	Species		Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
	Gyrfalcon		VR		VR	
	Peregrine Falcon	100	R	R	U	VR
	Prairie Falcon	0		U	U	
	Olive-sided Flycatcher	0	R	U	U	
	Western Wood-Pewee	0	U	U	U	
	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher			R	VR	1112
	Alder Flycatcher	0		U	VR	
	Willow Flycatcher	0	R	U	U	
	Least Flycatcher	0	U	U	U	
	Hammond's Flycatcher	0	U	U	U	
	Dusky Flycatcher	0	U	U	VR	
	Pacific-slope Flycatcher	0	VR	U	R	-
	Cordilleran Flycatcher	0	vix.	VR		
	Eastern Phoebe	1772	U	R	1000	
_		1.00	U	R	VR	
	Say's Phoebe	-				
	Western Kingbird	~	VR	R	VR	
	Eastern Kingbird	0	R	U	U	
	Cassin's Vireo	0	U	U	R	
	Blue-headed Vireo	\odot	R	R		
	Philadelphia Vireo	0	VR	VR	VR	
	Warbling Vireo	\odot	U	С	U	
	Red-eyed Vireo		VR	U	R	
	Northern Shrike		U		U	R
	Canada Jay	0	U	U	U	U
	Steller's Jay		U	U	U	U
	Blue Jay	1993	R	R	U	R
	Black-billed Magpie	\odot	С	U	U	С
	Clark's Nutcracker	\odot	U	С	U	U
	American Crow	\odot	U	U	С	R
	Common Raven	0	U	U	U	U
	Black-capped Chickadee	0	U	U	U	U
	Mountain Chickadee	0	U	U	U	U
	Chestnut-backed Chickadee				VR	VR
_	Boreal Chickadee	\odot	U	U	C	U
	Horned Lark	0	U	U	C	VR
	Northern Rough-winged Swallow		c	U	U	VIX
	Tree Swallow	0	c	c	U	1.
		0				1000
	Violet-green Swallow	0	С	С	U	1.
	Bank Swallow	0	U	U	R	
	Barn Swallow	0	U	U	U	
	Cliff Swallow	0	U	С	С	
	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	0	С	С	U	VR
	Golden-crowned Kinglet	0	U	С	С	R
	Red-breasted Nuthatch	0	U	U	U	U
_	White-breasted Nuthatch	\odot	U	R	U	R
	Pygmy Nuthatch					VR
	Brown Creeper	\odot	U	U	U	U
	Rock Wren		VR	R	VR	
	House Wren	\odot	VR	R	VR	
	Pacific Wren	6	U	U	U	R
	Winter Wren				VR	
	Marsh Wren	120	U	R	R	VR
	American Dipper	0	U	U	U	U
	European Starling (I)	0	С	U	C	R

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	Species		Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
	Gray Catbird	0	R	U	U	VR
	Brown Thrasher		VR			
	Sage Thrasher				VR	
	Northern Mockingbird	1	VR	R		111
	Eastern Bluebird		VR			
	Western Bluebird	0	VR	R		
	Mountain Bluebird	0	С	U	С	
	Townsend's Solitaire	0	U	U	U	U
	Varied Thrush	\odot	U	С	U	R
	Veery			R	0.00	
	Gray-cheeked Thrush		VR	R		
	Swainson's Thrush	0	U	С	U	
	Hermit Thrush	0	U	С	U	VR
	American Robin	0	С	С	С	R
	Bohemian Waxwing		С	R	С	U
	Cedar Waxwing	0	R	С	С	VR
	House Sparrow (I)	0	С	С	С	С
	American Pipit	0	С	U	С	
	Brambling					VR
	Evening Grosbeak	0	R	U	U	R
	Pine Grosbeak	\odot	U	U	U	С
	Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	0	С	С	С	R
	House Finch		R	R	VR	
	Purple Finch	\odot	U	U	R	19132
	Cassin's Finch	\odot	R	R	R	
	Common Redpoll		С	VR	С	U
	Hoary Redpoll		VR		VR	R
	Red Crossbill	1200	R	U	С	R
	White-winged Crossbill	0	U	С	U	С
	Pine Siskin	0	С	С	С	R
	American Goldfinch	\odot	U	R	R	VR
	Lapland Longspur		R		U	VR
	Chestnut-collared Longspur		VR			
	Smith's Longspur			16545	VR	11.15
	Snow Bunting		R		U	R
	Grasshopper Sparrow		VR			
	Chipping Sparrow	0	С	С	С	
	Clay-colored Sparrow	0	U	U	U	10.00
	Brewer's Sparrow	\odot	R	U	U	
	Lark Sparrow	1827	R	VR	3.98	1000
	Lark Bunting		VR	VR		
	American Tree Sparrow	10.02	U	100	U	R
	Fox Sparrow	0	U	U	U	VR
	Dark-eyed Junco	0	С	С	С	U
	White-crowned Sparrow	0	С	c	с	R
	Golden-crowned Sparrow	0	R	U	R	a bres
	Harris's Sparrow		R	1000000	R	R
	White-throated Sparrow	0	U	U	U	R
	Vesper Sparrow	0	U	U	R	
	LeConte's Sparrow	0	R	U	VR	1992
	Nelson's Sparrow			VR		
	Savannah Sparrow	\odot	U	U	U	1000
	Baird's Sparrow	0	VR		VR	
	Song Sparrow	0	U	U	U	R
-		0	-			1

	Species		Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
	Lincoln's Sparrow	\odot	U	U	U	VR
	Swamp Sparrow	0	R	U	R	R
	Green-tailed Towhee		VR			
	Spotted Towhee	0	R	R	VR	VR
	Yellow-breasted Chat			VR		
	Yellow-headed Blackbird	0	U	U	VR	
	Bobolink		R	VR		
	Western Meadowlark		U	R	VR	VR
	Baltimore Oriole		R		VR	
	Red-winged Blackbird	0	С	U	U	R
	Brown-headed Cowbird	\odot	С	U	υ	
	Rusty Blackbird	100	U	VR	U	R
	Brewer's Blackbird	\odot	U	U	R	R
	Common Grackle		U	VR	VR	VR
	Ovenbird		VR	VR	VR	
	Northern Waterthrush	\odot	U	U	U	
	Black-and-white Warbler		R	VR	VR	
	Tennessee Warbler	0	U	U	U	
	Orange-crowned Warbler	\odot	U	U	U	
	Nashville Warbler		R	R	R	
	Connecticut Warbler			VR		
	MacGillivray's Warbler	\odot	R	U	U	1944
	Common Yellowthroat	0	U	С	U	VR
	Hooded Warbler			VR	VR	The second
	American Redstart	0	U	U	U	
	Cape May Warbler		R	VR	VR	10.55
	Magnolia Warbler		U	R	R	
	Bay-breasted Warbler	1916	VR	14.54	VR	1000
	Blackburnian Warbler			VR		
	Yellow Warbler	0	U	U	U	0.01
	Chestnut-sided Warbler			VR	VR	
	Blackpoll Warbler	0	R	U	R	1975
	Black-throated Blue Warbler	0			VR	
	Palm Warbler	289	VR	12354	R	10.0
	Yellow-rumped Warbler	\odot	С	с	C	VR
	Black-throated Gray Warbler		100		VR	19992
	Townsend's Warbler	0	U	с	U	
	Black-throated Green Warbler		VR	VR	1100	Side 1
	Canada Warbler		VR		VR	
	Wilson's Warbler	\odot	U	U	U	19.3
	Western Tanager	0	U	U	U	
	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	0	U	1	R	1220
	Black-headed Grosbeak		R	VR	VR	VR
	Lazuli Bunting	1.75		R		
-	Indigo Bunting	1000			1000	1.0

Birding Respectfully in Banff National Park

Birding is enjoyable. But it's important to remember that the status of the world's birds is at risk due to human actions. Places like Banff National Park help birds through environmental conservation and restoration projects and programs. You can help by observing birds quietly and from a distance. Remain on designated trails and do not change habitat to improve bird viewing opportunities. Never feed birds, use recorded bird sounds, or shine lights on birds at night. Avoid using laser pointers and camera flashes on birds.



Checklist of the Birds of **Banff National Park**



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Parks Parcs Canada Canada



Welcome

Banff National Park is Canada's first national park and part of the UNESCO Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks World Heritage site.

Banff is great for bird watching. The park is located in a region where natural factors, including terrain and climate, create appealing habitats and breeding areas for many different types of birds. To date, 315 bird species have been observed in the park.

The park began as 26-square-kilometre (10-square-mile) hot springs reserve in 1885. Banff National Park now covers 6,641 square kilometres (2,564 square miles). Bird observations recorded in this area and used to compile this checklist date as far back as 1858.

Key

C - Common

A competent observer may find 10 or more individuals (typically) in a day of searching suitable habitat within the species' range and period of occurrence. The species can occupy suitable habitat in high densities or occur in large flocks/concentrations.

U – Uncommon

A competent observer may find one to nine individuals (typically) in a day of searching suitable habitat within the species' range and period of occurrence.

R - Rare

The species may be absent some years. If present every year, it occupies suitable habitat in low densities, occupies seldom-birded areas, or is secretive/inconspicuous.

VR - Very Rare

The species has been found in, at most, a few different years during the season.

Ex - Extirpated

The species may have occurred with some degree of regularity historically but hasn't been found in recent decades.

I - Introduced (Non-native)

To best fit Banff National Park's bird migration and breeding periods, the seasons herein are defined as follows:

Sp – Spring (March through May approximately)

- Su Summer (June through July approximately)
- Fa Fall (August through November approximately)
- Wi Winter (December through February approximately)

This checklist follows the 2021 edition of The Clements Checklist of Birds of the World in terms of species recognized, their names, and the sequence in which they're arranged. Species are grouped by family.

Sources for the observations used to compile this checklist include museum specimens, archival materials, history books, reference books, guidebooks, published and unpublished reports, monographs, journal and magazine articles, newsletters of the Bow Valley Naturalists, travelogues, electronic mailing lists, social media, conversations, correspondence, notebooks, park visitor centre logbooks, the park wildlife observation database and audio recording collection, bird banding data, breeding bird atlas data, the Banff Community Bird Walk, the May Species Count, the Christmas Bird Count, the North American Breeding Bird Survey, eBird, iNaturalist, and other published and unpublished datasets.

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Sp	pecies	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
Sn	iow Goose	U	VR	R	
Ro	oss's Goose	VR	-		
Gr	eater White-fronted Goose	VR		VR	
🗆 Ca	anada Goose 🛞	C	C	С	VR
Tr	umpeter Swan	U	R	U	
🗆 Tu	Indra Swan	U	VR	C	VR
U We	ood Duck) U	R	R	
Bl	ue-winged Teal) C	U	С	VR
Cir	nnamon Teal 🤅) U	U	R	
No	orthern Shoveler) C	U	U	
🗆 Ga	adwall	U	VR	U	VR
Eu	urasian Wigeon	R		VR	
	merican Wigeon) c	U	С	VR
🗆 Ma	allard) C	C	С	U
An	merican Black Duck	VR			
No	orthern Pintail) C	R	C	VR
Gr	reen-winged Teal		U	С	U
🗆 Ca	anvasback 🤅		VR	R	
🗆 Re	edhead	U		R	
Ri	ng-necked Duck) c	C	С	
Gr	reater Scaup	R	VR	R	
Le	esser Scaup	c	U	U	VR
	ng Eider		1		VR
🗆 Ha	arlequin Duck) U	C	U	VR
Su	urf Scoter	c	VR	U	
u wi	hite-winged Scoter	U	R	U	120.0
	ack Scoter	1		VR	
	ong-tailed Duck	R	VR	R	VR
	ufflehead 🤅		U	c	U
	ommon Goldeneye		U	C	U
	arrow's Goldeneye		U	U	U
	ooded Merganser		U	C	R
	ommon Merganser		U	c	U
	ed-breasted Merganser	U	R	U	VR
	uddy Duck	U	R	R	
	uffed Grouse		U	U	R
	usky Grouse		U	U	R
	harp-tailed Grouse	1			Ex
	hite-tailed Ptarmigan	R	U	c	U
	illow Ptarmigan	Ex	Ex		
	pruce Grouse	1	U	U	R
	ray Partridge (I)		0	Ex	I.
	ing-necked Pheasant (I)	VR	VR		
				U	VR
	ed-billed Grebe 🤅 orned Grebe) U C	R	c	VR
	resident for the second s			U	VR
	ed-necked Grebe 🧔		U		1000
	ared Grebe /estern Grebe	UC	VR	R	1.0
		-	R		
	ock Pigeon (I)	C	U	C	c
	and-tailed Pigeon		VR	110	110
	urasian Collared-Dove (I)	U	VR	VR	VR
	ourning Dove	U	U	R	
	ommon Nighthawk 🤅		U	U	
	ommon Poorwill		VR	VR	

s	pecies		Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
В	lack Swift	0	-	U	U	
	aux's Swift		VR	VR		
	uby-throated Hummingbird				VR	
В	lack-chinned Hummingbird			Data D	eficient	
C C	alliope Hummingbird	0	R	U	R	
	ufous Hummingbird	\odot	U	U	U	
u v	irginia Rail	0	R	R	VR	R
S	ora	\odot	U	U	U	VR
	merican Coot	\odot	С	U	С	R
	ellow Rail			VR	VR	
⊐ s	andhill Crane		R		R	
B	lack-necked Stilt		R		1.0	
	merican Avocet		R		VR	
В	lack-bellied Plover	1999	VR		R	
	merican Golden-Plover		VR		R	
S	emipalmated Plover			2	R	
⊐к	illdeer	0	U	U	U	U
U	pland Sandpiper		VR	VR	VR	
	ong-billed Curlew		VR		VR	
	larbled Godwit		VR		VR	
R	uddy Turnstone				VR	
S	tilt Sandpiper				U	
⊐ s	anderling				VR	
B	aird's Sandpiper	1.	VR		U	
	east Sandpiper		R		U	
P	ectoral Sandpiper	20.31	VR	VR	U	
S	emipalmated Sandpiper		R	R	U	
N	/estern Sandpiper	8.323			VR	
S	hort-billed Dowitcher		VR		R	
	ong-billed Dowitcher		R	R	С	
	/ilson's Snipe	\odot	U	U	U	U
N C	/ilson's Phalarope	1	U	R	R	
	ed-necked Phalarope		R		U	
	ed Phalarope		VR	VR	10.1	
S	potted Sandpiper	\odot	U	U	U	
s s	olitary Sandpiper	0	U	U	U	
	andering Tattler			VR		
G	ireater Yellowlegs	0	U	U	R	
	Villet		R			
	esser Yellowlegs		U	VR	U	
	arasitic Jaeger				VR	
	ong-tailed Jaeger	122.00		VR	1	
	ncient Murrelet				VR	
S	abine's Gull		VR		R	
В	onaparte's Gull		С	VR	U	
F	ranklin's Gull	100	R		R	
⊐ s	hort-billed Gull		R		R	
	ling-billed Gull	18.54	U	С	С	
	alifornia Gull		R	U	с	
н	lerring Gull	1813	R	0	U	1
	celand Gull		VR			
G	Blaucous-winged Gull		S. Mark	1	VR	0.0
G	Glaucous Gull				VR	
	aspian Tern	60763	VR	VR	VR	

Species		Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
Black Tern		U	R	VR	
Common Tern		R	VR	R	
Forster's Tern		VR		VR	
Red-throated Loon		VR		VR	VR
Pacific Loon				U	
Common Loon	0	U	U	U	
Yellow-billed Loon			VR	VR	
Double-crested Cormorant				VR	
American White Pelican		R	R	VR	
American Bittern	0	R	R	R	
Great Blue Heron	0	U	U	U	R
Great Egret		VR		1000	
Little Blue Heron				VR	
Green Heron		VR	17.14	14.14	
White-faced Ibis		VR			
Turkey Vulture		R	R	1.1.1	11
Osprey	0	U	U	U	
Golden Eagle	0	С	U	С	R
Northern Harrier		U	U	U	VR
Sharp-shinned Hawk	0	U	U	U	R
Cooper's Hawk	0	U	U	U	VR
Northern Goshawk	0	R	U	U	R
Bald Eagle	0	U	U	U	U
Broad-winged Hawk		VR	VR	VR	1
Swainson's Hawk	\odot	R	R	U	
Red-tailed Hawk	0	U	U	U	VR
Rough-legged Hawk		R	VR	U	VR
Ferruginous Hawk	100	VR	1000	VR	
Eastern Screech-Owl	0	Ex	Ex		
Great Horned Owl	0	U	U	U	R
Snowy Owl				VR	
Northern Hawk Owl	\odot	R	R	U	U
Northern Pygmy-Owl	0	U	R	R	U
Burrowing Owl		VR		200	
Barred Owl	0	U	R	R	R
Great Gray Owl	0	R	R	R	R
Long-eared Owl	0	R	VR	VR	VR
Short-eared Owl	0	VR		R	VR
Boreal Owl	0	U	R	R	R
Northern Saw-whet Owl	0	R	R	R	R
Belted Kingfisher	0	U	U	U	R
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	0	R			
Red-naped Sapsucker	\odot	U	U	VR	
Red-breasted Sapsucker	0	VR		VR	
Lewis's Woodpecker	1.12	R	VR	R	1
Red-headed Woodpecker	0	ĸ	R	I N	1000
American Three-toed Woodpecker	0	U	U	U	U
	0			R	R
Black-backed Woodpecker	0	R	R	R U	1
Downy Woodpecker	0	U	U		R
Hairy Woodpecker	0	U	U	U	U
Pileated Woodpecker	0	U	U	U	R
Northern Flicker	0	U	U	U	VR
American Kestrel	\odot	U	U	U	