	NAME	Sp	Su	Au	Wi	NAME	Sp	Su	Au	Wi
SHF	RIKES (Laniidae)	00	ou	710		PIPITS (Motacillidae)	- 00	ou	710	
	Northern Shrike	VR		VR	VR	American Pipit	U	U	U	
	EOS (Vireonidae)					Sprague's Pipit		Ac		
	Cassin's Vireo	U	U			WAXWINGS (Bombycillidae)				
	Warbling Vireo	С	C			Bohemian Waxwing	R	VR	R	R
	-	R	VR			Cedar Waxwing	R	С	U	
	DWS, JAYS (Corvidae)					WOOD WARBLERS (Parulidae)				
	Gray Jay	С	С	С	С	Tennessee Warbler	R	R		
	Steller's Jay	U	U	С	С	Orange-crowned Warbler	U	U		
	Blue Jay			VR	VR	Nashville Warbler	Ac			
	Clark's Nutcracker	U	U	U	U	Yellow Warbler	С	С	С	
	Black-billed Magpie	С	С	С	С	Chestnut-sided Warbler		Ac		Ac
	American Crow	С	С	С	VR	Yellow-rumped Warbler	С	С	С	
	Common Raven	С	С	С	С	Black-throated Green Warbler	Ac			
LAF	RKS (Alaudidae)					Townsend's Warbler	С	С	U	
	Horned Lark	VR	VR	VR	VR	Palm Warbler	Ac		Ac	
SW	ALLOWS (Hirundinidae)					Blackpoll Warbler	VR			
	Tree Swallow	С	С			Black-and-white Warbler	Ac			
	Violet-green Swallow	U	U			American Redstart	R	R		
	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	VR	VR			Ovenbird	VR	VR		
	Bank Swallow	VR	VR			Northern Waterthrush	С	С	R	
	Cliff Swallow	С	С			Connecticut Warbler	Ac			
	Barn Swallow	С	С			Mourning Warbler	Ac			
CHI	CKADEES (Paridae)					MacGillivray's Warbler	С	С	VR	
	Black-capped Chickadee	С	С	С	С	Common Yellowthroat	С	С	R	
	Mountain Chickadee	С	С	С	С	Wilson's Warbler	С	С	R	
	Chestnut-backed Chickadee	VR		VR	VR	Canada Warbler			Ac	
	Boreal Chickadee	U	U	U	U	Yellow-breasted Chat	VR	VR		
NU	THATCHES (Sittidae)					TANAGERS (Thraupidae)				
	Red-breasted Nuthatch	С	С	С	С	Western Tanager	U	U	VR	
	White-breasted Nuthatch	R	R	U	U	SPARROWS (Emberizidae)				
CRE	EEPERS (Certhiidae)					Spotted Towhee	VR	VR		
	Brown Creeper	R	R	R	R	American Tree Sparrow	VR		VR	VR
WR	ENS (Troglodytidae)					Chipping Sparrow	С	С	R	VR
	Rock Wren	R	R			Clay-colored Sparrow	С	С	R	
	House Wren	С	С	С		Brewer's (Timberline) Sparrow	R	R	R	
	Winter Wren	С	С	С		Vesper Sparrow	С	С	U	
		R	R	R		Lark Bunting	Ac	Ac		
DIP	PERS (Cinclidae)					Savannah Sparrow	С	С	U	
		С	С	С	С	Le Conte's Sparrow	VR	VR		
KIN	GLETS (Regulidae)					Fox Sparrow	С	С	U	
	-	С	С	С	С	□ Song Sparrow	С	С	U	
		С	С	С		□ Lincoln's Sparrow	С	С	U	
_	RUSHES (Turdidae)					White-throated Sparrow	VR	VR	VR	VR
		Ac	_	_		Harris' Sparrow	VR	_	VR	VR
	Mountain Bluebird	С	С	С		White-crowned Sparrow	С	С	С	
	Townsend's Solitaire	U	U	U	VR	Dark-eyed Junco	С	С	С	U
	Veery	С	С			Smith's Longspur	Ac			
	Swainson's Thrush	С	С	U		Chestnut-collared Longspur	Ac	Ac	-	_
	Hermit Thrush	U	U	U		□ Snow Bunting			R	R
	American Robin	С	С	С	VR	BUNTINGS, GROSBEAKS (Cardinalidae)				
		С	С	С	VR	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	VR	VR		
_	IIC THRUSHES (Mimidae)					Black-headed Grosbeak	U	U		
	-	U	С			Lazuli Bunting	U	U		
	Brown Thrasher	Ac	Ac	Ac		Indigo Bunting		Ac		
	ARLINGS (Sturnidae)	_	~	c		BLACKBIRDS (Icteridae)				
	European Starling	С	С	С	VR	Bobolink	Ac	c	~	
						Red-winged Blackbird	С	С	С	

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	Western Meadowlark	R	VR	VR			
	Yellow-headed Blackbird	U	U	U			
	Rusty Blackbird				Ac		
	Brewer's Blackbird	С	С	С			
	Common Grackle		Ac				
	Brown-headed Cowbird	С	С	С			
	Bullock's Oriole		VR				
	Baltimore Oriole	R	R				
FINCHES (Fringillidae)							
	Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	U	R	U	VR		
	Pine Grosbeak	R	R	R	R		
	Purple Finch	VR	VR				
	Cassin's Finch	U	R	U			
	House Finch		VR	VR			
	Red Crossbill	VR	VR	VR	VR		
	White-winged Crossbill	R	R	R	R		
	Common Redpoll	VR		R	R		
	Hoary Redpoll	VR		VR	VR		
	Pine Siskin	С	С	С	R		
	American Goldfinch	U	U	R			
	Evening Grosbeak	R	VR	R	R		
OLD	WORLD SPARROWS (Passeridae)						
	House Sparrow	VR	VR	VR	VR		
NOTES:							

The history of bird study in Waterton Lakes National Park goes back more than 100 years. In that time, 270 species have been identified in the park. Several more species are considered as hypothetical (unconfirmed). This checklist is compiled from previous checklists, wildlife observation cards, avifaunal studies and inventories, May Species Counts, Christmas Bird Counts, Breeding Bird Surveys, and personal observations of park staff, residents and visitors. Species names and taxonomic order follow the A.O.U. (American Ornithological Union) Check-list of North American Birds (2007).

Parks Canada is interested in obtaining further notes on bird observations. We welcome any information on additions or corrections to this list. Please feel free to leave your documented notes, name and address with park staff, or mail them to the Conservation Biologist, Waterton Lakes National Park, Waterton Park, AB, TOK 2M0. Or e-mail to: waterton.info@pc.gc.ca. Updated January 2012

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BIRDING HOTSPOTS

While there are many good places to find birds in Waterton Lakes National Park, several locations & specialties stand out:

• Maskinonge Lake, Entrance Pond and environs: premier site for waterfowl and marsh birds, such as Trumpeter Swan, Sandhill Crane, Black Tern, Osprey, Marsh Wren, Common Loon, Northern Waterthrush

• Wishbone Trail: upland birds such as Ruffed Grouse; deciduous forest species such as Red-naped Sapsucker, Cassin's Vireo, Swainson's Thrush, Veery

• Bison Paddock area: grassland species such as Claycolored and Savannah sparrows

Hay Barn Road: grassland to wetland and river; species such as Western Meadowlark, Lincoln's Sparrow, Killdeer
Crandell Lake Trail: lodgepole pine specialists such as Chipping Sparrow, Kinglets

• Cameron Lake, Rowe Lake Trail: subalpine coniferous forest species, such as Gray and Steller's jays, Boreal Chickadee, Hermit Thrush, Spruce Grouse

• Carthew Lakes Trail: subalpine coniferous forest species, through to the alpine; species such as Clark's Nutcracker, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, White-tailed Ptarmigan

 \bullet Red Rock Canyon, Blakiston Falls: water birds such as American Dipper and Harlequin Duck

 Red Rock Parkway: montane forest and grassland species, such as Dusky Grouse, Townsend's Solitaire
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• Chief Mountain Highway: aspen parkland and wetlands

• Waterton Lakes: in spring, fall and early winter lots of migrating waterfowl, such as Coot, Scoter, Scaup, Goldeneye, Long-tailed Duck, Grebe LEGEND

Abundance

All codes refer to sightings in preferred habitat. C = Common; present over most of checklist area, seen on

the majority of visits, numbers variable. ${f U}$ = Uncommon; seen each year but not necessarily during

a single visit, numbers variable. \mathbf{R} = Rare; present most years, often site-specific, often low

numbers. VR = Very Rare; few records, not seen every year, includes winter/summer records of usual migrants.

Ac = Accidental; out of normal range, one sighting every 10 years or more.

Breeding Status

Bold blue type indicates the species is known or believed to breed in the park. *Blue italic* indicates probable breeder.

This checklist is dedicated to the memory of Terry Hammell, Waterton Park resident and expert birder, who contributed immensely to our knowledge and enjoyment of the birds of Waterton Lakes National Park.

	NAME	6	e	A	\A/:
10/0	NAME TERFOWL (Anatidae)	Sp	Su	Au	Wi
	Snow Goose	VR		VR	
	Brant	Ac		Ac	
	Canada Goose	AC C	С	AC C	R
	Trumpeter Swan	U	U	U	VR
	Tundra Swan		0	C	VR
	Wood Duck	C R	VR	VR	٧ĸ
_	Gadwall	R		VR	
		к VR	VR	٧ĸ	
	Eurasian Wigeon	VR C	VR	~	
	American Wigeon Mallard			С	VR
		С	С	C U	U
	Blue-winged Teal	U	U	-	
	Cinnamon Teal	R	VR	R	
	Northern Shoveler	U	R	U	
	Northern Pintail	U	VR	R	VR
	Green-winged Teal	U	VR	U	
	Canvasback	R	VR	U	VR
	Redhead	R	VR	U	VR
	Ring-necked Duck	С	U	С	VR
	Greater Scaup	R		R	VR
	Lesser Scaup	R	R	R	VR
	Harlequin Duck	U	U	VR	VR
	Surf Scoter	VR		R	
	White-winged Scoter	VR		R	
	Long-tailed Duck	VR		VR	VR
	Bufflehead	С	U	С	VR
	Common Goldeneye	С	U	С	С
	Barrow's Goldeneye	С	С	С	R
	Hooded Merganser	R	VR	R	VR
	Common Merganser	С	U	С	VR
	Red-breasted Merganser	R	VR	R	VR
	Ruddy Duck	R	VR	U	VR
GRO	OUSE, PTARMIGAN (Phasianidae)				
	Gray Partridge	Ac	Ac	Ac	
	Ring-necked Pheasant	Ac		Ac	
	Ruffed Grouse	С	С	С	С
	Spruce Grouse	U	U	U	U
	White-tailed Ptarmigan	R	R	R	R
	Dusky Grouse	U	U	U	U
		U	U	U	U
LOC	DNS (Gaviidae)				
	Red-throated Loon			Ac	
	Arctic Loon			Ac	
_	Pacific Loon			Ac	Ac
	Common Loon	U	U	U	VR
	EBES (Podicipedidae)	U	Ũ	Ũ	
	Pied-billed Grebe	U	U	U	
_	Horned Grebe	U	VR	c	VR
	Red-necked Grebe	VR	VR	VR	VR
	Eared Grebe	VR	VR	VR	VR
	Western Grebe	R	R	C	VR
	Clark's Grebe	ĸ	ĸ	C	
	ICANS (Pelecanidae)				Ac
			-		
	American White Pelican	VR	R		
	RMORANTS (Phalacrocoracidae)	-	-	-	1/5
	Double-crested Cormorant	R	R	R	VR
	RONS, BITTERNS (Ardeidae)	_	_		
	American Bittern	R	R		
	Great Blue Heron	U	U	U	VR
	Cattle Egret	Ac			

	NAME	Sp	Su	Au	Wi
VUL	TURES (Cathartidae)				
	Turkey Vulture	Ac		Ac	
RAF	PTORS (Accipitridae)				
	Osprey	С	С	С	
	Bald Eagle	U	R	U	R
	Northern Harrier	U	U	U	VR
		R	R	R	
	Cooper's Hawk	R	R	R	VR
	Northern Goshawk	R	R	R	R
	Broad-winged Hawk	VR	VR	VR	
	Swainson's Hawk	VR	VR	VR	
	Red-tailed Hawk	С	С	С	
	Ferruginous Hawk	VR	VR	VR	_
	Rough-legged Hawk	R		U	R
	Golden Eagle	U	U	U	U
	CONS (Falconidae)				
	American Kestrel	U	U	R	
	Merlin	U Ac	U	R	
	Gyrfalcon	AC VR			
	Peregrine Falcon Prairie Falcon	VR U	VR U	VR R	VR
	LS, COOTS (Rallidae)	U	0	ĸ	٧ĸ
	Virginia Rail	R			
	Sora	C	U		
	American Coot	c	U	с	VR
_	ANES (Gruidae)	C	0	C	VIX
	Sandhill Crane	С	С	с	
	VERS (Charadriidae)	U	U	U	
	Black-bellied Plover			Ac	
_	American Golden-Plover			Ac	
	Semipalmated Plover	VR		VR	
	Killdeer	С	U	U	VR
	OCETS (Recurvirostridae)		-	-	
	American Avocet	VR	VR	VR	
	Black-necked Stilt	Ac			
SAN	IDPIPERS (Scolopacidae)				
	Greater Yellowlegs	R	VR	R	
	Lesser Yellowlegs	VR	VR	VR	
	Solitary Sandpiper	R	R	R	
	Willet	VR	VR		
	Wandering Tattler	Ac			
	Spotted Sandpiper	С	С	С	
	Upland Sandpiper	VR	VR		
	Whimbrel		VR		
	Long-billed Curlew	VR	VR		
	Marbled Godwit	VR		VR	
	Sanderling			VR	
	Semipalmated Sandpiper			VR	
	Least Sandpiper			VR	
	Baird's Sandpiper			VR	
	Pectoral Sandpiper			VR	
	Short-billed Dowitcher			VR	
	Long-billed Dowitcher	~	~	Ac	
	Wilson's Snipe	C	C	U	VR
	Wilson's Phalarope	VR	VR	VR	
	Red-necked Phalarope	VR		VR	
	GERS, GULLS, TERNS (Laridae)			۸.	
	Parasitic Jaeger			Ac	
	Franklin's Gull		VR	VR	
	Bonaparte's Gull		VR	VR	

NAME	Sp	Su	Au	Wi
Ring-billed Gull	С	С	С	VR
California Gull	С	С	VR	VR
Herring Gull		VR	VR	VR
Sabine's Gull			Ac	
Caspian Tern		VR	VR	
Common Tern			VR	
Forster's Tern			VR	
Black Tern	С	С	VR	
DOVES, PIGEONS (Columbidae)				
Rock Pigeon	VR	VR	VR	VR
Band-tailed Pigeon	Ac			
Mourning Dove	U	U	VR	
CUCKOOS (Cuculidae)				
Black-billed Cuckoo	Ac	Ac		
OWLS (Strigidae)				
Great Horned Owl	U	U	U	U
Northern Hawk Owl				VR
Northern Pygmy-Owl	R	R	R	R
Barred Owl	Ac	Ac		
Great Gray Owl	VR	VR	VR	VR
Long-eared Owl	VR	VR	VR	
Short-eared Owl		VR	VR	VR
Boreal Owl	VR	VR	VR	VR
Northern Saw-whet Owl	R	R	R	R
NIGHTJARS (Caprimulgidae)				
Common Nighthawk	VR	VR	VR	
SWIFTS (Apodidae)	•••	•••		
Black Swift		VR		
□ Vaux's Swift	R	R	R	
HUMMINGBIRDS (Trochilidae)				
Ruby-throated Hummingbird		VR	VR	
 Black-chinned Hummingbird 	Ac			
Calliope Hummingbird	U	U	U	
Rufous Hummingbird	Ŭ	c	Ŭ	
KINGFISHERS (Alcedinidae)	0	U	0	
Belted Kingfisher	R	R	R	VR
WOODPECKERS (Picidae)	IX.	IX.	IX.	VIX
Lewis's Woodpecker	VR	VR	VR	
Red-headed Woodpecker	VIX	Ac	Ac	
 Williamson's Sapsucker 	Ac	7.0	/10	
Red-naped Sapsucker	C	С	С	
Downy Woodpecker	Ŭ	U	U	U
Hairy Woodpecker	U	U	U	U
American Three-toed Woodpecker	U	U	U	U
 Black-backed Woodpecker 	VR	VR	VR	VR
	-	-	-	
Northern Flicker Bilested Weedpecker	C U	C U	C U	VR R
Pileated Woodpecker TYRANT FLYCATCHERS (Tyrannidae)	0	0	0	ĸ
	U	U	R	
Olive-sided Flycatcher Western Wood-Pewee				
Alder Flycatcher	U R	U	U R	
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Willow Flycatcher	R	R	R	
Least Flycatcher	C	C	C	
Hammond's Flycatcher	VR	VR	VR	
Dusky Flycatcher	C	C	C	
Western Flycatcher	VR	VR	VR	
Eastern Phoebe		VR		
Say's Phoebe	Ac		Ac	
Western Kingbird	VR	VR	-	
Eastern Kingbird	U	R	R	