

CHECKLIST OF BIRDS OF THE SACKVILLE WATERFOWL PARK

One hundred and seventy six species of birds have been reported within the 22 hectares (55 acres) of this park and along its perimeter, of which 31 have been confirmed breeding to date. While waterfowl, marsh birds, and shorebirds are prevalent in this wetland, excellent songbird habitat exists along the paths leading from the three main entrances: behind the Canadian Wildlife Service building, across from the Sackville Information Center, and across from the Mount Allison University swan pond. This species list follows the order and nomenclature of the American Ornithologists Union (A.O.U.) Checklist of North American Birds, seventh edition, 1998.

Breeding Code

B = Species Confirmed Breeding - by observing nests with young or recently hatched young, within or around the perimeter of the park.

Status and Abundance Codes

VC = Very Common - at least several should be seen daily, present in large numbers.

C = Common - likely to be seen daily, present in lower numbers, but found throughout the park in suitable habitat.

FC = Fairly Common - not expected daily, but seen or heard often with repeated visits, due to low numbers. Found throughout the park in suitable habitat.

U = Uncommon - occurs annually, but is easily missed during any one day's birding in suitable habitat in peak season. Found in low numbers and usually difficult to detect.

R = Rare - has occurred several times, though not expected annually, even in peak season.

VR = Very Rare - only one record as of publication date.

Note: As many of these species are seasonal (migrants), the abundance code may refer to a short period of time (i.e. days, weeks) during that particular season.

Seasons (approximate dates)

Sp = Spring (March 15 - May 31)

Su = Summer (June 1 - August 15)

F = Fall (August 16 - November 15)

W = Winter (November 16 - March 14)

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✓ SPECIES	B	Sp	Su	F	W
Common Loon		R			
Pied-billed Grebe	B	VC	VC	VC	
Double-crested Cormorant		R	R	U	
Great Cormorant				R	
American Bittern	B	FC	FC	FC	
Great Blue Heron		R	R	U	
Black-crowned Night Heron		U			
Greater White-fronted Goose					VR
Snow Goose		VR			
Canada Goose		U	R	U	
Wood Duck		U	R	U	
Gadwall	B	FC	C	FC	
American Wigeon	B	FC	C	FC	
American Black Duck	B	FC	FC	FC	R
Mallard	B	VC	VC	VC	C-U
Blue-winged Teal	B	C	C	C	
Northern Shoveler	B	FC	FC	FC	
Northern Pintail		U	R	U	
Green-winged Teal	B	FC	C	C	
Redhead				VR	
Ring-necked Duck	B	VC	VC	VC	R
Greater Scaup		U		R	
Lesser Scaup		VR		VR	
Common Eider			R		
Surf Scoter		R		R	
Black Scoter		R		VR	
Oldsquaw		VR			
Bufflehead		R		U	
Common Goldeneye		U		R	
Hooded Merganser			R	R	
Common Merganser		R			
Red-breasted Merganser		U			
Ruddy Duck			U	U	
Osprey		U	U	R	
Bald Eagle			R	R	
Northern Harrier		U	R	U	
Sharp-shinned Hawk		U	R	U	U
Broad-winged Hawk		R		R	
Red-tailed Hawk		R			
Rough-legged Hawk		R		R	R
American Kestrel			VR		
Merlin		U	U	U	
Peregrine Falcon			R		
Ring-necked Pheasant		FC	FC	FC	FC
Virginia Rail	B	R	R		
Sora	B	FC	FC	FC	
Common Moorhen		VR		R	
American Coot	B	R	R	R	R
Black-bellied Plover		R		R-U	
Semipalmated Plover		R	R	U	
Killdeer	B	FC	C	C	
Greater Yellowlegs		U	C	C	
Lesser Yellowlegs		R-U	C-VC	C	
Solitary Sandpiper		R	R-U	R-U	
Willet		VR	VR		
Spotted Sandpiper		U	U	U	

Hudsonian Godwit			R	R	
Red Knot				R	
Sanderling				R	
Semipalmated Sandpiper			R-FC	U	
Western Sandpiper				VR	
Least Sandpiper		U	FC	FC	
White-rumped Sandpiper			R	U	
Pectoral Sandpiper			U	FC	
Stilt Sandpiper			VR		
Buff-breasted Sandpiper			VR		
Ruff			VR		
Short-billed Dowitcher			FC-C	FC-C	
Long-billed Dowitcher			R?	R	
Common Snipe	B	FC	FC	U	
American Woodcock		U		U	
Wilson's Phalarope		R	R	R	
Laughing Gull			VR	VR	
Bonaparte's Gull		VR	VR	VR	
Ring-billed Gull		C	C	C	R
Herring Gull		FC	FC	FC	U
Iceland Gull		U			U
Great Black-backed Gull		U	U	U	U
Caspian Tern			R		
Common Tern			R	R	
Black Tern			R		
Rock Dove		FC	FC	FC	FC
Mourning Dove		FC	FC	FC	
Common Nighthawk			R	R	
Chimney Swift			R		
Ruby-throated Hummingbird		U	U	FC	
Belted Kingfisher		FC	FC	FC	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker			VR		
Downy Woodpecker		FC	FC	FC	FC
Hairy Woodpecker		FC	FC	FC	FC
Northern Flicker		FC	FC	FC	
Eastern Wood-Pewee			U		
Alder Flycatcher	B	U	FC	U	
Least Flycatcher			R		
Eastern Kingbird	B	FC	FC		
Northern Shrike		U			R
Blue-headed Vireo		R		U	
Warbling Vireo		R	VR		
Red-eyed Vireo	B	U	FC	U	
Blue Jay		C	FC	C	U
American Crow		C	C	C	C
Common Raven		FC	FC	FC	U
Purple Martin	B	U	U		
Tree Swallow	B	VC	VC	R-U	
Bank Swallow		C	U	U	
Cliff Swallow		U	R		
Barn Swallow		FC	U	U	
Black-capped Chickadee	B	FC	U	FC	FC
Red-breasted Nuthatch		U		U	U
Brown Creeper					U
Marsh Wren		R		VR	
Golden-crowned Kinglet		U		FC	R
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		FC		U	

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		VR			
Veery		R	R		
Swainson's Thrush		R	R		
Hermit Thrush		R		R	
American Robin	B	VC	VC	C	R-U
Gray Catbird		U	U	U	
Northern Mockingbird					R
European Starling	B	C	C	C	C
American Pipit				R	
Bohemian Waxwing		R		U	U
Cedar Waxwing	B	U	C	C	
Tennessee Warbler		R		U	
Nashville Warbler		R		U	
Northern Parula		R	U	U	
Yellow Warbler	B	FC	C	C	
Chestnut-sided Warbler		U		R	
Magnolia Warbler		U		U	
Cape May Warbler		R		R	
Yellow-rumped Warbler		C		C	
Black-throated Green Warbler		U		U	
Blackburnian Warbler				U	
Yellow-throated Warbler			VR	VR	
Palm Warbler		U		U	
Bay-breasted Warbler				U	
Blackpoll Warbler		U		U	
Black-and-white Warbler		U		U	
American Redstart	B?	FC	FC	U	
Ovenbird		R			
Northern Waterthrush		R			
Mourning Warbler		U		U	
Common Yellowthroat	B	C	C	C	
Wilson's Warbler		U		U	
Canada Warbler		U			
Yellow-breasted Chat					VR
American Tree Sparrow		U		U	U
Chipping Sparrow		R	U	U	
Savannah Sparrow		FC	U	U	
Fox Sparrow		R			
Song Sparrow	B	C	C	C	R
Lincoln's Sparrow					R
Swamp Sparrow	B	C	C	C	R
White-throated Sparrow		U	U	FC	
White-crowned Sparrow		U			
Dark-eyed Junco		U		U	U-R
Snow Bunting					U
Rose-breasted Grosbeak		U	R	U	
Bobolink		U	R	U	
Red-winged Blackbird	B	VC	VC	VC	R
Rusty Blackbird		U		U	R
Common Grackle	B	VC	VC	VC	
Brown-headed Cowbird	B	U	U	U	
Orchard Oriole		VR			
Baltimore Oriole		R	R		
Pine Grosbeak				R-U	R
Purple Finch			U	U	R
House Finch			VR		
Red Crossbill					R
White-winged Crossbill		R		R	R
Common Redpoll		R		U-R	U-R

Pine Siskin		U	R	U	R-U
American Goldfinch	B	C	C	C	FC
Evening Grosbeak		C		C	C
House Sparrow		R	R	R	R