

Common Name	Status	Findability	Common Name	Status	Findability	Common Name	Status	Findability	Common Name	Status	Findability
Geese, Swans & Ducks			Cuckoos			Cuckoos			New World Vultures		
___ Snow Goose	M	1	___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Ac	5	___ Short-billed Dowitcher	B	2-3	___ Black Vulture	Ac	5
___ Ross's Goose	M	2	___ Black-billed Cuckoo	B erratic	3-4	___ Long-billed Dowitcher	M	1	___ Turkey Vulture	sB (local)	2-3
___ Greater White-fronted Goose	M	1	Nighthawks			___ American Woodcock	Ac	5	Osprey, Eagles & Hawks		
___ Tundra Bean-Goose	Ac	5	___ Common Nighthawk	B decl?	2	___ Wilson's Snipe	B / w	2	___ Osprey	B	2
___ Brant	Ac	5	___ Common Poorwill	V / vrB	3	___ Spotted Sandpiper	B	1	___ Golden Eagle	B / w	2
___ Cackling Goose	M	2	Swifts			___ Solitary Sandpiper	B	1-2	___ Northern Harrier	B / w	2
___ Canada Goose	B / w	1	___ Black Swift	rB (local)	3-4	___ Wandering Tattler	Ac	5	___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	B / w	2
___ Trumpeter Swan	rB / M / w	2-3	___ Vaux's Swift	Ac	5	___ Lesser Yellowlegs	B	1	___ Cooper's Hawk	B (decl?) w	2
___ Tundra Swan	M / w	1	___ White-throated Swift	Ac	5	___ Willet	B	1	___ Northern Goshawk	B / w decl?	2
___ Wood Duck	rB / M / w	2	Hummingbirds			___ Spotted Redshank	Ac	5	___ Bald Eagle	B / w	2
___ Garganey	Ac	5	___ Mexican Violetear	Ac	5	___ Greater Yellowlegs	B	1	___ Broad-winged Hawk	B	2
___ Blue-winged Teal	B	1	___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird	B	2	___ Wilson's Phalarope	B	2	___ Swainson's Hawk	B	1
___ Cinnamon Teal	B incr	1-2	___ Black-chinned Hummingbird	Ac	5	___ Red-necked Phalarope	M / vrB	2	___ Red-tailed Hawk	B / w	1
___ Northern Shoveler	B	1	___ Anna's Hummingbird	Ac	5	___ Red Phalarope	vrFM	4	___ Rough-legged Hawk	M / WV	1
___ Gadwall	B / w	1	___ Costa's Hummingbird	Ac	5	Jaegers			___ Ferruginous Hawk	B	2
___ Eurasian Wigeon	rSM / vrFM incr	2-3	___ Calliope Hummingbird	B	2-3	___ Pomarine Jaeger	Ac	5	Barn Owls		
___ American Wigeon	B / W	1	___ Calliope Hummingbird	B	2-3	___ Parasitic Jaeger	vrSM / rFM	3	___ Barn Owl	Ac	5
___ Mallard	B / W	1	___ Rufous Hummingbird	B	2	___ Long-tailed Jaeger	Ac	4	Typical Owls		
___ American Black Duck	vrB / rM	4	___ Broad-tailed Hummingbird	Ac	5	Auks			___ Flammulated Owl	Ac	5
___ Northern Pintail	B / w	1	___ Broad-billed Hummingbird	Ac	5	___ Black Guillemot	Ac	5	___ Western Screech-Owl	Ac	5
___ Green-winged Teal	B / w	1	Rails & Coots			___ Long-billed Murrelet	Ac	5	___ Eastern Screech-Owl	Ac	5
___ Canvasback	B / w	1-2	___ Virginia Rail	r-sB (local)	3	___ Ancient Murrelet	Ac	5	___ Great Horned Owl	PR	2
___ Redhead	B / w	1-2	___ Sora	B	2	Gulls & Terns			___ Snowy Owl	M / WR	2
___ Ring-necked Duck	B / w	1-2	___ Common Gallinule	Ac	5	___ Black-legged Kittiwake	Ac	5	___ Northern Hawk Owl	sPR	2-3
___ Tufted Duck	Ac	5	___ American Coot	B / w	1	___ Ivory Gull	Ac	5	___ Northern Pygmy-Owl	sPR (local)	2-3
___ Greater Scaup	rSM / vrFM / w	3	___ Yellow Rail	rB (local)	3	___ Sabine's Gull	rM	3-4	___ Burrowing Owl	B decl?	2-3
___ Lesser Scaup	B / w	1	Cranes			___ Bonaparte's Gull	B	1-2	___ Barred Owl	sPR (local)	3
___ King Eider	Ac	5	___ Sandhill Crane	B	2	___ Black-headed Gull	Ac	5	___ Great Gray Owl	sPR (local)	2-3
___ Common Eider	Ac	5	___ Common Crane	Ac	5	___ Little Gull	Ac	5	___ Long-eared Owl	sB	3
___ Harlequin Duck	B / w	2	___ Whooping Crane	rM / vrB	4	___ Franklin's Gull	B	1	___ Short-eared Owl	B / w decl?	2-3
___ Surf Scoter	sB / uM	3	Stilts & Avocets			___ Mew Gull	sB / M	3	___ Boreal Owl	sB / w	2-3
___ White-winged Scoter	B	2	___ Black-necked Stilt	rB incr	2-3	___ Ring-billed Gull	B	1	___ Northern Saw-whet Owl	B / w	2
___ Black Scoter	V	4	___ American Avocet	B	1	___ Western Gull	Ac	5	Kingfishers		
___ Long-tailed Duck	rM / w	3	Plovers			___ California Gull	B	1	___ Belted Kingfisher	B / w	2
___ Bufflehead	B / w	1	___ Black-bellied Plover	M	1	___ Herring Gull	B	1-2	Woodpeckers		
___ Common Goldeneye	B / W	1	___ American Golden-Plover	M	2	___ Iceland Gull	vrSM / rFM	3	___ Lewis's Woodpecker	V / vrB?	4
___ Barrow's Goldeneye	B / w	2	___ Pacific Golden-Plover	Ac	5	___ Lesser Black-backed Gull	Ac	4	___ Red-headed Woodpecker	V / B?	4
___ Hooded Merganser	rB / uM / w	2-3	___ Killdeer	B / w	1	___ Slaty-backed Gull	Ac	5	___ Acorn Woodpecker	Ac	5
___ Common Merganser	B / w	1	___ Semipalmated Plover	M / rB	2	___ Glaucous-winged Gull	Ac / V	4	___ Red-bellied Woodpecker	Ac	5
___ Red-breasted Merganser	rB	2	___ Piping Plover	rB (local)	3	___ Glaucous Gull	rM / W	3	___ Williamson's Sapsucker	Ac	5
___ Ruddy Duck	B	1	___ Lesser Sand-Plover	Ac	5	___ Great Black-backed Gull	Ac	5	___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	B	1
Grouse			___ Mountain Plover	vrB	4-5	___ Least Tern	Ac	5	___ Red-naped Sapsucker	B	2
___ Wild Turkey	Int PR	3	___ Snowy Plover	Ac	5	___ Caspian Tern	rB / M incr?	3	___ Red-breasted Sapsucker	Ac	5
___ Ruffed Grouse	PR	1	Sandpipers			___ Black Tern	B	1	___ American Three-toed Woodpecker	PR	2
___ Spruce Grouse	sPR	2-3	___ Upland Sandpiper	B decl?	2	___ Common Tern	B decl	1	___ Black-backed Woodpecker	PR	3
___ Willow Ptarmigan	rB / sW	3	___ Whimbrel	r-sSM / vrFM	3	___ Arctic Tern	vrB / M	4	___ Downy Woodpecker	PR	1
___ Rock Ptarmigan	Ac	5	___ Eskimo Curlew	Extinct?	6	___ Forster's Tern	B	1-2	___ Hairy Woodpecker	PR	1
___ White-tailed Ptarmigan	sPR	3	___ Long-billed Curlew	B decl?	2	Loons			___ Northern Flicker	B / w	1
___ Gray Partridge	Int PR	1-2	___ Hudsonian Godwit	sSM / rFM	3	___ Red-throated Loon	vrB / M	4	___ Pileated Woodpecker	PR	2
___ Greater Sage-Grouse	PR decl	3	___ Marbled Godwit	B	1	___ Pacific Loon	vrB / SM / sFM / w	3	Falcons		
___ Dusky Grouse	sPR	2-3	___ Ruddy Turnstone	sSM / rFM	2-3	___ Common Loon	B	1	___ Crested Caracara	Ac	5
___ Sharp-tailed Grouse	PR decl?	2-3	___ Black Turnstone	Ac	5	___ Yellow-billed Loon	V	4	___ American Kestrel	B / w	1
___ Greater Prairie-Chicken	Extirpated	6	___ Red Knot	sSM / rFM	2-3	Cormorants			___ Merlin	B / w	2
___ Ring-necked Pheasant	Int PR	2	___ Surf-bird	Ac	5	___ Double-crested Cormorant	B / w	1	___ Gyrfalcon	rWV / WR	3
Grebes			___ Ruff	Ac / V	4	Pelicans			___ Peregrine Falcon	B	2
___ Pied-billed Grebe	B	2	___ Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	Ac / V	4	___ American White Pelican	B	1	___ Prairie Falcon	B / w	2
___ Horned Grebe	B	1	___ Stilt Sandpiper	M	2	Hérons & Egrets			Flycatchers		
___ Red-necked Grebe	B	1	___ Curlew Sandpiper	Ac	5	___ American Bittern	B decl?	2	___ Ash-throated Flycatcher	Ac	5
___ Eared Grebe	B	1	___ Red-necked Stint	Ac	5	___ Great Blue Heron	B / w	1	___ Great Crested Flycatcher	sB (local)	3
___ Western Grebe	B	1	___ Sanderling	M	2	___ Great Egret	vrB / V	3	___ Western Kingbird	B	2
___ Clark's Grebe	vrB(local)	3	___ Dunlin	sSM / rFM	3	___ Snowy Egret	Ac / V	4	___ Eastern Kingbird	B	1
Pigeons & Doves			___ Purple Sandpiper	Ac	5	___ Little Blue Heron	Ac	5	___ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	Ac	5
___ Rock Pigeon	Int PR	1	___ Baird's Sandpiper	M	1-2	___ Tricolored Heron	Ac	5	___ Fork-tailed Flycatcher	Ac	5
___ Band-tailed Pigeon	V	4	___ Little Stint	Ac	5	___ Cattle Egret	Ac / V	4	___ Olive-sided Flycatcher	B decl?	2
___ Eurasian Collared-Dove	B(l) incr	1	___ Least Sandpiper	M	1	___ Green Heron	Ac / V incr?	4	___ Western Wood-Pewee	B	1
___ White-winged Dove	Ac	5	___ White-rumped Sandpiper	sSM / vrFM	2-3	___ Black-crowned Night-Heron	B / w	2	___ Eastern Wood-Pewee	Ac	5
___ Mourning Dove	B	2	___ Buff-breasted Sandpiper	sSM / rFM	3	___ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	Ac	5	___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	sB (local)	2-3
___ Passenger Pigeon	Extinct	6	___ Pectoral Sandpiper	M	1	Ibises			___ Alder Flycatcher	B	1
			___ Semipalmated Sandpiper	M	1	___ White-faced Ibis	rB incr?	3	___ Willow Flycatcher	B (local)	2
			___ Western Sandpiper	vr-rM	4						

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___ Least Flycatcher	B	1
___ Hammond's Flycatcher	sB (local)	2-3
___ Gray Flycatcher	Ac	5
___ Dusky Flycatcher	B	2
___ Western Flycatcher	B	2
___ Eastern Phoebe	B	1-2
___ Say's Phoebe	B	2
Shrikes		
___ Loggerhead Shrike	B decl	2-3
___ Northern Shrike	uM / W/ vrB	2
Vireos		
___ White-eyed Vireo	Ac	5
___ Yellow-throated Vireo	Ac	5
___ Cassin's Vireo	sB (local)	2
___ Blue-headed Vireo	B	2
___ Philadelphia Vireo	B	2
___ Warbling Vireo	B	1
___ Red-eyed Vireo	B	1
Crows & Jays		
___ Canada Jay	PR	2
___ Pinyon Jay	Ac	5
___ Steller's Jay	PR	3
___ Blue Jay	PR	2
___ Clark's Nutcracker	PR / w	2
___ Black-billed Magpie	PR	1
___ American Crow	B / w	1
___ Common Raven	PR incr?	1
Larks		
___ Horned Lark	B / M / w	1
Swallows		
___ Bank Swallow	B	1
___ Tree Swallow	B	1
___ Violet-green Swallow	B	2
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	B	2
___ Purple Martin	B	2
___ Barn Swallow	B	1
___ Cliff Swallow	B	1
Chickadees		
___ Black-capped Chickadee	PR	1
___ Mountain Chickadee	PR	1-2
___ Chestnut-backed Chickadee	Ac / V	5
___ Boreal Chickadee	PR	2
Nuthatches		
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	B / V w erratic	1-2
___ White-breasted Nuthatch	PR	1-2
___ Pygmy Nuthatch	Ac	5
Creepers		
___ Brown Creeper	B / w	2-3
Wrens		
___ Rock Wren	B	2
___ House Wren	B	1
___ Pacific Wren	B	2-3
___ Winter Wren	B	2-3
___ Sedge Wren	rB (local) erratic	3
___ Marsh Wren	B	1
___ Carolina Wren	Ac	5
Gnatcatchers		
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Ac	5
Dippers		
___ American Dipper	B / w	2
Kinglets		
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	B / w	2
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	B	1
Thrushes		
___ Northern Wheatear	Ac	5
___ Eastern Bluebird	vrB incr?	4
___ Western Bluebird	vrB	4
___ Mountain Bluebird	B	1-2
___ Townsend's Solitaire	B / w	2
___ Veery	B	2

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___ Gray-cheeked Thrush	vrB(local) / rsM	3
___ Swainson's Thrush	B	1
___ Hermit Thrush	B	1-2
___ Wood Thrush	Ac	5
___ American Robin	B / w	1
___ Varied Thrush	B / w	2
Mockingbirds & Thrashers		
___ Gray Catbird	B	2
___ Curve-billed Thrasher	Ac	5
___ Brown Thrasher	B	2
___ Bendire's Thrasher	Ac	5
___ Sage Thrasher	V vrB	4
___ Northern Mockingbird	V vrB	4
Starlings		
___ European Starling	Int B / w	1
Waxwings		
___ Bohemian Waxwing	B / W	1-2
___ Cedar Waxwing	B	1
Accentors		
___ Siberian Accentor	Ac	5
Old World Sparrows		
___ House Sparrow	Int PR	1
Pipits		
___ Eastern Yellow Wagtail	Ac	5
___ American Pipit	B / M	1
___ Sprague's Pipit	B decl?	2
Finches & Crossbills		
___ Brambling	Ac	5
___ Evening Grosbeak	PR erratic	2
___ Pine Grosbeak	B / M / W erratic	2
___ Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	B / W	2-3
___ House Finch	B / W incr	1
___ Purple Finch	B / w	1-2
___ Cassin's Finch	sB	2-3
___ Common Redpoll	M / W / vrB	1-2
___ Hoary Redpoll	WV	2-3
___ Red Crossbill	PR erratic	2-3
___ White-winged Crossbill	PR erratic	2
___ Pine Siskin	B / w	1
___ Lesser Goldfinch	Ac	5
___ American Goldfinch	B / w	1
Longspurs		
___ Lapland Longspur	M / w	1
___ Chestnut-collared Longspur	B	1
___ Smith's Longspur	rSM/ vrFM	3-4
___ McCown's Longspur	B	2
___ Snow Bunting	M / WV	1
Sparrows		
___ Cassin's Sparrow	Ac	5
___ Grasshopper Sparrow	sB decl?	3
___ Black-throated Sparrow	Ac	5
___ Lark Sparrow	B	2
___ Lark Bunting	B erratic	1-3
___ Chipping Sparrow	B	1
___ Clay-colored Sparrow	B	1
___ Field Sparrow	Ac	5
___ Brewer's Sparrow	B	2-3
___ Fox Sparrow	B / w	2
___ American Tree Sparrow	M / W / vrB	1
___ Dark-eyed Junco	B / w	1
___ White-crowned Sparrow	B / w	1
___ Golden-crowned Sparrow	sB (local)	3
___ Harris's Sparrow	M / w	2-3
___ White-throated Sparrow	B / w	1
___ Sagebrush Sparrow	Ac	5
___ Vesper Sparrow	B	1
___ Le Conte's Sparrow	B	2
___ Nelson's Sparrow	sB (local)	2-3
___ Baird's Sparrow	sB decl	2-3
___ Savannah Sparrow	B	1

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___ Song Sparrow	B / w	1
___ Lincoln's Sparrow	B	1
___ Swamp Sparrow	B / w	2
___ Green-tailed Towhee	Ac	5
___ Spotted Towhee	B	2
___ Eastern Towhee	Ac	5
___ Yellow-breasted Chat	B (local)	2-3
Blackbirds & Orioles		
___ Yellow-headed Blackbird	B / w	1-2
___ Bobolink	sB decl?	3
___ Eastern Meadowlark	Ac	5
___ Western Meadowlark	B / w	1
___ Bullock's Oriole	sB (local)	3
___ Baltimore Oriole	B	1-2
___ Red-winged Blackbird	B / w	1
___ Brown-headed Cowbird	B	1
___ Rusty Blackbird	B / w	2
___ Brewer's Blackbird	B / w	1
___ Common Grackle	B	2
___ Great-tailed Grackle	Ac	5
Wood-Warblers		
___ Ovenbird	B	1
___ Northern Waterthrush	B	2
___ Golden-winged Warbler	Ac	5
___ Blue-winged Warbler	Ac	5
___ Black-and-white Warbler	B	2
___ Prothonotary Warbler	Ac	5
___ Tennessee Warbler	B	1
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	B	1-2
___ Lucy's Warbler	Ac	5
___ Nashville Warbler	rB / M	3-4
___ Connecticut Warbler	B	2-3
___ MacGillivray's Warbler	B	1
___ Mourning Warbler	B	1
___ Kentucky Warbler	Ac	5
___ Common Yellowthroat	B	1
___ Hooded Warbler	Ac	5
___ American Redstart	B	1
___ Cape May Warbler	sB	2-3
___ Northern Parula	Ac	5
___ Magnolia Warbler	B	2
___ Bay-breasted Warbler	B	2-3
___ Blackburnian Warbler	sB (local)	2-3
___ Yellow Warbler	B	1
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler	rB (local)	3
___ Blackpoll Warbler	B	2
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler	V	4
___ Palm Warbler	B	2
___ Pine Warbler	Ac	5
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	B	1
___ Yellow-throated Warbler	Ac	5
___ Black-throated Gray Warbler	Ac	5
___ Townsend's Warbler	B	2
___ Hermit Warbler	Ac	5
___ Black-throated Green Warbler	B	2
___ Canada Warbler	B	2
___ Wilson's Warbler	B	1-2
Cardinals, Grosbeaks & Buntings		
___ Summer Tanager	Ac	5
___ Scarlet Tanager	Ac / V	4
___ Western Tanager	B	2
___ Northern Cardinal	V, vrB	3-4
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	B	2
___ Black-headed Grosbeak	sB (local)	3
___ Blue Grosbeak	Ac	5
___ Lazuli Bunting	B	2
___ Indigo Bunting	V vrB	4
___ Dickcissel	Ac / V	5

Species Total: 433

CHECKLIST OF THE BIRDS OF ALBERTA Alberta Bird Record Committee 2021

Introduction

This is the official checklist of 433 bird species accepted by the Alberta Bird Record Committee as having been adequately documented for occurrence in Alberta. Introduced birds are included only if they have an established breeding population.

Names

Names follow the American Ornithologists' Union Checklist (7th Edition: 1998) and changes up to the 61st supplement to the AOS checklist [Chesser, R.T. et al. 2020. Sixty-first Supplement to the American Ornithological Society's Check-list of North American Birds. Auk 137(3):ukaa030.

Species Accounts

This list includes the migratory and breeding status of Alberta birds and provides a general statement regarding seasons and regularity of occurrence. Relative abundance is indicated by a findability index which is meant to serve as a guide and not represent absolute numbers:

General Status:

B: breeding record.
M; SM; FM: migrant; spring migrant; fall migrant.
PR: permanent resident.
WV; WR: winter visitor; winter resident (**w:** rare).
Ac: accidental.
V: vagrant. 10-50 records.
Ac / V: more than 10 times, but not well documented.
Int: introduced.

Abundance Qualifiers:

vr: very rare
r: rare
s: scarce
u: uncommon
local: few known breeding sites.
Erratic: abundance fluctuates widely from year to year.
Decl: declining (**Decl?** when it is suspected).
Incr: increasing (**Incr?** when it is suspected).

Findability Index:

The probability of an observer finding a particular species in the right habitat and season.

1: Common-fairly common: almost always present; usually seen in good numbers.
2: Uncommon: not expected daily; often local in distribution.
3: Rare: reported annually, but in low numbers; usually difficult to find.
4: Casual: usually absent; 10-50 records.
5: Accidental: less than 10 accepted records.
6: Extirpated or extinct.

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