

Proposal for a Provisional

BIRD CHECK LIST

for

KOOTENAY NATIONAL PARK, B.C.

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Preamble:

Attached is a list of the birds so far sighted in Kootenay National Park. Following the name of the bird may be some letters. These are taken from the coding system used in "Bird Sighting Records for K.N.P.", that is:

C-common; U-uncommon; R-rare; A-accidental;  
P-permanent resident; S-summer resident; M-migrant; W-winter.

If it is deemed desirable a B (breeding) or N (non-breeding) can be added. Breeding information is recorded as available in the Bird Sighting Records.

If no letter follows a bird name in any category, it is because there is, as yet, insufficient information to base decisions on. In a revised edition at a future date that situation will hopefully be rectified.

The format of the Banff and Jasper check lists seems to be entirely adequate and there does not appear to be any reason for deviating from that pattern. The only addition that is suggested is that the center page of the booklet is ~~not~~ made detachable. There observers could write their name, address, the time, prevailing environmental conditions and the birds they have seen. A note in the introduction would ask that people record their sightings on the center page and submit them to a naturalist (perhaps through an information booth or warden if necessary). In this manner we should be able to tap a potentially great resource of ornithologists and thereby accumulate sufficient information for a less-provisional check list at an early date.

Regarding the cover drawing: Perhaps a Franklin's Grouse would be appropriate. Not only is it a fairly common bird easily seen at close range in many areas of the park, but the somewhat inverted behavior of the fool hen--that of migrating to colder areas in the winter and to warmer areas in the summer--might be considered characteristic of Kootenay National Park.

Species	Status		# sightings	3
	1			
Common Loon	U	S	6	
Horned Grebe	R	M	1	
Canada Goose	R	M	3	
Snow Goose	U	M	2	
Mallard	U	S	11	
American Widgeon	R	M	3	
Blue-winged Teal	R	M	1	
Green-winged Teal	R	M	2	
King-necked Duck	R	M	2	
Lesser Scaup	R	M	2	
Common Goldeneye	R	M	3	
Barrow's Goldeneye	R	M	4	
Bufflehead	R	S	4	
Harlequin Duck		S	6	
White-winged Scoter	R	M	2	
Ruddy Duck	R	M	1	
Goshawk	U		5	
Cooper's Hawk	R		1	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	U		5	
Marsh Hawk		R	3	
Red-tailed Hawk	C	S	16	
Swinson's Hawk	R	M	1	
Golden Eagle	C	S	16	
Bald Eagle	U		2	
Osprey	U		2	
Pigeon Hawk	U		1	
Sparrow Hawk	C		28	
Blue Grouse	PR		14	

Species	STATUS	# SIGHTINGS
Spruce Grouse	PR	6
Ruffed Grouse	PR	19
White-tailed Ptarmigan	PR	6
Great Blue Heron	R	1
American Coot	R	1
Semipalmated Plover	R M	1
Killdeer Plover	S	7
Solitary Sandpiper	M	2
Spotted Sandpiper	C S	27
Greater Yellowlegs	S U	2
Baird's Sandpiper	M	1
Glaucous Gull	A	1
California Gull	M	3
Ring-billed Gull	M	1
Bonaparte's Gull	M	1
Rock Dove	A	1
Mourning Dove	U	4
Great Horned Owl	PR U	8
Common Nighthawk	C S	13
Black Swift	S	14
Vaux's Swift	R S	1
Calliope Hummingbird	R	1
Black-chinned Hummingbird	A	1
Rufous Hummingbird	U S	10
Belted Kingfisher	S	14
Yellow-shafted Flicker	R S	2
Red-shafted Flicker	C S	43
Pileated Woodpecker	PR	19

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Species

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Species	Status	SIGHTINGS
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	U S	13
Hairy Woodpecker	U PR	15
Downy Woodpecker	U	4
Black-bellied Three-bell. Woodp.	PR	3
(AMERICAN) Northern T.T. Woodpecker	PR	16
Eastern Kingbird	U	2
Trail's Flycatcher	R	1
Hammond's Flycatcher	R	1
Dusky Flycatcher	U	3
Western Wood peewee	U	5
Olive-sided Flycatcher	CS	30
Barn Swallow	CS	16
Cliff Swallow	S	6
Violet Green Swallow	S	9
Tree Swallow	S	9
Bank Swallow	M	2
Rough-winged Swallow	S	14
Stellar's Jay	U W	18
Gray Jay	PR	46
Black-billed Magpie	C PR	14
Sharp-shinned Nuthatch	C PR	68
Common Raven	C PR	48
Common Crow	U	20
Black-capped Chickadee	PR	23
Mountain Chickadee	C PR	51
Boreal Chickadee	PR	12
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	U PR	6
American Dipper	U PR	17
White-breasted Nuthatch	R	4

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	STATUS	# SIGHTINGS
Red-breasted Nuthatch	C PR	47
Brown Creeper	U	11
White Wren	U S	12
American Robin	C S	87
Varied Thrush	S	10
Townsend's Solitaire	S	43
Hermit Thrush	C S	42
Swainson's Thrush	S S	20
Verry	R	1
Mountain Bluebird	S	53
Golden-crowned Kinglet	C S	14
Rusky-crowned Kinglet	U S	16
Water Pipit	M	2
Bohemian Waxwing	U M	7
Cedar Waxwing	U S	5
Loggerhead Shrike	R M	1
Starling	U M	10
Solitary Vireo	U S	9
Red-eyed Vireo	U S	5
Warbling Vireo	U S	9
Tennessee Warbler	M	3
Orange-crowned Warbler	R S	2
Yellow Warbler	R S	1
Magnolia Warbler	M	3
Audubon's Warbler	C S	61
Townsend's Warbler	C S	19
Common Yellowthroat	C S	11
Mac Gillivray's Warbler	U S	7

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	STATUS	# SIGHTINGS
Wilson's Warbler	C S	27
American Redstart	U S	5
House Sparrow	R	1
Western Meadowlark	R	31
Yellowheaded Blackbird	M	1
Red-winged Blackbird	S	6
Brown-headed Cowbird	C S	14
Western Tanager	C S	22
Evening Grosbeak	U S	6
Purple Finch	M	2
Cassin's Finch	M	3
House Finch	M	1
Pine Grosbeak	W	13
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch	S	11
Common Redpoll	W	3
Pine Siskin	C S	90
Red Crossbill	M	3
White-winged Crossbill	R	1
Savannah Sparrow	R S	3
Veery Sparrow	U M	6
Slate-colored Junco	C M	47
Oregon Junco	C S	111
Pink-sided Junco (SUB SPECIES)	C S	6
Chipping Sparrow	C S	74
Clay-colored Sparrow	R S	2
White-crowned Sparrow	C S	29
Fox Sparrow	R S	3
Lincoln's Sparrow	M	2
Song Sparrow	S	3

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# SIGHTINGS

Snow Bunting

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Total Species: 142  
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plus Pink-sided junco - 6 sightings