

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

American Vultures

- Black Vulture- V
- Turkey Vulture- U

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- R
- 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- R

Hawks, Kites and Eagles

- Osprey- U
- 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- R

Rails, Gallinules and Coots

- Yellow Rail- R
- 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
- Mongolian Plover- EV
- Snowy Plover- EV
- Wilson's Plover- EV
- Semipalmated Plover- A
- Piping Plover- O
- 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- C
- Dunlin- A
- Curlew Sandpiper- V
- 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
- Thayer's Gull- O
- 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- U

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- C
- Boreal Chickadee- O
- Tufted Titmouse- O
- Nuthatches**
- Red-breasted Nuthatch- C
- White-breasted Nuthatch- C
- Creepers**
- Brown Creeper- C
- Wrens**
- Carolina Wren- U
- House Wren- C
- Winter Wren- C
- Sedge Wren- R
- Marsh Wren- C

- Kinglets**
- Golden-crowned Kinglet- A
- 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- U
- 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- C
- 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- C
- 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).
 **= There are several records of White-faced/Glossy Ibis in the park, but only one was identified to species (White-faced 2011). (Treated as one species in species total though the Glossy may have been present as well.
 ^= Alder and Willow Flycatcher can only be separated by voice, thus some sightings must be listed as "Traill's Flycatcher" (Not included 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).