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Lake Washington Ship Canal’s (LWSC) green spaces and waters provides nesting, loafing, and feeding habitat for many species of birds, both year-round residents as well as migratory species. The following tables provides information on birds and well as where they might be found. Table 1 defines the occurrence, habitat and location codes which are used in Table 2. Table 2 is a compilation list from birds observed by visitors and staff at LWSC as well as a list of birds graciously provided by Constance Sidles and Brendan McGarry of the Seattle Audubon Society.

The occurrence codes for birds on Table 2 are based on observations in the immediate vicinity of the LWSC Project and may be at variance to other checklists which reflect a wider distribution. The species habitats are taken from the species life history information, so may vary slightly within an urban environment. The locations for each species are where a visitor might best view the species.

**Table 1. Definitions for occurrence, habitat, and location codes for the LWSC Project bird list.**

Occurrence Key	Habitat Key	Location Key
C - Common U - Uncommon Y - Year-round M - During migration O - Occasional R - Rare W - Winter Residents S - Spring and Summer	SW - Saltwater FW - Freshwater MF - Mudflats M- Marsh F - Forest ST - Shrubby Thickets PG - Parks and Gardens GS - Gravel Shores A - Aerial G - Grasslands	L - Locks, including the Garden  S - Shilshole Bay and Tidelands  U - Union Bay (also Portage Bay and Lake Union) includes land edges nearby

**Table 2. List of bird species observed at the LWSC Project lands.**

Common Name	Occurrence	Habitat	Location
Greater White-fronted Goose	RW	FW, M, PG	L, S, U
Canada Goose	CMW	M, PG	L, S, U
Cackling Goose	MW	SW, FW, M, PG	L, S, U
Brant	MW	SW, FW, M, PG	L, S, U
Wood Duck	RS	FW, M	U

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Northern Shoveler	UW	FW, M	U
Gadwall	CW	FW, M, SW	L, S, U
American Wigeon	CW	FW, M, SW	L, S, U
Eurasian Wigeon	OW	FW, M	U
Mallard	CY	FW, M, SW	L, S, U
Northern Pintail	UW	FW, M	U
Green-winged Teal	CY	FW, M, MF	L, U
Ring-necked Duck	OW	FW, M	U
Greater Scaup	CW	FW, SW	L, S, U
Lesser Scaup	CW	FW, SW	L, S, U
Tufted Duck	RW	FW	L
Bufflehead	C\OW	FW	L, U
Common Goldeneye	OW	SW, FW	L, S, U
Barrow's Goldeneye	CW	SW, FW	L, S
Harlequin Duck	RS	FW, M	U
Surf Scoter	OW	SW	S
White-winged Scoter	RW	SW	S
Black Scoter	OW	SW	S
Hooded Merganser	CY	FW, SW	L, U
Common Merganser	OY	FW, SW	L, U
Red-breasted Merganser	CW	SW	L, S
Pied-billed Grebe	UY	FW, SW	L, U
Horned Grebe	OW	FW, SW	L, U, S
Eared Grebe	RW	SW, FW	S, L
Red-necked Grebe	OW	SW, FW	S
Western Grebe	CW	FW, SW	S
Rock Pigeon	CY	F, PG	L, U
Band-tailed Pigeon	CY	F, PG	L, U, S
Eurasian Collared-Dove	CY	F, PG	L, U
Mourning Dove	CY	F, PG	L, U
Black Swift	RM	F	L, U
Vaux's Swift	RY	F	L, U
Anna's Hummingbird	OY	PG, F, ST	L, S
Rufous Hummingbird	CS	PG, F, ST	L, U, S
American Coot	CY	FW, SW, M	U, S
Killdeer	CY	PG, MF	L, U

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Semipalmated Plover	CM	SW	S
Black Turnstone	OW	SW, MF, GS	S
Least Sandpiper	OW	SW, FW, MF, GS	S
Western Sandpiper	CM	SW, FW, MF, GS	S
Spotted Sandpiper	OS	SW, FW, MF, GS	S, U
Greater Yellowlegs	CM	SW, FW, MF	U, S
Pigeon Guillemot	RW	SW	L, S
Marbled Murrelet	OW	SW	S
Rhinoceros Auklet	OW	SW	L, S
Bonaparte's Gull	CM	SW	L, S
Heerman's Gull	RY	SW	L, S
Mew Gull	CY	SW	L, S
Ring-billed Gull	OM	SW, FW	L, S, U
Western Gull	CY	SW, FW	L, S
Glaucous-winged Gull	CY	SW, FW, MF	L, S, U
California Gull	CM	SW, FW, MF	L, S, U
Herring Gull	UY	SW, FW	L, S
Iceland Gull (formerly Thayer's)	CW	SW, FW	L, S
Caspian Tern	RM	SW, FW	S
Common Tern	OW	SW, FW	L, S
Common Loon	RW	SW, FW	S
Red-throated Loon	UW	SW, FW	S
Pacific Loon	UW	SW, FW	S
Brandt's Cormorant	UY	SW, FW	S
Pelagic Cormorant	OW	SW, FW	S
Double-crested Cormorant	OW	FW, SW	S
Brown Pelican	OW	SW, MF	S
American White Pelican	OW	FW, SW	S
Great Egret	RM	FW, MF, SW	S
Great Blue Heron	CY	FW, SW, M	L, S, U
Green Heron	OY	FW, SW, M	L, S, U
Turkey Vulture	OY	F, PG, G	L, S, U
Osprey	OS	FW, SW	L, S, U
Sharp-shinned Hawk	OW	F, FG, ST	L, U, S
Cooper's Hawk	UY	F, PG	L, U, S
Red-tailed Hawk	UY	F, M	L, U, S

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Bald Eagle	OY	F, MF, FW, SW	L, U, S
Barred Owl	OY	F	L
Belted Kingfisher	CY	SW, FW	L, S, U
Red-breasted Sapsucker	UY	F, PG	L
Downy Woodpecker	OY	F, ST, PG	L, S, U
Hairy Woodpecker	UY	F	L, S, U
Pileated Woodpecker	RY	F	L, U
Northern Flicker	OY	F, ST, PG	L, U
Merlin	OY	F, PG	L, S, U
Peregrine Falcon	RS	F, A	U
Warbling Vireo	OS	F, PG	L, U
Hutton's Vireo	OY	F	L, U
Steller's Jay	UY	PG, F, ST	L, U
California Scrub-Jay	CY	ST, F, PG	L, U
American Crow	CY	F, PG, ST	L, S, U
Northwestern Crow	CY	GS, MF, SW (A)	S, L
Common Raven	CY	F, PG, GS, MF, SW (A)	S, L, U
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	CS	F, FW	L, U
Purple Martin	RS	SW (A)	L, U
Tree Swallow	CS	A, PG,	L, U, S
Violet-green Swallow	CS	A, PG	L, U, S
Barn Swallow	RS	A, PG, MF	L, U, S
Cliff Swallow	CS	A, M, MF	U, L, S
Black-capped Chickadee	CY	ST, PG, F	L, U
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	CY	F, ST, PG	L, U
Bushtit	CY	ST, F, PG	L, U
Golden-crowned Kinglet	RY	F, ST, PG	L, U
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	UW	F, ST, PG	L, U
Red-breasted Nuthatch	CY	F, ST	L
Brown Creeper	UY	F, PG	L
Pacific Wren	CY	F, ST	L, U
Bewick's Wren	OY	PG, ST, F	L, U
European Starling	CY	PG	L, U
Varied Thrush	OS	PG, ST, F	L
Swainson's Thrush	CS	F, ST, PG	L, U
Hermit Thrush	UM	F, ST, PG	L, U

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Cedar Waxwing	RS	F, ST, PG, M	L, U
Bohemian Waxwing	RS	F, ST, PG	L, U
House Sparrow	CY	PG, ST	L, U
Evening Grosbeak	CW	F, ST, PG	L, U
House Finch	CY	F, ST, PG	L, U
Purple Finch	UY	F, ST, PG	L, U
Red Crossbill	OY	F, ST, PG	L, U
Pine Siskin	UW	F, ST, PG	U, L
American Goldfinch	US	ST, G	U, L
Common Redpoll	OW	ST, F, PG	L, U
Chipping Sparrow	RS	ST, F, PG	L, U
Fox Sparrow	CW	F, ST, PG	L, U
Dark-eyed Junco	CY	F, ST, PG	L, U
White-crowned Sparrow	CW	F, ST, PG, G	L, U
Golden-crowned Sparrow	UW	ST, PG	L, U
Savannah Sparrow	CS	G	L, U
Song Sparrow	CY	F, ST, PG, G	L, U
Spotted Towhee	OY	ST, PG, F	L, U
Red-winged Blackbird	CY	M, ST	U
Brown-headed Cowbird	UY	F, ST, PG	L, U
Brewer's Blackbird	OY	PG, ST	L, U
Orange-crowned Warbler	CS	PG, ST, F	L, U
Yellow Warbler	CS	PG, ST, F, M	L, U
Townsend's Warbler	OS	F	L, U
Yellow-rumped Warbler	OS	F, ST, PG	L, U
Wilson's Warbler	CS	F, ST, PG	L, U
Western Tanager	UY	F, ST, PG	L, U
Black-headed Grosbeak	US	F, ST, PG	L, U