

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

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___ Western Kingbird	B	2
___ Eastern Kingbird	B	1
___ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	Ac	5
___ Fork-tailed Flycatcher	Ac	5
Shrikes		
___ Loggerhead Shrike	B decl	2
___ Northern Shrike	uM / W/ vrB	2
Vireos		
___ Yellow-throated Vireo	Ac	5
___ Cassin's Vireo	sB (local)	2
___ Blue-headed Vireo	B	2
___ Warbling Vireo	B	1
___ Philadelphia Vireo	B	2
___ Red-eyed Vireo	B	1
Crows & Jays		
___ Gray 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		
___ Purple Martin	B	2
___ Tree Swallow	B	1
___ Violet-green Swallow	B	2
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	B	2
___ Bank Swallow	B	1
___ Cliff Swallow	B	1
___ Barn 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	2
___ Pygmy Nuthatch	Ac	5
Creepers		
___ Brown Creeper	B / w	2-3
Wrens		
___ Rock Wren	B	2
___ Carolina Wren	Ac	5
___ House Wren	B	1
___ Pacific Wren	B	2-3
___ Winter Wren	B	2-3
___ Sedge Wren	rB (local) erratic	3
___ Marsh Wren	B	1
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
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush	vrB(local) / rsM	3
___ Swainson's Thrush	B	1

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___ Hermit Thrush	B	2
___ Wood Thrush	Ac	5
___ American Robin	B / w	1
___ Varied Thrush	B / w	2
Mockingbirds & Thrashers		
___ Gray Catbird	B	2
___ Northern Mockingbird	V vrB	4
___ Sage Thrasher	V vrB	4
___ Brown Thrasher	B	2
___ Bendire's Thrasher	Ac	5
___ Curve-billed Thrasher	Ac	5
Starlings		
___ European Starling	Int B / w	1
Accentors		
___ Siberian Accentor	Ac	5
Pipits		
___ American Pipit	B / M	1
___ Sprague's Pipit	B decl?	2
Waxwings		
___ Bohemian Waxwing	B / W	1-2
___ Cedar Waxwing	B	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
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
___ Tennessee Warbler	B	1
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	B	1-2
___ Lucy's Warbler	Ac	5
___ Nashville Warbler	vrB / M	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	2
___ Yellow-breasted Chat	B (local)	2-3
Sparrows		
___ Green-tailed Towhee	Ac	5
___ Spotted Towhee	B	2
___ Eastern Towhee	Ac	5

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___ Cassin's Sparrow	Ac	5
___ American Tree Sparrow	M / W / vrB	1
___ Chipping Sparrow	B	1
___ Clay-colored Sparrow	B	1
___ Brewer's Sparrow	B	2-3
___ Field Sparrow	Ac	5
___ Vesper Sparrow	B	1
___ Lark Sparrow	B	2
___ Black-throated Sparrow	Ac	5
___ Lark Bunting	B erratic	1-3
___ Savannah Sparrow	B	1
___ Grasshopper Sparrow	sB decl?	3
___ Baird's Sparrow	sB decl	2-3
___ Le Conte's Sparrow	B	2
___ Nelson's Sparrow	sB (local)	2-3
___ Fox Sparrow	B / w	2
___ Song Sparrow	B / w	1
___ Lincoln's Sparrow	B	1
___ Swamp Sparrow	B / w	2
___ White-throated Sparrow	B / w	1
___ Harris's Sparrow	M / w	2-3
___ White-crowned Sparrow	B / w	1
___ Golden-crowned Sparrow	sB (local)	2-3
___ Dark-eyed Junco	B / w	1
Cardinals, Grosbeaks & Buntings		
___ Summer Tanager	Ac	5
___ Scarlet Tanager	Ac / V	4
___ Western Tanager	B	2
___ Northern Cardinal	V, vrB	4
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	B	2
___ Black-headed Grosbeak	sB (local)	3
___ Lazuli Bunting	B	2
___ Indigo Bunting	V vrB	4
___ Painted Bunting	Ac	5
___ Dickcissel	Ac / V	5
Blackbirds & Orioles		
___ Bobolink	sB decl?	3
___ Red-winged Blackbird	B / w	1
___ Eastern Meadowlark	Ac	5
___ Western Meadowlark	B / w	1
___ Yellow-headed Blackbird	B / w	1-2
___ Rusty Blackbird	B / w	2
___ Brewer's Blackbird	B / w	1
___ Common Grackle	B	2
___ Brown-headed Cowbird	B	1
___ Baltimore Oriole	B	1-2
___ Bullock's Oriole	sB (local)	3
Finches & Crossbills		
___ Brambling	Ac	5
___ Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	B / W	2-3
___ Pine Grosbeak	B / M / W erratic	2
___ Purple Finch	B / w	1-2
___ Cassin's Finch	sB	2-3
___ House Finch	B / W incr	1-2
___ Red Crossbill	PR erratic	2-3
___ White-winged Crossbill	PR erratic	2
___ Common Redpoll	M / W / vrB	1-2
___ Hoary Redpoll	WV	2-3
___ Pine Siskin	B / w	1
___ American Goldfinch	B / w	1
___ Evening Grosbeak	PR erratic	2
Old World Sparrows		
___ House Sparrow	Int PR	1
Species Total: 416		
Notes:		

CHECKLIST OF THE BIRDS OF ALBERTA Alberta Bird Record Committee 2012

Introduction

This is the official checklist of 416 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 52nd supplement to the AOU checklist [Chesser, R.T. et al. 2011. Fifty-second Supplement to the American Ornithologists' Union Checklist of North American Birds. *Auk* 128:600-613].

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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