

SEASON DESIGNATIONS

S — March-May
S — June-August
F — September-November
W — December-February

ABUNDANCE SYMBOLS

c — Common to abundant; certain to be seen in proper habitat
u — Uncommon; present but not certain to be seen
o — Occasional; occasionally seen during season
r — Rare; rarely seen and may not occur every year
i — Irregular; numbers annually fluctuate

Symbols for pelagic species reflect abundances off-shore rather than observations from land.

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Birds known or believed to be present

	S	S	F	W
☐ Red-throated loon.....	u	o	u	u
☐ Arctic loon.....	c	u	c	u
☐ Common loon.....	c	u	c	c
☐ Yellow-billed loon.....	r	r		
☐ Pied-billed grebe.....	c	r	c	c
☐ Horned grebe.....	c	c	c	
☐ Red-necked grebe.....	u	u	u	u
☐ Eared grebe.....	o	o	o	
☐ Western grebe.....	c	u	c	c
☐ Black-footed albatross.....	c	c	c	u
☐ Laysan albatross.....	r	r		
☐ Northern fulmar.....	i	i	i	i
☐ Pink-footed shearwater.....	u	u	c	
☐ Buller's shearwater.....	o	o	r	
☐ Sooty shearwater.....	c	c	c	o
☐ Short-tailed shearwater.....	r	r	r	
☐ Black-vented shearwater.....	r			
☐ Fork-tailed storm-petrel.....	u	u	u	u
☐ Leach's storm-petrel.....	o	o	o	r
☐ Brown pelican.....	r	c	c	o
☐ Double-crested cormorant.....	c	c	c	c
☐ Brandt's cormorant.....	c	c	c	c
☐ Pelagic cormorant.....	c	c	c	c
☐ American bittern.....	o	o	o	

	S	S	F	W
☐ Great blue heron.....	c	c	c	c
☐ Great egret.....	c	c	c	c
☐ Snowy egret.....	u	r	u	u
☐ Cattle egret.....	o	o	u	
☐ Green-backed heron.....	u	u	u	u
☐ Black-crowned night-heron.....	c	u	c	c
☐ Tundra swan.....	u	u		
☐ Greater white-fronted goose.....	r	r		
☐ Snow goose.....	r	r		
☐ Emperor goose.....	r	r		
☐ Brant.....	c	r	u	u
☐ Canada goose.....	o	o	o	
☐ Wood duck.....	c	c	c	c
☐ Green-winged teal.....	c	u	c	c
☐ Mallard.....	c	c	c	c
☐ Northern pintail.....	u	o	c	c
☐ Blue-winged teal.....	o	o	r	
☐ Cinnamon teal.....	o			
☐ Northern shoveler.....	u	u	u	u
☐ Gadwall.....	c	c	c	
☐ Eurasian wigeon.....	o	r		
☐ American wigeon.....	u	o	c	c
☐ Canvasback.....	c	r	c	c
☐ Redhead.....	o	c	u	
☐ Ring-necked duck.....	c	u	c	
☐ Greater scaup.....	c	r	c	c
☐ Lesser scaup.....	c	c	c	
☐ Harlequin duck.....	o	o	o	
☐ Oldsquaw.....	o	o	o	
☐ Black scoter.....	u	r	u	u
☐ Surf scoter.....	c	u	c	c
☐ White-winged scoter.....	c	u	c	c
☐ Common goldeneye.....	o	o	u	
☐ Bufflehead.....	c	c	c	
☐ Hooded merganser.....	u	u	u	
☐ Common merganser.....	c	c	c	c
☐ Red-breasted merganser.....	c	u	c	
☐ Ruddy duck.....	c	c	c	
☐ Turkey vulture.....	c	c	o	r
☐ Osprey.....	c	c	c	r
☐ Black-shouldered kite.....	u	u	u	u
☐ Bald eagle.....	u	u	u	u
☐ Northern harrier.....	c	c	c	c
☐ Sharp-shinned hawk.....	u	u	u	u
☐ Cooper's hawk.....	u	u	u	u

	S	S	F	W
☐ Lazuli bunting.....	o	o	o	
☐ Rufous-sided towhee.....	c	c	c	c
☐ Chipping sparrow.....	u	u	o	
☐ Vesper sparrow.....	r	r	r	
☐ Savannah sparrow.....	c	c	c	u
☐ Fox sparrow.....	u	o	c	c
☐ Song sparrow.....	c	c	c	c
☐ Lincoln's sparrow.....	o	o	o	
☐ White-throated sparrow.....	o	u	u	
☐ Golden-crowned sparrow.....	c	r	c	c
☐ White-crowned sparrow.....	c	c	c	c
☐ Dark-eyed junco.....	c	u	c	c
☐ Lapland longspur.....	r	r	r	
☐ Snow bunting.....	r			
☐ Red-winged blackbird.....	c	c	c	u
☐ Western meadowlark.....	c	c	c	c
☐ Yellow-headed blackbird.....	r	r	r	
☐ Brewer's blackbird.....	c	c	c	c
☐ Brown-headed cowbird.....	c	c	u	r
☐ Northern oriole.....	u	o	r	r
☐ Purple finch.....	c	c	u	o
☐ House finch.....	c	c	c	c
☐ Red crossbill.....	i	i	i	i
☐ Pine siskin.....	c	u	c	c
☐ Lesser goldfinch.....	u	u	o	r
☐ American goldfinch.....	c	c	c	u
☐ Evening grosbeak.....	c	o	u	u
☐ House sparrow.....	c	c	c	c

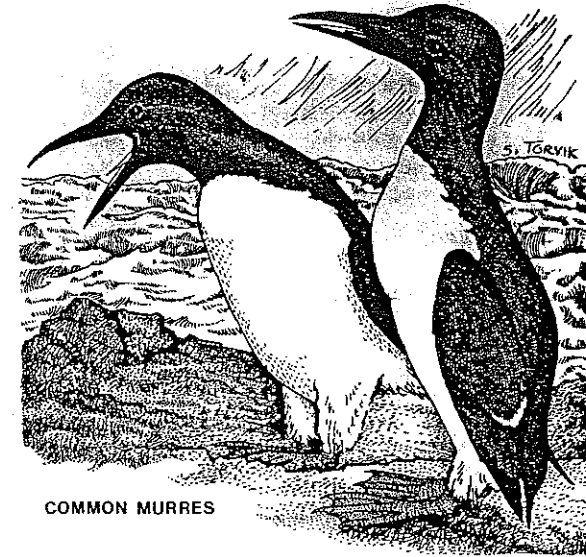
These additional species have been recorded fewer than 5 times in Coos County but are generally out of their normal ranges. Rare birds in the main list are within their distributional limits but are rare for other reasons.

Flesh-footed shearwater	Xantus' murrelet	Northern waterthrush
American white pelican	Horned puffin	Summer tanager
Magnificent frigatebird	Black-chinned hummingbird	Rose-breasted grosbeak
Fulvous whistling-duck	Say's phoebe	Indigo bunting
King eider	Ash-throated flycatcher	Dickcissel
Prairie falcon	Tropical kingbird	American tree sparrow
Northern bobwhite	Blue jay	Lark sparrow
American avocet	Clark's nutcracker	Black-throated sparrow
Bristle-thighed curlew	Blue-gray gnatcatcher	Lark bunting
Hudsonian godwit	Mountain bluebird	Swamp sparrow
Rufous-necked stint	Bohemian waxwing	Harris' sparrow
Curlew sandpiper	Northern parula	Bobolink
Wilson's phalarope	Chestnut-sided warbler	Hooded oriole
Franklin's gull	American redstart	Pine grosbeak
Black tern	Prothonotary warbler	Cassin's finch
Thick-billed murre	Ovenbird	



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CHECKLIST BIRDS OF COOS COUNTY, OREGON

Coos County, located on the southern Oregon coast, contains 1,627 square miles, with elevations ranging from 4,319 feet on Mt. Bolivar in the southeastern corner to sea level along 44 miles of coastline. Habitats include old growth and cutover coniferous forests with some interspersed prairies at higher elevations, mixed conifers and hardwoods at lower elevations, riparian vegetation along the Millicoma, Coos, and Coquille rivers, brushy or grassy hillsides, seasonally flooded pastures, freshwater lakes, sand dunes, estuaries, sandy beaches, rocky headlands, sea stacks, and ocean.

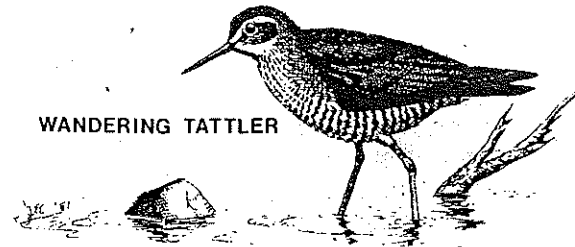
The diverse geography and temperate marine climate provide a haven for a variety of pelagic birds, waterfowl, shorebirds, and passerines. This is attested by the 264 listed species and 47 casual or accidental species belonging to 49 families that have been sighted in the county and appear in this field check-list.

Popular birding sites near Coos Bay include Pony and Kentuck sloughs, Jordan Cove, North Spit, Horsfall Beach, South Jetty, Bastendorf Beach, Coos Head, Shoreacres and Cape Arago state parks. Bluebill, Empire, Tenmile, and Horsfall lakes near Coos Bay provide additional birding opportunities. Near Bandon, the Coquille River estuary (particularly Bandon Marsh), Bullard's Beach State Park, and nearby sea stacks are often attractive viewing sites. Inland localities near Coquille, Myrtle Point, Powers, and Eden Valley are also productive birding areas.

The seasonal designations and relative abundance of birds are indicated by the following symbols:

		S	S	F	W
BIRDS OF PREY	☐ Northern goshawk.....	r	r	r	r
	☐ Red-shouldered hawk.....		r	r	
	☐ Red-tailed hawk.....	c	c	c	c
	☐ Rough-legged hawk.....	i	i	i	
	☐ Golden eagle.....	o	o	o	o
	☐ American kestrel.....	c	c	c	c
	☐ Merlin.....	u	u	u	
	☐ Peregrine falcon.....	o	o	o	
PHEASANTS	☐ Ring-necked pheasant.....	u	u	u	u
	☐ Blue grouse.....	u	u	u	u
	☐ Ruffed grouse.....	c	c	c	c
	☐ California quail.....	c	c	c	c
	☐ Mountain quail.....	u	u	u	u
GROUSE, QUAIL	☐ Virginia rail.....	c	c	c	c
	☐ Sora.....		o	r	
	☐ American coot.....	c	u	c	
	☐ Black-bellied plover.....	c	u	c	c
	☐ Lesser golden plover.....	r	o	u	r
	☐ Snowy plover.....	u	u	u	u
	☐ Semipalmated plover.....	c	c	c	u
	☐ Killdeer.....	c	c	c	c
	☐ American black oystercatcher.....	c	c	c	c
	☐ Greater yellowlegs.....	c	u	c	c
	☐ Lesser yellowlegs.....	o	u	u	r
	☐ Solitary sandpiper.....	r	r		
	☐ Willet.....	c	u	c	c
SHORE BIRDS	☐ Wandering tattler.....	u	u	u	o
	☐ Spotted sandpiper.....	c	c	c	u
	☐ Whimbrel.....	c	u	c	o
	☐ Long-billed curlew.....	o	o	o	r
	☐ Bar-tailed godwit.....	r	r		
	☐ Marbled godwit.....	u	u	c	o
	☐ Ruddy turnstone.....	c	c	c	c
	☐ Black turnstone.....	c	c	c	c
	☐ Surfbird.....	c	u	c	c
	☐ Red knot.....	o	o	o	r
	☐ Sanderling.....	c	c	c	c
	☐ Western sandpiper.....	c	c	c	c
	☐ Least sandpiper.....	c	c	c	c
	☐ Baird's sandpiper.....	r	u	u	r
	☐ Pectoral sandpiper.....	o	u		
	☐ Rock sandpiper.....	u	u	u	
	☐ Dunlin.....	c	o	c	c
	☐ Stilt sandpiper.....	r	r		
	☐ Buff-breasted sandpiper.....	r			

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SHORE BIRDS	☐ Ruff.....	r	r	r	
	☐ Short-billed dowitcher.....	c	u	c	c
	☐ Long-billed dowitcher.....	o	u	u	o
	☐ Common snipe.....	u	r	c	c
	☐ Red-necked phalarope.....	c	u	c	o
	☐ Red phalarope.....	u	u	u	
	☐ Pomarine jaeger.....	o	o	u	
	☐ Parasitic jaeger.....	o	u	c	r
	☐ Long-tailed jaeger.....	r	r	r	
	☐ South Polar skua.....	r	r	r	
	☐ Bonaparte's gull.....	c	u	c	u
	☐ Heermann's gull.....	o	c	c	r
	☐ Mew gull.....	c	o	c	c
	☐ Ring-billed gull.....	c	c	c	c
	☐ California gull.....	u	o	c	c
GULLS	☐ Herring gull.....	o	o	o	
	☐ Thayer's gull.....	o	o	o	
	☐ Western gull.....	c	c	c	c
	☐ Glaucous-winged gull.....	c	c	c	c
	☐ Glaucous gull.....	r	r	r	
	☐ Black-legged kittiwake.....	u	u	u	u
	☐ Sabine's gull.....	u	o	u	r
TERNs	☐ Caspian tern.....	u	u	u	
	☐ Common tern.....	u	u	u	
	☐ Arctic tern.....	u	o	u	
	☐ Common murre.....	c	c	c	c
	☐ Pigeon guillemot.....	c	c	u	o
	☐ Marbled murrelet.....	u	u	u	u
	☐ Ancient murrelet.....	u	u	u	u
	☐ Cassin's auklet.....	c	c	c	u
	☐ Rhinoceros auklet.....	u	u	u	u
	☐ Tufted puffin.....	c	c	o	o
	☐ Rock dove.....	c	c	c	c
	☐ Band-tailed pigeon.....	c	c	c	r
DOVES	☐ Mourning dove.....	u	u	u	r
	☐ Common barn-owl.....	u	u	u	u
	☐ Western screech-owl.....	u	u	u	u
PIGEONS	☐ Great horned owl.....	c	c	c	c
	☐ Snowy owl.....	r	r		
	☐ Northern pygmy-owl.....	u	u	u	u
	☐ Burrowing owl.....	r	r	r	
	☐ Spotted owl.....	u	u	u	u
	☐ Short-eared owl.....	u	u	u	u
	☐ Northern saw-whet owl.....	o	o	o	o
	☐ Common nighthawk.....	c	r		



WANDERING TATTLER

		S	S	F	W
	☐ Black swift.....	r	r	r	
	☐ Vaux's swift.....	c	c	o	
KINGFISHERS	☐ Anna's hummingbird.....	u	u	u	u
	☐ Rufous hummingbird.....	c	c	o	o
	☐ Allen's hummingbird.....	u	u	r	
	☐ Belted kingfisher.....	c	c	c	c
	☐ Lewis' woodpecker.....	r			
	☐ Acorn woodpecker.....	u	u	u	u
WOODPECKERS	☐ Red-breasted sapsucker.....	u	u	u	u
	☐ Downy woodpecker.....	u	u	u	u
	☐ Hairy woodpecker.....	c	c	c	c
	☐ Northern flicker.....	c	c	c	c
	☐ Pileated woodpecker.....	u	u	u	u
	☐ Olive-sided flycatcher.....	c	c	o	
	☐ Western wood-pewee.....	c	c	o	
	☐ Willow flycatcher.....	o	u	r	
	☐ Hammond's flycatcher.....	o	o		
	☐ Western flycatcher.....	c	c	o	
FLYCATCHERS	☐ Black phoebe.....	r	r		
	☐ Western kingbird.....	o	r	r	
LARKS	☐ Horned lark.....	r	r		
	☐ Purple martin.....	u	u		
SWALLOWS	☐ Tree swallow.....	c	c	u	o
	☐ Violet-green swallow.....	c	c	o	o
	☐ N. rough-winged swallow.....	c	c		
	☐ Cliff swallow.....	c	c	u	
	☐ Barn swallow.....	c	c	u	
	☐ Gray jay.....	u	u	u	u
	☐ Steller's jay.....	c	c	c	c
	☐ Scrub jay.....	o	o	o	r
	☐ American crow.....	c	c	c	c
	☐ Common raven.....	c	c	c	c
JAYS, CROWS	☐ Black-capped chickadee.....	c	c	c	c
	☐ Mountain chickadee.....	r	r		
	☐ Chestnut-backed chickadee.....	c	c	c	c
BUSH-TIT	☐ Bushtit.....	u	u	u	u

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NUTHATCHES	☐ Red-breasted nuthatch.....	u	u	c	u
	☐ White-breasted nuthatch.....	r	r	r	r
	☐ Brown creeper.....	u	u	u	u
WRENS	☐ Bewick's wren.....	u	u	u	u
	☐ House wren.....	r	r	r	
	☐ Winter wren.....	c	c	c	c
	☐ Marsh wren.....	c	c	c	c
	☐ American dipper.....	c	c	c	c
	☐ Golden-crowned kinglet.....	c	c	c	c
	☐ Ruby-crowned kinglet.....	c	c	c	
	☐ Western bluebird.....	u	u	u	u
THRUSHES	☐ Townsend's solitaire.....	r	r	r	
	☐ Swainson's thrush.....	c	c	o	
	☐ Hermit thrush.....	u	o	c	c
	☐ American robin.....	c	c	c	c
	☐ Varied thrush.....	c	u	c	c
	☐ Wren-tit.....	c	c	c	c
	☐ Northern mockingbird.....	r	r	r	r
	☐ Water pipit.....	o	r	c	o
PIPITS, WAXWINGS	☐ Cedar waxwing.....	o	c	c	o
	☐ Northern shrike.....	u	u	u	
SHRIKES, STARLING	☐ Loggerhead shrike.....	r	r		
	☐ European starling.....	c	c	c	c
VIREOS	☐ Solitary vireo.....	o	o	o	
	☐ Hutton's vireo.....	u	u	u	u
	☐ Warbling vireo.....	u	u	o	
	☐ Orange-crowned warbler.....	c	c	u	r
	☐ Nashville warbler.....	o	o	o	r
	☐ Yellow warbler.....	o	o	r	r
	☐ Yellow-rumped warbler.....	c	u	c	c
	☐ Black-throated gray warbler.....	u	u	o	
WOOD WARBLERS	☐ Townsend's warbler.....	u	c	c	
	☐ Hermit warbler.....	c	c	o	r
	☐ Palm warbler.....	o	o		
	☐ Black-and-white warbler.....	r	r	r	
	☐ MacGillivray's warbler.....	u	u	o	
TANAGERS	☐ Common yellowthroat.....	u	u	o	
	☐ Wilson's warbler.....	c	c	u	r
	☐ Yellow-breasted chat.....	r	r		
	☐ Western tanager.....	c	c	o	
	☐ Black-headed grosbeak.....	u	c	o	