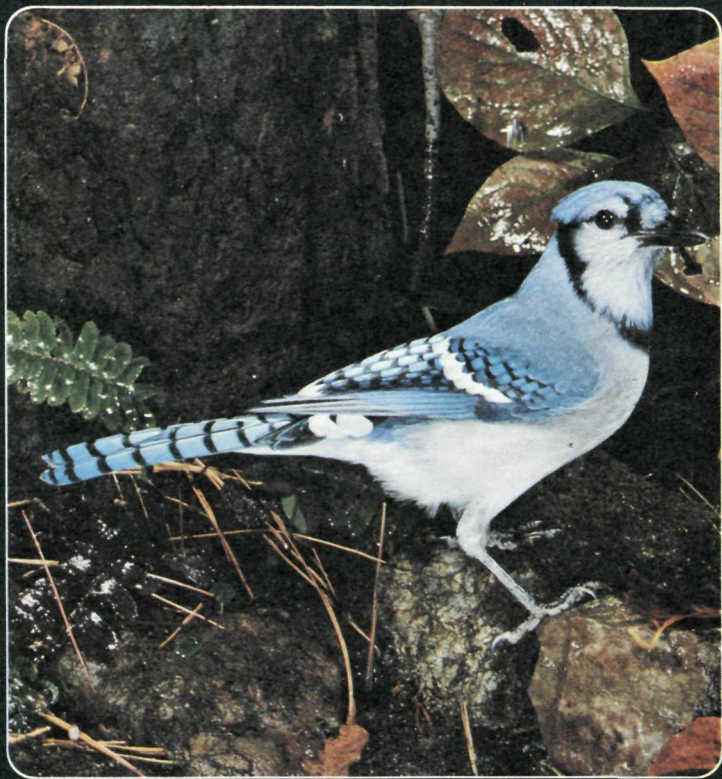


# Field Check List of Birds

## Prince Edward Island

Atlantic Canada



## Blue Jay

While in its 1977 spring session, the Prince Edward Island legislature officially declared the Blue Jay as avian emblem for the province. During Environment Week of 1976 the Natural History Society of Prince Edward Island sponsored a public vote to determine the popular candidate. The Blue Jay was the landslide winner.

Although it is common on the Island year-round, the Blue Jay is most noticeable in winter when visiting bird-feeders. It nests in secluded woodlands and keeps relatively quiet during spring and summer.

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Observer \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Hours \_\_\_\_\_

Locality \_\_\_\_\_

Habitat \_\_\_\_\_

Temperature	Sky	Wind	km/h
<input type="checkbox"/> 16° +	<input type="checkbox"/> completely overcast	<input type="checkbox"/> gale	60+
<input type="checkbox"/> 10-15.5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3/4 overcast	<input type="checkbox"/> strong breeze	30
<input type="checkbox"/> 4.5-9.5	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/2 overcast	<input type="checkbox"/> fresh breeze	15
<input type="checkbox"/> 0.5-4.0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/4 overcast	<input type="checkbox"/> light breeze	7.5
<input type="checkbox"/> below 0	<input type="checkbox"/> clear	<input type="checkbox"/> calm	

To date 267 species have been recorded on Prince Edward Island. This checklist includes the seasonal status of each bird, determined by the number the observer may expect to find during a full day of observation in suitable habitat.

The season dates determined by the migratory habits of most birds are: Spring — March 16 to May 30 (northerly migration); Summer — June 1 to August 15 (nesting season); Autumn — August 16 to December 14 (southerly migration); Winter — December 15 to March 15.

The symbols used are defined as:

VC - Very common, 50 or more birds per day

C - Common, 10 - 49 birds per day

FC - Fairly common, 1 - 9 birds per day

U - Uncommon, 1 - 12 birds per fortnight

R - Rare, 1 - 5 birds per season

O - Occasionally, seen only 1 - 9 times per decade

A - Accidental, 9 or fewer records per century

H - Hypothetical, unconfirmed sighting

IR - Irregular

\* - Species marked thus \* have been known to nest in the province.

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	Spring	Summer	Autumn	Winter		Spring	Summer	Autumn	Winter
<b>Loons</b>									
○ Common Loon	FC	U	C	O	○ Lesser Scaup	IR-U	—	IR-U	IR-R
○ Arctic Loon			H		○ Common Goldeneye	FC	R	C	VC
○ Red Throated Loon	U	O	C	O	○ Barrow's Goldeneye	U	—	U	FC
<b>Grebes</b>									
○ Red-necked Grebe	R	—	R-U	—	○ Bufflehead	R	—	R	O
○ Horned Grebe	U	R	FC	—	○ Oldsquaw	FC	O	VC	C
○ Pied-billed Grebe *	FC	C	FC	—	○ Harlequin Duck	O	—	O	—
<b>Shearwaters</b>									
○ Greater Shearwater	—	—	O	—	○ Common Eider	FC	U	FC	U
○ Sooty Shearwater	—	O	—	—	○ King Eider	O	A	—	—
○ Northern Fulmar	—	A	—	—	○ White-winged Scoter	FC	U	FC	O
<b>Storm Petrels</b>									
○ Leach's Petrel	—	O	R	—	○ Surf Scoter	FC	U	FC	O
○ Wilson's Petrel	—	O	O	—	○ Black (Common) Scoter	U	U	C	O
<b>Gannets</b>									
○ Gannet	R-U	U	FC	R	○ Ruddy Duck	R	R	O	O
<b>Cormorants</b>									
○ Great Cormorant *	C	C	C	IR-R	○ Hooded Merganser	R	O	R	O
○ Double-crested Cormorant *	VC	VC	VC	O	○ Common Merganser *	FC	U	C	VC
<b>Hérons and Bitterns</b>									
○ Great Blue Heron *	VC	VC	VC	O	○ Red-breasted Merganser *	FC	FC	VC	U
○ Little Blue Heron	O	—	O	—	<b>Vultures</b>				
○ Reddish Egret	H	—	—	—	○ Turkey Vulture	—	—	—	H
○ Common Egret	O	O	—	—	<b>Hawks and Harriers</b>				
○ Snowy Egret	A	—	—	—	○ Goshawk *	FC	U	FC	U
○ Black-crowned Night Heron	O	O	—	—	○ Sharp-shinned Hawk *	FC	U	FC	U
○ Yellow-crowned Night Heron	—	—	A	—	○ Cooper's Hawk	—	H	—	—
○ American Bittern *	FC	FC	U	—	○ Red-tailed Hawk *	R	R	R	R
<b>Ibises</b>									
○ Glossy Ibis	O	—	O	—	○ Rough-legged Hawk	O	—	IR-U	IR-U
<b>Swans, Geese, and Ducks</b>									
○ Whistling Swan	O	—	O	—	○ Golden Eagle	—	O	—	—
○ Canada Goose *	VC	U	VC	U	○ Bald Eagle *	R	R	R	R
○ Brant	C	R	U	O	○ Marsh Hawk *	FC	FC	FC	—
○ White-fronted Goose	—	—	A	—	<b>Ospreys</b>				
○ Snow Goose (inc. Blue Goose)	O	O	O	—	○ Osprey *	U	U	U	—
○ Mallard *	FC	FC	C	O	<b>Falcons</b>				
○ Black Duck *	VC	VC	VC	VC	○ Gyrfalcon	—	IR-O	—	IR-R
○ Gadwall *	U	U	U	—	○ Peregrine Falcon	O	—	O	—
○ Pintail *	C	C	VC	O	○ Merlin (Pigeon Hawk) *	U	R	U	—
○ European Green-winged Teal	O	O	—	—	○ Kestrel (Sparrow Hawk) *	FC	FC	FC	O
○ Garganey	A	A	—	—	<b>Grouse</b>				
○ American Green-winged Teal *	VC	C	VC	IR-R	○ Ruffed Grouse *	FC	FC	FC	FC
○ Blue-winged Teal *	VC	VC	VC	—	<b>Quails and Pheasants</b>				
○ European Wigeon	O	—	O	A	○ Ring-necked Pheasant *	U	U	U	U
○ American Wigeon *	FC	FC	C	—	○ Gray Partridge *	FC	FC	FC	FC
○ Shoveler *	U	U	U	—	<b>Cranes</b>				
○ Wood Duck *	U	U	C	—	○ Sandhill Crane	—	—	A	—
○ Redhead	—	—	A	—	<b>Rails, Gallinules, and Coots</b>				
○ Ring-necked Duck *	VC	C	VC	—	○ Clapper Rail	—	—	—	A
○ Canvasback	A	—	—	—	○ Virginia Rail *	FC	FC	FC	—
○ Greater Scaup	C	R	C	U	○ Sora *	FC	FC	FC	—
					○ Common Gallinule	—	—	O	—
					○ American Coot *	IR-R	IR-R	R	—
					<b>Plovers and Turnstones</b>				
					○ Lapwing	—	—	A	A
					○ Semipalmated Plover *	FC	R-U	C	—
					○ Piping Plover *	FC	U	FC	—
					○ Wilson's Plover	—	—	H	—
					○ Killdeer *	FC	FC	FC	—
					○ American Golden Plover	O	R	U	—
					○ Black-bellied Plover	C	U-FC	VC	—
					○ Ruddy Turnstone	R	FC	C	—

	Spring	Summer	Autumn	Winter		Spring	Summer	Autumn	Winter
<b>Woodcock, Snipe, and Sandpipers</b>					<b>Auks, Murres, and Puffins</b>				
<input type="radio"/> American Woodcock*	FC	FC	FC	—	<input type="radio"/> Common Murre	—	—	O	—
<input type="radio"/> Common Snipe*	C	C	C	A	<input type="radio"/> Thick-billed Murre	O	O	O	O
<input type="radio"/> Long-billed curlew		H			<input type="radio"/> Dovekie	—	—	R	O
<input type="radio"/> Whimbrel	R	C	C	—	<input type="radio"/> Black Guillemot*	U	FC	U	O
<input type="radio"/> Upland Sandpiper* (Plover)	O	A	H	—	<input type="radio"/> Common Puffin	—	—	A	—
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<input type="radio"/> Willet*	FC	FC	U	—	<input type="radio"/> Mourning Dove	R	R	U	IR-R
<input type="radio"/> Greater Yellowlegs	FC-C	C	C	—	<b>Cuckoos</b>				
<input type="radio"/> Lesser Yellowlegs	U	FC	FC	—	<input type="radio"/> Yellow-billed Cuckoo	O	—	O	—
<input type="radio"/> Knot	U	U	FC	—	<input type="radio"/> Black-billed Cuckoo	—	R	R	—
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<input type="radio"/> White-rumped Sandpiper	U	FC	VC	—	<input type="radio"/> Snowy Owl	IR-U	IR-A	O	IR-U
<input type="radio"/> Baird's Sandpiper	—	—	O	—	<input type="radio"/> Hawk-Owl	—	—	—	R
<input type="radio"/> Least Sandpiper	VC	VC	C	—	<input type="radio"/> Barred Owl*	U	U	U	U
<input type="radio"/> Curlew Sandpiper	—	A	—	—	<input type="radio"/> Long-eared Owl*	O	O	O	O
<input type="radio"/> Dunlin	R	—	C	—	<input type="radio"/> Short-eared Owl*	U	U	U	R
<input type="radio"/> Short-billed Dowitcher	U	C	C	—	<input type="radio"/> Boreal Owl	R	R	R	R
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<input type="radio"/> Western Sandpiper	—	O	O	—	<input type="radio"/> Common Nighthawk*	U	FC	U	—
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<input type="radio"/> Parasitic Jaeger	H	—	—	—	<b>Flycatchers</b>				
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<input type="radio"/> Great Black-backed Gull*	VC	VC	VC	VC	<input type="radio"/> Alder (Traill's) Flycatcher	R	C	U	—
<input type="radio"/> Herring Gull*	VC	VC	VC	VC	<input type="radio"/> Least Flycatcher*	U	U	U	—
<input type="radio"/> Ring-billed Gull	U-FC	U	U-FC	O	<input type="radio"/> Eastern Wood Pewee*	R	C	U	—
<input type="radio"/> Sabine's Gull	—	—	H	—	<input type="radio"/> Olive-sided Flycatcher*	U	FC	R	—
<input type="radio"/> Black-headed Gull	—	O	O	—	<input type="radio"/> Great-crested Flycatcher	—	H	—	—
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<input type="radio"/> Black-legged Kittiwake	IR	IR	IR	IR					
<input type="radio"/> Common Tern*	VC	VC	VC	—					
<input type="radio"/> Arctic Tern*	FC	FC	FC	—					
<input type="radio"/> Roseate Tern			H						
<input type="radio"/> Caspian Tern	U	U	U	—					
<input type="radio"/> Black Tern	—	A	A	—					
<b>Black Skimmer</b>									
<input type="radio"/> Black Skimmer	—	—	A	—					

	Spring	Summer	Autumn	Winter
<b>Swallows</b>				
○ Tree Swallow *	FC	FC	U	—
○ Bank Swallow *	VC	VC	VC	—
○ Barn Swallow *	VC	VC	VC	A
○ Cliff Swallow *	R	R	R	—
○ Purple Martin	—	R	—	—
<b>Crows and Jays</b>				
○ Gray Jay *	U	U	U	U
○ Blue Jay *	C	C	C	C
○ Common Raven *	C	FC	C	C
○ Common Crow *	VC	VC	VC	VC
<b>Titmice</b>				
○ Black-capped Chickadee *	C	C	C	C
○ Boreal Chickadee *	C	C	C	C
<b>Nuthatches</b>				
○ White-breasted Nuthatch	O	O	O	O
○ Red-breasted Nuthatch *	R-FC	R-FC	R-U	R-U
<b>Creepers</b>				
○ Brown Creeper *	U	U	U	U
<b>Wrens</b>				
○ House Wren	—	A	A	—
○ Winter Wren *	U	U	R	—
○ Long-billed Marsh Wren	—	—	H	—
<b>Mockingbirds and Thrashers</b>				
○ Mockingbird	O	O	O	—
○ Catbird *	R	R	R	—
○ Brown Thrasher	O	O	—	—
<b>Thrushes and Bluebirds</b>				
○ Robin *	VC	VC	VC	R
○ Hermit Thrush *	FC	FC	U	—
○ Swainson's Thrush *	FC	C	U	—
○ Gray-cheeked Thrush	O	A	O	—
○ Varied Thrush	U	R	R	—
○ Veery	R	R	—	—
○ Eastern Bluebird	—	—	A	—
<b>Kinglets</b>				
○ Golden-crowned Kinglet *	FC	FC	FC	FC
○ Ruby-crowned Kinglet *	C	C	FC	IR-R
<b>Pipits</b>				
○ Water Pipit	U	O	U	O
<b>Waxwings</b>				
○ Bohemian Waxwing	O	A	—	O
○ Cedar Waxwing *	R	U-FC	U-FC	—
<b>Shrikes</b>				
○ Northern Shrike	R	R	R	R
○ Loggerhead Shrike	—	—	H	—
<b>Starlings</b>				
○ Common Starling *	VC	VC	VC	VC
<b>Vireos</b>				
○ Solitary Vireo	FC	FC	U	—
○ Red-eyed Vireo *	FC	C	FC	—
○ Philadelphia Vireo	O	O	O	—
○ Warbling Vireo	—	—	A	—

	Spring	Summer	Autumn	Winter
<b>Warblers</b>				
○ Black-and-white Warbler	C	FC	U	—
○ Tennessee Warbler *	U	U	U	—
○ Orange-crowned Warbler	A	—	A	—
○ Nashville Warbler	C	C	FC	—
○ Northern Parula Warbler *	C	FC	FC	—
○ Yellow Warbler *	VC	VC	VC	—
○ Magnolia Warbler *	C	FC	U	—
○ Cape May Warbler	U	U	U	—
○ Yellow-rumped (myrtle) Warbler *	VC	FC	VC	—
○ Black-throated Blue Warbler	FC	FC	U	—
○ Black-throated Green Warbler *	C	C	FC	—
○ Blackburnian Warbler	FC	U	U	—
○ Yellow-throated Warbler	O	—	O	—
○ Chestnut-sided Warbler	U	FC	R	—
○ Bay-breasted Warbler	FC	U	R	—
○ Blackpoll Warbler	U	U	U	—
○ Pine Warbler	H	—	—	—
○ Palm Warbler *	FC	FC	U	—
○ Ovenbird *	C	C	U	—
○ Northern Waterthrush	U	U	R	—
○ Mourning Warbler	U	U	R	—
○ Yellowthroat *	VC	VC	VC	—
○ Yellow-breasted Chat	—	—	O	—
○ Wilson's Warbler	R	R	R	—
○ Canada Warbler	U	U	R	—
○ American Redstart *	C	C	C	—
<b>Weaver Finches</b>				
○ House Sparrow *	VC	VC	VC	VC
<b>Meadowlarks, Blackbirds, and Orioles</b>				
○ Bobolink *	C	VC	C	—
○ Eastern Meadowlark	O	—	—	—
○ Red-winged Blackbird *	VC	VC	VC	O
○ Orchard Oriole	—	A	—	—
○ Northern (Baltimore) Oriole	R	R	R	—
○ Rusty Blackbird *	C	FC	U	—
○ Common Grackle *	VC	VC	VC	IR-R
○ Brown-headed Cowbird *	C	C	C	R
<b>Tanagers</b>				
○ Scarlet Tanager	R	R	—	—
<b>Grosbeaks, Finches, Sparrows, and Buntings</b>				
○ Rose-breasted Grosbeak *	FC	FC	U	—
○ Indigo Bunting	—	—	H	—
○ Dickcissel	—	—	U	—
○ Evening Grosbeak	C	U	C	C
○ Purple Finch *	C	C	FC	O
○ Pine Grosbeak	R	R	R	U
○ Common Redpoll	IR-U	IR-R	IR-R	IR-U
○ Pine Siskin	R-UC	R-UC	R-UC	IR-FC
○ American Goldfinch *	FC	FC	FC	O
○ Red Crossbill	IR	IR	IR	IR
○ White-winged Crossbill	R-U	R	R-FC	R-C
○ Rufous-sided Towhee	—	A	A	—
○ Savannah Sparrow *	VC	VC	VC	O
○ Grasshopper Sparrow	—	A	—	—

	Spring	Summer	Autumn	Winter
<input type="checkbox"/> Sharp-tailed Sparrow *	R	FC	U	—
<input type="checkbox"/> Vesper Sparrow	FC	FC	U	—
<input type="checkbox"/> Dark-eyed (Slate-colored) Junco *	VC	VC	VC	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Sparrow	R	—	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow *	C	C	C	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Field Sparrow	—	—	A	—
<input type="checkbox"/> White-crowned Sparrow	U	—	U	—
<input type="checkbox"/> White-throated Sparrow *	VC	VC	VC	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Fox Sparrow	R-U	O	R-U	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln's Sparrow *	FC	FC	U	—
<input type="checkbox"/> Swamp Sparrow *	C	C	FC	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow *	VC	VC	VC	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Lapland Longspur	U	O	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Snow Bunting	U-VC	—	U-C	U-VC

### Species Extinct to Prince Edward Island

Pileated Woodpecker  
 Spruce Grouse  
 Eskimo Curlew  
 Passenger Pigeon

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The checklist will be periodically up-dated as observations increase and species composition changes. All observers are encouraged to report unusual sightings.

### Notes

