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

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___ Eastern Phoebe	B	1-2
___ Say's Phoebe	B	2
___ Great Crested Flycatcher	sB (local)	3
___ Western Kingbird	B	2
___ Eastern Kingbird	B	1
___ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	Ac	5
___ Fork-tailed Flycatcher	Ac	5
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		
___ 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	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

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___ Veery	B	2
___ 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		
___ American Pipit	B / M	1
___ Sprague's Pipit	B decl?	2
Finches & Crossbills		
___ Brambling	Ac	5
___ Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	B / W	2-3
___ Pine Grosbeak	B / M / W erratic	2
___ House Finch	B / W incr	1
___ Purple Finch	B / w	1-2
___ Cassin's Finch	sB	2-3
___ 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
___ Lesser Goldfinch	Ac	5
___ American Goldfinch	B / w	1
___ Evening Grosbeak	PR erratic	2
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
___ 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

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___ 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
___ Yellow-breasted Chat	B (local)	2-3
Sparrows		
___ 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
___ 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)	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	3-4
___ 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
___ Great-tailed Grackle	Ac	5
___ Brown-headed Cowbird	B	1
___ Bullock's Oriole	sB (local)	3
___ Baltimore Oriole	B	1-2

Species Total: 426

CHECKLIST OF THE BIRDS OF ALBERTA Alberta Bird Record Committee 2017

Introduction

This is the official checklist of 426 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 57nd supplement to the AOU checklist [Chesser, R.T. et al. 2016. Fifty-seventh Supplement to the American Ornithologists' Union Checklist of North American Birds. *Auk* 133:544-560].

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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