

# Checklist of the Birds of Banff National Park of Canada

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The 311 species below have been found in the park. With regard to the family and species names and the sequence in which they appear, this checklist follows the American Ornithologists' Union *Check-list of North American Birds* and its supplements up to and including the 52nd. Species in bold have nested in the Banff-Jasper region. Species with an asterisk have been found in this region on five or fewer occasions.

## Anatidae

- Greater White-fronted Goose | *Anser albifrons*
- Snow Goose | *Chen caerulescens*
- \* Ross's Goose | *Chen rossii*
- Canada Goose** | *Branta canadensis*
- Trumpeter Swan | *Cygnus buccinator*
- Tundra Swan | *Cygnus columbianus*
- Wood Duck** | *Aix sponsa*
- Gadwall | *Anas strepera*
- Eurasian Wigeon | *Anas penelope*
- American Wigeon** | *Anas americana*
- Mallard** | *Anas platyrhynchos*
- Blue-winged Teal** | *Anas discors*
- Cinnamon Teal** | *Anas cyanoptera*
- Northern Shoveler** | *Anas clypeata*
- Northern Pintail** | *Anas acuta*
- Green-winged Teal** | *Anas crecca*
- Canvasback | *Aythya valisineria*
- Redhead | *Aythya americana*
- Ring-necked Duck** | *Aythya collaris*
- Greater Scaup | *Aythya marila*
- Lesser Scaup** | *Aythya affinis*
- \* King Eider | *Somateria spectabilis*
- Harlequin Duck** | *Histrionicus histrionicus*
- Surf Scoter | *Melanitta perspicillata*
- White-winged Scoter | *Melanitta fusca*
- Long-tailed Duck | *Clangula hyemalis*
- Bufflehead** | *Bucephala albeola*
- Common Goldeneye** | *Bucephala clangula*
- Barrow's Goldeneye** | *Bucephala islandica*
- Hooded Merganser** | *Lophodytes cucullatus*
- Common Merganser** | *Mergus merganser*
- Red-breasted Merganser | *Mergus serrator*
- Ruddy Duck** | *Oxyura jamaicensis*

## Phasianidae

- \* Gray Partridge | *Perdix perdix*
- \* Ring-necked Pheasant | *Phasianus colchicus*
- Ruffed Grouse** | *Bonasa umbellus*
- Spruce Grouse** | *Falcapennis canadensis*
- Willow Ptarmigan** | *Lagopus lagopus*
- White-tailed Ptarmigan** | *Lagopus leucura*
- Dusky Grouse** | *Dendragapus obscurus*
- \* Sharp-tailed Grouse | *Tympanuchus phasianellus*

## Gaviidae

- Red-throated Loon | *Gavia stellata*
- Pacific Loon | *Gavia pacifica*
- Common Loon** | *Gavia immer*
- \* Yellow-billed Loon | *Gavia adamsii*

## Podicipedidae

- Pied-billed Grebe** | *Podilymbus podiceps*
- Horned Grebe | *Podiceps auritus*
- Red-necked Grebe** | *Podiceps grisegena*
- Eared Grebe | *Podiceps nigricollis*
- Western Grebe | *Aechmophorus occidentalis*

## Phalacrocoracidae

- Double-crested Cormorant | *Phalacrocorax auritus*

## Pelecanidae

- American White Pelican | *Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*

## Ardeidae

- American Bittern** | *Botaurus lentiginosus*
- Great Blue Heron** | *Ardea herodias*

- \* Great Egret | *Ardea alba*
- \* Little Blue Heron | *Egretta caerulea*
- \* Green Heron | *Butorides virescens*

### Cathartidae

- \* Turkey Vulture | *Cathartes aura*

### Pandionidae

- Osprey | *Pandion haliaetus*

### Accipitridae

- Bald Eagle | *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*
- Northern Harrier | *Circus cyaneus*
- Sharp-shinned Hawk | *Accipiter striatus*
- Cooper's Hawk | *Accipiter cooperii*
- Northern Goshawk | *Accipiter gentilis*
- \* Broad-winged Hawk | *Buteo platypterus*
- Swainson's Hawk | *Buteo swainsoni*
- Red-tailed Hawk | *Buteo jamaicensis*
- \* Ferruginous Hawk | *Buteo regalis*
- Rough-legged Hawk | *Buteo lagopus*
- Golden Eagle | *Aquila chrysaetos*

### Falconidae

- American Kestrel | *Falco sparverius*
- Merlin | *Falco columbarius*
- Gyrfalcon | *Falco rusticolus*
- Peregrine Falcon | *Falco peregrinus*
- Prairie Falcon | *Falco mexicanus*

### Rallidae

- \* Yellow Rail | *Coturnicops noveboracensis*
- Virginia Rail | *Rallus limicola*
- Sora | *Porzana carolina*
- American Coot | *Fulica americana*

### Gruidae

- Sandhill Crane | *Grus canadensis*

### Charadriidae

- Black-bellied Plover | *Pluvialis squatarola*
- American Golden-Plover | *Pluvialis dominica*
- Semipalmated Plover | *Charadrius semipalmatus*
- Killdeer | *Charadrius vociferus*

### Recurvirostridae

- \* Black-necked Stilt | *Himantopus mexicanus*
- \* American Avocet | *Recurvirostra americana*

### Scolopacidae

- Spotted Sandpiper | *Actitis macularius*
- Solitary Sandpiper | *Tringa solitaria*
- \* Wandering Tattler | *Tringa incana*
- Greater Yellowlegs | *Tringa melanoleuca*
- \* Willet | *Tringa semipalmata*
- Lesser Yellowlegs | *Tringa flavipes*
- Upland Sandpiper | *Bartramia longicauda*
- Long-billed Curlew | *Numenius americanus*
- \* Marbled Godwit | *Limosa fedoa*
- \* Ruddy Turnstone | *Arenaria interpres*
- Sanderling | *Calidris alba*
- Semipalmated Sandpiper | *Calidris pusilla*
- Least Sandpiper | *Calidris minutilla*
- Baird's Sandpiper | *Calidris bairdii*
- Pectoral Sandpiper | *Calidris melanotos*
- Stilt Sandpiper | *Calidris himantopus*
- Short-billed Dowitcher | *Limnodromus griseus*
- Long-billed Dowitcher | *Limnodromus scolopaceus*
- Wilson's Snipe | *Gallinago delicata*
- Wilson's Phalarope | *Phalaropus tricolor*
- Red-necked Phalarope | *Phalaropus lobatus*
- \* Red Phalarope | *Phalaropus fulicarius*

### Laridae

- Sabine's Gull | *Xema sabini*
- Bonaparte's Gull | *Chroicocephalus philadelphia*
- Franklin's Gull | *Leucophaeus pipixcan*
- Mew Gull | *Larus canus*
- Ring-billed Gull | *Larus delawarensis*
- California Gull | *Larus californicus*
- Herring Gull | *Larus argentatus*
- \* Glaucous-winged Gull | *Larus glaucescens*
- \* Glaucous Gull | *Larus hyperboreus*
- \* Caspian Tern | *Hydroprogne caspia*
- Black Tern | *Chlidonias niger*
- Common Tern | *Sterna hirundo*
- \* Forster's Tern | *Sterna forsteri*

### Stercorariidae

- \* Parasitic Jaeger | *Stercorarius parasiticus*

## Alcidae

- \* Ancient Murrelet | *Synthliboramphus antiquus*

## Columbidae

- Rock Pigeon | *Columba livia*
- \* Band-tailed Pigeon | *Patagioenas fasciata*
- Eurasian Collared-Dove | *Streptopelia decaocto*
- Mourning Dove | *Zenaida macroura*

## Tytonidae

- \* Barn Owl | *Tyto alba*

## Strigidae

- \* Eastern Screech-Owl | *Megascops asio*
- Great Horned Owl | *Bubo virginianus*
- Snowy Owl | *Bubo scandiacus*
- Northern Hawk Owl | *Surnia ulula*
- Northern Pygmy-Owl | *Glaucidium gnoma*
- \* Burrowing Owl | *Athene cucularia*
- Barred Owl | *Strix varia*
- Great Gray Owl | *Strix nebulosa*
- Long-eared Owl | *Asio otus*
- Short-eared Owl | *Asio flammeus*
- Boreal Owl | *Aegolius funereus*
- Northern Saw-whet Owl | *Aegolius acadicus*

## Caprimulgidae

- Common Nighthawk | *Chordeiles minor*
- \* Common Poorwill | *Phalaenoptilus nuttallii*

## Apodidae

- Black Swift | *Cypseloides niger*
- \* Vaux's Swift | *Chaetura vauxi*

## Trochilidae

- Ruby-throated Hummingbird | *Archilochus colubris*
- \* Black-chinned Hummingbird | *Archilochus alexandri*
- Calliope Hummingbird | *Stellula calliope*
- Rufous Hummingbird | *Selasphorus rufus*

## Alcedinidae

- Belted Kingfisher | *Megaceryle alcyon*

## Picidae

- Lewis's Woodpecker | *Melanerpes lewis*

- \* Red-headed Woodpecker | *Melanerpes erythrocephalus*
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker | *Sphyrapicus varius*
- Red-naped Sapsucker | *Sphyrapicus nuchalis*
- \* Red-breasted Sapsucker | *Sphyrapicus ruber*
- Downy Woodpecker | *Picoides pubescens*
- Hairy Woodpecker | *Picoides villosus*
- American Three-toed Woodpecker | *Picoides dorsalis*
- Black-backed Woodpecker | *Picoides arcticus*
- Northern Flicker | *Colaptes auratus*
- Pileated Woodpecker | *Dryocopus pileatus*

## Tyrannidae

- Olive-sided Flycatcher | *Contopus cooperi*
- Western Wood-Pewee | *Contopus sordidulus*
- Yellow-bellied Flycatcher | *Empidonax flaviventris*
- Alder Flycatcher | *Empidonax alnorum*
- Willow Flycatcher | *Empidonax traillii*
- Least Flycatcher | *Empidonax minimus*
- Hammond's Flycatcher | *Empidonax hammondi*
- Dusky Flycatcher | *Empidonax oberholseri*
- Pacific-slope Flycatcher | *Empidonax difficilis*
- \* Cordilleran Flycatcher | *Empidonax occidentalis*
- Eastern Phoebe | *Sayornis phoebe*
- Say's Phoebe | *Sayornis saya*
- \* Great Crested Flycatcher | *Myiarchus crinitus*
- Western Kingbird | *Tyrannus verticalis*
- Eastern Kingbird | *Tyrannus tyrannus*

## Laniidae

- Northern Shrike | *Lanius excubitor*

## Vireonidae

- Cassin's Vireo | *Vireo cassinii*
- Blue-headed Vireo | *Vireo solitarius*
- Warbling Vireo | *Vireo gilvus*
- Philadelphia Vireo | *Vireo philadelphicus*
- Red-eyed Vireo | *Vireo olivaceus*

## Corvidae

- Gray Jay | *Perisoreus canadensis*
- Steller's Jay | *Cyanocitta stelleri*
- Blue Jay | *Cyanocitta cristata*
- Clark's Nutcracker | *Nucifraga columbiana*
- Black-billed Magpie | *Pica hudsonia*
- American Crow | *Corvus brachyrhynchos*

- Common Raven | *Corvus corax*

### Alaudidae

- Horned Lark | *Eremophila alpestris*

### Hirundinidae

- Tree Swallow | *Tachycineta bicolor*
- Violet-green Swallow | *Tachycineta thalassina*
- Northern Rough-winged Swallow | *Stelgidopteryx serripennis*
- Bank Swallow | *Riparia riparia*
- Cliff Swallow | *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*
- Barn Swallow | *Hirundo rustica*

### Paridae

- Black-capped Chickadee | *Poecile atricapillus*
- Mountain Chickadee | *Poecile gambeli*
- Chestnut-backed Chickadee | *Poecile rufescens*
- Boreal Chickadee | *Poecile hudsonicus*

### Sittidae

- Red-breasted Nuthatch | *Sitta canadensis*
- White-breasted Nuthatch | *Sitta carolinensis*
- \* Pygmy Nuthatch | *Sitta pygmaea*

### Certhiidae

- Brown Creeper | *Certhia Americana*

### Troglodytidae

- Rock Wren | *Salpinctes obsoletus*
- House Wren | *Troglodytes aedon*
- Pacific Wren | *Troglodytes pacificus*
- \* Winter Wren | *Troglodytes hiemalis*
- Marsh Wren | *Cistothorus palustris*

### Poliophtilidae

- \* Blue-gray Gnatcatcher | *Poliophtila caerulea*

### Cinclidae

- American Dipper | *Cinclus mexicanus*

### Regulidae

- Golden-crowned Kinglet | *Regulus satrapa*
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet | *Regulus calendula*

### Turdidae

- \* Eastern Bluebird | *Sialia sialis*
- Western Bluebird | *Sialia mexicana*
- Mountain Bluebird | *Sialia currucoides*
- Townsend's Solitaire | *Myadestes townsendi*
- Veery | *Catharus fuscescens*
- Gray-cheeked Thrush | *Catharus minimus*
- Swainson's Thrush | *Catharus ustulatus*
- Hermit Thrush | *Catharus guttatus*
- American Robin | *Turdus migratorius*
- Varied Thrush | *Ixoreus naevius*

### Mimidae

- Gray Catbird | *Dumetella carolinensis*
- Northern Mockingbird | *Mimus polyglottos*
- \* Brown Thrasher | *Toxostoma rufum*

### Sturnidae

- European Starling | *Sturnus vulgaris*

### Motacillidae

- American Pipit | *Anthus rubescens*

### Bombycillidae

- Bohemian Waxwing | *Bombycilla garrulus*
- Cedar Waxwing | *Bombycilla cedrorum*

### Calcariidae

- Lapland Longspur | *Calcarius lapponicus*
- \* Chestnut-collared Longspur | *Calcarius ornatus*
- \* Smith's Longspur | *Calcarius pictus*
- Snow Bunting | *Plectrophenax nivalis*

### Parulidae

- Ovenbird | *Seiurus aurocapilla*
- Northern Waterthrush | *Parkesia noveboracensis*
- Black-and-white Warbler | *Mniotilta varia*
- Tennessee Warbler | *Oreothlypis peregrina*
- Orange-crowned Warbler | *Oreothlypis celata*
- Nashville Warbler | *Oreothlypis ruficapilla*
- \* Connecticut Warbler | *Oporornis agilis*
- MacGillivray's Warbler | *Geothlypis tolmiei*
- Common Yellowthroat | *Geothlypis trichas*
- \* Hooded Warbler | *Setophaga citrina*
- American Redstart | *Setophaga ruticilla*

- Cape May Warbler | *Setophaga tigrina*
- Magnolia Warbler** | *Setophaga magnolia*
- Bay-breasted Warbler | *Setophaga castanea*
- \* Blackburnian Warbler | *Setophaga fusca*
- Yellow Warbler** | *Setophaga petechia*
- \* Chestnut-sided Warbler | *Setophaga pensylvanica*
- Blackpoll Warbler** | *Setophaga striata*
- \* Black-throated Blue Warbler | *Setophaga caerulescens*
- Palm Warbler | *Setophaga palmarum*
- \* Pine Warbler | *Setophaga pinus*
- Yellow-rumped Warbler** | *Setophaga coronata*
- \* Black-throated Gray Warbler | *Setophaga nigrescens*
- Townsend's Warbler** | *Setophaga townsendi*
- \* Black-throated Green Warbler | *Setophaga virens*
- Canada Warbler | *Cardellina canadensis*
- Wilson's Warbler** | *Cardellina pusilla*
- \* Yellow-breasted Chat | *Icteria virens*

### Emberizidae

- \* Green-tailed Towhee | *Pipilo chlorurus*
- Spotted Towhee** | *Pipilo maculatus*
- American Tree Sparrow | *Spizella arborea*
- Chipping Sparrow** | *Spizella passerina*
- Clay-colored Sparrow** | *Spizella pallida*
- Brewer's Sparrow** | *Spizella breweri*
- Vesper Sparrow** | *Pooecetes gramineus*
- Lark Sparrow | *Chondestes grammacus*
- \* Lark Bunting | *Calamospiza melanocorys*
- Savannah Sparrow** | *Passerculus sandwichensis*
- \* Grasshopper Sparrow | *Ammodramus savannarum*
- \* Baird's Sparrow | *Ammodramus bairdii*
- Le Conte's Sparrow** | *Ammodramus leconteii*
- \* Nelson's Sparrow | *Ammodramus nelsoni*
- Fox Sparrow** | *Passerella iliaca*
- Song Sparrow** | *Melospiza melodia*
- Lincoln's Sparrow** | *Melospiza lincolni*
- Swamp Sparrow** | *Melospiza georgiana*
- White-throated Sparrow** | *Zonotrichia albicollis*
- Harris's Sparrow | *Zonotrichia querula*
- White-crowned Sparrow** | *Zonotrichia leucophrys*
- Golden-crowned Sparrow** | *Zonotrichia atricapilla*
- Dark-eyed Junco** | *Junco hyemalis*

### Cardinalidae

- Western Tanager** | *Piranga ludoviciana*
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak** | *Pheucticus ludovicianus*

- Black-headed Grosbeak** | *Pheucticus melanocephalus*
- Lazuli Bunting** | *Passerina amoena*
- \* **Indigo Bunting** | *Passerina cyanea*

### Icteridae

- Bobolink** | *Dolichonyx oryzivorus*
- Red-winged Blackbird** | *Agelaius phoeniceus*
- Western Meadowlark** | *Sturnella neglecta*
- Yellow-headed Blackbird** | *Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus*
- Rusty Blackbird** | *Euphagus carolinus*
- Brewer's Blackbird** | *Euphagus cyanocephalus*
- Common Grackle | *Quiscalus quiscula*
- Brown-headed Cowbird** | *Molothrus ater*
- Baltimore Oriole** | *Icterus galbula*

### Fringillidae

- Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch** | *Leucosticte tephrocotis*
- Pine Grosbeak** | *Pinicola enucleator*
- Purple Finch** | *Carpodacus purpureus*
- Cassin's Finch** | *Carpodacus cassinii*
- House Finch | *Carpodacus mexicanus*
- Red Crossbill** | *Loxia curvirostra*
- White-winged Crossbill** | *Loxia leucoptera*
- Common Redpoll | *Acanthis flammea*
- Hoary Redpoll | *Acanthis hornemanni*
- Pine Siskin** | *Spinus pinus*
- American Goldfinch** | *Spinus tristis*
- Evening Grosbeak** | *Coccothraustes vespertinus*

### Passeridae

- House Sparrow** | *Passer domesticus*