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

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___ Dusky Flycatcher	B	2
___ Western Flycatcher	B	2
___ Eastern Phoebe	B	1/2
___ Say's Phoebe	B	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
___ Western Warbling-Vireo	B	1
___ Eastern Warbling-Vireo	B	1
___ Red-eyed Vireo	B	1
Shrikes		
___ Loggerhead Shrike	B decl	2/3
___ Northern Shrike	uM / WV / vrB	2
Crows & Jays		
___ Canada Jay	PR	2
___ Pinyon Jay	Ac	5
___ Steller's Jay	PR (local)	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
Chickadees		
___ Black-capped Chickadee	PR	1
___ Mountain Chickadee	PR	1/2
___ Chestnut-backed Chickadee	Ac	5
___ Boreal Chickadee	PR	2
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 decl?	1
___ Cliff Swallow	B	1
Kinglets		
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	B	1
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	B / w	2
Waxwings		
___ Bohemian Waxwing	B / W	1/2
___ Cedar Waxwing	B	1
Nuthatches		
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	B / w erratic	1
___ White-breasted Nuthatch	PR	1/2
___ Pygmy Nuthatch	Ac	5
Creepers		
___ Brown Creeper	B / w	2/3
Gnatcatchers		
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Ac	5
Wrens		
___ Rock Wren	B	2/3
___ Carolina Wren	Ac	5
___ Northern House Wren	B	1
___ Pacific Wren	B	2/3
___ Winter Wren	B	2/3
___ Sedge Wren	rB (local) erratic	3
___ Marsh Wren	B	1
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

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Starlings		
___ European Starling	Int B / w	1
Dippers		
___ American Dipper	B / w	2
Thrushes		
___ Eastern Bluebird	vrB incr?	4
___ Western Bluebird	vrB	4
___ Mountain Bluebird	B	1/2
___ Townsend's Solitaire	B / w	2
___ Veery	B	2
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush	vrB (local) / r-sM	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
___ Northern Wheatear	Ac	5
Accentors		
___ Siberian Accentor	Ac	5
Old World Sparrows		
___ House Sparrow	Int PR	1
___ Eurasian Tree Sparrow	Ac	5
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 / WV 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 (local)	2/3
___ Redpoll	M / W / vrB	1/2
___ 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
___ Thick-billed 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 / WV / 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
___ Song Sparrow	B / w	1

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___ 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
___ Orchard Oriole	Ac	5
___ 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 / rM	3
___ Connecticut Warbler	B	2/3
___ MacGillivray's Warbler	B	2
___ 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
___ Prairie 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	5
___ Western Tanager	B	2
___ Northern Cardinal	V, vrB	3/4
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	B	2
___ Black-headed Grosbeak	sB (local) incr	3
___ Blue Grosbeak	Ac	5
___ Lazuli Bunting	B	2
___ Indigo Bunting	V / vrB	4
___ Painted Bunting	Ac	5
___ Dickcissel	Ac	5

CHECKLIST OF THE BIRDS OF ALBERTA

Alberta Bird Record Committee

2025

Introduction

This is the official checklist of 437 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 66th supplement to the AOS checklist [Chesser, R.T. et al. 2025. Sixty-sixth Supplement to the American Ornithological Society's Check-list of North American Birds. Ornithology, 142(3), ukaf015].

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. 30-50 records.

Ac / V: more than 15 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.

- Common-fairly common: almost always present; usually seen in good numbers.
- Uncommon: not expected daily; often local in distribution.
- Rare: reported annually, but in low numbers; usually difficult to find.
- Casual: usually absent; 15-50 records.
- Accidental: less than 15 accepted records.
- Extirpated or extinct.

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