

**PRINCE ALBERT NATIONAL PARK
BIRD CHECKLIST**

Legend:

Abundance:

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| C | Common | species easily found, numbers may vary |
| U | Uncommon: | low numbers, may be hard to find |
| R | Rare: | low numbers, only a few seen per season |
| VR | Very Rare: | very low numbers, not seen every year |
| Ac | Accidental: | species only seen a few times, unlikely to be seen again |
| H | Hypothetical: | range overlaps the park, but no confirmed sightings |

* numbers indicate number of individual sightings for very rare and accidental species

Status:

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| P | Permanent resident of the park |
| S | Summer resident of the park |
| M | A spring and/or fall migrant throughout the park |
| W | Winter resident of the park |

*denotes birds that breed (or are suspected breeders) in the park

Season:

SSFW - spring, summer, fall and winter

LOONS, GREBES, PELICANS, HERONS, & CRANES

SSFW

| | | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|
| ▪ Sandhill Crane | VR | M | | URU- |
| ▪ Whooping Crane | H | M | | 1--- |
| ▪ Red-necked Grebe* | C | S | | CCC- |
| ▪ Pied-billed Grebe* | U | S | | UUU- |
| ▪ Horned Grebe* | U | S | | UUU- |
| ▪ Eared Grebe * | U | S | | UUU- |
| ▪ Western Grebe* | | U | S | CUU- |
| ▪ Great Blue Heron* | U | S | | UUU- |
| ▪ Common Loon* | | C | S | CCC- |
| ▪ American White Pelican* | | C | S | CCC- |

- **Double Crested Cormorant*** C S CCC-
- American Bittern* U S UUU-

WATERFOWL

SSFW

- Tundra Swan U M U1U-
- **Canada Goose*** C S CUC-
- Greater White Fronted Goose U M UUU-
- Snow Goose R M R-R-
- **Mallard*** C S CCC-
- **Blue-winged Teal*** C S CCC-
- **Green-winged Teal*** C S CCC-
- American Wigeon* U S UUU-
- Northern Pintail* U S UUU-
- Northern Shoveler* R S UUU-
- Harlequin Duck Ac M -1--
- Ruddy Duck R M RRR-
- Ring-necked Duck* U S UUU-
- Wood Duck Ac M 2---
- Greater Scaup Ac M 2---
- Lesser Scaup* U S CUU-
- White-winged Scoter VR M AAR-
- **Common Goldeneye*** C S CCC-
- Gadwall* R S UUU-
- Canvasback* U S UUU-
- Redhead* R S UUU-
- Bufflehead* U S UUU-
- **Common Merganser*** C S CCC-
- Hooded Merganser Ac M 5---
- Red-breasted Merganser VR M AAA-

VULTURES, HAWKS, EAGLES &: FALCONS

SSFW

- Turkey Vulture R M 3---
- Osprey* U S UUU-
- Northern Harrier* R S UUU-
- American Kestrel* U S UUU-

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|-----------------------|----|---|---|------|
| ▪ Merlin* | U | S | | UUU- |
| ▪ Bald Eagle* | U | S | | UUU1 |
| ▪ Golden Eagle | VR | M | | R-R- |
| ▪ Peregrine Falcon | VR | M | | 5--- |
| ▪ Gyrfalcon | VR | M | | ---2 |
| ▪ Sharp-shinned Hawk* | U | S | | UUU- |
| ▪ Cooper's Hawk* | | R | S | RRR- |
| ▪ Northern Goshawk* | U | P | | UUUU |
| ▪ Broad-winged Hawk* | U | S | | UUU- |
| ▪ Swainson's Hawk | R | M | | RRR- |
| ▪ Rough-legged Hawk | R | M | | U-R- |

GALLINACEOUS BIRDS

| | | | | |
|------------------------|----------|----------|--|-------------|
| ▪ Ruffed Grouse | C | P | | CCCC |
| ▪ Spruce Grouse* | U | P | | UUUU |
| ▪ Sharp-tailed Grouse | R | P | | RRRR |
| ▪ Willow Ptarmigan | VR | W | | ---R |

RAILS, SHOREBIRDS &: GULLS

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|-----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|
| ▪ Yellow Rail | Ac | M | | 1--- |
| ▪ Virginia Rail | Ac | M | | AAA- |
| ▪ Sora* | C | S | | CCC- |
| ▪ American Coot* | U | S | | UUU- |
| ▪ Willet* | R | S | | RRR- |
| ▪ Killdeer* | | C | S | CCC- |
| ▪ Black-bellied Plover | Ac | M | | 2-3- |
| ▪ Lesser Golden Plover | Ac | M | | 1--- |
| ▪ Semipalmated Plover | VR | M | | 5-5- |
| ▪ Greater Yellowlegs* | U | S | | UUU- |
| ▪ Lesser Yellowlegs* | U | S | | UUU- |
| ▪ Spotted Sandpiper* | C | S | | CCC- |
| ▪ Solitary Sandpiper* | U | S | | UUU- |
| ▪ Semipalmated Sandpiper | R | M | | RRR- |
| ▪ Western Sandpiper | Ac | M | | --1- |
| ▪ Least Sandpiper | | R | M | R-R- |
| ▪ White-rumped Sandpiper | VR | M | | R-3- |

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|----------------------------|----|----------|----------|-------------|
| ▪ Baird's Sandpiper | VR | M | | R-2- |
| ▪ Pectoral Sandpiper | VR | M | | R--- |
| ▪ Stilt Sandpiper | Ac | M | | 1--- |
| ▪ Upland Sandpiper* | VR | S | | RRR- |
| ▪ Wilson's Phalarope | VR | M | | RRR- |
| ▪ Red-necked Phalarope | VR | M | | R-2- |
| ▪ Short-billed Dowitcher* | VR | S | | R2R- |
| ▪ Long-billed Dowitcher | Ac | M | | 1--- |
| ▪ Common Snipe* | | C | S | CCU- |
| ▪ California Gull* | | C | S | CCC- |
| ▪ Ring-billed Gull* | | C | S | CCC- |
| ▪ Franklin's Gull | R | S | | RRR- |
| ▪ Bonaparte's Gull* | U | S | | UUU- |
| ▪ Herring Gull* | U | S | | UUU- |
| ▪ Common Tern* | | C | S | CCC- |
| ▪ Caspian Tern | R | S | | RRR- |
| ▪ Black Tern* | U | S | | UUU- |

PIGEONS & DOVES

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| | | | | SSFW |
| ▪ Mourning Dove* | | U | S | UUU- |
| ▪ Black-billed Cuckoo | Ac | M | | 21-- |

OWLS

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|--------------------------|----------|----------|---|-------------|
| | | | | SSFW |
| ▪ Barred Owl* | C | P | | CCCU |
| ▪ Great Horned Owl* | U | P | | UUUU |
| ▪ Snowy Owl | R | P | | --3R |
| ▪ Northern Hawk-Owl | R | P | | RURU |
| ▪ Great Gray Owl* | | U | P | UUUU |
| ▪ Long-eared Owl* | R | S | | RRR- |
| ▪ Short-eared Owl* | R | S | | RRR- |
| ▪ Boreal Owl* | U | P | | UUUU |
| ▪ Northern Saw-whet Owl* | | U | P | UUUU |

GOATSUCKERS, SWIFTS & HUMMINGBIRDS

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|----------------------------|----------|----------|--|-------------|
| | | | | SSFW |
| ▪ Common Nighthawk* | C | S | | CCC- |
| ▪ Chimney Swift | Ac | S | | -2-- |

- **Ruby-throated Hummingbird*** C S UCC-
- Rufous Hummingbird Ac S -3---

KINGFISHERS & WOODPECKERS

SSFW

- **Belted Kingfisher*** C S CCC-
- **Hairy Woodpecker*** C P CCCC
- **Pileated Woodpecker*** C P CCCC
- Downy Woodpecker* U P UUUU
- Three-toed Woodpecker* U P UUUU
- Black-backed Woodpecker* R P RRRR
- **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker*** C S CCC-
- **Northern Flicker*** C S CCC-

PERCHING BIRDS

FLYCATCHERS

SSFW

- **Alder Flycatcher*** C S CCC-
- **Least Flycatcher*** C S CCC-
- Olive-sided Flycatcher* U S UUU-
- Yellow-bellied Flycatcher* R S RRR-
- Great Crested Flycatcher R M RRR-
- Western Wood-Pee-wee* R S RRR-
- **Eastern Phoebe*** C S CCC-
- Say's Phoebe Ac M 12—
- Eastern Kingbird* U S UUU-
- Western Kingbird Ac S 35--

LARKS AND SWALLOWS

SSFW

- **Horned Lark*** C S CUU
- **Barn Swallow*** C S CCC-
- **Tree Swallow*** C S CCC-
- Bank Swallow* R S RR--
- Cliff Swallow* R S RR—

JAYS & CROWS

SSFW

| | | | | |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|-------------|-------------|
| ▪ Gray Jay* | C | P | CCCC | |
| ▪ Blue Jay* | U | P | UUUU | |
| ▪ Black-billed Magpie* | C | P | CCCC | |
| ▪ American Crow* | | C | S | CCC- |
| ▪ Common Raven* | C | P | CCCC | |

CHICKADEES

SSFW

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|-------------|
| ▪ Black-capped Chickadee* | C | P | CCCC |
| ▪ Boreal Chickadee* | C | P | CCCC |

NUTHATCHES & CREEPERS

SSFW

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|---------------------------------|---|----------|----------|-------------|
| ▪ Red-breasted Nuthatch* | | C | P | CCCC |
| ▪ White-breasted Nuthatch | R | P | | RRRR |
| ▪ Brown Creeper* | | C | S | CCC3 |

WRENS & DIPPERS

SSFW

| | | | |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|------------|
| ▪ Winter Wren* | C | S | CCC |
| ▪ House Wren* | U | S | UUU- |
| ▪ Sedge Wren* | U | S | UUU- |
| ▪ Marsh Wren* | VR | S | R51- |

KINGLETS & THRUSHES

SSFW

| | | | | |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|
| ▪ Ruby-crowned Kinglet* | | C | S | CCC- |
| ▪ Golden-crowned Kinglet* | | R | S | RRR1 |
| ▪ Mountain Bluebird* | VR | S | | RRR- |
| ▪ Townsend's Solitaire | Ac | M | | 1--- |
| ▪ Veery | VR | S | | RR-- |
| ▪ Gray Catbird | VR | M | | RRR- |
| ▪ Brown Thrasher | Ac | M | | 3--- |
| ▪ Hermit Thrush* | | C | S | CCC- |
| ▪ Swainson's Thrush* | C | S | | CCC- |
| ▪ Gray-cheeked Thrush | Ac | M | | 2--- |
| ▪ Varied Thrush | Ac | M | | 2--- |

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| ▪ American Robin* | C | S | CCC- | |
| PIPITS, WAXWINGS, SHRIKES & STARLINGS | | | SSFW | |
| ▪ Water Pipit | VR | S | RRU- | |
| ▪ Sprague's Pipit | Ac | S | -1-- | |
| ▪ Cedar Waxwing* | C | S | CCU- | |
| ▪ Bohemian Waxwing | U | W | R-RU | |
| ▪ Northern Shrike | | VR | W | -2-1 |
| ▪ European Starling* | R | S | RR-- | |
| VIREO | | | SSFW | |
| ▪ · Red-eyed Vireo* | C | S | CCC- | |
| ▪ · Solitary Vireo* | | C | S | CCC- |
| ▪ · Warbling Vireo* | | R | S | RUR- |
| ▪ · Philadelphia Vireo* | U | S | UUU- | |
| WARBLERS, SPARROWS & BLACKBIRDS | | | SSFW | |
| ▪ Blackburnian Warbler* | C | S | CCC- | |
| ▪ Black-throated Green Warbler* | | C | S | CCC- |
| ▪ Chestnut-sided Warbler* | | C | S | CCC- |
| ▪ Magnolia Warbler* | C | S | CCC- | |
| ▪ Tennessee Warbler* | C | S | CCC- | |
| ▪ Yellow-rumped Warbler* (Myrtle's) | C | S | CCC- | |
| ▪ Yellow Warbler* | | C | S | CCC- |
| ▪ Orange-crowned Warbler* | U | S | UUU- | |
| ▪ Nashville Warbler* | R | S | RR-- | |
| ▪ Cape May Warbler* | U | S | UUU- | |
| ▪ Palm Warbler* | U | S | UUU- | |
| ▪ Bay-breasted Warbler* | U | S | UUU- | |
| ▪ Blackpoll Warbler | R | M | UUU- | |
| ▪ Black-and-White Warbler* | U | S | UUU- | |
| ▪ Connecticut Warbler* | U | S | UUU- | |
| ▪ Mourning Warbler* | U | S | UUR- | |
| ▪ Wilson's Warbler | VR | S | RRR- | |

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|----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|
| ▪ Canada Warbler* | U | S | | UUU- |
| ▪ American Redstart* | C | S | | CCC- |
| ▪ Common Yellowthroat* | | C | S | CCC- |
| ▪ Western Tanager* | R | S | | RR-- |
| ▪ American Tree Sparrow | | C | M | C-C- |
| ▪ Chipping Sparrow* | C | S | | CCC- |
| ▪ Song Sparrow* | C | S | | CCC- |
| ▪ White-throated Sparrow* | | C | S | CCC- |
| ▪ Clay-colored Sparrow* | U | S | | UUU- |
| ▪ Vesper Sparrow* | U | S | | UUU- |
| ▪ Savannah Sparrow* | R | S | | RRR- |
| ▪ LeConte's Sparrow* | R | S | | RRR- |
| ▪ Fox Sparrow* | R | S | | URR- |
| ▪ Lincoln's Sparrow* | U | S | | UUU- |
| ▪ Swamp Sparrow* | U | S | | UUU- |
| ▪ White-crowned Sparrow | | U | M | UAU- |
| ▪ Harris' Sparrow | U | M | | U-U- |
| ▪ House Sparrow* | | U | P | UUUU |
| ▪ Northern Oriole* | | VR | S | RR-- |
| ▪ Snow Bunting | U | M | | C-UU |
| ▪ Dark-eyed Junco* | C | S | | CUC- |
| ▪ Lapland Longspur | U | M | | U-U- |
| ▪ Smith's Longspur | Ac | M | | 2--- |
| ▪ Red-winged Blackbird* | | C | S | CCU- |
| ▪ Yellow-headed Blackbird* | R | S | | RRR- |
| ▪ Rusty Blackbird* | | R | S | RRR- |
| ▪ Brewer's Blackbird* | U | S | | UUU- |
| ▪ Western Meadowlark* | U | S | | UUU- |
| ▪ Common Grackle* | U | S | | UUU- |
| ▪ Brown-headed Cowbird* | | U | S | UUU- |
| ▪ Northern Waterthrush* | U | S | | UUU- |

FINCHES

SSFW

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|-----------------------|---|---|--|------|
| ▪ Purple Finch* | U | S | | UUU- |
| ▪ American Goldfinch* | U | S | | UUU- |

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| ▪ Evening Grosbeak* | U | P | UUUC |
| ▪ Rose-breasted Grosbeak* | U | S | UUU- |
| ▪ Pine Grosbeak | U | W | R--U |
| ▪ Common Redpoll* | U | P | URUC |
| ▪ Hoary Redpoll | Ac | W | --AA |
| ▪ Pine Siskin* | C | P | CCCC |
| ▪ Red Crossbill* | R | P | RRRR |
| ▪ White-winged Crossbill* | | U P | UUUU |

UNCATEGORIZED

| | | | |
|--------------------|----------|----------|-------------|
| ▪ Ovenbird* | C | S | CCC- |
| ▪ Hudsonian Godwit | Ac | M | 2--- |
| ▪ Ruddy Turnstone | Ac | M | 1--- |
| ▪ Red Knot | Ac | M | 1--- |
| ▪ Sanderling | R | M | R-R- |
| ▪ Pomarine Jaeger | Ac | M | --1- |
| ▪ Whip-poor-will | Ac | S | -2-- |
| ▪ Purple Martin* | Ac | S | 21-- |
| ▪ Bobolink | Ac | M | 1--- |

SSFW

When to Observe Birds

The best times of the day to see birds are early in the morning and late in the afternoon.

The best times of the year are spring and fall migrations. Spring breeding plumage makes the males stand out. Early in the spring, before the trees leaf out, makes it easier to spot birds. Winter time reduces the number of species to about 25 in Prince Albert National Park and makes it easier to start to learn about birds. Watch for loons and eagles at the Narrows in early spring. In summer try identifying birds by

sound on the forest trails. In autumn you may see staging areas on lakes in preparation for fall migration. Waskesiu townsite is a good place to hear and observe birds in winter.

How to Observe Birds

Binoculars, a field guide, and this checklist will help you identify many species. However, you can see and hear birds anywhere and anytime. Quietly approaching areas where birds might be will offer you a greater chance of witnessing their behaviour. Keeping your distance shows respect for wildlife and allows them to continue feeding. Fledglings found on the ground should be left where they are. Larger birds such as crows, magpies, pelicans etc. found dead should remain untouched and reported to the Park.

So many birds, so little time...just learn one or two new ones at a time and share your enjoyment with others!