

Common Name	Status	Findability	Common Name	Status	Findability	Common Name	Status	Findability	Common Name	Status	Findability
Geese, Swans & Ducks			Cormorants			___ Eskimo Curlew	Extinct?	6	___ Mourning Dove	B	2
___ Greater White-fronted Goose	M	1	___ Double-crested Cormorant	B / w	1	___ Whimbrel	r-sSM / vrFM	3	___ Passenger Pigeon	Extinct	6
___ Snow Goose	M	1	Hérons & Egrets			___ Long-billed Curlew	B decl?	2	Cuckoos		
___ Ross's Goose	M	2	___ American Bittern	B decl?	2	___ Hudsonian Godwit	sSM / rFM	3	___ 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	___ Spoon-billed Sandpiper	Ac	5	Nighthawks		
___ Ring-necked Duck	B / w	2	___ Northern Goshawk	B / w decl?	2	___ Buff-breasted Sandpiper	sSM / rFM	5	___ Common Nighthawk	B decl?	2
___ Tufted Duck	Ac	5	___ Broad-winged Hawk	B	2	___ Ruff	Ac / V	4	___ Common Poorwill	V / vrB	5
___ Greater Scaup	rSM / vrFM / w	3	___ Swainson's Hawk	B	1	___ Short-billed Dowitcher	B	2	___ Whip-poor-will	Ac	5
___ Lesser Scaup	B / w	1	___ Red-tailed Hawk	B / w	1	___ Long-billed Dowitcher	M	1	Swifts		
___ King Eider	Ac	5	___ Ferruginous Hawk	B	2	___ Wilson's Snipe	B / w	2	___ Black Swift	rB (local)	3
___ Common Eider	Ac	5	___ Rough-legged Hawk	M / WV	1	___ American Woodcock	Ac	5	___ White-throated Swift	Ac	5
___ Harlequin Duck	B / w	2	___ Golden Eagle	B / w	2	___ Wilson's Phalarope	B	1-2	Hummingbirds		
___ Surf Scoter	sB / uM	3	Falcons			___ Red-necked Phalarope	M / vrB	2	___ Green Violetear	Ac	5
___ White-winged Scoter	B	2	___ American Kestrel	B / w	1	___ Red Phalarope	vrFM	4	___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird	B	2
___ Black Scoter	V	4	___ Merlin	B / w	2	Jaegers, Gulls & Terns			___ Black-chinned Hummingbird	Ac	5
___ Long-tailed Duck	rM / w	3	___ Gyrfalcon	rWV / WR	3	___ Pomarine Jaeger	Ac	5	___ Anna's Hummingbird	Ac	5
___ Bufflehead	B / w	1	___ Peregrine Falcon	B	2	___ Parasitic Jaeger	vrSM / rFM	3	___ Costa's Hummingbird	Ac	5
___ Common Goldeneye	B / W	1	___ Prairie Falcon	B / w	2	___ Long-tailed Jaeger	Ac	5	___ Calliope Hummingbird	B	2
___ Barrow's Goldeneye	B / w	2	Rails & Coots			___ Black-legged Kittiwake	Ac	5	___ Rufous Hummingbird	B	2
___ Hooded Merganser	rB / uM / w	2-3	___ Yellow Rail	rB (local)	3	___ Ivory Gull	Ac	5	Kingfishers		
___ Common Merganser	B / w	1	___ Virginia Rail	r-sB (local)	3	___ Sabine's Gull	rM	3-4	___ Belted Kingfisher	B / w	2
___ Red-breasted Merganser	rB	2	___ Sora	B	2	___ Bonaparte's Gull	B	1-2	Woodpeckers		
___ Ruddy Duck	B	1	___ American Coot	B / w	1	___ Little Gull	Ac	5	___ Lewis's Woodpecker	V / vrB?	4
Grouse			Cranes			___ Franklin's Gull	B	1	___ Red-headed Woodpecker	V / B?	4
___ Gray Partridge	Int PR	1-2	___ Sandhill Crane	B	2	___ Mew Gull	sB / M	3	___ Acorn Woodpecker	Ac	5
___ Ring-necked Pheasant	Int PR	2	___ Common Crane	Ac	5	___ Ring-billed Gull	B	1	___ Red-bellied Woodpecker	Ac	5
___ Ruffed Grouse	PR	2	___ Whooping Crane	rM / vrB	4	___ California Gull	B	1	___ Williamson's Sapsucker	Ac	5
___ Greater Sage-Grouse	PR decl	3	Plovers			___ Herring Gull	B	1-2	___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	B	1
___ Spruce Grouse	sPR	3	___ Black-bellied Plover	M	1	___ Thayer's Gull	vrSM / rFM	3	___ Red-naped Sapsucker	B	2
___ Willow Ptarmigan	rB / sW	3	___ American Golden-Plover	M	2	___ Iceland Gull	Ac / V	4	___ Red-breasted Sapsucker	Ac	5
___ White-tailed Ptarmigan	sPR	3	___ Pacific Golden-Plover	Ac	5	___ Lesser Black-backed Gull	Ac	5	___ Downy Woodpecker	PR	1
___ Dusky Grouse	sPR	2	___ Lesser Sand-Plover	Ac	5	___ Slaty-backed Gull	Ac	5	___ Hairy Woodpecker	PR	1
___ Sharp-tailed Grouse	PR decl?	2-3	___ Snowy Plover	Ac	5	___ Glaucous-winged Gull	Ac / V	4	___ American Three-toed Woodpecker	PR	2
___ Greater Prairie-Chicken	Extirpated	6	___ Semipalmated Plover	M / rB	2	___ Glaucous Gull	rM / W	3	___ Black-backed Woodpecker	PR	3
___ Wild Turkey	Int PR	3	___ Piping Plover	rB (local)	3	___ Great Black-backed Gull	Ac	5	___ Northern Flicker	B / w	1
Loons			___ Killdeer	B / w	1	___ Least Tern	Ac	5	___ Pileated Woodpecker	PR	2
___ Red-throated Loon	vrB / M	4	___ Mountain Plover	vrB	5	___ Caspian Tern	rB / M incr?	3	Flycatchers		
___ Pacific Loon	vrB / SM / sFM / w	3	Stilts & Avocets			___ Black Tern	B	1	___ Olive-sided Flycatcher	B decl?	2
___ Common Loon	B	1	___ Black-necked Stilt	rB incr	2-3	___ Common Tern	B decl	1	___ Western Wood-Pewee	B	1
___ Yellow-billed Loon	V	4	___ American Avocet	B	1	___ Arctic Tern	vrB / M	4	___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	sB (local)	3
Grebes			Sandpipers			___ Forster's Tern	B	1-2	___ Alder Flycatcher	B	1
___ Pied-billed Grebe	B	2	___ Spotted Sandpiper	B	1	Auks			___ Willow Flycatcher	B (local)	2
___ Horned Grebe	B	1	___ Solitary Sandpiper	B	1-2	___ Black Guillemot	Ac	5	___ Least Flycatcher	B	1
___ Red-necked Grebe	B	1	___ Wandering Tattler	Ac	5	___ Long-billed Murrelet	Ac	5	___ Hammond's Flycatcher	sB (local)	2-3
___ Eared Grebe	B	1	___ Spotted Redshank	Ac	5	___ Ancient Murrelet	Ac	5	___ Gray Flycatcher	Ac	5
___ Western Grebe	B	1	___ Greater Yellowlegs	B	1	Pigeons & Doves			___ Dusky Flycatcher	B	1-2
___ Clark's Grebe	vrB(local)	3	___ Willet	B	1	___ Rock Pigeon	Int PR	1	___ 'Western' Flycatcher	B	2
Pelicans			___ Lesser Yellowlegs	B	1	___ Band-tailed Pigeon	V	4	___ Eastern Phoebe	B	1-2
___ American White Pelican	B	1	___ Upland Sandpiper	B decl?	2	___ Eurasian Collared-Dove	vrB incr	4	___ Say's Phoebe	B	2
						___ White-winged Dove	Ac	5	___ Great Crested Flycatcher	sB (local)	3

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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
___ Steller's Jay	PR	3
___ Blue Jay	PR	2
___ Pinyon Jay	Ac	5
___ 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
___ Winter Wren	B	2-3
___ Sedge Wren	rB (local) erratic	3
___ Marsh Wren	B	1
Dippers		
___ American Dipper	B / w	2
Kinglets & Gnatcatchers		
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	B / w	2
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	B	1
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Ac	5
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
___ Hermit Thrush	B	2
___ Wood Thrush	Ac	5

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___ 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
Wood-Warblers		
___ Blue-winged Warbler	Ac	5
___ Golden-winged Warbler	Ac	5
___ Tennessee Warbler	B	1
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	B	1-2
___ Nashville Warbler	vrB / M	4
___ Lucy's Warbler	Ac	5
___ Northern Parula	Ac	5
___ Yellow Warbler	B	1
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler	rB (local)	3
___ Magnolia Warbler	B	2
___ Cape May Warbler	sB	2-3
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler	V	4
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	B	1
___ Black-throated Gray Warbler	Ac	5
___ Black-throated Green Warbler	B	2
___ Townsend's Warbler	B	2
___ Hermit Warbler	Ac	5
___ Blackburnian Warbler	sB (local)	2-3
___ Yellow-throated Warbler	Ac	5
___ Pine Warbler	Ac	5
___ Palm Warbler	B	2
___ Bay-breasted Warbler	B	2-3
___ Blackpoll Warbler	B	2
___ Black-and-white Warbler	B	2
___ American Redstart	B	1
___ Ovenbird	B	1
___ Northern Waterthrush	B	2
___ Kentucky Warbler	Ac	5
___ Connecticut Warbler	B	2-3
___ Mourning Warbler	B	1
___ MacGillivray's Warbler	B	1
___ Common Yellowthroat	B	1
___ Hooded Warbler	Ac	5
___ Wilson's Warbler	B	2
___ Canada Warbler	B	2
___ Yellow-breasted Chat	B (local)	2-3
Sparrows & Longspurs		
___ Green-tailed Towhee	Ac	5
___ Spotted Towhee	B	2
___ Eastern Towhee	Ac	5
___ 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

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___ 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
___ McCown's Longspur	B	2
___ Lapland Longspur	M / w	1
___ Smith's Longspur	rSM / vrFM	3-4
___ Chestnut-collared Longspur	B	1
___ Snow Bunting	M / WV	1
Cardinals, Grosbeaks & Buntings		
___ Summer Tanager	Ac	5
___ Scarlet Tanager	Ac / V	4
___ Western Tanager	B	2
___ Northern Cardinal	V	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: 415		
Notes:		

**CHECKLIST OF THE BIRDS OF ALBERTA
Alberta Bird Record Committee
2009**

Introduction

This is the official checklist of 415 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 50th supplement to the AOU checklist [Chesser, R.T. et al. 2009. Fiftieth Supplement to the American Ornithologists' Union Checklist of North American Birds. *Auk* 126:705-714].

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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