.

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		Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	
Marsh Wren	CO	F/C	C	C/F	F	Common from mid Mar to late Jul. Otherwise Fairly Common.
<b>Catbirds, Mockingbirds, and Thrashers</b>						
Gray Catbird	CO		C	C	A	Formerly not a breeding resident. Records increased since mid 2000s. Most records from mid May to late Sep. Accidental in Oct with 1 record.
Brown Thrasher			A			Note [6]
Sage Thrasher	CO	R/U	U	U/R		Uncommon mid Mar to early Sep. Rare Feb to mid Mar and mid to late Sep.
Northern Mockingbird	CO	R	R	R	R	Isolated breeding records.
<b>Starlings</b>						
European Starling	CO	C	C	C	C	Exotic: Naturalized.
<b>Dippers</b>						
American Dipper		R	A		R	Formerly accidental. Now Rare occurring nearly annually at Prosser Dam since 2013. Most records from late Nov to mid Mar. Accidental in Apr with one record at Palouse Falls.
<b>Thrushes</b>						
Western Bluebird		R	R/A	A	R	Most records from late Oct to mid Apr. Accidental in May and Jul.
Mountain Bluebird		A/R	R	R	R/A	Rare from early Mar to mid Jun and from early Sep to late Oct. Accidental Nov to Feb.
Townsend's Solitaire		U	U	U	U	Uncommon from late Aug to late May. Otherwise no records.
Veery			A	A		Note [6]
Swainson's Thrush			R	R	R	Records from mid May to mid Jun and from early Sep to early Oct
Hermit Thrush		F	F/A	F	F	Fairly Common from early Sep to early Jun. Accidental late Jun with 1 record.
American Robin	CO	C	C	C	C	
Varied Thrush		F	F/A	A/F	F	Fairly Common from mid Sep to mid May. Otherwise Accidental.
<b>Old World Sparrows</b>						
House Sparrow	CO	C	C	C	C	Exotic: Naturalized
<b>Wagtails and Pipits</b>						
White Wagtail				A		Note [6]
American Pipit		R/U	U	R/U	U/R	Increasing to Uncommon late Mar until mid May. Rare from mid Aug to mid Sep then increasing to Uncommon until late Oct. Rare over winter.
<b>Finches and Allies</b>						
Brambling		A			A	Note [6]
Evening Grosbeak		R	R/A	A/R	R	Irruptive. Accidental Jun and Jul. Otherwise Rare.
Pine Grosbeak		R	R		R	Irruptive. Rare from late Oct until early Mar.

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Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch		U	U/R		U	Uncommon from mid Oct until late Mar. Rare Apr to early May.
House Finch	CO	C	C	C	C	
Purple Finch		U	U/R	R/U	U	Uncommon from late Sep to early Apr, then Rare until late May. Rare from late Jul to late Sep. Otherwise no records.
Cassin's Finch		R	R/A	A	R	Irruptive. Rare from late Sep to late May. Otherwise Accidental.
Common Redpoll		R	R		R	Irruptive. Rare from end Oct to late Mar.
Red Crossbill	CO	R	R	R	R	Isolated documentation of recently fledged young in North Richland. Records from all months.
White-winged Crossbill		A			A	Irruptive. Note [6]
Pine Siskin	CO	F	F/R	R/F	F	Irruptive. Fairly Common from mid Sep to end May. Otherwise Rare. One record of feeding young in North Richland to support confirmed breeding.
Lesser Goldfinch	CO	F	F	F	F	Accidental before 2011. Subsequently increasing to Fairly Common breeding resident.
American Goldfinch	CO	C	C	C	C	
<b>Longspurs and Snow Buntings</b>						
Lapland Longspur		R		A	R	Rare from early Nov to early Mar. Accidental in Sep with 2 records.
Snow Bunting		R			R	Rare end Oct to mid Mar.
<b>New World Sparrows</b>						
Grasshopper Sparrow	CO		C	C/U/A		Common from mid Apr to end Jul on Arid Lands Ecology Reserve (restricted access) Uncommon elsewhere. Decreasing to Uncommon in Aug. One late Sep record when Accidental.
Black-throated Sparrow	CO		R	R		Rare early May until early Jul.
Lark Sparrow	CO		F	F/U		Fairly Common late Apr to mid Aug then Uncommon to mid Sep.
Chipping Sparrow			F/R	R/F	F	Fairly Common mid Apr to early Jun. Then Rare until mid Sep when increasing to Fairly Common until early Oct.
Clay-colored Sparrow			A	A	A	Note [6]
Brewer's Sparrow	CO	U	F	F/U		Spring arrival late Mar when Uncommon. Increasing to Fairly Common early Apr to late Aug. Then Uncommon to late Sep. Declining trend due to habitat loss.
Fox Sparrow		U	U	A/U	U	Uncommon from Sep to late May. Accidental in Aug with 2 records.
American Tree Sparrow		U/R	R		R/U	Rare Oct. Uncommon Nov to early Mar. Then Rare to mid Apr.
Dark-eyed Junco		C	C/F/A	A/F/C	C	Common from mid Sep to mid Apr. Fairly Common mid Apr to late May. Accidental Jun to late Aug. Then increasing to Fairly Common to mid Sep.

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White-crowned Sparrow		C	C/U/R	U/C	C	Common from early Sep to early May then Fairly Common to end of May. Rare in June. Uncommon mid Aug to early Sep,
Golden-crowned Sparrow		U	U	U	U	Uncommon from early Sep to start of Jun. Otherwise no records.
Harris's Sparrow		R	R/A		R	Rare from late Oct to early May. Accidental in Jun with 1 record.
White-throated Sparrow		R	R	R	R	Rare from mid Sep to late May. Otherwise no records.
Sagebrush Sparrow	CO	A/U	U	U	A	North bound arrivals from early to mid Feb becoming Uncommon until early Oct. Accidental in Dec and Jan with one record each. Declining due to habitat loss.
Vesper Sparrow	CO	C	C	C/U	U	North bound arrivals from mid to late Mar becoming Common until end Aug. Uncommon in Sep to start of Oct. Otherwise no records.
LeConte's Sparrow					A	Note [6]
Savannah Sparrow		U/F	F/R	R/F	F/U	Fairly Common from Mar to early Jun. Then Rare to end Jul. Fairly Common from early Aug to early Nov. Then Uncommon to end Feb.
Song Sparrow	CO	C	C	C	C	
Lincoln's Sparrow		U	U	U/F	U	Uncommon mid to end Aug. Fairly Common Sep. Uncommon from Oct to late May. Otherwise no records.
Swamp Sparrow		R			R	Rare from early Oct to end Mar.
Spotted Towhee		F	F/R	R/F	F	Fairly Common late Aug to end May. Otherwise Rare.
<b>Chats</b>						
Yellow-breasted Chat	CO		C	C/U	A	Common from early May to mid Sep then Uncommon to late Sep. Accidental in Oct with 1 record. Increasing trend.
<b>Blackbirds and Orioles</b>						
Yellow-headed Blackbird	CO	U/F	F	F/U	U	Fairly Common mid Mar to mid Sep. Otherwise Uncommon.
Western Meadowlark	CO	C	C	C	C	
Bullock's Oriole	CO		C	C/U/A	A	Common late Apr to mid Aug then Uncommon to early Sep. Accidental late Sep and Dec with one record each.
Baltimore Oriole			A			Note [6]
Red-winged Blackbird	CO	C	C	C	C	
Tricolored Blackbird	CO	R/U	U	U/R	R	Uncommon from Mar to end Aug. Otherwise Rare. Isolated breeding colonies in Franklin and Walla Walla counties. Most records during non-breeding season concentrated in western Walla Walla county.

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Brown-headed Cowbird	CO	C	C	C	C	Most records during non-breeding season concentrated in western Walla Walla county.
Rusty Blackbird		A			A	Note [6]
Brewer's Blackbird	CO	C	C	C	C	
Common Grackle		A	A	A	A	Note [6]
Great-tailed Grackle				A		Note [6]
<b>Wood Warblers</b>						
Ovenbird			A			Note [6]
Northern Waterthrush			A	A	A	Note [6]
Black-and-white Warbler		A	A	A	A	Note [6]
Prothonotary Warbler				A	A	Note [6]
Tennessee Warbler				A		Note [6]
Orange-crowned Warbler		U	U/F/R	R/F	U	Fairly Common mid Apr to late May then Rare to early Jun. Rare Jul increasing to Fairly Common early Aug to early Oct. Uncommon from early Oct to mid Apr.
Nashville Warbler			F	R/F/U	R	Fairly Common from mid Apr to end May. Rare Jul increasing to Fairly Common early Aug to mid Sep then Uncommon until end Sep. Rare in Oct.
MacGillivray's Warbler			U/R	F/U		Uncommon late Apr to late May. Rare Jun. Fairly Common early Aug to mid Sep, then Uncommon to end Sep.
Common Yellowthroat	CO		U	U	U	Uncommon mid Apr to early Oct.
American Redstart			R	R		Rare early Jun. Also Rare from early Sep to late Sep.
Northern Parula		A	A	A	A	Note [6]
Magnolia Warbler				A		Note [6]
Blackburnian Warbler			A			Note [6]
Yellow Warbler	CO		C	C/U	R	Common late Apr to mid Sep, then Uncommon to end Sep. Rare Oct to Nov.
Chestnut-sided Warbler			A	A		Note [6]
Blackpoll Warbler				A		Note [6]
Black-throated Blue Warbler				A	A	Note [6]
Prairie Warbler					A	Note [6]
Yellow-rumped Warbler		C	C/F/R	R/C	C	Common early Jan to early May. Then Fairly Common to end May decreasing to Rare in early Jun. Rare Jul increasing to Common by late Aug until the end of the year.
Black-throated Gray Warbler			A	R	R	Accidental in May with two records. Rare from mid Aug to mid Oct.

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Townsend's Warbler			F	U/F	R	Fairly Common from late Apr to early Jun. Uncommon end Jul to late Aug then increasing to Fairly Common end Sep. Rare in early Oct.
Hermit Warbler			A			Note [6]
Canada Warbler			A			Note [6]
Wilson's Warbler			C/R	R/C	R	Common from late Apr to end May. Rare Jun to start Jul. Common early Aug to end Sep. Rare Oct and Nov.
<b>Cardinals, Grosbeaks, and Allies</b>						
Western Tanager			F	R/F	R/A	Fairly Common late Apr to early Jun then Rare to late Jul when increasing to Fairly Common to end Sep. Rare early Oct. Accidental Dec with one record.
Rose-breasted Grosbeak			A			Note [6]
Black-headed Grosbeak	CO		C	C	R	Common late Apr to late Aug then Rare until mid Sep.
Lazuli Bunting	CO		C	C/R	A	Common late Apr to end Aug then Rare until early Oct. Accidental in Dec with one record.
Indigo Bunting			A	A		Note [6]

General notes:

[1] Provide comments to Bill and Nancy LaFramboise (keepbirding2@yahoo.com)

[2] For the purposes of this checklist, the Lower Columbia Basin is defined as Benton, Franklin, and western Walla Walla Counties excluding Lyons Ferry.

[3] Breeding status based on standardized criteria in "Breeding Birds of Washington State" and eBird: CO confirmed breeding, PR probable breeding, PO possible

[4] Occurrence codes are as follows:

C: common, seen most visits and in large numbers in suitable habits

F: fairly common, seen most visits in suitable habits but in lower numbers

U: uncommon, generally seen in lower numbers and not on most visits

R: rare, may occur annually or less than annually with very low numbers

A: accidental, occurring less than annually generally with several years between sightings

/ indicates that the occurrence levels change from the beginning of the period to the end of the period as described in the occurrence notes.

A blank cell indicates that the species has not occurred during the specified time period.

[5] Many species are not present during the entire specified 3 month time range. See occurrence notes for clarification.

[6] The occurrence of accidental species is further defined in the report "Accidental Birds of the Lower Columbia Basin" by the authors on the LCBAS web site.

[7] Post breeding eclipsed plumage of Blue-wing and Cinnamon Teal are similar which may effect the understanding of post breeding numbers.

[8] Irruptive: large annual population fluxes usually associated with food availability.

[9] Based on established records in eBird, "Breeding Birds of Washington State", "Accidental Birds of the Lower Columbia Basin" and Washington Birds Records Committee reports.