

BIRD CHECKLIST

DINOSAUR PROVINCIAL PARK WORLD HERITAGE SITE



Prairie Falcon

Through the four seasons over 160 bird species can be seen in the park's three habitats. The Plains Cottonwood groves along the Red Deer River host one of the highest densities of breeding birds in Canada, making the park an exceptional place to enjoy bird watching, especially in May and June.

__ Alder Flycatcher	S	O	F
__ Least Flycatcher	S	A	F
__ Eastern Phoebe	S	U	F
__ Western Kingbird	S	U	F
__ Eastern Kingbird	S	A	F
Larks			
__ Horned Lark	S	C	P
Swallows			
__ Tree Swallow	S	C	FP
__ Violet-green Swallow	S	U	FB
__ N. Rough-winged Swallow	S	C	F
__ Bank Swallow	S	C	F
__ Cliff Swallow	S	A	FB
__ Barn Swallow	S	A	FB
Jays, Magpies and Crows			
__ Blue Jay	M	U	F
__ Black-billed Magpie	R	A	All
__ American Crow	S	C	FP
Chickadees & Nuthatches			
__ Black-capped Chickadee	R	C	FB
__ Red-breasted Nuthatch	S	R	F
__ White-breasted Nuthatch	S	O	F
Wrens			
__ Rock Wren	S	A	B
__ House Wren	S	A	F
Kinglets, Thrushes and Bluebirds			
__ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	M	R	F
__ Mountain Bluebird	S	U	B
__ Townsend's Solitaire	M	U	F
__ Veery	S	O	F
__ Swainson's Thrush	M	R	F
__ American Robin	S	A	All
Mockingbirds and Thrashers			
__ Gray Catbird	S	C	F
__ Northern Mockingbird	V	R	F
__ Brown Thrasher	S	C	F

Pipits			
__ American Pipit	M	R	F
__ Sprague's Pipit	S	U	P
Waxwings			
__ Bohemian Waxwing	W	U	F
__ Cedar Waxwing	S	C	F
Starlings			
__ European Starling	S	A	FP
Vireos			
__ Warbling Vireo	S	C	F
__ Philadelphia Vireo	M	R	F
__ Red-eyed Vireo	M	R	F
__ Blue-headed Vireo	M	O	F
Wood Warblers			
__ Tennessee Warbler	M	R	F
__ Orange-crowned Warbler	M	R	F
__ Nashville Warbler	M	O	F
__ Yellow Warbler	S	A	F
__ Magnolia Warbler	M	O	F
__ Yellow-rumped Warbler	M	U	F
__ Blk.-throated Green Warbler	M	R	F
__ Townsend's Warbler	M	O	F
__ Palm Warbler	M	O	F
__ Blackpoll Warbler	M	O	F
__ Black-and-White Warbler	M	O	F
__ American Redstart	M	O	F
__ Ovenbird	M	R	F
__ Northern Waterthrush	M	O	F
__ Mourning Warbler	M	R	F
__ Common Yellowthroat	S	U	F
__ Wilson's Warbler	M	O	F
__ Yellow-breasted Chat	S	U	F
Tanagers			
__ Western Tanager	M	R	F
Grosbeaks and Buntings			
__ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	S	R	F
__ Black-headed Grosbeak	V	R	F
Towhees, Sparrows and Longspurs			
__ Spotted Towhee	S	C	F
__ American Tree Sparrow	W	R	FB
__ Chipping Sparrow	S	C	FB
__ Clay-coloured Sparrow	S	A	All

__ Brewer's Sparrow	S	R	All
__ Vesper Sparrow	S	A	BP
__ Lark Sparrow	S	A	BP
__ Lark Bunting	S	R	BP
__ Song Sparrow	S	O	BP
__ Savannah Sparrow	S	U	P
__ Lincoln's Sparrow	M	R	P
__ White-throated Sparrow	M	U	F
__ Harris' Sparrow	M	U	F
__ White-crowned Sparrow	M	C	F
__ Dark-eyed Junco	M	U	F
__ Chestnut-collared Longspur	S	U	P
__ Snow Bunting	W	U	P
Blackbirds and Orioles			
__ Western Meadowlark	S	A	All
__ Red-winged Blackbird	S	C	All
__ Yellow-headed Blackbird	V	O	FP
__ Brewer's Blackbird	S	A	All
__ Common Grackle	S	C	F
__ Brown-headed Cowbird	S	C	All
__ Baltimore Oriole	S	C	F
Finches			
__ Pine Grosbeak	W	U	F
__ Purple Finch	M	R	F
__ White-winged Crossbill	W	O	F
__ Common Redpoll	W	U	F
__ Pine Siskin	W	U	F
__ American Goldfinch	S	A	FB

Old World (Weaver) Sparrows			
__ House Sparrow	S	C	F

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Park Habitats Three major habitats are found at Dinosaur Provincial Park: dry mixed-grassland; badlands; and one of Alberta's largest protected prairie riparian (riverside) communities, dominated by Plains Cottonwoods.

Each habitat provides nesting, feeding and shelter sites for different species of birds. By protecting important bird habitat, the significance of Dinosaur Provincial Park goes beyond just a checklist. The rugged badlands terrain in the Natural Preserve provides critical undisturbed nesting areas for raptors. The riparian habitat, where many birds nest and feed, is now an environment "at risk" on the prairies. Native grassland, home to many birds is disappearing fast, as competition grows between different land users.

Alberta Parks needs your help to ensure these habitats are protected for the future. To learn more visit: albertaparks.ca

Unique in the World Dinosaur Provincial Park, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1979, has recorded over 160 bird species, including several of Canada's threatened or endangered species. Due to the variety of habitats present, the park offers superb bird watching opportunities. A large area of the park is a Natural Preserve, providing an isolated and relatively undisturbed nesting area for threatened species like the Ferruginous Hawk, Golden Eagle and Loggerhead Shrike.

Note: Access to the Preserve is limited to visitors on conducted tours and researchers.

We welcome your participation in updating this checklist. If you see species in the park that are not listed here, or if you can provide any new information, please contact us.

LEGEND

R -Residence Status

- S - summer resident
- R - permanent resident
- W- winter resident/migrant
- V - visitor/accidental
- M - migrant (spring and/or fall)

A - Relative Abundance

- A - abundant
- C - common
- U - uncommon
- R - rare
- O - occasional

H - Habitat

- P - prairie
- B - badlands
- F - riparian and coulee bottoms

CATEGORIES

	R	A	H
LOONS			
___ Common Loon	M	O	F
GREBES			
___ Horned Grebe	V	R	F
___ Western Grebe	V	R	F
PELICANS and CORMORANTS			
___ American White Pelican	V	C	All
___ Double-crested Cormorant	S	R	FP

BITTERNS and HERONS

___ American Bittern	V	R	F
___ Great Blue Heron	S	U	F
___ Black-crowned Night-heron	V	R	F

SWANS, GEESE and DUCKS

___ Greater White-fronted Goose	M	R	F
___ Canada Goose	S	C	All
___ Tundra Swan	M	O	F
___ Wood Duck	M	O	F
___ Green-winged Teal	V	O	F
___ Blue-winged Teals	C	F	
___ Cinnamon Teal	V	R	F

___ Mallard	S	C	F
___ Northern Pintail	S	U	F
___ Northern Shoveler	V	O	F
___ Gadwall	V	O	F
___ American Wigeon	S	U	F
___ Canvasback	M	U	F
___ Lesser Scaup	V	R	F
___ Common Goldeneye	S	R	F
___ Bufflehead	M	R	F
___ Common Merganser	M	R	F
___ Red-breasted Merganser	M	R	F

VULTURES, HAWKS, EAGLES and FALCONS

___ Turkey Vulture	M	U	All
___ Osprey	M	R	F
___ Bald Eagle	M	U	All
___ Golden Eagle	R	U	BP
___ Northern Harrier	S	R	FP
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	S	R	F
___ Cooper's Hawk	S	R	FB
___ Northern Goshawk	M	R	F
___ Broad-winged Hawk	M	O	F
___ Swainson's Hawk	S	O	BP
___ Red-tailed Hawk	V	R	FP
___ Ferruginous Hawk	S	O	BP
___ Rough-legged Hawk	M	R	F
___ American Kestrel	S	C	All
___ Merlin	S	U	F
___ Prairie Falcon	S	U	All

GROUSE, PHEASANTS and PARTRIDGES

___ Gray Partridge	R	U	All
___ Ring-necked Pheasant	R	C	FP
___ Sharp-tailed Grouse	V	O	FP
___ Ruffed Grouse	V	O	F

RAILS and COOTS

___ Sora	V	R	F
___ American Coot	V	R	F

SHOREBIRDS and GULLS

___ Killdeer	S	A	FP
___ American Avocet	V	R	F
___ Greater Yellowlegs	M	O	F
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	M	O	F
___ Willet	S	U	F
___ Spotted Sandpiper	S	A	F
___ Upland Sandpiper	V	R	P
___ Long-billed Curlew	S	U	P
___ Marbled Godwit	S	U	P
___ Franklin's Gull	V	O	FP
___ Ring-billed Gull	V	A	FP
___ California Gull	V	U	FP
___ Common Tern	V	U	F

PIGEONS and DOVES

___ Rock Dove	R	C	B
___ Mourning Dove	S	A	All

OWLS

___ Great Horned Owl	R	U	FP
___ Long-eared Owl	R	R	B
___ Short-eared Owl	S	U	All
___ Northern Saw-whet Owl	S	R	F

GOATSUCKERS

___ Common Nighthawk	S	A	All
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HUMMINGBIRDS

___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird	V	R	F
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KINGFISHERS and WOODPECKERS

___ Belted Kingfisher	S	U	F
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	S	U	F
___ Red-naped Sapsucker	S	U	F
___ Downy Woodpecker	R	U	F
___ Hairy Woodpecker	R	U	F
___ Northern Flicker	S	C	F
___ Pileated Woodpecker	R	R	F

PERCHING BIRDS (Passerines)

Flycatchers

___ Western Wood Pewee	S	A	F
___ Olive-sided Flycatcher	M	U	F
___ Say's Phoebe	S	C	B