

## Application for membership in the British Columbia Field Ornithologists

Annual membership dues:

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## British Columbia Birds

Some 488 species of birds have been recorded in British Columbia—the greatest diversity of any Canadian province. Over 300 of these species nest in the province, the highest breeding bird diversity in North America after Texas and California.

The diversity of climate, topography and ecosystems in the province is stunning—from the arid Okanagan to the dripping rainforests of Vancouver Island and the cold boreal forests of the north; from the open Pacific Ocean to the icebound heights of Mount Fairweather at 4663 metres and the prairies of the Peace River lowlands.

This spectacular geography supports a wide variety of birds, from North America's smallest bird, the Calliope Hummingbird, to one of its heaviest birds, the Trumpeter Swan; from the bizarre Tufted Puffin, which spends most of its life on the open ocean, to the desert-loving Sage Thrasher.

Join the BC Field Ornithologists and explore with us this avian wonderland through our publications, conferences and field trips.

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**Birding with a purpose...**  
to study and enjoy  
the birds of British Columbia

<http://www.birding.bc.ca/bcfo/index.htm>

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Keen birders and dedicated ornithologists formed BCFO in 1991. The purposes of the Society are the study and enjoyment of wild birds in British Columbia through

- The publication of a journal and newsletter
- Annual conference and field trips
- Cooperative bird surveys and research projects involving amateur and professional ornithologists
- Conservation efforts to preserve birds and their habitats



## Bird Studies

The British Columbia Field Ornithologists support bird research projects financially and with the skill and enthusiasm of its members.

## Annual Conference

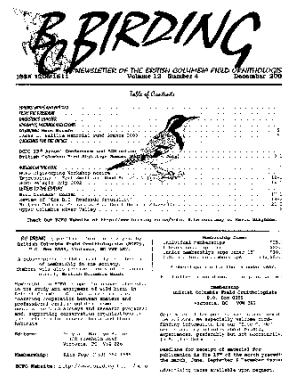
British Columbia Field Ornithologists holds an annual conference. This meeting is usually held on a June weekend at a site chosen in part for excellent birding opportunities. The conference is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the company of other birders and learn more about British Columbia and its birds. Recent conferences have been held in:

- 1999 – Oliver
- 2000 – Vancouver
- 2001 – Dawson Creek
- 2002 – Williams Lake
- 2003 – Radium Hot Springs

The conference lasts from Friday evening until Sunday afternoon and combines morning field trips led by local birders, afternoon presentations by amateur and professional ornithologists, and a banquet with a keynote speaker. There is ample opportunity for socializing with birders from around the province. Longer extension field trips, two to four days in length, are arranged before or after the conference.

## Publications

The journal *British Columbia Birds* is published annually. It includes articles and notes on bird distribution, ecology and behaviour, and reviews of current publications.



The quarterly newsletter *BC Birding* includes news items, birding site guides for British Columbia, a summary of recent sightings, notices of meetings and events, articles on members' birding experiences, species listing totals, and more. Visit us online at <http://www.birding.bc.ca/bcfo/index.htm> for more information about current activities.