



## Cowichan Estuary Nature Centre

### Coastal Waterbird Survey



Join the Coastal Waterbird Survey and learn how to identify local birds. Everyone is welcome!

The Cowichan Estuary Nature Centre participates in the [Bird Studies Canada Coastal Waterbird Survey](#). On the second Sunday of each month, at or near high tide, teams of volunteers spot, identify, and count waterbirds on a measured section of Cowichan Bay shoreline.

Skilled and experienced birders lead the count, but everyone is welcome to come along. It is a great opportunity to learn

more about the birds in the estuary and hone your birding skills. Bring binoculars and dress for the weather. Counts take place on the **second Sunday of each month**, with the time being determined by the time of high tide. [Check the Coming Events page](#) for the date and time of the next Coastal Waterbird Count.

### Hecate Park Bird List

Since the Nature Centre opened in April 2012, these birds have been seen and identified by observers in Hecate Park — the boat launch to the Nature Centre to the Viewing Tower to the Kayak Park. If you see any birds that are not on the list, tell us about it using the contact form. The ID numbers are from the Checklist of the American Birding Association. The scientific names are very useful if you want to look up the birds on the internet. Special thanks to Derrick Marvin, Genevieve Singleton, and Brian Thompson who contributed many of these sightings, and to Ian Cruickshank for a Hutton's Vireo.

ID	Common Name	Scientific Name
14	Cackling Goose	<i>Branta hutchinsii</i>
15	Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>
16	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>
17	Trumpeter Swan	<i>Cygnus buccinator</i>
25	American Wigeon	<i>Anas americana</i>

27 Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>
34 Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>
37 Green-winged Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>
43 Greater Scaup	<i>Aythya marila</i>
44 Lesser Scaup	<i>Aythya affinis</i>
51 Surf Scoter	<i>Melanitta perspicillata</i>
52 White-winged Scoter	<i>Melanitta fusca</i>
55 Bufflehead	<i>Bucephala albeola</i>
56 Common Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>
57 Barrow's Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala islandica</i>
59 Hooded Merganser	<i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>
60 Common Merganser	<i>Mergus merganser</i>
91 Common Loon	<i>Gavia immer</i>
95 Horned Grebe	<i>Podiceps auritus</i>
96 Red-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>
166 Brandt's Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax penicillatus</i>
168 Double-crested Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i>
179 Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>
201 Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>
203 Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
210 Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>
228 Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>
262 Semipalmated Plover	<i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>
265 Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>
270 Black Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus bachmani</i>
318 Pectoral Sandpiper	<i>Calidris melanotos</i>
357 Mew Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>
358 Ring-billed Gull	<i>Larus delawarensis</i>
359 Western Gull	<i>Larus occidentalis</i>
368 Glaucous-winged Gull	<i>Larus glaucescens</i>
380 Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>
420 Rock Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>
427 Eurasian Collared-Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>
498 Anna's Hummingbird	<i>Calypte anna</i>
502 Rufous Hummingbird	<i>Selasphorus rufus</i>

516 Belted Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle alcyon</i>
529 Red-breasted Sapsucker	<i>Sphyrapicus ruber</i>
542 Pileated Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus pileatus</i>
625 Hutton's Vireo	<i>Vireo huttoni</i>
647 Northwestern Crow	<i>Corvus caurinus</i>
651 Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>
654 Purple Martin	<i>Progne subis</i>
659 Tree Swallow	<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>
661 Violet-green Swallow	<i>Tachycineta thalassina</i>
667 Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
673 Chestnut-backed Chickadee	<i>Poecile rufescens</i>
705 Golden-crowned Kinglet	<i>Regulus satrapa</i>
706 Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<i>Regulus calendula</i>
754 American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>
756 Varied Thrush	<i>Ixoreus naevius</i>
770 European Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>
784 Cedar Waxwing	<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>
806 Orange-crowned Warbler	<i>Oreothlypis celata</i>
827 Yellow Warbler	<i>Setophaga petechia</i>
858 Spotted Towhee	<i>Pipilo maculatus</i>
881 Savannah Sparrow	<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>
889 Fox Sparrow	<i>Passerella iliaca</i>
890 Song Sparrow	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>
896 Golden-crowned Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia atricapilla</i>
897 Dark-eyed Junco	<i>Junco hyemalis</i>
911 Western Tanager	<i>Piranga ludoviciana</i>
927 Red-winged Blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>
940 Brown-headed Cowbird	<i>Molothrus ater</i>
960 Purple Finch	<i>Haemorhous purpureus</i>
962 House Finch	<i>Haemorhous mexicanus</i>
963 Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>
968 Pine Siskin	<i>Spinus pinus</i>
971 American Goldfinch	<i>Spinus tristis</i>
975 House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>