



### You can help birds!

- Reduce Energy Use
- Take public transit & carpool whenever possible
- Skip short car trips - walk or ride a bike instead.
- If you can, drive an electric vehicle.
- Offset your air travel with green investments.
- Make your yard climate friendly
- Eliminate turfgrass and gas tools.
- Go fertilizer and pesticide free.
- Plant native plants.
- Leave snags, logs and brush piles
- Support legislative and local actions
- Urge your Representatives to cosponsor the Saving America's Pollinators Act.
- Vote for political candidates who are committed to tackling climate change.
- Urge Congress to support climate solutions right now.
- Speak up for the Endangered Species Act and other protections
- Support bird-friendly buildings.
- Reduce your impact at home
- Drink coffee that is shade grown.
- Reduce your use of plastic.
- Advocate for bans of plastic bags, styrofoam, and straws.
- Protect birds from window collisions.
- Keep cats indoors.
- Get an energy audit for your home.

Source: 2019 Audubon climate report, Survival by Degrees: 389 Species on the Brink (climate.audubon.org) and The Cornell Lab of Ornithology's "Seven Simple Steps to Help Birds".

Whatcom County, the northwesternmost county in Washington State and the contiguous United States, contains a variety of habitat types that cover approximately 2,180 square miles. From sea level to the 10,750 foot summit of Mount Baker, Whatcom County's habitats include deep water areas, rock and gravel shorelines, and numerous estuaries.

Terrestrial habitats include urban and suburban woodlots, lakes, agricultural lands, forested areas, and mountain slopes rising above timberline and into glacial ice fields. This diversity of habitat accounts for an equally diverse range of bird species and the moderate maritime climate offers birding for all seasons.

Human encroachment has played a major role in the changes in the number of species over the past century. Population increases and land clearing for development have resulted in the loss of habitat for numerous species, clear cutting has affected many forest species in higher elevations, and diversions of the Nooksack River and the construction of dams on two major rivers have had adverse impacts on riparian species over a large geographical area.

Still, many species call this area home year round and the number of birds wintering in the area is often phenomenal. The area of the county that abuts the Canadian border is one of the premier Important Bird Areas in the state and highlights the Cascade Loop of the Great Washington State Birding Trail.

The North Cascades Audubon Society has been an active part of the community since it began in 1970. The chapter has a wonderful interactive website, lively programs, and field trips throughout the area in the fall, winter, and spring.

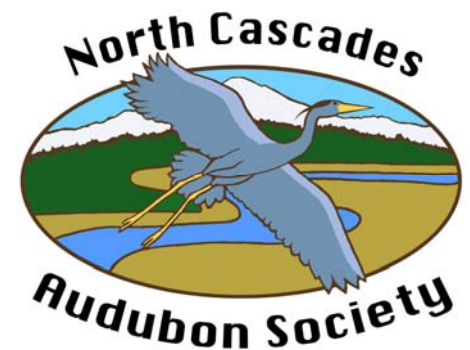
Visit the chapter website to find a printable map of the best birding locations in Whatcom County.

[www.northcascadesaudubon.org](http://www.northcascadesaudubon.org)



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## Checklist of Whatcom County Birds



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<b>WATERFOWL</b>	Rufous Hummingbird(1)	Slaty-backed Gull(5)	Northern Flicker(1)	Townsend's Solitaire(3)	Nashville Warbler(3)
Emperor Goose(5)	Calliope Hummingbird(4)	Glaucous-winged Gull(1)	Pileated Woodpecker(2)	Veery(3)	MacGillivray's Warbler(2)
Snow Goose(2)	<b>RAILS, CRANES</b>	Glaucous Gull(4)	<b>FALCONS</b>	Swainson's Thrush(1)	Common Yellowthroat(1)
Ross's Goose(5)	Virginia Rail(2)	Caspian Tern(1)	American Kestrel(2)	Hermit Thrush(2)	American Redstart(3)
Greater White-fronted Goose(3)	Sora(3)	Black Tern(4)	Merlin(2)	American Robin(1)	Cape May Warbler(5)
Brant(1)	American Coot(1)	Common Tern(2)	Gyr Falcon(3)	Varied Thrush(1)	Magnolia Warbler(5)
Cackling Goose(2)	Sandhill Crane(4)	Arctic Tern(4)	Peregrine Falcon(2)	<b>MIMIDS</b>	Blackburnian Warbler(5)
Canada Goose(1)	<b>SHOREBIRDS</b>	Forster's Tern(5)	Prairie Falcon(3)	Gray Catbird(4)	Yellow Warbler(1)
Mute Swan(int)	Black-necked Stilt(5)	Elegant Tern(5)	<b>FLYCATCHERS</b>	Brown Thrasher(5)	Blackpoll Warbler(5)
Trumpeter Swan(1)	American Avocet(5)	<b>LOONS</b>	Ash-throated Flycatcher(5)	Sage Thrasher(5)	Palm Warbler(4)
Tundra Swan(1)	Black Oystercatcher(2)	Red-throated Loon(1)	Tropical Kingbird(5)	Northern Mockingbird(4)	Yellow-rumped Warbler(1)
Whooper Swan(5)	Black-bellied Plover(2)	Arctic Loon(5)	Western Kingbird(3)	<b>STARLING</b>	Black-throated Gray Warbler(1)
Wood Duck(2)	American Golden-Plover(4)	Pacific Loon(1)	Eastern Kingbird(3)	European Starling(1)	Townsend's Warbler(1)
Balkal Teal(5)	Pacific Golden-Plover(4)	Common Loon(1)	Olive-sided Flycatcher(2)	<b>WAXWINGS</b>	Hermit Warbler(5)
Blue-winged Teal(2)	Semipalmated Plover(3)	Yellow-billed Loon(4)	Western Wood-Pewee(2)	Bohemian Waxwing(4)	Wilson's Warbler(1)
Cinnamon Teal(2)	Killdeer(1)	<b>TUBENOSES</b>	Willow Flycatcher(1)	Cedar Waxwing(1)	Western Tanager(1)
Northern Shoveler(1)	Upland Sandpiper(5)	Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel(5)	Least Flycatcher(5)	<b>WEAVERS TO PIPITS</b>	Rose-breasted Grosbeak(5)
Gadwall(1)	Whimbrel(3)	Leach's Storm-Petrel(5)	Hammond's Flycatcher(2)	House Sparrow(1)	Black-headed Grosbeak(1)
Eurasian Wigeon(3)	Long-billed Curlew(5)	Northern Fulmar(5)	Gray Flycatcher(5)	American Pipit(2)	Lazuli Bunting(3)
American Wigeon(1)	Bar-tailed Godwit(5)	Short-tailed Shearwater(5)	Dusky Flycatcher(3)	<b>FINCHES, SPARROWS</b>	Indigo Bunting(5)
Mallard(1)	Hudsonian Godwit(4)	Sooty Shearwater(5)	Pacific-slope Flycatcher(1)	Brambling(5)	Painted Bunting(5)
Northern Pintail(1)	Marbled Godwit(3)	<b>PELICANS, HERONS, IBIS</b>	Say's Phoebe(4)	Evening Grosbeak(2)	<b>Species = 368</b>
Green-winged Teal(1)	Ruddy Turnstone(4)	Brown Booby(5)	<b>SHRIMES</b>	Pine Grosbeak(3)	
Canvasback(2)	Black Turnstone(2)	Brandt's Cormorant(2)	Loggerhead Shrike(5)	Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch(3)	
Redhead(3)	Red Knot(4)	Double-crested Cormorant(1)	Northern Shrike(2)	House Finch(1)	
Ring-necked Duck(1)	Surf Scoter(3)	Pelagic Cormorant(1)	<b>VIROES</b>	Purple Finch(2)	
Tufted Duck(5)	Ruff(5)	American White Pelican(4)	Hutton's Vireo(3)	Cassin's Finch(3)	
Greater Scaup(1)	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper(5)	Brown Pelican(4)	Brown Pelican(3)	Common Redpoll(4)	
Lesser Scaup(1)	Silt Sandpiper(4)	American Bittern(3)	Warbling Vireo(1)	Hoary Redpoll(5)	
King Eider(5)	Curlew Sandpiper(5)	Great Blue Heron(1)	Red-eyed Vireo(2)	Red Crossbill(2)	
Harlequin Duck(1)	Sanderling(3)	Great Egret(4)	<b>CORVIDS</b>	White-winged Crossbill(3)	
Surf Scoter(1)	Dunlin(1)	Snowy Egret(5)	Canada Jay(2)	Pine Siskin(1)	
White-winged Scoter(1)	Rock Sandpiper(4)	Little Blue Heron(5)	Steller's Jay(1)	Lesser Goldfinch(5)	
Black Scoter(1)	Baird's Sandpiper(3)	Cattle Egret(4)	Blue Jay(4)	American Goldfinch(1)	
Long-tailed Duck(1)	Least Sandpiper(1)	Green Heron(2)	California Scrub-Jay(3)	Lapland Longspur(3)	
Bufflehead(1)	Buff-breasted Sandpiper(5)	Black-crowned Night-Heron(4)	Clerk's Nutcracker(2)	Snow Bunting(3)	
Common Goldeneye(1)	Pectoral Sandpiper(3)	White-faced Ibis(5)	Black-billed Magpie(4)	McKay's Bunting(5)	
Barrow's Goldeneye(1)	Semipalmated Sandpiper(3)	<b>VULTURES, RAPTORS</b>	American Crow(1)	Rustic Bunting(5)	
Hooded Merganser(2)	Western Sandpiper(1)	Turkey Vulture(1)	Northwestern Crow(1)	Green-tailed Towhee(5)	
Common Merganser(1)	Short-billed Dowitcher(2)	Osprey(2)	Common Raven(1)	Spotted Towhee(1)	
Red-breasted Merganser(1)	Long-billed Dowitcher(3)	Golden Eagle(3)	<b>LARKS, SWALLOWS</b>	American Tree Sparrow(4)	
Ruddy Duck(1)	Wilson's Snipe(2)	Northern Harrier(1)	Horned Lark(2)	Chipping Sparrow(3)	
<b>GALLINACEOUS BIRDS</b>	Spotted Sandpiper(2)	Sharp-shinned Hawk(2)	Purple Martin(3)	Clay-colored Sparrow(4)	
Mountain Quail(int)	Solitary Sandpiper(4)	Cooper's Hawk(2)	Tree Swallow(1)	Brewer's Sparrow(4)	
Northern Bobwhite(int)	Wandering Tattler(5)	Northern Goshawk(3)	Violet-green Swallow(1)	Vesper Sparrow(3)	
California Quail(int)	Lesser Yellowlegs(2)	Bald Eagle(1)	N. Rough-winged Swallow(2)	Lark Sparrow(5)	
Gray Partridge(int)	Willlet(5)	Broad-winged Hawk(5)	Bank Swallow(3)	Black-throated Sparrow(5)	
Ring-necked Pheasant(3)	Greater Yellowlegs(1)	Swainson's Hawk(4)	Cliff Swallow(1)	Lark Bunting(5)	
Ruffed Grouse(2)	Wilson's Phalarope(4)	Red-tailed Hawk(1)	Barn Swallow(1)	Savannah Sparrow(1)	
Spruce Grouse(4)	Red-necked Phalarope(2)	Rough-legged Hawk(2)	<b>CHICKADEES, BUSHTIT</b>	Fox Sparrow(2)	
White-tailed Ptarmigan(3)	Red Phalarope(4)	Ferruginous Hawk(5)	Black-capped Chickadee(1)	Song Sparrow(1)	
Sooty Grouse(2)	<b>JAEGERS, ALCIDS</b>	<b>OWLS</b>	Mountain Chickadee(1)	Lincoln's Sparrow(2)	
Wild Turkey(int)	South Polar Skua(5)	Barn Owl(2)	Chestnut-backed Chickadee(1)	Swamp Sparrow(4)	
<b>GREBES</b>	Pomarine Jaeger(5)	Western Screech-Owl(3)	Boreal Chickadee(4)	White-throated Sparrow(3)	
Pied-billed Grebe(2)	Parasitic Jaeger(3)	Great Horned Owl(2)	Bush-tit(1)	Harris's Sparrow(4)	
Horned Grebe(1)	Long-tailed Jaeger(4)	Snowy Owl(4)	<b>NUTHATCHES, CREEPER</b>	White-crowned Sparrow(1)	
Red-necked Grebe(1)	Common Murre(1)	Northern Hawk Owl(5)	Red-breasted Nuthatch(1)	Golden-crowned Sparrow(2)	
Eared Grebe(3)	Thick-billed Murre(5)	Northern Pygmy-Owl(3)	White-breasted Nuthatch(4)	Dark-eyed Junco(1)	
Western Grebe(1)	Pigeon Guillemot(1)	Burrowing Owl(5)	Pygmy Nuthatch(5)	Yellow-breasted Chat(5)	
Clark's Grebe(5)	Marbled Murrelet(2)	Spotted Owl(4)	Brown Creeper(2)	<b>BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES</b>	
<b>PIGEONS, DOVES</b>	Ancient Murrelet(3)	Barred Owl(2)	<b>WRENS</b>	Yellow-headed Blackbird(3)	
Rock Pigeon(1)	Cassin's Auklet(6)	Great Gray Owl(4)	Rock Wren(4)	Bobolink(5)	
Band-tailed Pigeon(2)	Rhinoceros Auklet(3)	Long-eared Owl(4)	Canyon Wren(5)	Western Meadowlark(2)	
Eurasian Collared-Dove(2)	Tufted Puffin(5)	Short-eared Owl(2)	House Wren(3)	Hooded Oriole(5)	
White-winged Dove(5)	<b>GULLS, TERNS</b>	Boreal Owl(6)	Pacific Wren(1)	Bullock's Oriole(2)	
Mourning Dove(2)	Black-legged Kittiwake(4)	Northern Saw-whet Owl(2)	Marsh Wren(2)	Red-winged Blackbird(1)	
<b>CUCKOOS</b>	Sabine's Gull(4)	<b>KINGFISHER</b>	Bewick's Wren(2)	Brown-headed Cowbird(1)	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo(5)	Bonaparte's Gull(1)	Belted Kingfisher(1)	<b>DIPPER</b>	Rusty Blackbird(5)	
<b>NIGHTHAWKS, SWIFTS</b>	Little Gull(5)	<b>WOODPECKERS</b>	American Dipper(2)	Brewer's Blackbird(1)	
Common Nighthawk(2)	Franklin's Gull(4)	Lawie's Woodpecker(4)	<b>KINGLETS</b>	Common Grackle(6)	
Common Poorwill(5)	Heermann's Gull(2)	Red-naped Sapsucker(3)	Golden-crowned Kinglet(1)	Great-tailed Grackle(5)	
Black Swift(2)	Mew Gull(1)	Red-breasted Sapsucker(2)	Ruby-crowned Kinglet(2)	<b>WARBLERS, BUNTINGS</b>	
Vaux's Swift(1)	Ring-billed Gull(1)	Am. Three-toed Woodpecker(3)	<b>THRUSHES</b>	Ovenbird(5)	
White-throated Swift(5)	Western Gull(3)	Black-backed Woodpecker(5)	Red-flanked Bluetail(5)	Northern Waterthrush(5)	
<b>HUMMINGBIRDS</b>	California Gull(1)	Downy Woodpecker(1)	Western Bluebird(4)	Black-and-white Warbler(5)	
Black-chinned Hummingbird(5)	Herring Gull(3)	Hairy Woodpecker(1)	Mountain Bluebird(3)	Tennessee Warbler(5)	
Anne's Hummingbird(3)	Iceland Gull(3)	White-headed Woodpecker(5)		Orange-crowned Warbler(2)	

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On County Checklists, abundance code after bird name is defined as follows:

(1) Common (2) Uncommon (3) Harder to find, usually seen annually (4) Rare, 5+ records (5) Less than 5 records (ext) Extirpated (int) Introduced