

**CHECKLIST OF THE BIRDS  
OF IONA ISLAND, RICHMOND BC**

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Iona Island, located just north of Sea Island and the Vancouver International Airport, has long been recognized across North America as one of the best places to study shorebirds. The riverbank, Fraser River tidal flat, marsh, grassland and beach habitats attract a wide range of bird species, including many rare and vagrant species.

**Area Covered**






The checklist area includes Iona Beach Regional Park, a 114 hectare Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) park flanked by the intertidal foreshore. The checklist area is all of Iona Island including the immediate waters around the Iona South (often called the "West") Jetty, the North Arm Jetty, a portion of the North Arm of the Fraser River, McDonald Slough, and the Iona-Sea Island Causeway which joins Iona and Sea Islands. The checklist area does not include Sea Island.

**Area Map**

For more information on this area and for a map of Iona Beach Regional Park, contact the Greater Vancouver Regional District Parks Department in writing (4330 Kingsway, Burnaby, B.C. V5H 4G8) or by phone at (604) 432-6350.

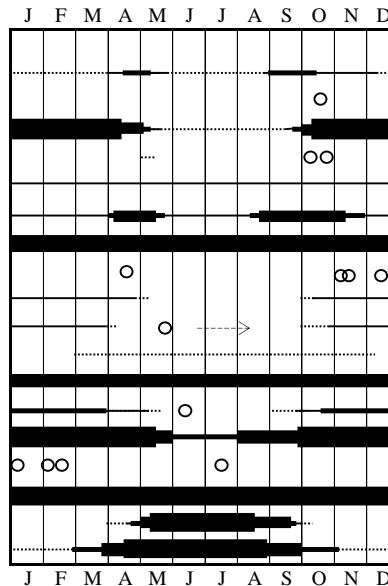
**Report Rare Bird Sightings**

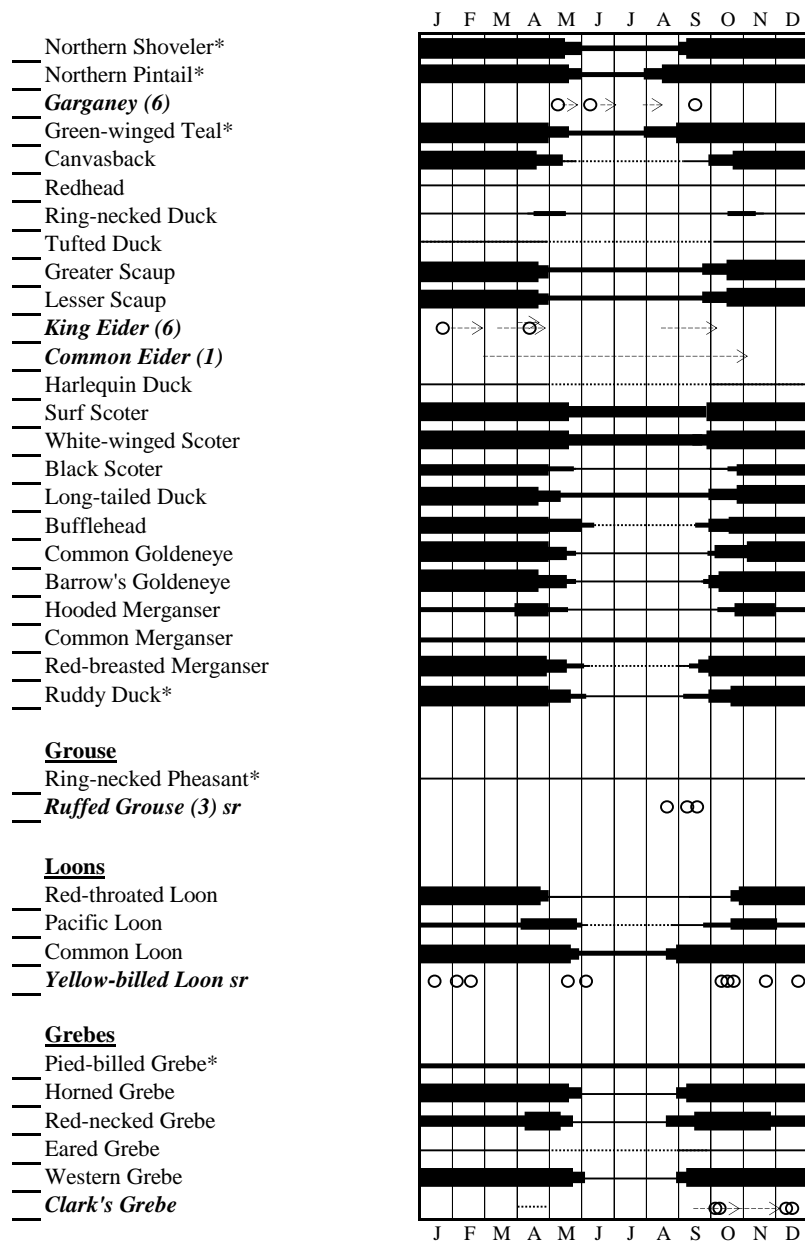
Please record all sightings for species that are out-of-season, that are written in italics or are new for the checklist area in the sighting log book located near the entrance to the park.

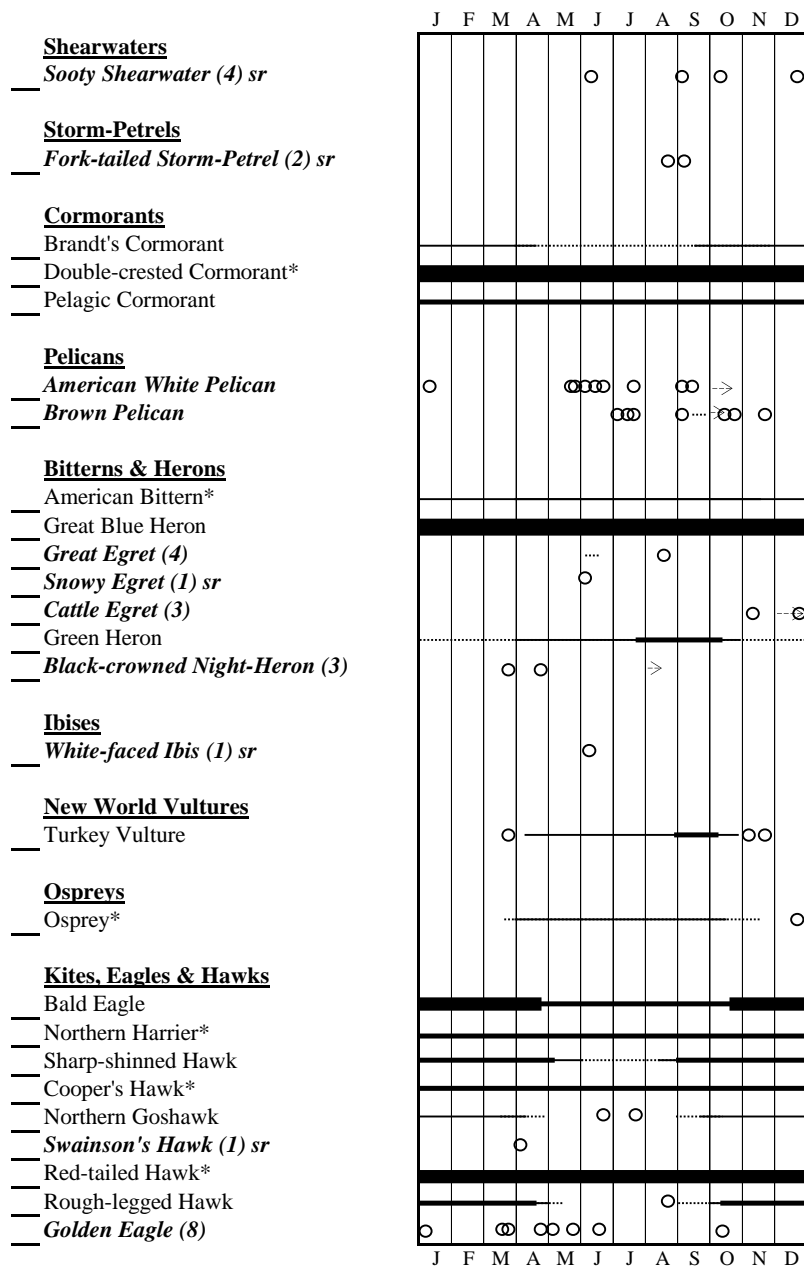
<b>Key:</b>		<b>Common:</b> 25+ seen or heard daily
		<b>Fairly common:</b> 5-25 seen/heard daily
		<b>Uncommon:</b> 0-5 seen or heard daily
		<b>Rare:</b> 1-10 records per year
		<b>Casual:</b> not seen every year (2-10 records)
	○	<b>Accidental:</b> single sighting of species (1-4 days)
	----->	<b>Accidental:</b> duration of stay (5+ days)
	[X]	<b>Extirpated:</b> once a resident but no longer found in checklist area
	*	Known to nest in checklist area
	(#)	The total number of documented sightings in checklist area of a casual or accidental species
	sr	sight record either by a single observer or not photographed but documented by a written description

*Italicized species are not seen every year.*

- Geese, Swans & Ducks**
- Greater White-fronted Goose
  - Emperor Goose (1) sr*
  - Snow Goose
  - Ross' Goose (4) sr*
  - Brant
  - Cackling Goose
  - Canada Goose\*
  - Mute Swan (4) sr*
  - Trumpeter Swan
  - Tundra Swan
  - Wood Duck*
  - Gadwall\*
  - Eurasian Wigeon
  - American Wigeon\*
  - American Black Duck (4) sr*
  - Mallard\*
  - Blue-winged Teal\*
  - Cinnamon Teal\*







**Rails, Gallinules & Coots**

- Virginia Rail\*
- Sora\*
- *Common Gallinule (1)*
- American Coot\*

**Cranes**

- *Sandhill Crane*

**Plovers**

- Black-bellied Plover
- American Golden-Plover
- Pacific Golden-Plover
- *Snowy Plover (2)*
- Semipalmated Plover\*
- Killdeer\*

**Oystercatchers**

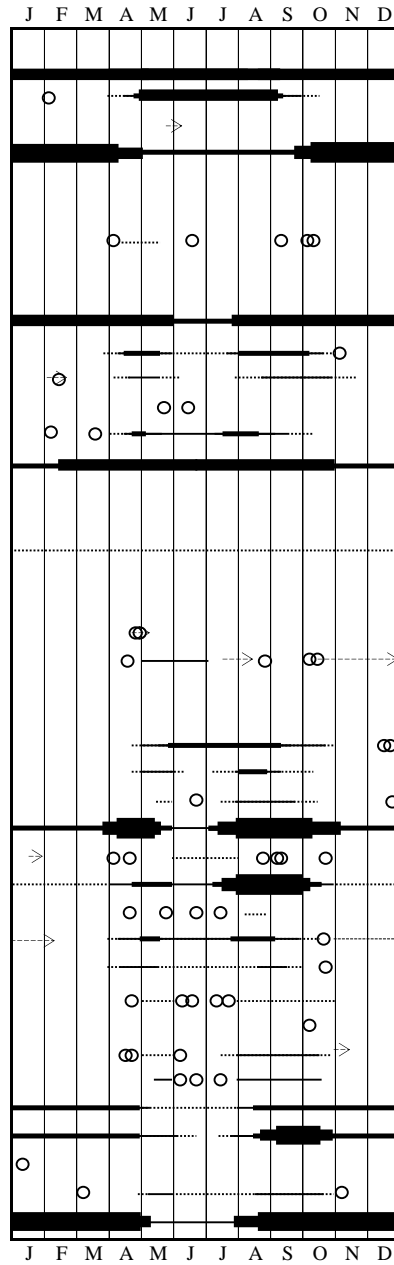
- *Black Oystercatcher*

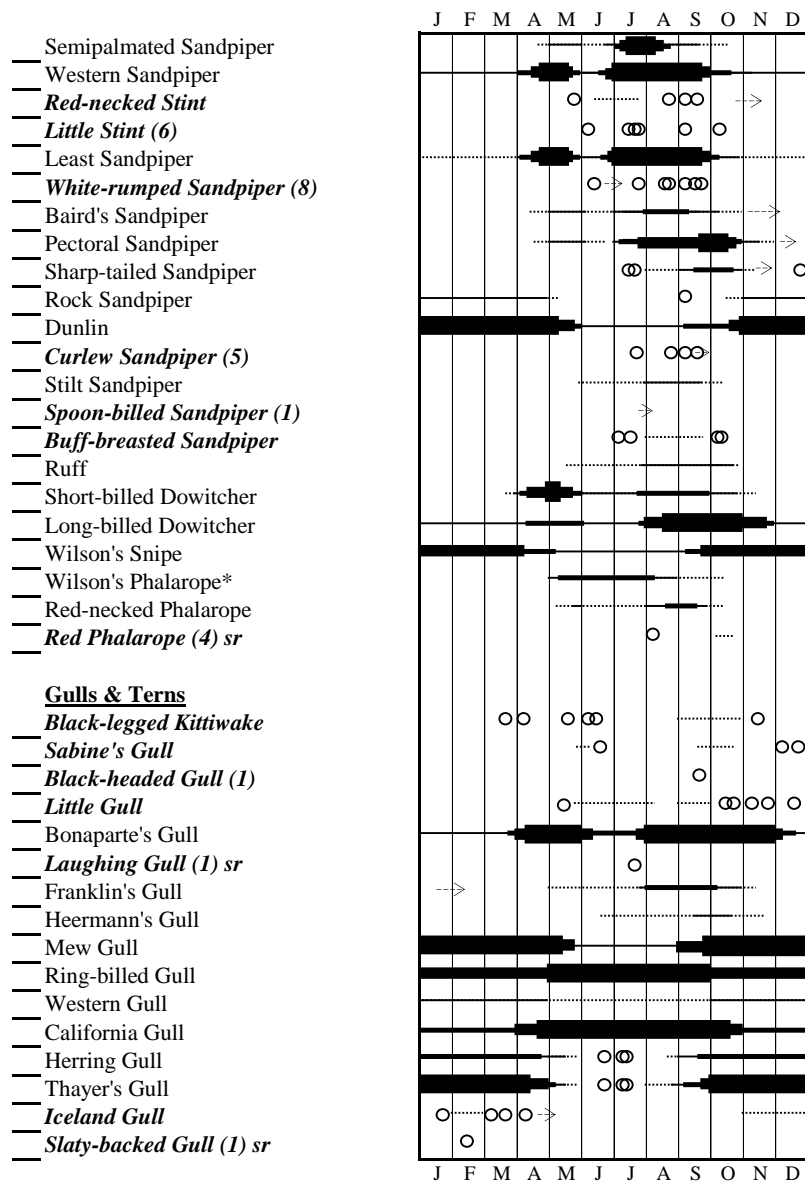
**Stilts and Avocets**

- *Black-necked Stilt (3)*
- *American Avocet*

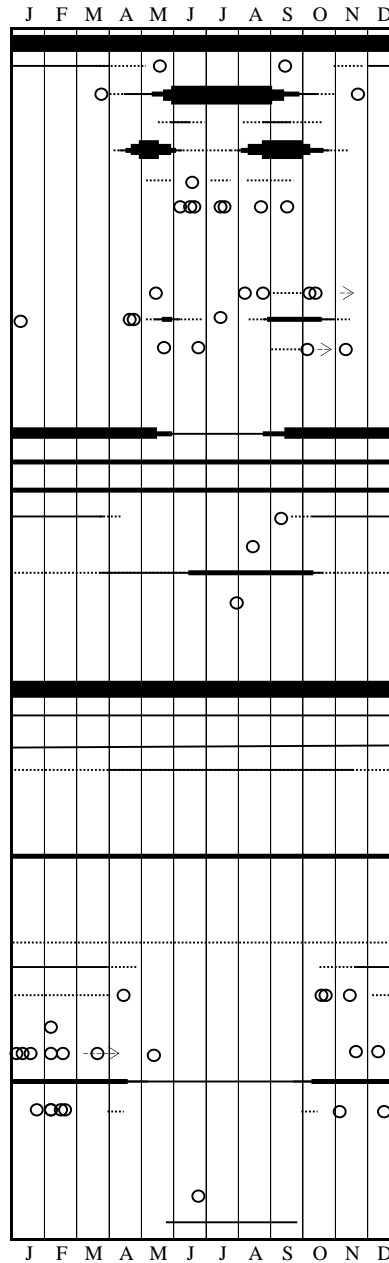
**Sandpipers, Phalaropes & Allies**

- Spotted Sandpiper\*
- Solitary Sandpiper
- Wandering Tattler
- Greater Yellowlegs
- *Willet*
- Lesser Yellowlegs
- *Upland Sandpiper (8)*
- Whimbrel
- Long-billed Curlew
- *Hudsonian Godwit*
- *Bar-tailed Godwit (1) sr*
- Marbled Godwit
- Ruddy Turnstone
- Black Turnstone
- Surfbird
- *Great Knot (1) sr*
- Red Knot
- Sanderling

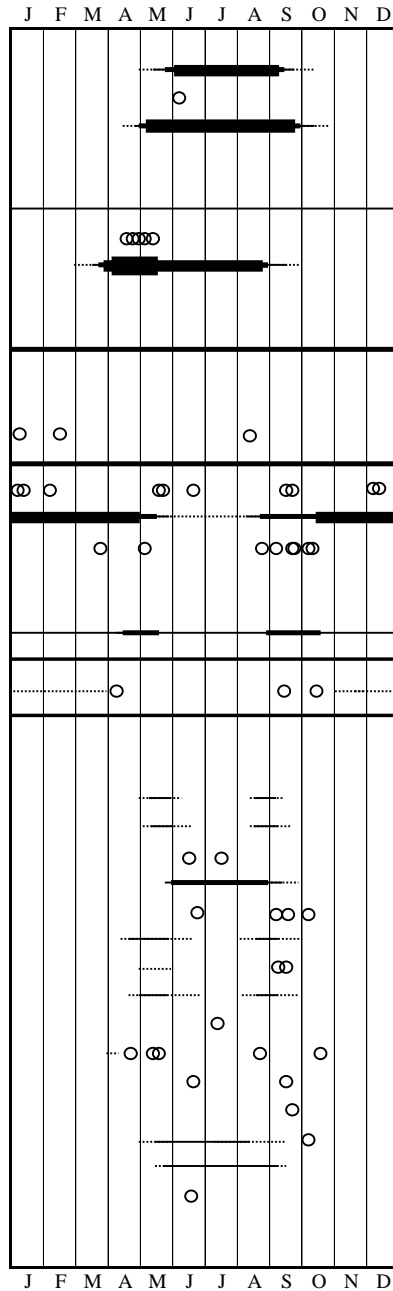




- Glaucous-winged Gull\*
- Glaucous Gull
- Caspian Tern\*
- Black Tern
- Common Tern
- *Arctic Tern*
- *Forster's Tern (7)*
  
- **Jaegers**
- *Pomarine Jaeger*
- Parasitic Jaeger
- *Long-tailed Jaeger (9)*
  
- **Auks, Murres, and Puffins**
- Common Murre
- Pigeon Guillemot
- Marbled Murrelet
- Ancient Murrelet
- *Cassin's Auklet (1)*
- Rhinoceros Auklet
- *Tufted Puffin (1) sr*
  
- **Doves & Pigeons**
- Rock Pigeon\*
- Band-tailed Pigeon
- Eurasian Collared-Dove
- Mourning Dove
  
- **Barn Owls**
- Barn Owl\*
  
- **Typical Owls**
- *Great Horned Owl*
- Snowy Owl
- *Burrowing Owl (8)*
- *Barred Owl (1) sr*
- *Long-eared Owl*
- Short-eared Owl
- *Northern Saw-whet Owl*
  
- **Goatsuckers**
- *Lesser Nighthawk (1)*
- Common Nighthawk\*



- Swifts**
- Black Swift
- Chimney Swift (1) sr
- Vaux's Swift
  
- Hummingbirds**
- Anna's Hummingbird\*
- Calliope Hummingbird (5)
- Rufous Hummingbird\*
  
- Kingfishers**
- Belted Kingfisher\*
  
- Woodpeckers**
- Red-breasted Sapsucker (3)
- Downy Woodpecker\*
- Hairy Woodpecker
- Northern Flicker
- Pileated Woodpecker (8)
  
- Falcons**
- American Kestrel
- Merlin
- Gyr Falcon
- Peregrine Falcon
  
- Tyrant Flycatchers**
- Olive-sided Flycatcher
- Western Wood-Pewee
- Alder Flycatcher (2)
- Willow Flycatcher\*
- Least Flycatcher (4)
- Hammond's Flycatcher
- Dusky Flycatcher (6)
- Pacific-slope Flycatcher
- Black Phoebe (1)
- Say's Phoebe
- Ash-throated Flycatcher (2)
- Tropical Kingbird (1) sr
- Western Kingbird
- Eastern Kingbird
- Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (1)





**Shrikes**  
 — *Loggerhead Shrike (6)*  
 — Northern Shrike

**Vireos**  
 — Cassin's Vireo  
 — *Hutton's Vireo (4) sr*  
 — Warbling Vireo  
 — Red-eyed Vireo

**Jays and Crows**  
 — *Steller's Jay*  
 — *Black-billed Magpie (1)*  
 — Northwestern Crow\*  
 — Common Raven

**Larks**  
 — Horned Lark\*

**Swallows**  
 — Purple Martin\*  
 — Tree Swallow\*  
 — Violet-green Swallow\*  
 — Northern Rough-winged Swallow\*  
 — Bank Swallow  
 — Cliff Swallow\*  
 — *Cave Swallow (1)*  
 — Barn Swallow\*

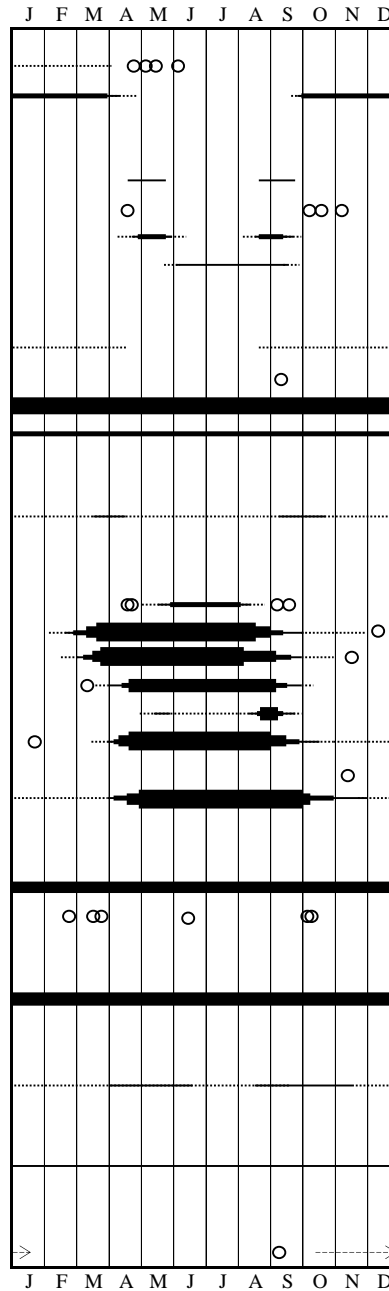
**Chickadees**  
 — Black-capped Chickadee\*  
 — *Chestnut-backed Chickadee (6) sr*

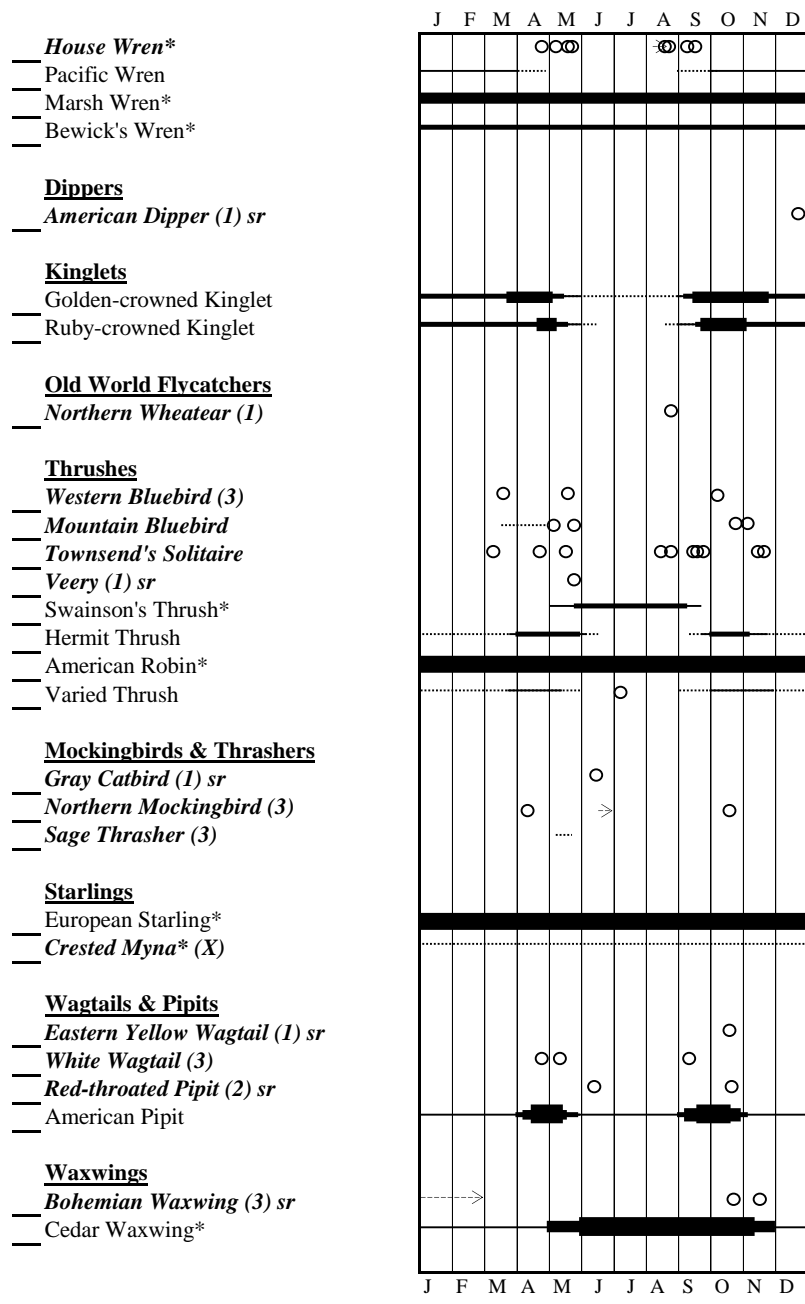
**Bushtits**  
 — Bushtit\*

**Nuthatches**  
 — Red-breasted Nuthatch

**Creepers**  
 — Brown Creeper

**Wrens**  
 — *Rock Wren (2)*





**Longspurs and Snow Buntings**

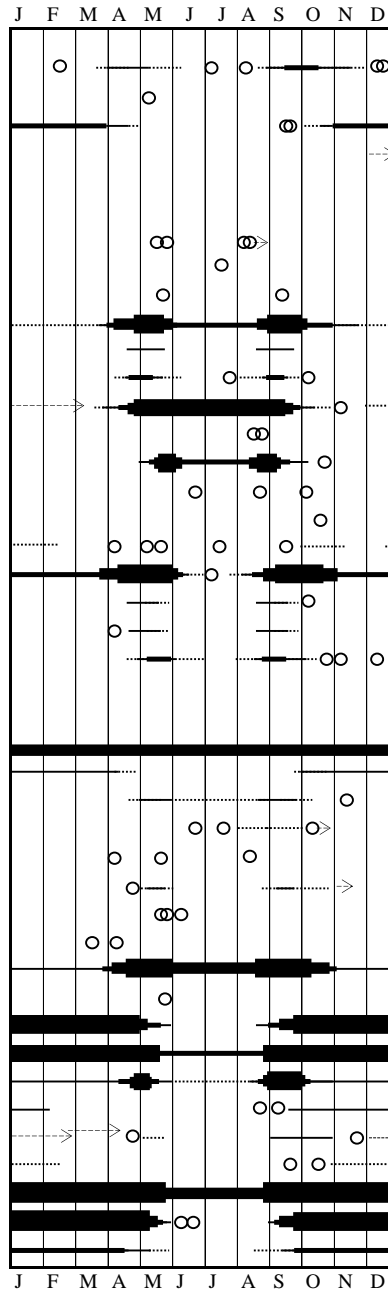
- Lapland Longspur
- *Chestnut-collared Longspur (1)*
- Snow Bunting
- *McKay's Bunting (1)*

**Wood-Warblers**

- *Northern Waterthrush (6)*
- *Black-and-white Warbler (1) sr*
- *Tennessee Warbler (2) sr*
- Orange-crowned Warbler\*
- Nashville Warbler
- MacGillivray's Warbler
- Common Yellowthroat\*
- *American Redstart (2)*
- Yellow Warbler\*
- *Blackpoll Warbler (3) sr*
- *Black-throated Blue Warbler (1)sr*
- Palm Warbler
- Yellow-rumped Warbler
- Black-throated Gray Warbler
- Townsend's Warbler
- Wilson's Warbler

**Emberizids**

- Spotted Towhee\*
- American Tree Sparrow
- Chipping Sparrow\*
- *Clay-colored Sparrow*
- *Brewer's Sparrow (3)*
- Vesper Sparrow
- *Lark Sparrow (3)*
- *Sagebrush Sparrow (2)*
- Savannah Sparrow\*
- *Grasshopper Sparrow (1)*
- Fox Sparrow
- Song Sparrow\*
- Lincoln's Sparrow
- Swamp Sparrow
- White-throated Sparrow
- *Harris' Sparrow (7)*
- White-crowned Sparrow\*
- Golden-crowned Sparrow
- Dark-eyed Junco

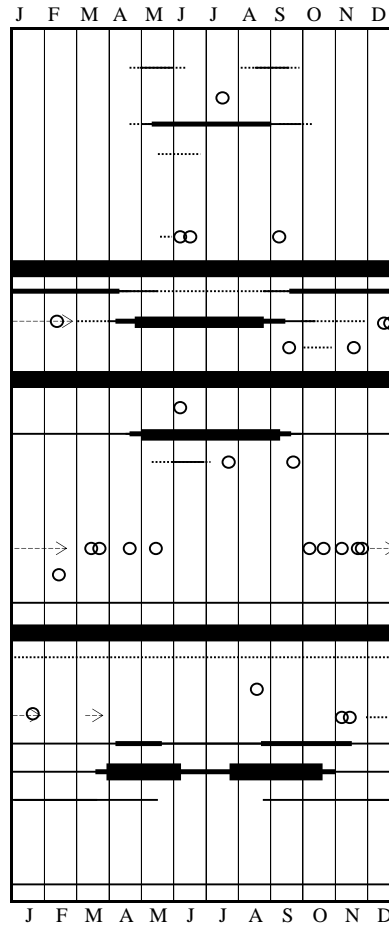


- Piranga Tanagers and Allies**
- Western Tanager
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak (1) sr***
- Black-headed Grosbeak\*
- Lazuli Bunting***

- Blackbirds**
- Bobolink (8)***
- Red-winged Blackbird\*
- Western Meadowlark\*
- Yellow-headed Blackbird\*
- Rusty Blackbird (6)***
- Brewer's Blackbird\*
- Common Grackle (1) sr***
- Brown-headed Cowbird\*
- Bullock's Oriole

- Winter Finches**
- Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch***
- Pine Grosbeak (1) sr***
- Purple Finch
- House Finch\*
- Red Crossbill***
- White-winged Crossbill (1) sr***
- Common Redpoll***
- Pine Siskin
- American Goldfinch\*
- Evening Grosbeak

- Old World Sparrows**
- House Sparrow\*



Total: 327 species, including 69 breeding species and 120 species seen less than once per year.

Observer \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Time \_\_\_\_\_

Locality \_\_\_\_\_

Notes \_\_\_\_\_

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