










## Potential Breeding Birds List for BCTS Strait of Georgia Business Area




Type	Common Name	Prov. Status <sup>1</sup>	Fed. Status <sup>2</sup>	Habitat	Nest Location	Nest Height (m)	Re-use of nest? <sup>3</sup>	Comments
<b>Waterfowl</b> 	Wood Duck	Yellow	-	In nest cavities adjacent to open water	cavity	0.5-20	Likely Yes	
	Hooded Merganser	Yellow	-	In nest cavities adjacent to open water	cavity	3-6	Likely Yes	
	Common Merganser	Yellow	-	In nest cavities adjacent to open water	cavity	5-16	Likely Yes	
<b>Murres</b> 	Marbled Murrelet	Blue	T	coniferous, deciduous	tree	46	Unk.	Lays eggs on thick, moss-covered lateral branches
<b>Hawks and Eagles</b> 	Red-tailed hawk	Yellow	-	forested	tree	0-37	Likely Yes	
	Osprey	Yellow	-	forested near water	tree	0-61	Likely Yes	Often uses human-made structures
	Sharp-shinned Hawk	Yellow	-	deciduous, mixed woods	tree	3-21	Likely Yes	
	Bald Eagle	Yellow	-	forest edges near water	tree	3-55	Likely Yes	
	Northern Goshawk	Red	T	coniferous	tree	>4	Likely Yes	Can have multiple nests in a territory
<b>Owls</b> 	Cooper's hawk	Yellow	-	coniferous, deciduous	tree	6-20	Likely Yes	
	Barred Owl	Yellow	-	Mixed woods	tree	<10	Likely yes	
	Northern Pygmy-owl	Blue	Not yet rated	coniferous	cavity	2-6	Likely yes	
	Northern Saw-whet Owl	Yellow	-	deciduous	cavity	4-18	Likely yes	
	Western Screech-owl	Blue	T	coniferous, deciduous; riparian habitat	cavity	>2	Likely yes	
	Great Horned Owl	Yellow	-	coniferous, deciduous	tree	5-21	Likely no	

<sup>1</sup> Yellow = not at risk; Blue = special concern; Red = extirpated, endangered, or threatened

<sup>2</sup> T = Threatened; SC = Special Concern; '-' = not at risk

<sup>3</sup> Information about birds reusing nests is somewhat limited. As a rule of thumb, birds that build stick nests (e.g., hawks, eagles, etc.) or nests in cavities will likely re-use nests in following years.

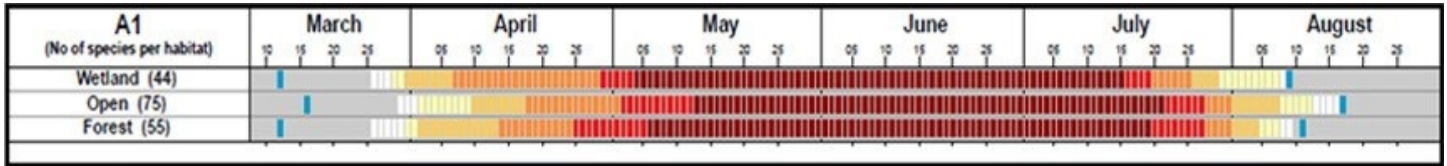
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 <b>Hummingbirds</b>	Rufous Hummingbird	Yellow	-	forested	shrub/tree	0.3-15	Likely no	
	Anna's Hummingbird	Yellow	-	forested	shrub/tree	0.3-15	Likely no	
 <b>Woodpeckers and Sapsuckers</b>	Hairy Woodpecker	Yellow	-	deciduous, mixed woods	cavity	2-6	Likely no	
	Northern Flicker	Yellow	-	forested	cavity	3	Likely no	
	Pileated Woodpecker	Yellow	-	coniferous, mixed woods	cavity	5-24	Likely no	Feeding sign are excavated rectangles
 <b>Ravens, Crows, Jays</b>	American Crow	Yellow	-	deciduous, edges	ground/shrub/tree	0-21	Likely no	(prev. Northwestern Crow)
	Canada Jay	Yellow	-	coniferous, mixed woods	tree	1-5	Likely no	(prev. Gray Jay; aka "Whiskey Jack")
	Steller's Jay	Yellow	-	coniferous	tree	2-8	Likely no	
	Common Raven	Yellow	-	Mixed woods	tree, cliff	31	Likely yes	
 <b>Flycatchers</b>	Olive-sided Flycatcher	Blue	T	coniferous, mixed woods	tree	>2	Likely no	flycatchers often perch on tree tops
	Pacific-slope Flycatcher	Yellow	-	coniferous / deciduous	ground/tree/cliff	0-9.1	Likely no	
	Willow Flycatcher	Yellow	-	alder thickets on lakes/swamps	shrub/tree	2	Likely no	
 <b>Swallows</b>	Hammond's flycatcher	Yellow	-	coniferous	tree	8-18	Likely no	
	Tree Swallow	Yellow	-	open areas near forest, water	tree	>1.5	Likely yes	nest box, old woodpecker hole
	Violet-green Swallow	Yellow	-	open forests	trees, cliffs, nest boxes	>1.5	Likely yes	
	Barn Swallow	Blue	T	buildings, structures - nests along roof line	buildings	>1.5	Likely yes	will build new mud nest in same spot as previous years.

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<b>Thrushes</b> 	Hermit Thrush	Yellow	-	coniferous, deciduous; dense forest, edges	ground	0	Likely no	Yellow
	Swainson's Thrush	Yellow	-	coniferous, mixed woods with dense understory	tree	0-2.2	Likely no	Yellow
	American Robin	Yellow	-	matrix of grasses, shrubs, trees - generalist	shrub/tree	1-5	Sometimes	Yellow
	Varied Thrush	Yellow	-	mature contiguous mixed/coniferous	tree	1-5	Likely no	Yellow
<b>Wood-Warblers</b> 	Wilson's Warbler	Yellow	-	deciduous riparian - shrubby areas	shrub	<1	Likely no	
	MacGillivray's warbler	Yellow	-	mixed/conifer regen near water	shrub	<6	Likely no	
	Orange-crowned Warbler	Yellow	-	forested - dense understory	ground/shrub	0	Likely no	flit nervously around low shrubs
	Common Yellowthroat	Yellow	-	early succession forests, wetlands - thick undergrowth	ground	0	Likely no	
	Townsend's Warbler	Yellow	-	coniferous / mixed wood mature forest, dense canopy	tree	2-5	Likely no	
	Yellow Warbler	Yellow	-	open/riparian woodlands - dense low shrubs	fork in shrub/trees	3-12	Likely no	line nest with milkweed fibers/down
	Yellow-rumped Warbler	Yellow	-	coniferous / mixed woods	tree	3-5	Likely no	
Black-throated Gray Warbler	Yellow	-	dry woodlands	shrub/tree		Likely no	actively forages in trees/shrubs	
<b>Sparrows and allies</b> 	Song Sparrow	Yellow	-	forests / shrublands near water and edges	ground	0	Likely no	
	White-crowned Sparrow	Yellow	-	dense second growth - along edges	ground	0	Likely no	breed near ground, shrubs, conifers
	Dark-eyed Junco	Yellow	-	early coniferous forests with dense ground cover	ground	0	Likely no	
	Spotted Towhee	Yellow	-	Dense shrubs	shrub/ground	0-5.5	Likely no	
	Chipping Sparrow	Yellow	-	forest / grassland edges	tree	3	Likely no	prefers coniferous forests for breeding

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<b>Sparrows and allies</b> 	Golden-crowned Sparrow	Yellow	-	coniferous / mixed woods	ground	0	Likely no	feed on/near ground
	Evening Grosbeak	Yellow	-	coniferous / mixed woods	tree	18	Likely no	
	Red Crossbill	Yellow	-	coniferous / mixed woods	tree	1-18	Likely no	2021 numbers are very high - large flocks
	Purple Finch	Yellow	-	primarily coniferous forests	tree	18	Likely no	
	Pine Siskin	Yellow	-	coniferous / mixed woods	tree	2-12	Likely no	2021 numbers are very high - large flocks
	American Goldfinch	Yellow	-	open early succession forests	tree	6	Likely no	
<b>Pigeons</b>	Band-tailed Pigeon	Blue	SC	forest edges and openings	tree	3-54	Likely no	
<b>Misc. Small Passerines</b> 	Chestnut-backed Chickadee	Yellow	-	coniferous / mixed woods	cavity		Likely yes	Only chickadee species on the island
	Bushtit	Yellow	-	open woodlands	shrub/tree	1-8	Likely no	
	Brown Creeper	Yellow	-	mature old growth forest	tree	1-15	Likely no	
	Red-breasted Nuthatch	Yellow	-	coniferous / mixed woods	cavity	2-12	Likely no	sap smeared entrance
	Pacific Wren	Yellow	-	mature moist forests - downed wood	ground	0	Likely no	pre. Winter Wren; nests in clump of moss
	Golden Crowned Kinglet	Yellow	-	coniferous forest	tree	>1.5	Likely no	
	Ruby Crowned Kinglet	Yellow	-	coniferous, mixed woods	tree	0.6-30.5	Likely no	
Western Tanager	Yellow	-	mature coniferous / mixed woods	tree	<15	Likely no		

- **10 of the most common forest species** to encounter on central and northeastern Vancouver Island are highlighted in green.

## Environment Canada - Vancouver Island and Southcoast of BC (Zone A1) Nesting Calendar



Legend: Number of species in percentage (blue markers show extreme dates predicted for some atypical parts of the nesting zone where nesting could be earlier or later).

