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BIRD CHECKLIST OF THE COLUMBIA VALLEY

The complete checklist of birds for the upper Columbia Valley in southeastern British Columbia includes more than 260 species. The complete checklist includes birds observed during all seasons and in all habitats, from the valley bottom along the Columbia River to the mountain summits in both the Rocky Mountain and Purcell Mountain ranges.

Sunrise Birding Tours operates during the spring and summers seasons, and focuses on low-elevation habitats where species diversity is greatest. Thus, our guests are unlikely to encounter those species that inhabit different areas or that occur during other seasons.

Sunrise Birding Tours has developed the following abbreviated checklist of 174 species, to highlight those species that our guests are most likely to see on our birdwatching tours. Of course, there is always an element of luck in finding rare and elusive species, but we will do our best!

Loons and Grebes

Common Loon
Pied-billed Grebe
Horned Grebe

Red-necked Grebe
Eared Grebe
Western Grebe

Pelicans, Cormorants & Herons

American White Pelican
Double-crested Cormorant

American Bittern
Great Blue Heron

Swans & Geese

Tundra Swan
Trumpeter Swan
Snow Goose

Ross' Goose
Canada Goose

Ducks

Wood Duck
Green-winged Teal
Mallard
Northern Pintail
Blue-winged Teal
Cinnamon Teal
Northern Shoveler
Gadwall
Eurasian Wigeon
American Wigeon
Canvasback

Redhead
Ring-necked Duck
Greater Scaup
Lesser Scaup
Common Goldeneye
Barrow's Goldeneye
Bufflehead
Hooded Merganser
Common Merganser
Ruddy Duck

Hawks, Eagles & Vultures

Turkey Vulture
Osprey
Bald Eagle
Northern Harrier
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk

Northern Goshawk
Broad-winged Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
Golden Eagle
American Kestrel
Merlin

Grouse

Spruce Grouse
Blue Grouse

Ruffed Grouse

Rails & Cranes

Virginia Rail
Sora

American Coot
Sandhill Crane

Doves

Rock Dove

Mourning Dove

Shorebirds, Gulls & Terns

Killdeer
Greater Yellowlegs
Lesser Yellowlegs
Solitary Sandpiper
Spotted Sandpiper
Common Snipe

Wilson's Phalarope
Bonaparte's Gull
Ring-billed Gull
California Gull
Black Tern

Owls

Great Horned Owl
Northern Pygmy-Owl
Barred Owl
Great Gray Owl

Long-eared Owl
Short-eared Owl
Northern Saw-whet Owl

Nightjars & Swifts

Common Nighthawk
Black Swift

Vaux's Swift

Hummingbirds

Black-chinned Hummingbird
Calliope Hummingbird

Rufous Hummingbird

Kingfishers

Belted Kingfisher

Woodpeckers

Red-naped Sapsucker
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker

American Three-toed Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Pileated Woodpecker

Flycatchers

Olive-sided Flycatcher
Western Wood-Pewee
Willow Flycatcher
Least Flycatcher
Hammond's Flycatcher

Dusky Flycatcher
Say's Phoebe
Western Kingbird
Eastern Kingbird

Swallows

Tree Swallow
Violet-green Swallow
Northern Rough-winged Swallow

Bank Swallow
Cliff Swallow
Barn Swallow

Jays & Crows

Gray Jay
Steller's Jay
Blue Jay
Clark's Nutcracker

Black-billed Magpie
American Crow
Common Raven

Chickadees & Nuthatches

Black-capped Chickadee
Mountain Chickadee

Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-breasted Nuthatch

Creepers, Wrens & Dipper

Brown Creeper
House Wren
Winter Wren

March Wren
American Dipper

Kinglets

Golden-crowned Kinglet

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

Thrushes & Mimic Thrushes

Mountain Bluebird
Townsend's Solitaire
Veery
Swainson's Thrush

American Robin
Varied Thrush
Gray Catbird

Pipit, Waxwing & Starling

American Pipit
Cedar Waxwing

European Starling

Vireos

Cassin's Vireo
Warbling Vireo

Red-eyed Vireo

Wood Warblers

Orange-crowned Warbler
Nashville Warbler
Yellow Warbler
Magnolia Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Townsend's Warbler

American Redstart
Northern Waterthrush
MacGillivray's Warbler
Common Yellowthroat
Wilson's Warbler

Tanager, Bunting & Sparrows

Western Tanager
Black-headed Grosbeak
Lazuli Bunting
Rufous-sided Towhee
Chipping Sparrow
Clay-coloured Sparrow
Vesper Sparrow

Savannah Sparrow
Fox Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Lincoln's Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco

Blackbirds & Oriole

Bobolink
Red-winged Blackbird
Western Meadowlark
Yellow-headed Blackbird

Brewer's Blackbird
Brown-headed Cowbird
Bullock's Oriole

Finches & Old World Sparrow

Pine Grosbeak
Purple Finch
Cassin's Finch
House Finch
Red Crossbill

White-winged Crossbill
Pine Siskin
Evening Grosbeak
House Sparrow

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