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**SEASONAL STATUS
OF BIRDS**

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AREA COVERED

Greater Vancouver and Vicinity from the International Boundary (but including Point Roberts, Washington) North to 49° 35' N (including Furry Creek) West to the middle of the Strait of Georgia and Howe Sound (including Bowen Island) East to 122° 33' W (Bradner Road or 288 th St.) in (Abbotsford and Maple Ridge), but including all of Golden Ears Provincial Park.

Report Rare Bird Sightings

Please report all sightings for species that are out-of-season, that are written in italics or are new for the checklist area by phoning these sightings in to the Vancouver Rare Bird Alert (604-737-3074) If possible document such records with a Rare Bird Report Form and send it to:

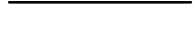
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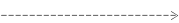
Back cover drawing of Crested Myna by Glen R. Ryder.

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Common: 25+ seen or heard daily

Fairly common: 5-25 seen-heard daily

Uncommon: 0-5 seen or heard daily

Rare: 1-10 records per year

Casual: 2-20+ records ; on average not seen every year; somewhat out of normal range

Accidental: single record of species; usually far outside normal range (1 - 4 days stay)

Accidental: duration of stay (5+ days stay)

Introduced: species established for more than 10 years with a historically stable population

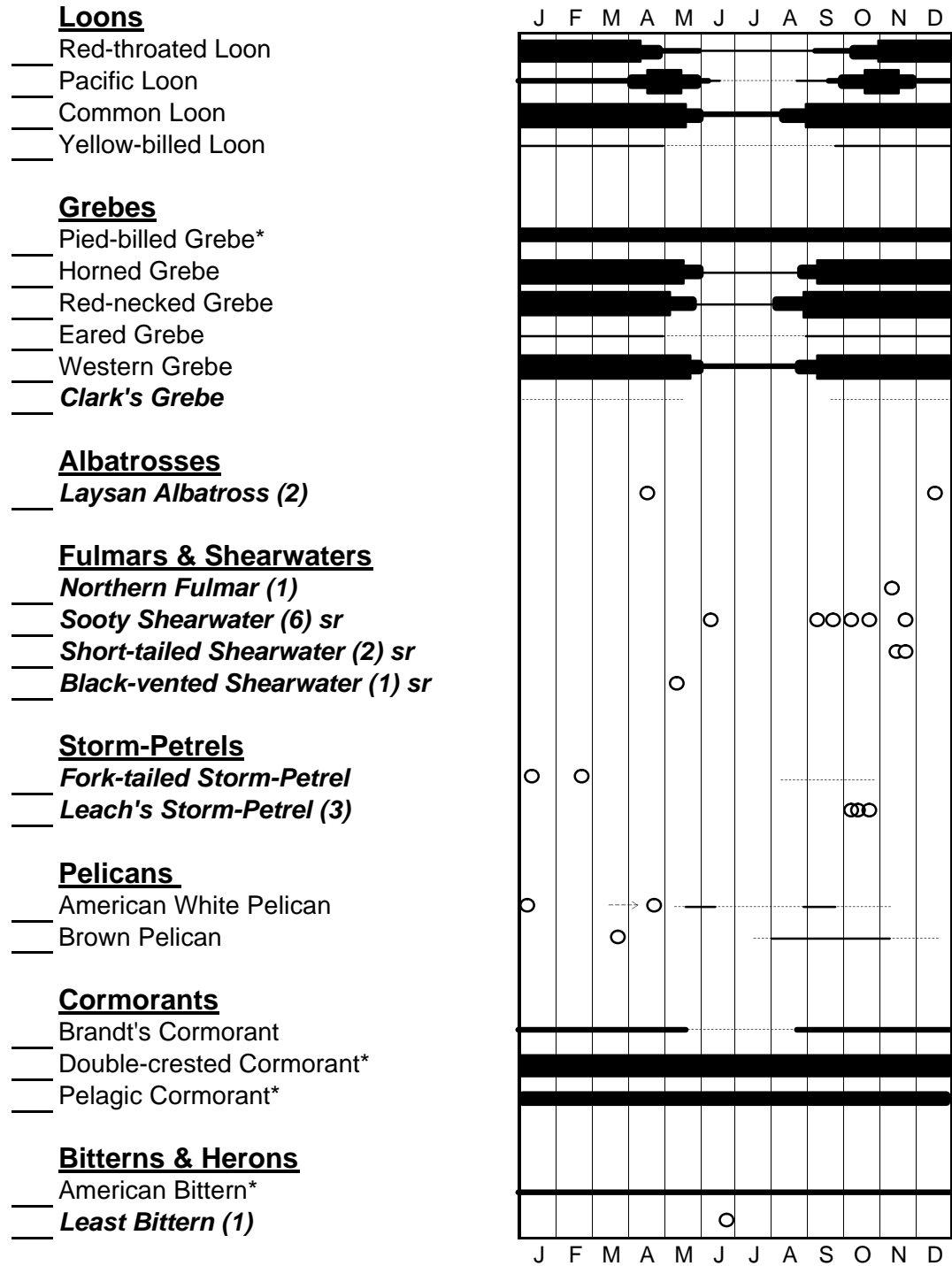
Extirpated: once a resident but no longer found in checklist area
Known to nest in checklist area

Refers to the number of documented sightings of a casual or accidental species in the checklist area; only 1 through 10 are shown

Sight Record: a sighting by single or multiple observer(s) where there is only an acceptable written description but there is no physical evidence by way of a photograph, tape recording or skin specimen.

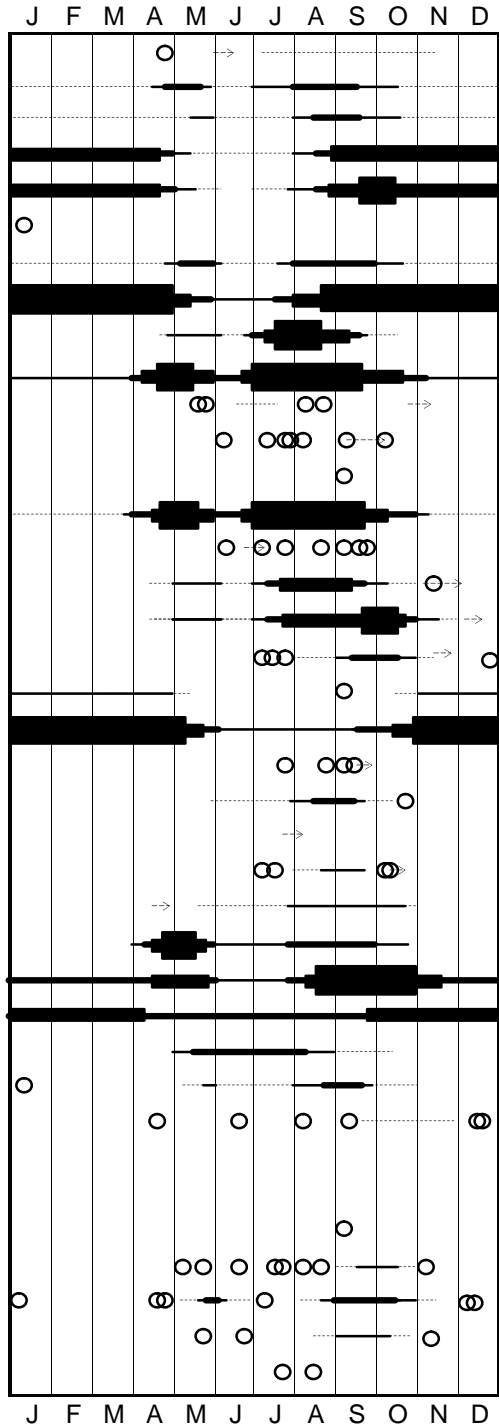
Italicized species are not seen every year.

Total: 406 species, including 167 breeding species and 135 species seen less than once per year, 9 introduced and 8 extirpated species.



- **Bar-tailed Godwit**
- Marbled Godwit
- Ruddy Turnstone
- Black Turnstone
- Surfbird
- **Great Knot (1) sr**
- Red Knot
- Sanderling
- Semipalmated Sandpiper
- Western Sandpiper
- **Red-necked Stint**
- **Little Stint (9)**
- **Temminck's Stint (1)**
- Least Sandpiper
- **White-rumped Sandpiper**
- Baird's Sandpiper
- Pectoral Sandpiper
- Sharp-tailed Sandpiper
- Rock Sandpiper
- Dunlin
- **Curlew Sandpiper (5)**
- Stilt Sandpiper
- **Spoon-billed Sandpiper (1)**
- Buff-breasted Sandpiper
- Ruff
- Short-billed Dowitcher
- Long-billed Dowitcher
- Wilson's Snipe*
- Wilson's Phalarope*
- Red-necked Phalarope
- **Red Phalarope**

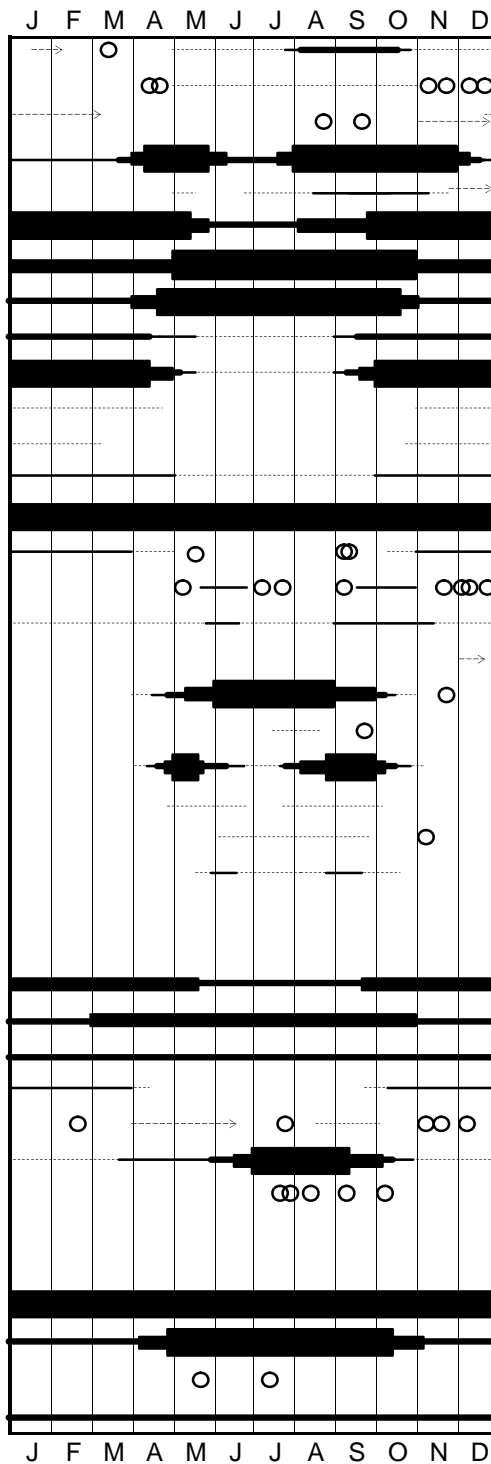
- **Jaegers, Gulls & Terns**
- **South Polar Skua (1) sr**
- Pomarine Jaeger
- Parasitic Jaeger
- Long-tailed Jaeger
- **Laughing Gull (2) sr**



- Franklin's Gull
- **Little Gull**
- **Black-headed Gull (4)**
- Bonaparte's Gull
- Heermann's Gull
- Mew Gull
- Ring-billed Gull
- California Gull
- Herring Gull
- Thayer's Gull
- **Iceland Gull**
- **Slaty-backed Gull**
- Western Gull
- Glaucous-winged Gull*
- Glaucous Gull
- Sabine's Gull
- Black-legged Kittiwake
- **Ivory Gull (1)**
- Caspian Tern*
- **Elegant Tern (6)**
- Common Tern
- **Arctic Tern**
- **Forster's Tern**
- Black Tern*

- **Alcids**
- Common Murre
- Pigeon Guillemot*
- Marbled Murrelet*
- Ancient Murrelet
- **Cassin's Auklet**
- Rhinoceros Auklet
- **Tufted Puffin (5) sr**

- **Pigeons & Doves**
- Rock Pigeon* [I]
- Band-tailed Pigeon*
- **Eurasian Collared-Dove (2)**
- Mourning Dove*



Painted Redstart (1) sr
 Yellow-breasted Chat*

Tanagers

Western Tanager*

Sparrows & Buntings

Green-tailed Towhee (3)

Spotted Towhee*

American Tree Sparrow

Chipping Sparrow*

Clay-colored Sparrow

Brewer's Sparrow (7)

Vesper Sparrow*

Lark Sparrow (9)

Black-throated Sparrow

Sage Sparrow (3)

Lark Bunting (4)

Savannah Sparrow*

Baird's Sparrow (2) sr

Grasshopper Sparrow (4)

Nelson's Sharp-t'd Sparrow (3) sr

Fox Sparrow*

Song Sparrow*

Lincoln's Sparrow

Swamp Sparrow

White-throated Sparrow

Harris' Sparrow

White-crowned Sparrow*

Golden-crowned Sparrow*

Dark-eyed Junco*

Lapland Longspur

Smith's Longspur (1) sr

Chestnut-collared Longspur(1) sr

Snow Bunting

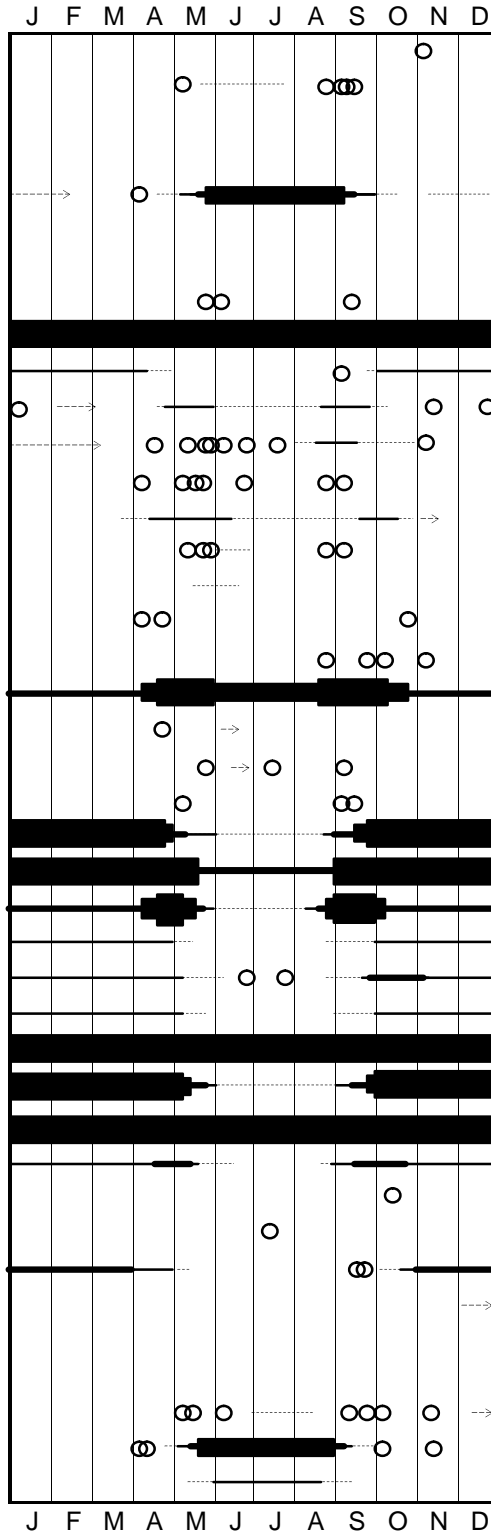
McKay's Bunting (1)

Summer Finches

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

Black-headed Grosbeak*

Lazuli Bunting*



Unverified List:

Unverified : species believed to have been correctly identified, but for which satisfactory documentation (a specimen, identifiable photograph, convincing field description) is lacking, at least in the season in question. In cases where the species is currently under review by the Vancouver Bird Records Committee, the names are followed by a cross (+) symbol.

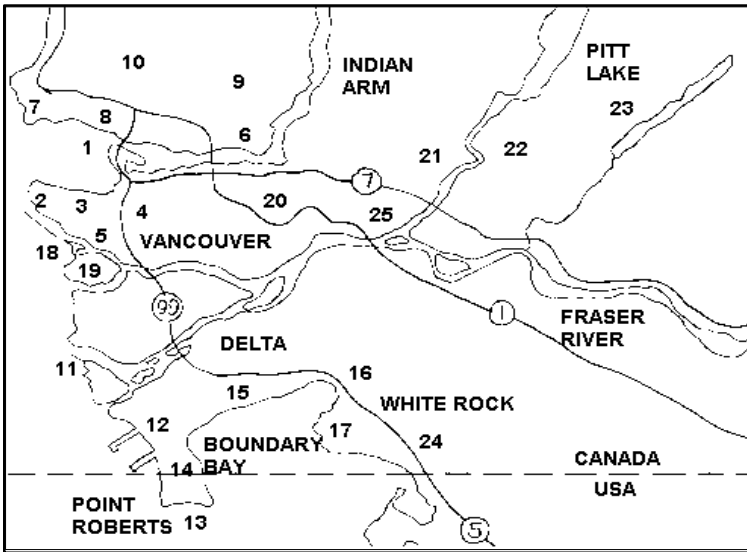
Magnificent Frigatebird+
White-faced Ibis+
Swainson's Hawk+
Mountain Plover+
Little Curlew+
Long-toed Stint+
Lesser Black-backed Gull+
Ross's Gull+
Eurasian Collared-Dove
Black-billed Cuckoo+
Chimney Swift+
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher+
Phainopepla+
Blue-headed Vireo+
Golden-winged Warbler+
Virginia's Warbler
Blackburnian Warbler
Mourning Warbler+
Scarlet Tanager+
Le Conte's Sparrow+
Rustic Bunting
Hoary Redpoll+

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Vancouver Birding Spots (see Map)

- 1. Stanley Park**
- 2. Pacific Spirit Regional Park**
- 3. Jericho Park**
- 4. Queen Elizabeth Park**
- 5. Marpole, Blenheim Flats & Musqueam Park**
- 6. Maplewood Flats**
- 7. Lighthouse Park**
- 8. Ambleside Park**
- 9. Mount Seymour Provincial Park**
- 10. Cypress Bowl Provincial Park**
- 11. George C. Reifel Migratory Bird Sanctuary**
- 12. Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal & Brunswick Pt. Area**
- 13. Point Roberts (Washington State)**
- 14. Beach Grove & Boundary Bay Regional Park**
- 15. Boundary Bay - 64th to 112th Street**
- 16. Serpentine Fen**
- 17. Blackie Spit & White Rock Waterfront**
- 18. Iona Island**
- 19. Sea Island**
- 20. Burnaby Lake Regional Park & Deer Lake Park**
- 21. Minnehada Regional Park & Addington Marsh**
- 22. Pitt Wildlife Management Area & Vicinity**
- 23. Golden Ears Provincial Park**
- 24. Campbell Valley Regional Park**
- 25. Colony Farm Regional Park**



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