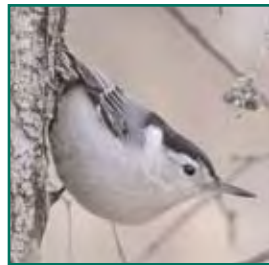


# FISH CREEK BIRD CHECKLIST

## WOOD WARBLERS

	Residence	Abundance
Tennessee Warbler .....	S	R
Orange-crowned Warbler .....	M	R
Nashville Warbler .....	M	R
*Yellow Warbler .....	S	C
Chestnut-sided Warbler .....	M	R
Magnolia Warbler .....	M	R
Cape May Warbler .....	M	R
*Yellow-rumped Warbler .....	S/M/W	R/C/R
Black-throated Green Warbler .....	M	R
Townsend's Warbler .....	M	R
Palm Warbler .....	M	R
Bay-breasted Warbler .....	M	R
Blackpoll Warbler .....	M	U
Black-and-white Warbler .....	M	R
American Redstart .....	M	R
Ovenbird .....	S	R
Northern Waterthrush .....	M	R
Connecticut Warbler .....	M	R
Mourning Warbler .....	M	R
MacGillivray's Warbler .....	M	R
*Common Yellowthroat .....	S	U
Wilson's Warbler .....	M	U
Canada Warbler .....	M	R



## TANAGERS

*Western Tanager .....	S/M	R
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## TOWHEES AND SPARROWS

*Spotted Towhee .....	S/M	R
American Tree Sparrow .....	M/W	U/R
*Chipping Sparrow .....	S	A
*Clay-colored Sparrow .....	S	A
Vesper Sparrow .....	S	R
Lark Sparrow .....	S	R
*Savannah Sparrow .....	S	C
*Le Conte's Sparrow .....	S	R
Fox Sparrow .....	M	R
*Song Sparrow .....	S	U
*Lincoln's Sparrow .....	S	U
Swamp Sparrow .....	M	R
*White-throated Sparrow .....	S	U
White-crowned Sparrow .....	M	U
*Dark-eyed Junco .....	S/M	U
Lapland Longspur .....	M	R
Snow Bunting .....	W	R

## FINCHES

(This group can be irruptive – abundant some years; absent in other years.)

Gray-crowned Rosy Finch .....	W	X
Pine Grosbeak .....	W	R
Purple Finch .....	M	R
Red Crossbill .....	I/P/W	A/R
White-winged Crossbill .....	I/M	C/R
Common Redpoll .....	I/W	A/R
Hoary Redpoll .....	I/W	R
*Pine Siskin .....	I/P/S	A/U
American Goldfinch .....	S	U
Evening Grosbeak .....	I/W	R
House Sparrow .....	P	C

## ORIOLES AND BLACKBIRDS

*Red-winged Blackbird .....	S	U
Western Meadowlark .....	S	R
Yellow-headed Blackbird .....	M	R
Rusty Blackbird .....	M	R
*Brewer's Blackbird .....	S	U
*Common Grackle .....	S	U
*Brown-headed Cowbird .....	S	U
*Baltimore Oriole .....	S	U

## Bird Sighting Information

If you observe birds not found on this list, please record your observations below and forward the information to the Park office. Information may be faxed to (403) 297-5284, dropped off at the Bow Valley Ranch Visitor Centre at the south end of Bow Bottom Trail S.E., or emailed to fishcreek@gov.ab.ca

Bird Species observed (common name): \_\_\_\_\_

Location and habitat: \_\_\_\_\_

Identifying characteristics observed: \_\_\_\_\_

Observer(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# FISH CREEK PROVINCIAL PARK

## Birds in the Park

Fish Creek Provincial Park is an oasis of nature surrounded by urban development. The various habitats in the Park offer refuge for a wide variety of bird species. Without this natural area and others like it in the city, many of these birds would not be able to exist in Calgary. Fish Creek offers birds places to feed, nest, and raise young, but is also a resting spot for spring and fall migrants as well as a permanent home to many year round residents.

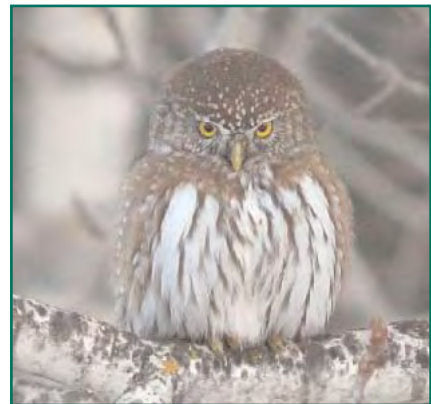
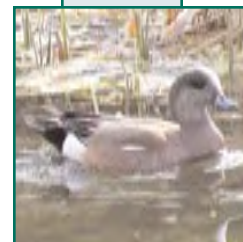
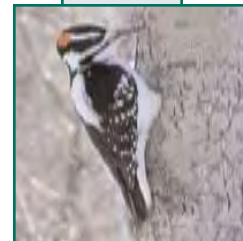
### Tips for Observing Birds

- Stop, look, and listen. Birds may be all around you.
- Observe birds and other wildlife from a safe distance. Do not disturb nesting sights or birds with young. Ensure that your pets are leashed and under control so as not to chase birds or other animals.
- **Do not feed the birds.** The animals in the Park are wild and there is plenty of food for them in the natural environment of the Park. Feeding birds and other animals may cause them to see people as a source of food and loose their natural fear of us. The food you offer birds may not be very healthy for them and could lead to illness. It is also unlawful to feed all wildlife in the Park.
- Do not venture off trail in search of birds, you risk injury to yourself and damage to the natural environment that the very bird you are seeking relies upon.
- Explore the different habitats of the Park. Prairie, forest, pond, and river environments are home to different types of birds. The more habitats you visit, the greater variety of birds you can find.
- Join other birdwatchers - more eyes and ears lead to more sightings.

### Bird Checklist for Fish Creek Provincial Park

This checklist includes over 200 species that have been observed in the Park. The list includes information on residence and nesting status, and relative abundance where such information was available. Species on this list include those observed across the entire area of the Park including the Bow River, Chinook Nature Park, and all areas to 37<sup>th</sup> Street in the west. Should you observe species not on the list please inform the Park of your sighting.

## PARK NOTES



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# F I S H C R E E K B I R D C H E C K L I S T

## LEGEND

### R - RESIDENCE STATUS

- S - Summer Resident/Visitor**  
migrates out of the area for the winter
- W - Winter Resident/Visitor**  
present only during late fall, winter and early spring
- P - Permanent Resident**  
present year-round
- M - Migrant**  
passes through the area during spring and/or fall, not normally resident at any time of the year
- I - Irregular**  
may be abundant in one year and absent for the next or several years after
- \* - Confirmed nesting/breeding species**, including species that have historically nested in the Park, but may no longer do so

### A - ABUNDANCE

- A - Abundant**  
detected whenever suitable habitat is investigated during an appropriate season
- C - Common**  
detected often, but not always, whenever suitable habitat is investigated during an appropriate season
- U - Uncommon**  
detected occasionally, but not usually, even when suitable habitat is investigated during an appropriate season
- R - Rare**  
unexpected but could occur in any given year, during the appropriate season, would not generally be considered a regular component of the area
- X - Accidental**  
has been recorded in the past, but not likely to occur

Residence Abundance

### SWANS, GEESE, DUCKS

*Canada Goose	P/S	A/C
Trumpeter Swan	W	X
Tundra Swan	M	R
*Wood Duck	S	U
Gadwall	S/W	U/R
*American Wigeon	S/W	C/R
*Mallard	P/S	A/C
*Blue-winged Teal	S	U
Cinnamon Teal	S	R
*Northern Shoveler	S	U
Northern Pintail	M/W	U/R
Green-winged Teal	M/W	U/R
Canvasback	M	U
Redhead	S/W	U/R
Ring-necked Duck	M/W	U/R
Lesser Scaup	M/W	U/R
Harlequin Duck	M/W	U/R
Long-tailed Duck	W	R
Bufflehead	W	U
*Common Goldeneye	P	C
Barrow's Goldeneye	W	U
Hooded Merganser	M/W	U/R
*Common Merganser	P	C
Red-breasted Merganser	M	R
Ruddy Duck	S	R

### GROUSE, PHEASANT, PARTRIDGE

*Ring-necked Pheasant	P	C
Gray Partridge	P	R
*Ruffed Grouse	P	R
Wild Turkey	P	R

### LOONS

Common Loon	M	R
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### GREBES

Pied-billed Grebe	M	U
Horned Grebe	M	R
Red-necked Grebe	M	R
Eared Grebe	M	R
Western Grebe	M	R

### PELICANS AND CORMORANTS

American White Pelican	S	U
Double-crested Cormorant	S	U

### HERONS

*Great Blue Heron	S/W	U/R
Green Heron	M	X

### RAILS AND COOTS

*Sora	S	U
American Coot	M	U

Residence Abundance

### HAWKS, EAGLES, FALCONS

*Osprey	S	U
*Bald Eagle	M/W	U
*Northern Harrier	S/W	R/X
Sharp-shinned Hawk	S/W	R/R
*Cooper's Hawk	S	R
*Northern Goshawk	S/W	R/R
Broad-winged Hawk	M	R
*Swainson's Hawk	S	C
*Red-tailed Hawk	S	C
Rough-legged Hawk	M/W	U/R
*American Kestrel	S	U
Merlin	P	U
Gyrfalcon	W	R
*Peregrine Falcon	S/M	R
*Prairie Falcon	P	X

### SHOREBIRDS AND WADERS

*Killdeer	S/W	U/R
American Avocet	M	R
Greater Yellowlegs	M	C
Lesser Yellowlegs	M	C
Solitary Sandpiper	M	U
*Spotted Sandpiper	S	C
*Wilson's Snipe	S/W	U/R

### GULLS AND TERNS

Franklin's Gull	S	C
Bonaparte's Gull	M	U
Ring-billed Gull	S	A
California Gull	S	C
Herring Gull	M	U
Glaucous Gull	M	R
Common Tern	S	R
Black Tern	S	C

### OWLS

*Great Horned Owl	P	U
Snowy Owl	W	X
Northern Hawk Owl	W	X
Northern Pygmy Owl	W	R
*Barred Owl	I	X
Great Gray Owl	W	X
Short-eared Owl	W	X
Boreal Owl	W	X
*Northern Saw-whet Owl	S	R

### NIGHTHAWKS AND SWIFTS

Common Nighthawk	S	R
Vaux's Swift	M	X

### PIGEONS AND DOVES

*Rock Pigeon	P	U
*Mourning Dove	S	U

Residence Abundance

### HUMMINGBIRDS

Ruby-throated Hummingbird	S	R
Calliope Hummingbird	S	R
Rufous Hummingbird	S	R

### KINGFISHERS

*Belted Kingfisher	S	U
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### WOODPECKERS

Lewis's Woodpecker	S	X
*Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	S	U
*Red-naped Sapsucker	S	R
*Downy Woodpecker	P	C
*Hairy Woodpecker	P	U
American Three-toed Woodpecker	W	R
Black-backed Woodpecker	W	R
*Northern Flicker	S/W	C/R
*Pileated Woodpecker	P	U

### FLYCATCHERS

Olive-sided Flycatcher	M	R
*Western Wood-Pewee	S	C
Alder Flycatcher	M	R
*Least Flycatcher	S	C
Dusky Flycatcher	S	R
Western Flycatcher	S	R/X
*Eastern Phoebe	S	R
Say's Phoebe	S	R
*Western Kingbird	S	R
*Eastern Kingbird	S	C

### SHRIKES

Loggerhead Shrike	M	R
Northern Shrike	W	R

### VIREOS

Cassin's Vireo	M	R
Blue-headed Vireo	S	R
*Warbling Vireo	S	C
Philadelphia Vireo	M	R
*Red-eyed Vireo	S	U

### LARKS AND SWALLOWS

Horned Lark	M	R
Purple Martin	S	X
*Tree Swallow	S	C
Violet-green Swallow	M	R
*Northern Rough-winged Swallow	S	U
*Bank Swallow	S	C
*Cliff Swallow	S	C
*Barn Swallow	S	U

Residence Abundance

### JAYS, CROWS, MAGPIES, RAVENS

Gray Jay	W	R
*Blue Jay	P	U
*Black-billed Magpie	P	C
*American Crow	S	C
*Common Raven	P	C

### CHICKADEES, NUTHATCHES, CREEPERS

*Black-capped Chickadee	P	A
*Mountain Chickadee	W	R
Boreal Chickadee	P	U
*Red-breasted Nuthatch	P/I	C/R
*White-breasted Nuthatch	P	C
Brown Creeper	W	R

### WRENS

*House Wren	S	C
*Winter Wren	S	R
Rock Wren	S	R

### DIPPERS

American Dipper	W	R
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### KINGLETS

Golden-crowned Kinglet	P	U
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	S	U

### THRUSHES

Mountain Bluebird	M/S	R
Townsend's Solitaire	M/W	R
*Veery	S	R
*Swainson's Thrush	S	R
Hermit Thrush	S	R
*American Robin	S/W	C/R
Varied Thrush	M/W	R

### CATBIRDS AND THRASHERS

*Gray Catbird	S	U
Northern Mockingbird	I	X
Brown Thrasher	S	R

### STARLINGS

*European Starling	P/W	C/R
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### PIPITS, WAXWINGS

American Pipit	M	C
Sprague's Pipit	S	R
Bohemian Waxwing	W/M	A/C
*Cedar Waxwing	S/W	C/R

### GROSBEAKS

Rose-breasted Grosbeak	M	R
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