



## St. Joseph Island Migratory Bird Sanctuary Bird Species Checklist



Canada Warbler



The area around Fort St. Joseph was declared a migratory bird sanctuary by the Canada Wildlife Service in 1951. An important stop for migratory waterfowl, over 200 different species can be found throughout the year.

The most common habitat in the St. Joseph's Island area is dense hardwood forest with scattered conifers. The shoreline of the four small bays within the sanctuary are bordered by bulrush (*Scirpus sp.*) marsh and backed by a narrow zone of reeds (*Phragmites sp.*); while further inland grows a strip of bayberry and alder shrub. The sections of the shoreline that are not edged with bulrushes are mostly rocky.

Status
M- Migrant
S- Summer Resident
W- Winter Resident
P- Permanent Resident

Abundance
V- Very Common
C- Common
F- Fairly Common
U- Uncommon
R- Rare
O- Occasional
A- Accidental

Each species is followed by a two part code that describes when they can be found (status) and how common they are (abundance).

### DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS

- Canada Goose SV
- Mute Swan SU
- Trumpeter Swan MR
- Tundra Swan MF
- Wood Duck SF
- Blue-winged Teal MU
- Gadwall MU
- American Wigeon MU
- Mallard SC
- American Black Duck MU
- Northern Pintail MU
- Green-winged Teal MU
- Redhead MU
- Ring-necked Duck MC
- Greater Scaup MF
- Lesser Scaup MF
- Surf Scoter MU
- White-winged Scoter MU
- Black Scoter MR
- Long-tailed Duck MF
- Bufflehead MC
- Common Goldeneye MS
- Hooded Merganser SF
- Common Merganser SV
- Red-breasted Merganser MF

### UPLAND GAME BIRDS

- Wild Turkey PF
- Ruffed Grouse PC
- Sharp-tailed Grouse MR
- Ring-necked Pheasant MF

### GREBES

- Pied-billed Grebe SU
- Horned Grebe MF
- Red-necked Grebe MF

### PIGEONS AND DOVES

- Rock Pigeon MR
- Mourning Dove SF

### CUCKOOS

- Yellow-billed Cuckoo SR
- Black-billed Cuckoo SU

### NIGHTJARS

- Common Nighthawk MR
- Eastern Whip-poor-will MR

### SWIFTS

- Chimney Swift MR

### CRANES

- Sandhill Crane SC



### HUMMINGBIRDS

- Ruby-throated Hummingbird SF

### RAILS, GALLINULES, AND ALLIES

- Virginia Rail SR
- Sora SU
- American Coot MR

### SHOREBIRDS

- Killdeer MU
- Whimbrel MR
- Ruddy Turnstone MR
- Sanderling MR
- Dunlin MR
- Least Sandpiper MO
- Semipalmated Sandpiper MR
- American Woodcock SF
- Wilson's Snipe SF
- Spotted Sandpiper SF
- Greater Yellowlegs MU
- Lesser Yellowlegs MU

### GULLS AND TERNS

- Bonaparte's Gull MF
- Ring-billed Gull SC
- Herring Gull SC
- Glaucous Gull MR
- Caspian Tern SF
- Black Tern SU
- Common Tern SC

### LOONS

- Red-throated Loon MR
- Common Loon MF

### CORMORANTS AND PELICANS

- Double-crested Cormorant SC
- American White Pelican MU

### HERONS AND BITTERNS

- American Bittern SU
- Great Blue Heron SF
- Great Egret MO
- Green Heron MR
- Black-crowned Night Heron SU

### VULTURES, HAWKS, AND ALLIES

- Turkey Vulture SF
- Osprey SU
- Golden Eagle MR
- Northern Harrier MF
- Sharp-shinned Hawk MC
- Cooper's Hawk MR
- Northern Goshawk MR
- Bald Eagle PC
- Red-shouldered Hawk MU
- Broad-winged Hawk SC
- Red-tailed Hawk MC
- Rough-legged Hawk MU

### KINGFISHERS

- Belted Kingfisher SF

**OWLS**

- Snowy Owl *MR*
- Great-horned Owl *PU*
- Barred Owl *PC*
- Long-eared Owl *SU*
- Short-eared Owl *MU*
- Boreal Owl *WU*
- Northern Saw-whet Owl *SU*
- Great Grey Owl *WU*

**WOODPECKERS**

- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker *SC*
- Red-headed Woodpecker *SR*
- Red-bellied Woodpecker *PU*
- Black-backed Woodpecker *MR*
- Downy Woodpecker *PC*
- Hairy Woodpecker *PC*
- Pileated Woodpecker *PC*
- Northern Flicker *SC*

**FALCONS**

- American Kestrel *MU*
- Merlin *SC*
- Peregrine Falcon *MU*

**FLYCATCHERS**

- Olive-sided Flycatcher *MU*
- Eastern Wood-pewee *SC*
- Alder Flycatcher *SC*
- Least Flycatcher *SF*
- Eastern Phoebe *SC*
- Great Crested Flycatcher *SC*
- Eastern Kingbird *SC*

**VIREOS**

- Blue-headed Vireo *MU*
- Philadelphia Vireo *MU*
- Warbling Vireo *MU*
- Red-eyed Vireo *SV*

**SHRIKES**

- Northern Shrike *MU*

**CROWS, JAYS, AND RAVENS**

- Canada Jay *MR*
- Blue Jay *PV*
- American Crow *PV*
- Common Raven *PC*

**CHICKADEES**

- Black-capped Chickadee *PV*
- Boreal Chickadee *MR*

**LARKS**

- Horned Lark *MU*

**SWALLOWS**

- Northern Rough-winged Swallow *MU*
- Purple Martin *MR*
- Tree Swallow *MF*
- Barn Swallow *MU*
- Cliff Swallow *MU*
- Bank Swallow *MR*

**KINGLETS**

- Ruby-crowned Kinglet *MC*
- Golden-crowned Kinglet *PF*

**NUTHATCHES AND TREECREEPERS**

- Red-breasted Nuthatch *PC*
- White-breasted Nuthatch *PC*
- Brown Creeper *SF*

**WRENS**

- House Wren *SF*
- Winter Wren *SC*
- Sedge Wren *MU*
- Marsh Wren *MU*

**STARLINGS**

- European starling *SF*

**MOCKINGBIRDS**

- Gray Catbird *SC*
- Brown Thrasher *SU*
- Northern Mockingbird *MR*

**THRUSHES**

- Eastern Bluebird *SF*
- Veery *SC*
- Swainson's Thrush *MU*
- Hermit Thrush *SC*
- Wood Thrush *SU*
- American Robin *SV*

**WAXWINGS**

- Bohemian Waxwing *WU*
- Cedar Waxwing *SC*

**OLD WORLD SPARROWS**

- Eurasian Tree Sparrow *MO*

**PIPITS**

- American Pipit *MU*

**FINCHES**

- Evening Grosbeak *MU*
- Pine Grosbeak *WU*
- Purple Finch *SC*
- Common Redpoll *WF*
- Hoary Redpoll *WU*
- Red Crossbill *MU*
- White-winged Crossbill *MU*
- Pine Siskin *SU*
- American Goldfinch *SC*

**LONGSPURS AND SNOW BUNTINGS**

- Lapland Longspur *MU*
- Snow Bunting *MU*

**BLACKBIRDS**

- Bobolink *MU*
- Eastern Meadowlark *MU*
- Baltimore Oriole *SF*
- Red-winged Blackbird *SV*
- Brown-headed Cowbird *MU*
- Rusty Blackbird *MF*
- Common Grackle *SC*

**WARBLERS**

- Ovenbird *SC*
- Northern Waterthrush *SC*
- Golden-winged Warbler *MR*
- Black-and-white Warbler *SC*
- Tennessee Warbler *MU*
- Orange-crowned Warbler *MU*
- Nashville Warbler *MC*
- Connecticut Warbler *MR*
- Mourning Warbler *SU*
- Common Yellowthroat *SC*
- American Redstart *SC*
- Cape May Warbler *MF*
- Northern Parula *SF*
- Magnolia Warbler *SF*
- Bay-breasted Warbler *MU*
- Blackburnian Warbler *SC*
- Yellow Warbler *SV*
- Chestnut-sided Warbler *SC*
- Blackpoll Warbler *MU*
- Black-throated Blue Warbler *MU*
- Palm Warbler *MC*
- Pine Warbler *SF*
- Yellow-rumped Warbler *SC*
- Black-throated Green Warbler *SC*
- Canada Warbler *SU*
- Wilson's Warbler *MU*

**NEW WORLD SPARROWS**

- Grasshopper Sparrow *MO*
- Chipping Sparrow *SC*
- Clay-coloured Sparrow *MU*
- Field Sparrow *MR*
- American Tree Sparrow *MF*
- Fox Sparrow *MU*
- Dark-eyed Junco *MC*
- White-crowned Sparrow *MF*
- White-throated Sparrow *SC*
- Vesper Sparrow *MU*
- Savannah Sparrow *SU*
- Song Sparrow *SV*
- Lincoln's Sparrow *MU*
- Swamp Sparrow *SC*
- Eastern Towhee *MR*

**CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND ALLIES**

- Scarlet Tanager *SU*
- Northern Cardinal *PU*
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak *SF*
- Indigo Bunting *SF*
- Dickcissel *MO*

