

Checklist to the Birds of Presqu'ile Provincial Park

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Abundance

Note: These codes refer to birds in their proper habitat and during their peak season during an average year.

A=Abundant: Easy to find and in large numbers (e.g. Yellow-rumped Warbler in early May).

C=Common: Fairly easy to find, but not in large numbers (e.g. Scarlet Tanager in May).

U=Uncommon: May require a concentrated effort to find (e.g. Yellow-throated Vireo in May).

R=Rare: Usually seen each year, but in low numbers (e.g. Western Sandpiper in late summer and early fall).

O=Occasional: Not seen annually, but records indicate a pattern to their occurrence (e.g. Black-legged Kittiwake in mid-late fall).

V=Vagrant: Many years may pass between sightings, but likely to be located again (e.g. American Avocet in spring or fall).

EV=Extreme Vagrant: Unexpected; decades or centuries may pass between sightings (e.g. Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher at any time of the year).

E=Erratic: An irruptive species that may be abundant or common in some years and rare or absent in others (e.g. Bohemian Waxwing in fall and winter).

Loons

- Red-throated Loon- U
- Common Loon- C

Grebes

- Pied-billed Grebe- C
- Horned Grebe- C
- Red-necked Grebe- U
- Eared Grebe- O
- Western/Clark's Grebe*- V

Shearwaters, Petrels and Fulmars

- Northern Fulmar- EV

Boobies and Gannets

- Northern Gannet- V

Pelicans

- American White Pelican- V

Cormorants

- Double-crested Cormorant- A

Hérons and Bitterns

- American Bittern- C
- Least Bittern- U
- Great Blue Heron- C
- Great Egret- C
- Snowy Egret- V
- Little Blue Heron- V
- Tricolored Heron- V
- Cattle Egret- V
- Green Heron- C
- Black-crowned Night-Heron- C

Ibises

- White-faced Ibis – V
- Glossy Ibis – V

American Vultures

- Black Vulture- V
- Turkey Vulture- C

Ducks, Geese, Swans

- Greater White-fronted Goose- V
- Ross's Goose- V
- Snow Goose- R
- Canada Goose- A
- Cackling Goose- R
- Brant- C
- Mute Swan- A
- Trumpeter Swan- U
- Tundra Swan- C
- Wood Duck- C
- Gadwall- U
- Eurasian Wigeon- R
- American Wigeon- C
- American Black Duck- A
- Mallard- A
- Blue-winged Teal- C
- Northern Shoveler- U
- Northern Pintail- C
- Green-winged Teal- C
- Canvasback- A
- Redhead- A
- Ring-necked Duck- A
- Tufted Duck- V
- Greater Scaup- A
- Lesser Scaup- A
- Common Eider- V
- King Eider- O
- Harlequin Duck- O
- Surf Scoter- U
- White-winged Scoter- C
- Black Scoter- U
- Long-tailed Duck- A
- Bufflehead- A
- Common Goldeneye- A

- Barrow's Goldeneye- O
- Hooded Merganser- C
- Common Merganser- C
- Red-breasted Merganser- A
- Ruddy Duck- U

Hawks, Kites and Eagles

- Osprey- C
- Bald Eagle- U
- Northern Harrier- U
- Sharp-shinned Hawk- U
- Cooper's Hawk- U
- Northern Goshawk- U
- Red-shouldered Hawk- R
- Broad-winged Hawk- R
- Swainson's Hawk- EV
- Red-tailed Hawk- U
- Rough-legged Hawk- U
- Golden Eagle- V

Caracaras and Falcons

- American Kestrel- U
- Merlin- U
- Gyrfalcon- O
- Peregrine Falcon- U

Grouse and Turkeys

- Ring-necked Pheasant- O
- Ruffed Grouse- C
- Wild Turkey- U

Rails, Gallinules and Coots

- Yellow Rail- O
- King Rail- R
- Virginia Rail- C
- Sora- U
- Common Moorhen- U
- American Coot- C

Cranes

- Sandhill Crane- R

Plovers and Lapwings

- Black-bellied Plover- C
- American Golden-Plover- U
- Lesser Sand Plover- EV
- Snowy Plover- EV
- Wilson's Plover- EV
- Semipalmated Plover- A
- Piping Plover- R
- Killdeer- C

Oystercatchers

- American Oystercatcher- EV

Stilts and Avocets

- American Avocet- V

Sandpipers

- Greater Yellowlegs- C
- Lesser Yellowlegs- C
- Solitary Sandpiper- U
- Willet- R
- Spotted Sandpiper- C
- Upland Sandpiper- O
- Whimbrel- U
- Hudsonian Godwit- O
- Marbled Godwit- V
- Ruddy Turnstone- C
- Red Knot- U
- Sanderling- C
- Semipalmated Sandpiper- A
- Western Sandpiper- R
- Least Sandpiper- A
- White-rumped Sandpiper- C
- Baird's Sandpiper- C
- Pectoral Sandpiper- C

- Purple Sandpiper- U
- Dunlin- A
- Curlew Sandpiper- EV
- Stilt Sandpiper- U
- Buff-breasted Sandpiper- R
- Ruff- V
- Short-billed Dowitcher- C
- Long-billed Dowitcher- O
- Wilson's Snipe- U
- American Woodcock- U
- Wilson's Phalarope- R
- Red-necked Phalarope- O
- Red Phalarope- O

Gulls, Terns and Jaegers

- Pomarine Jaeger- V
- Parasitic Jaeger- O
- Long-tailed Jaeger- V
- Laughing Gull- V
- Franklin's Gull- V
- Little Gull- R
- Black-headed Gull- V
- Bonaparte's Gull- A
- Ring-billed Gull- A
- California Gull- V
- Herring Gull- A
- Iceland Gull- U
- Lesser Black-backed Gull- R
- Glaucous Gull- U
- Great Black-backed Gull- C
- Sabine's Gull- V
- Black-legged Kittiwake- O
- Ivory Gull- V
- Caspian Tern- A
- Sandwich Tern- EV
- Common Tern- C
- Arctic Tern- V
- Forster's Tern- R
- Black Tern- R

Pigeons and Doves

- Rock Pigeon- U
- Band-tailed Pigeon- EV
- White-winged Dove- V
- Mourning Dove- C

Cuckoos

- Black-billed Cuckoo- U
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo- R

Barn Owls

- Barn Owl- V

Typical Owls

- Eastern Screech-Owl- V
- Great Horned Owl- U
- Snowy Owl- U
- Northern Hawk Owl- V
- Barred Owl- U
- Great Gray Owl- E
- Long-eared Owl- R
- Short-eared Owl- O
- Boreal Owl- V
- Northern Saw-whet Owl- U

Goatsuckers

- Common Nighthawk- U
- Chuck-will's-widow- V
- Whip-poor-will- U

Swifts

- Chimney Swift- U

Hummingbirds

- Ruby-throated Hummingbird- C
- Rufous Hummingbird- V

Kingfishers

- Belted Kingfisher- C

Woodpeckers

- Red-headed Woodpecker- U
- Red-bellied Woodpecker- U
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker- C
- Downy Woodpecker- C
- Hairy Woodpecker- C
- Three-toed Woodpecker- V
- Black-backed Woodpecker- O
- Northern Flicker- A
- Pileated Woodpecker- U

Tyrant Flycatchers

- Olive-sided Flycatcher- U
- Eastern Wood-Pewee- C
- Yellow-bellied Flycatcher- U
- Acadian Flycatcher- O
- Alder Flycatcher- U
- "Traill's Flycatcher"- U
- Willow Flycatcher- U
- Least Flycatcher- C
- Eastern Phoebe- C
- Great Crested Flycatcher- C
- Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher- EV
- Western Kingbird- V
- Eastern Kingbird- C
- Thick-billed Kingbird- EV
- Scissor-tailed Flycatcher- V

Shrikes

- Loggerhead Shrike- O
- Northern Shrike- U

Vireos

- White-eyed Vireo- O
- Yellow-throated Vireo- U
- Blue-headed Vireo- C
- Warbling Vireo- C
- Philadelphia Vireo- U
- Red-eyed Vireo- C

Crows and Jays

- Gray Jay- V
- Blue Jay- A
- American Crow- C
- Common Raven- U

Larks

- Horned Lark- C

Swallows

- Purple Martin- C
- Tree Swallow- C
- Northern Rough-winged Swallow- C
- Bank Swallow- C
- Cliff Swallow- U
- Barn Swallow- C

Titmice

- Black-capped Chickadee- A
- Boreal Chickadee- O
- Tufted Titmouse- O

Nuthatches

- Red-breasted Nuthatch- C
- White-breasted Nuthatch- C

Creepers

- Brown Creeper- C

Wrens

- Carolina Wren- O
- House Wren- C
- Winter Wren- C
- Sedge Wren- R
- Marsh Wren- C

Kinglets

- Golden-crowned Kinglet- C
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet- A
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher- C

Thrushes

- Eastern Bluebird- U
- Townsend's Solitaire- V

- Veery- C
- Gray-cheeked Thrush- U
- Swainson's Thrush- C
- Hermit Thrush- C
- Wood Thrush- C
- American Robin- A
- Varied Thrush - V

Mockingbirds and Thrashers

- Gray Catbird- C
- Northern Mockingbird- R
- Brown Thrasher- C

Starlings and Allies

- European Starling- A

Wagtails and Pipits

- American Pipit- C

Waxwings

- Bohemian Waxwing- E
- Cedar Waxwing- C

Wood-Warblers

- Blue-winged Warbler- U
- "Lawrence's Warbler"+- V
- "Brewster's Warbler"++- R
- Golden-winged Warbler- U
- Tennessee Warbler- C
- Orange-crowned Warbler- U
- Nashville Warbler- C
- Northern Parula- C
- Yellow Warbler- A
- Chestnut-sided Warbler- C
- Magnolia Warbler- C
- Cape May Warbler- C
- Black-throated Blue Warbler- C
- Yellow-rumped Warbler- A
- Black-throated Green Warbler- C
- Blackburnian Warbler- C
- Yellow-throated Warbler- V
- Pine Warbler- C
- Prairie Warbler- O
- Palm Warbler- C
- Bay-breasted Warbler- C
- Blackpoll Warbler- C
- Cerulean Warbler- R
- Black-and-white Warbler- C
- American Redstart- C
- Prothonotary Warbler- V
- Worm-eating Warbler- V
- Ovenbird- C
- Northern Waterthrush- C
- Louisiana Waterthrush- O
- Kentucky Warbler- V
- Connecticut Warbler- O
- Mourning Warbler- U
- Common Yellowthroat- C
- Hooded Warbler- R
- Wilson's Warbler- C
- Canada Warbler- C
- Yellow-breasted Chat- V

Tanagers

- Summer Tanager- V
- Scarlet Tanager- C

Emberizids

- Eastern Towhee- U
- American Tree Sparrow- C
- Chipping Sparrow- C
- Clay-colored Sparrow- R
- Field Sparrow- C
- Vesper Sparrow- O
- Lark Sparrow- V
- Lark Bunting- V
- Savannah Sparrow- U
- Grasshopper Sparrow- V
- Henslow's Sparrow- V
- Le Conte's Sparrow- V
- Nelson's Sparrow- R

- Fox Sparrow- U
- Song Sparrow- C
- Lincoln's Sparrow- U
- Swamp Sparrow- C
- White-throated Sparrow- A
- White-crowned Sparrow- C
- Dark-eyed Junco- A
- Lapland Longspur- U
- Snow Bunting- A

Cardinals and Allies

- Northern Cardinal- C
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak- C
- Blue Grosbeak- V
- Indigo Bunting- C
- Dickcissel- V

Blackbirds

- Bobolink- U
- Red-winged Blackbird- A
- Eastern Meadowlark- U
- Yellow-headed Blackbird- V
- Rusty Blackbird- U
- Brewer's Blackbird- V
- Common Grackle- A
- Brown-headed Cowbird- A
- Orchard Oriole- C
- Baltimore Oriole- A

Finches

- Pine Grosbeak- E
- Purple Finch- U
- House Finch- U
- Red Crossbill- E
- White-winged Crossbill- E
- Common Redpoll- E
- Hoary Redpoll- E
- Pine Siskin- E
- American Goldfinch- A
- Evening Grosbeak- E

Old World Sparrows

- House Sparrow- U

Additional Species

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Species Total: 337

Addendum:

*= There is one record of Western/Clark's Grebe, but it was not identified to species due to the species' similar appearance (Treated as one species in species total).
 += The rarer of the two Blue-winged/Golden-winged Warbler hybrids (Not included in species total).
 ++= The more common of the two Blue-winged/Golden-winged Warbler hybrids (Not included in species total).

Note: The submission of sightings is appreciated and encouraged by park staff. Particularly, if you encounter an unlisted or rare species, please document the sighting and submit your record to the Nature Centre or Main Office. Digital pictures can be very helpful, but may not be diagnostic