

Common Sea Birds of the Salish Sea

Note: This list does not include all sea bird species that are seen here, but rather those that we most commonly encounter while on the water. You can use this as an index page to order your species pages as you add them. This list was compiled by Monika Wieland.

Ducks and Geese (Anseriformes)

Canada goose
Brant
Harlequin duck
Surf scoter
White-winged scoter
Long-tailed duck
Bufflehead
Red-breasted merganser

Loons (Gaviiformes)

Pacific loon
Common loon

Grebes (Podicipediformes)

Horned grebe
Red-necked grebe
Western grebe

Pelicans, Cormorants, and Allies (Pelicaniformes)

Brown pelican
Double-crested cormorant
Pelagic cormorant
Turkey vulture

Hérons (Ciconiiformes)

Great blue heron

Birds of Prey (Falconiformes)

Osprey
Bald eagle
Peregrine falcon

Shorebirds (Charadriiformes)

Black oystercatcher
Red-necked phalarope

Gulls and Terns (Laridae)

Bonaparte's gull
Heermann's gull
Mew gull
Ring-billed gull
California gull
Western gull
Glaucous-winged gull
Caspian tern

Auks, Murres, and Puffins (Alcidae)

Common murre
Pigeon guillemot
Marbled murrelet
Rhinoceros auklet
Tufted puffin

Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)

Belted kingfisher