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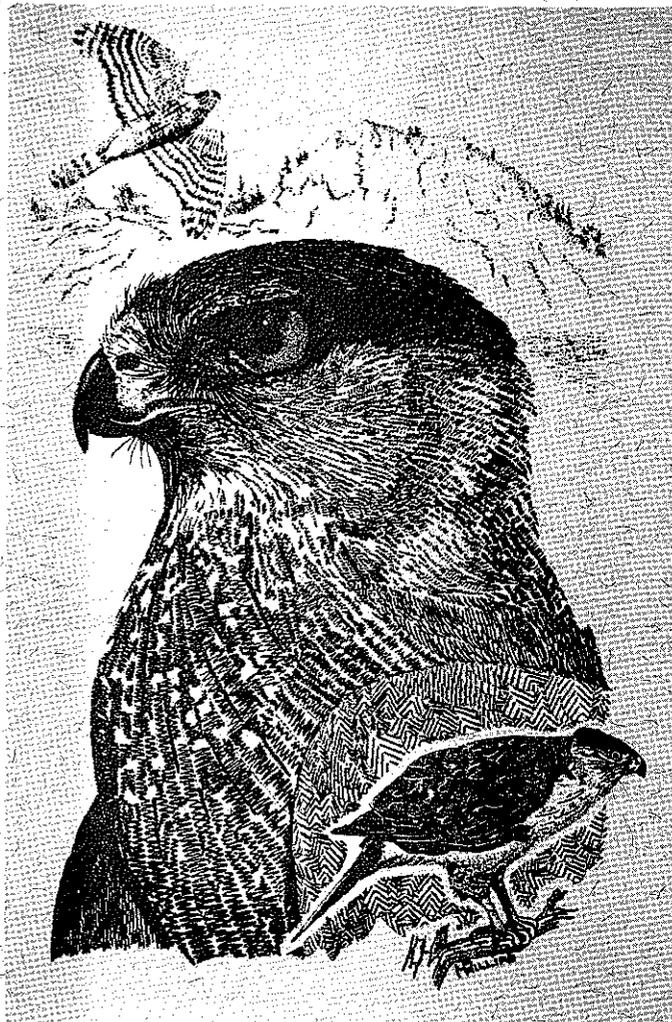


CYPRESS ISLAND BIRDS/CHECKLIST

Surveys by Richardson (1976), Wahl & Speich (1981), Bill (1991), and Gunther (1995-98) were consulted. Review by Clark Blake, Chris Chappell, Anita DeGive, David Engebretson, George Fahey, Nick Fahey, and Kathryn Gunther. Lewis & Sharpe's *Birding in the San Juan Islands* was also helpful.

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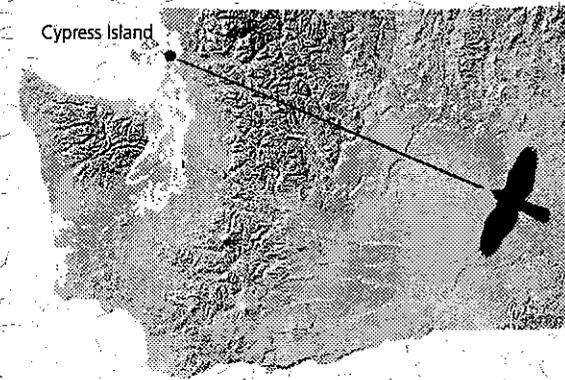
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Birds of Cypress Island

Natural Resources Conservation Area

Checklist



BIRDING ON CYPRESS ISLAND

The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) manages 3800 acres of woodlands, wetlands, grassy balds, and rocky shoreline on Cypress Island as a Natural Resources Conservation Area. It's a great place for birding!

The bird life of the San Juan Archipelago has been documented, but few surveys have been done specific to Cypress Island. The following list represents the best available data on birds occurring on Cypress and just offshore. Seasonal occurrences suggest the best time to see or hear a given species, keeping in mind that migrants may move through quickly, and summer and winter residencies may vary from year to year.

Due to limited space, only one habitat for each species has been listed. On Cypress Island many of these birds use several habitats.

This bird list includes 142 species, all documented sightings. Flyovers have been included. Because of the lack of open space, sandy beaches, and mudflats here, some birds one might expect to see on other islands in the archipelago are absent, or have yet to be documented. Names and taxonomic arrangement of species are consistent with the American Ornithologists' Union Check-List (6th edition, 1983 and supplements).

We hope you enjoy your stay on Cypress, and we encourage you to tread lightly while moving about the island.

KEY TO CHECKLIST:

SEASONS:

W = December, January, February
SP = March, April, May
SU = June, July, August
F = September, October, November

HABITATS:

OW = Open Water; RS = Rocky Shoreline;
FW = Fresh Water/Wetland; C = Coniferous
Forest; D = Deciduous/Mixed Woodland; T = Thickets/
Woodland Edges; GB = Grassy Balds; OH = Overhead.

STATUS:

Should see or hear in primary habitat

May see or hear in primary habitat

Less likely to see or hear,
but has been recorded on or near Cypress

✓	BIRDS	W	SP	SU	F
LOONS, GREBES					
	RED-THROATED LOON	OW			
	PACIFIC LOON	OW			
	COMMON LOON	OW			
	PIED-BILLED GREBE	FW			
	HORNED GREBE	OW			
	RED-NECKED GREBE	OW			
	EARED GREBE	OW			
	WESTERN GREBE	OW			
CORMORANTS					
	DBL-CRESTED CORMORANT	RS			
	BRANDT'S CORMORANT	RS			
	PELAGIC CORMORANT	RS			
WADING BIRDS					
	GREAT BLUE HERON	RS			
VULTURES					
	TURKEY VULTURE	OH			
WATERFOWL					
	TRUMPETER SWAN	OH			
	SNOW GOOSE	OH			
	BRANT	OW			
	CANADA GOOSE	RS			
	GREEN-WINGED TEAL	FW			
	WOOD DUCK	FW			
	MALLARD	FW			
	NORTHERN PINTAIL	FW			
	BLUE-WINGED TEAL	FW			
	NORTHERN SHOVELER	FW			



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✓		BIRDS	W	Sp	Su	F
		GADWALL FW				
		EURASIAN WIGEON FW				
		AMERICAN WIGEON FW				
		RING-NECKED DUCK FW				
		GREATER SCAUP FW				
		LESSER SCAUP FW				
		HARLEQUIN DUCK RS				
		OLDSQUAW OW				
		BLACK SCOTER OW				
		SURF SCOTER OW				
		WHITE-WINGED SCOTER OW				
		COMMON GOLDENEYE OW				
		BARROW'S GOLDENEYE OW				
		BUFFLEHEAD FW				
		HOODED MERGANSER FW				
		COMMON MERGANSER FW				
		R-BREADED MERGANSER RS				
EAGLES, HAWKS, FALCONS						
		OSPREY RS				
		BALD EAGLE RS				
		SHARP-SHINNED HAWK C				
		COOPER'S HAWK C				
		RED-TAILED HAWK OH				
		GOLDEN EAGLE OH				
		AMERICAN KESTREL GB				
		MERLIN FW				
		PEREGRINE FALCON RS				
RAILS, COOTS						
		VIRGINIA RAIL FW				
		SORA FW				
		AMERICAN COOT FW				
SHOREBIRDS						
		KILLDEER RS				
		BLACK OYSTERCATCHER RS				
		SPOTTED SANDPIPER RS				
		SANDERLING RS				
		WESTERN SANDPIPER RS				
		RED-NECKED PHALAROPE OW				
JAEGERS, GULLS, TERNS						
		PARASITIC JAEGER OW				

✓		BIRDS	W	Sp	Su	F
		BONAPARTE'S GULL OW				
		HEERMANN'S GULL RS				
		MEW GULL RS				
		CALIFORNIA GULL OW				
		THAYER'S GULL OW				
		GLAUCOUS-WINGED GULL RS				
		CASPIAN TERN OW				
		COMMON TERN OW				
ALCIDS						
		COMMON MURRE OW				
		PIGEON GUILLEMOT OW				
		MARBLED MURRELET OW				
		RHINOCEROS AUKLET OW				
PIGEONS						
		BAND-TAILED PIGEON C				
OWLS						
		WESTERN SCREECH-OWL C				
		GREAT HORNED OWL C				
		BARRED OWL C				
		LONG-EARED OWL C				
		NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL C				
NIGHTHAWKS, SWIFTS						
		COMMON NIGHTHAWK D				
		BLACK SWIFT C				
		VAUX'S SWIFT C				
HUMMINGBIRDS						
		RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD T				
KINGFISHERS						
		BELTED KINGFISHER RS				
WOODPECKERS						
		RED-BREADED SAPSUCKER D				
		DOWNY WOODPECKER C				
		HAIRY WOODPECKER C				
		NORTHERN FLICKER D				
		PILEATED WOODPECKER C				
FLYCATCHERS						
		OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER C				
		WESTERN WOOD-PEWEE C				
		WILLOW FLYCATCHER D				
		PACIFIC-SLOPE FLYCATCHER D				

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VIREOS						
		CASSIN'S VIREO D				
		HUTTON'S VIREO C				
		WARBLING VIREO D				
CROWS, RAVENS						
		CROW SPECIES* RS				
		COMMON RAVEN C				
SWALLOWS						
		TREE SWALLOW FW				
		VIOLET-GREEN SWALLOW FW				
		NO. R-WINGED SWALLOW FW				
		BARN SWALLOW FW				
CHICKADEES, BUSHTITS, NUTHATCHES						
CREEPERS						
		CNUT-BACKED CHICKADEE C				
		BUSHTIT T				
		RED-BREADED NUTHATCH C				
		BROWN CREEPER C				
WRENS						
		BEWICK'S WREN T				
		HOUSE WREN T				
		WINTER WREN C				
		MARSH WREN FW				
KINGLETS						
		GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET C				
		RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET C				
THRUSHES						
		TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE C				
		SWANSON'S THRUSH C				
		HERMIT THRUSH C				
		AMERICAN ROBIN T				
		VARIED THRUSH C				
STARLINGS, WAXWINGS						
		EUROPEAN STARLING T				
		CEDAR WAXWING D				
WARBLERS, SPARROWS & RELATIONS						
		ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER D				
		YELLOW WARBLER D				
		YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER C				
		B-THROATED GR. WARBLER D				

✓		BIRDS	W	Sp	Su	F
		TOWNSEND'S WARBLER C				
		MACGILLIVRAY'S WARBLER C				
		COMMON YELLOWTHROAT FW				
		WILSON'S WARBLER D				
		WESTERN Tanager C				
		SPOTTED TOWHEE T				
		SAVANNAH SPARROW GB				
		FOX SPARROW T				
		SONG SPARROW T				
		WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW T				
		GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW T				
		DARK-EYED JUNCO T				
GROSBEAKS						
		BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK D				
BLACKBIRDS						
		RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD FW				
		BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD T				
FINCHES						
		PURPLE FINCH T				
		HOUSE FINCH T				
		RED CROSSBILL C				
		PINE SISKIN C				
		AMERICAN GOLDFINCH GB				
		EVENING GROSBEAK D				

* NORTHWEST CROW/AMERICAN CROW

WE NEED YOUR SIGHTING DATA!

The following is an addendum to the checklist. While many of these species may occur on or around Cypress Island, we did not have enough documentation to include them. Please send your sighting data including your name, address, date of sighting, species seen and where, and evidence of breeding birds to Cypress Island Bird List, P.O. Box 3081, Friday Harbor, WA 98250.

YELLOW-BILLED LOON	DUNLIN	RED-NECKED SAPSUCKER
BROWN PELICAN	SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER	HAMMOND'S FLYCATCHER
CINNAMON TEAL	LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER	NORTHERN SHRIKE
CANVASBACK	WILSON'S PHALAROPE	RED-EYED VIREO
RUDDY DUCK	RED PHALAROPE	STELLER'S JAY
NORTHERN GOSHAWK	FRANKLIN'S GULL	CLIFF SWALLOW
BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER	RING-BILLED GULL	BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE
SEMPALMATED PLOVER	HERRING GULL	ROCK WREN
GREATER YELLOWLEGS	WESTERN GULL	AMERICAN DIPPER
LESSER YELLOWLEGS	SABINE'S GULL	CHIPPING SPARROW
WANDERING TATTLER	ANCIENT MURRELET	VESPER SPARROW
WHIMBREL	CASSIN'S AUKLET	LINCOLN'S SPARROW
RUDDY TURNSTONE	TUFTED PUFFIN	WESTERN MEADOWLARK
BLACK TURNSTONE	NO. PYGMY-OWL	BREWER'S BLACKBIRD
SURFBIRD	GREAT GRAY OWL	WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL
LEAST SANDPIPER	ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD	HOUSE SPARROW
ROCK SANDPIPER	LEWIS' WOODPECKER	