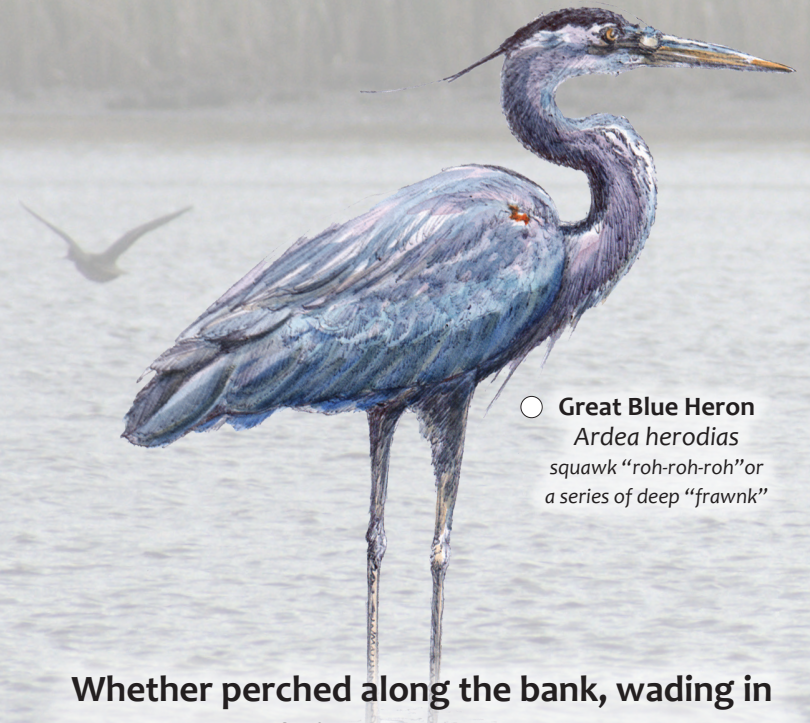




# Birds of the Columbia River



○ **Great Blue Heron**  
*Ardea herodias*  
squawk "roh-roh-roh" or a series of deep "frawnk"

Whether perched along the bank, wading in the water, or flying overhead, there are many birds to observe along the Columbia River. Use this brochure to learn about several bird species and see how many you can find today!

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## Field Marks

In addition to size, shape, location, call, and behavior, field marks can be used to help identify birds. If you can't identify a bird on your hike, remembering what certain parts of the bird looked like can help you identify it when you get home. On your birding adventure, try to find a bird you don't know and make notes of any identifying field marks:

○ **Killdeer**  
*Charadrius vociferus*  
shill "killdeer, killdeer"

- **tail markings**  
Is the tail tip a different color, such as white?
- **tail bars**  
Are there any stripes across the bird's tail?
- **side**  
What color are the bird's sides?
- **belly**  
What color is the bird's belly?
- **breast**  
Are there any spots or coloration on the chest?
- **throat**  
Is the bird's throat a different color?
- **beak or bill**  
What shape and color is the beak?
- **crown**  
Does the bird have a crest or different color on top of the head?
- **eye features**  
What colors are around the eye?
- **nape**  
Is the back of the neck another color?
- **wing bars**  
Does the bird have bars or patches of color on the wing?

# What kind of bird is that?

When identifying birds, start by observing their location and behavior. Is the bird up high making noise? Is it on the ground digging in leaves? Or is it in the water swimming?

Next, observe its appearance. Is it big like a raven or small like a chickadee? Does it have pointy wings or a long tail? What color is it, and what types of markings does it have?

The answers to these questions can help you identify the birds you observe along the Columbia River.

Check off the birds you find on your adventure!



**Bald Eagle**  
*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*  
series of high-pitched whistles  
or cackle-like sounds



**Bullock's Oriole**  
*Icterus bullockii*  
rhythmic notes of whistles  
and scratchy rattles



**Ring-billed Gull**  
*Larus delawarensis*  
high-pitched, rising squeal

**Yellow-rumped Warbler**  
*Setophaga coronata*  
a slow, sweet warble, rising and  
falling slightly in pitch



**Belted Kingfisher**  
*Megaceryle alcyon*  
harsh, mechanical rattles



**American Robin**  
*Turdus migratorius*  
whistles a string of "cheerily,  
cheer up, cheer up"



**Red-winged Blackbird**  
*Agelaius phoeniceus*  
trills "conk-la-ree"



**American White Pelican**  
*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*  
low grunts



**Mallard**  
*Anas platyrhynchos*  
"quack quack"



**Gadwall**  
*Mareca strepera*  
short, deep reedy calls  
and high whistles



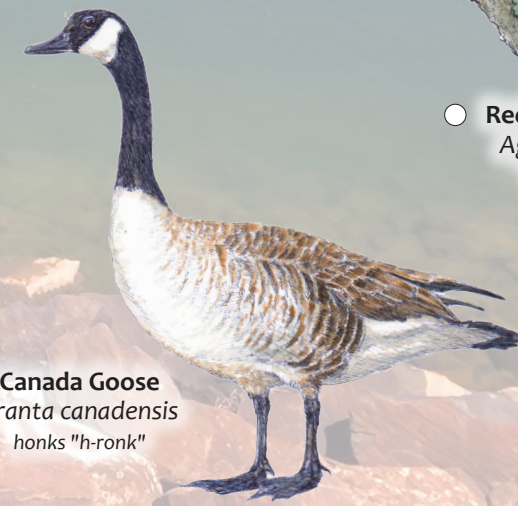
**Anna's Hummingbird**  
*Calypte anna*  
a series of buzzes, whistles,  
and chip sounds



**California Scrub-Jay**  
*Aphelocoma californica*  
raspy, metallic chirps or shrieks



**American Coot**  
*Fulica americana*  
clucks "krrrp" or "pri-KI"



**Canada Goose**  
*Branta canadensis*  
honks "h-ronk"