







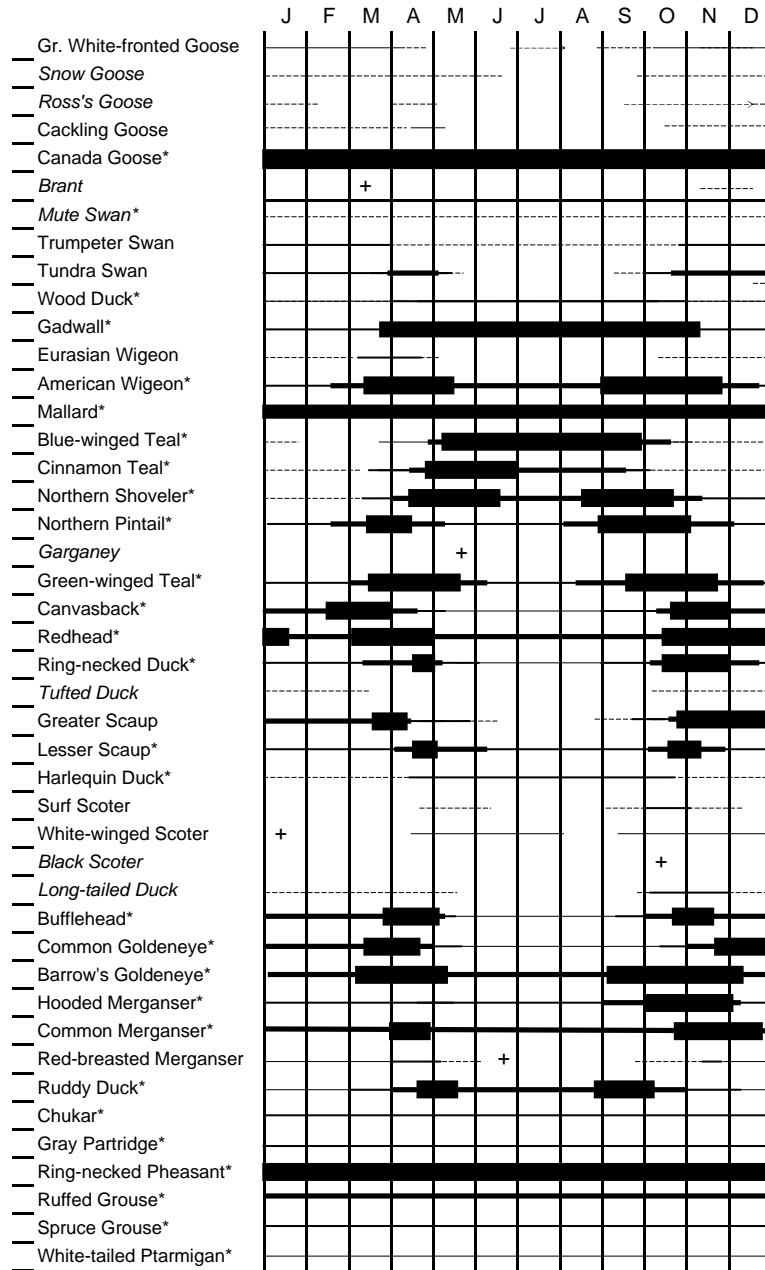
Checklist of the Birds of the Okanagan Valley

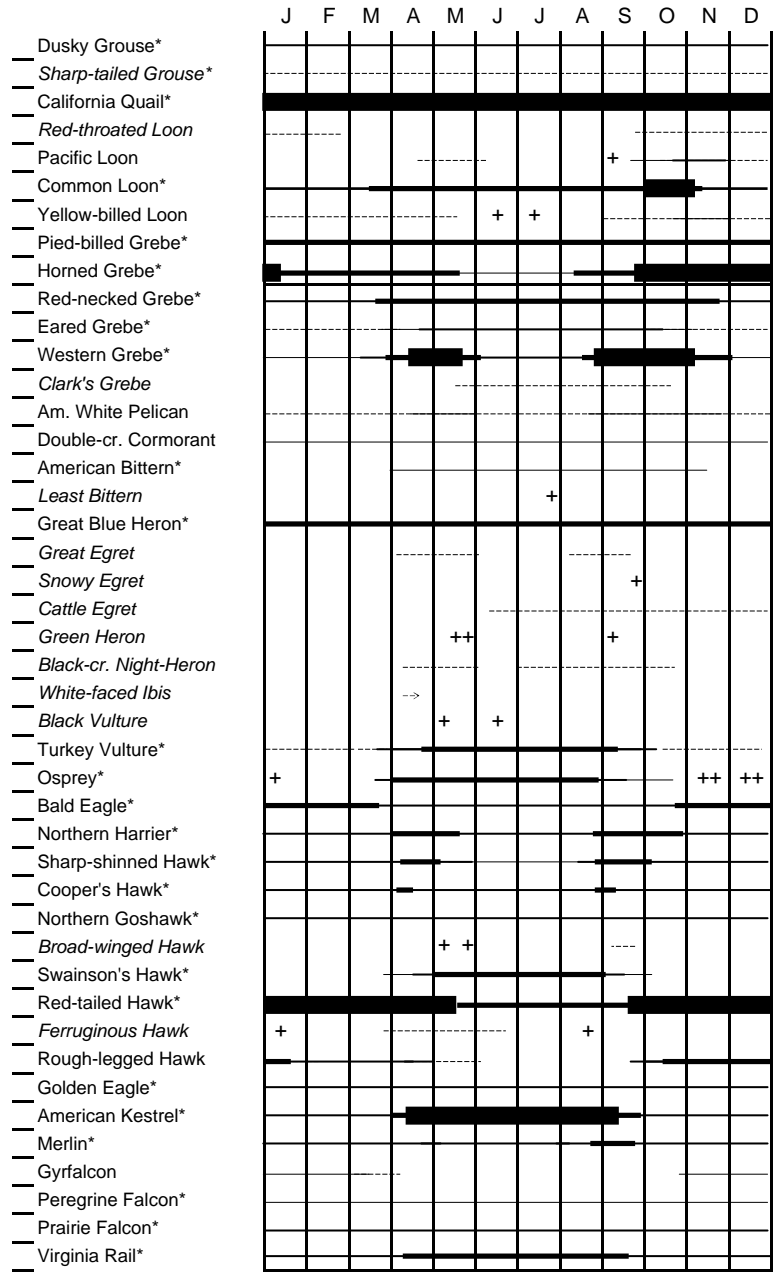
The Okanagan Valley is one of the richest areas of North America for breeding bird diversity. This checklist covers the Okanagan Valley and the Similkameen Valley south of Keremeos. It includes 333 species, including 201 breeding species and 87 species seen less than once per year.

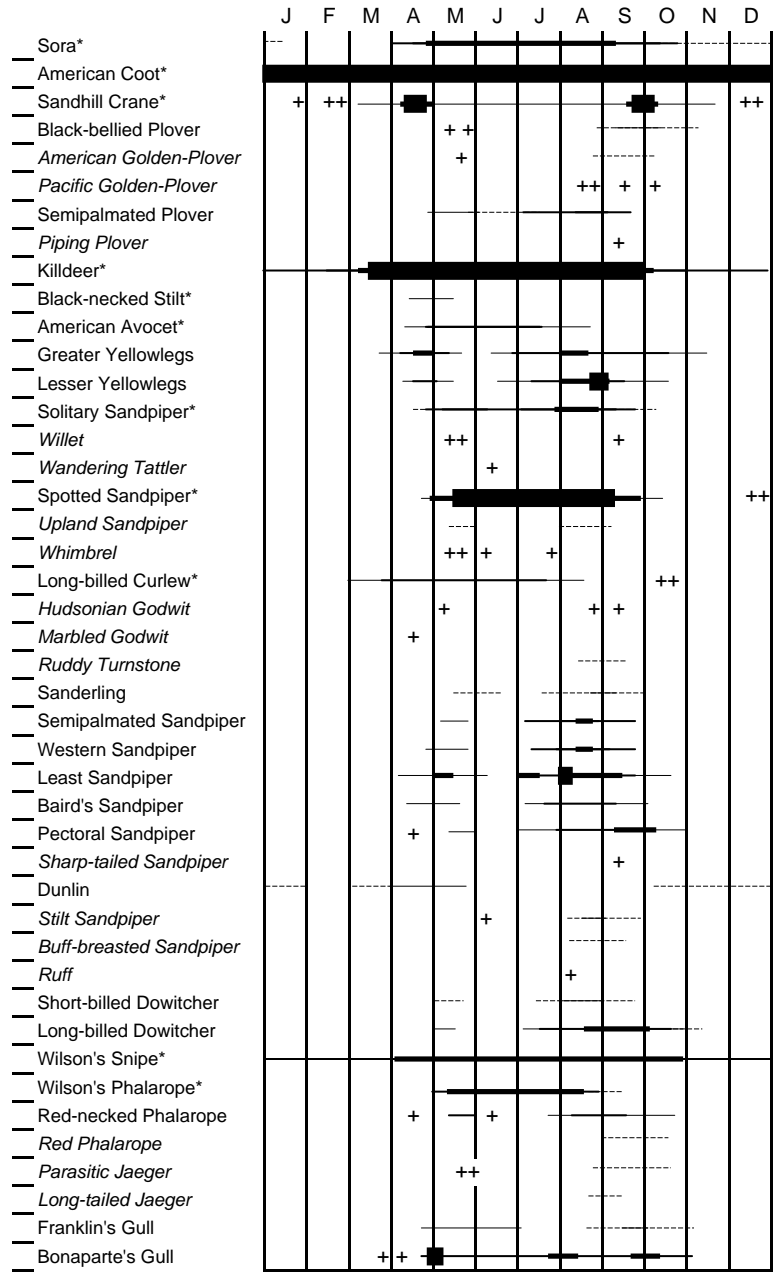
Key

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|  | Common: 25+ seen or heard daily |
|  | Fairly common: 1-25 seen or heard daily |
|  | Uncommon: not seen every day |
|  | Rare: 1-5 records per year |
|  | Very rare: not seen every year |
|  | Single bird: duration of stay |
| * | Known to nest in Okanagan |

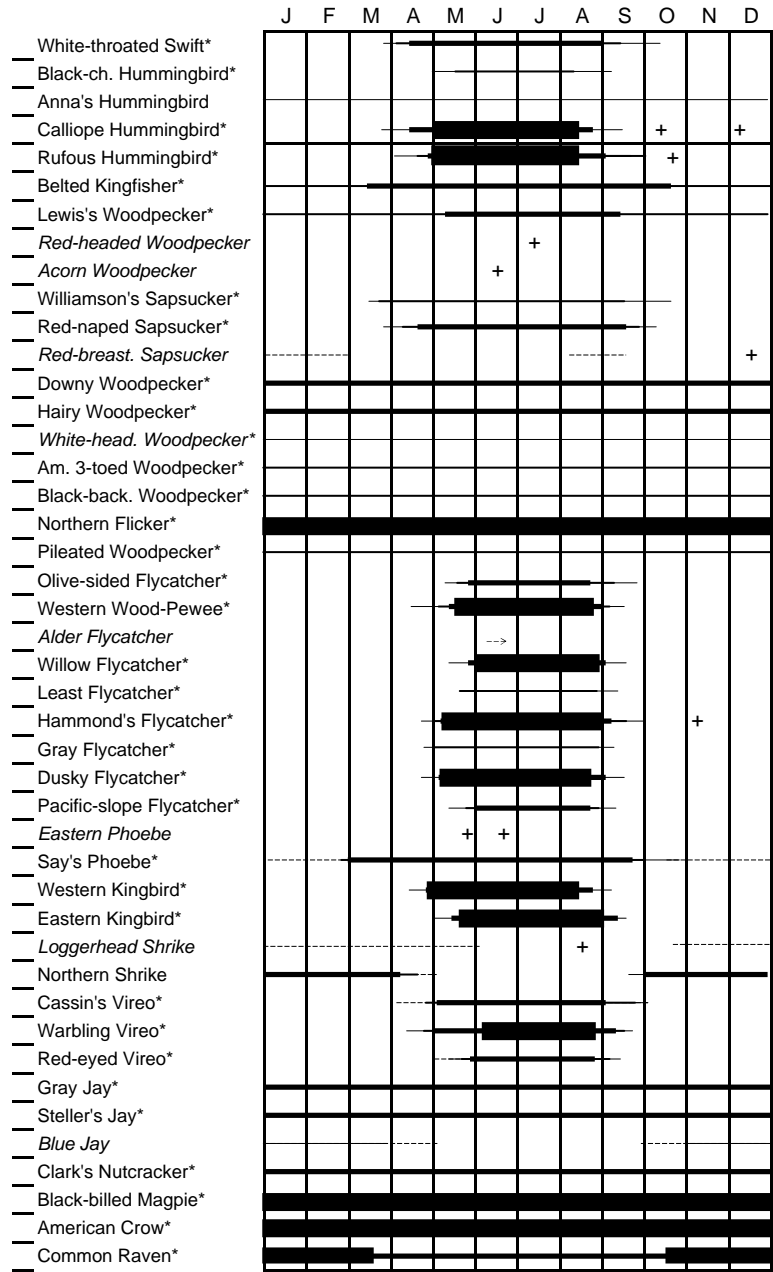
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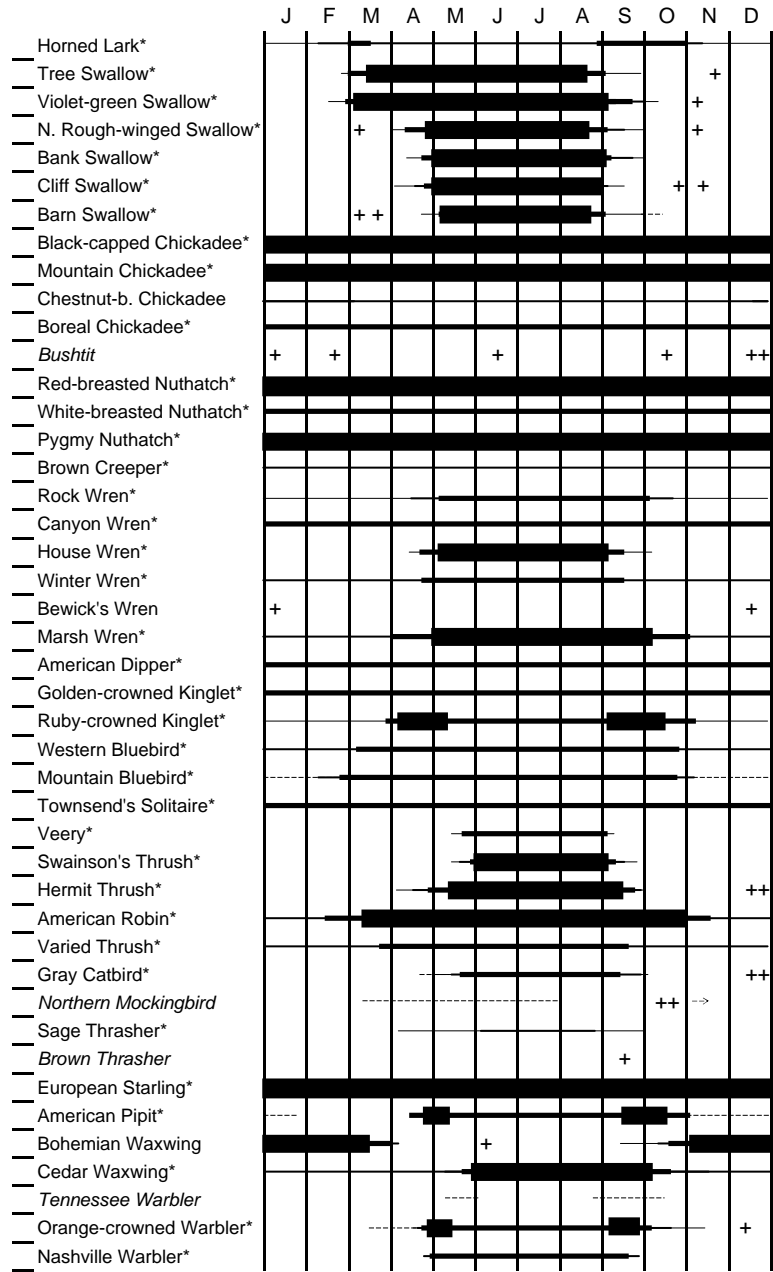


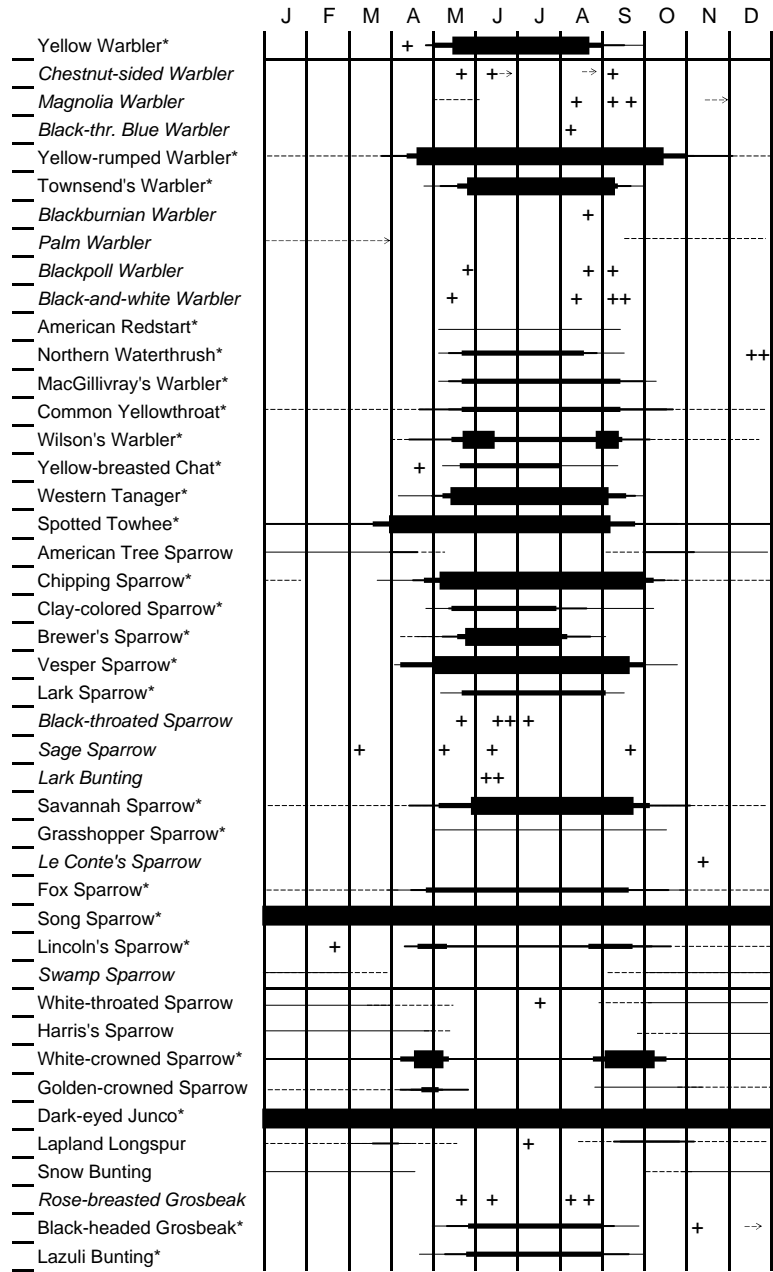




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| Mew Gull | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ring-billed Gull* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| California Gull* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Herring Gull* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Thayer's Gull | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Iceland Gull | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lesser Black-back. Gull | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Slaty-backed Gull | | | | | | | | | | | + | |
| Western Gull | | + | | | | | | | | | | |
| Glaucous-winged Gull* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Glaucous Gull | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sabine's Gull | | | | | | + | | | | | | + |
| Ivory Gull | | | | | | | | | | | + | |
| Caspian Tern | | | | | | | | | | + | + | |
| Common Tern | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Arctic Tern | | | | | | + | + | | | | | |
| Forster's Tern | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Least Tern | | | | | | + | | | | | | |
| Black Tern* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ancient Murrelet | | | | | | + | | ++ | | + | ++ | |
| Rock Pigeon* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Band-tailed Pigeon | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eurasian Collared-Dove* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mourning Dove* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Black-billed Cuckoo | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yellow-billed Cuckoo | | | | | | | ++ | | | | | |
| Barn Owl* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Flammulated Owl* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Western Screech-Owl* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Great Horned Owl* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Snowy Owl | | | | | | + | | | | | + | |
| Northern Hawk Owl | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Northern Pygmy-Owl* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Burrowing Owl* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Barred Owl* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Great Gray Owl | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Long-eared Owl* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Short-eared Owl* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Boreal Owl* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Northern Saw-whet Owl* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Common Nighthawk* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Common Poorwill* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Black Swift* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Vaux's Swift* | | | | | | | | | | | | |







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| <i>Dickcissel</i> | | | | | | + | | | | | | + |
| Bobolink* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Red-winged Blackbird* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Western Meadowlark* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rusty Blackbird* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Brewer's Blackbird* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Great-tailed Grackle</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Brown-headed Cowbird* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Baltimore Oriole</i> | | | | | | + | | | | | | |
| Bullock's Oriole* | + | + | | | | | | | | | | +++ |
| <i>Brambling</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | -----> |
| Gray-crown. Rosy-Finch | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pine Grosbeak* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Purple Finch</i> | + | | | | | + | | | | | | |
| Cassin's Finch* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| House Finch* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Red Crossbill* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| White-winged Crossbill | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Common Redpoll | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Hoary Redpoll</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pine Siskin* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| American Goldfinch* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Evening Grosbeak* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| House Sparrow* | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Observer _____

Date _____

Location _____

Notes _____

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