

## Birds of Hinton - Maxwell Lake

Birds of Maxwell Lake		Status	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
<b>Ducks, Geese, Swans and Grouse</b>						
1	Snow Goose	X	VR			
2	Canada Goose	FL	FC	FC	U	
3	Trumpeter Swan	X			VR	
4	American Wigeon	X	FC		U	
5	Mallard	FL	A	A	FC	
6	Blue-winged Teal	H	C	U	U	
7	Cinnamon Teal	P	U	U		
8	Northern Shoveler	X	U		R	
9	Gadwall	X	VR			
10	Northern Pintail	X	R			
11	Green-winged Teal	X	R		R	
12	Ring-necked Duck	FL	C	C	FC	
13	Greater Scaup	X	VR			
14	Lesser Scaup	X	FC	FC	U	
15	Common Goldeneye	H		U		
16	Barrow's Goldeneye	FL	FC	U	U	
17	Bufflehead	FL	C	U	U	
18	Hooded Merganser	FY	U	U	U	
19	Common Merganser	X	R	R		
20	Red-breasted Merganser	X			VR	
21	Ruddy Duck	X	VR	VR	VR	
22	Ruffed Grouse	FY	U	U	U	U
23	Spruce Grouse	X		R		R
<b>Loons, Grebes, Pelicans and Herons</b>						
24	Common Loon	X	U	U	R	
25	Eared Grebe	X	VR			
26	Pied-billed Grebe	X	R		R	
27	Horned Grebe	X	VR		VR	
28	Red-necked Grebe	X	FC	U	U	
29	American White Pelican	X			VR	
30	Great Blue Heron	X	R	R		
31	Great Egret	X	VR			
<b>Eagles, Hawks and Falcons</b>						
32	Osprey	X		VR		
33	Bald Eagle	X	R	R	R	
34	Northern Harrier	X	VR			
35	Cooper's Hawk	X	VR		VR	
36	Sharp-shinned Hawk	X	U	U	U	
37	Northern Goshawk	X	R	R	R	R
38	Red-tailed Hawk	H	FC	FC	FC	
39	Rough-legged Hawk	X			VR	VR
40	American Kestrel	X		VR		

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41	Merlin	X	FC	FC	FC	
<b>Rails, Coots, Shorebirds, Gulls and Pigeons</b>						
42	Sora	FL	FC	C	U	
43	American Coot	X	FC	VR		
44	Killdeer	X	R	R		
45	Spotted Sandpiper	X	U	U	U	
46	Solitary Sandpiper	X	U		R	
47	Greater Yellowlegs	X	R	R		
48	Lesser Yellowlegs	X	R			
49	Long-billed Dowitcher	X		VR		
50	Wilson's Snipe	NE	C	FC	U	
51	Wilson's Phalarope	X	VR	R		
52	Sabine's Gull	X	VR			
53	Ring-billed Gull	X	U	U	R	
54	Black Tern	X		VR		
55	Rock Pigeon	X	U	U	U	U
56	Mourning Dove	X			VR	
<b>Owls, Nightjars, Swifts, Hummingbirds and Kingfishers</b>						
57	Northern Pygmy-Owl	H	R			R
58	Barred Owl	H	R	R	R	R
59	Great Gray Owl	H	R		R	R
60	Boreal Owl	H			U	U
61	Northern Saw-whet Owl	H	U			
62	Common Nighthawk	H	VR	VR	VR	
63	Black Swift	X		VR	VR	
64	Rufous Hummingbird	T	FC	C	R	
65	Belted Kingfisher	FL	U	FC	C	
<b>Woodpeckers, Flycatchers, Shrikes, and Vireos</b>						
66	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	FL	FC	FC	R	
67	Red-naped Sapsucker	X	VR			
68	Downy Woodpecker	X	U	U	U	U
69	Hairy Woodpecker	ON	FC	FC	FC	FC
70	American Three-toed Woodpecker	X	FC		FC	FC
71	Northern Flicker	NY	FC	FC	U	
72	Pileated Woodpecker	NY	U	U	U	U
73	Western Wood-Pewee	H	R	U		
74	Dusky Flycatcher	X		VR		
75	Pacific-slope Flycatcher	X		VR		
76	Alder Flycatcher	H		FC		
77	Willow Flycatcher	X	R	R		
78	Least Flycatcher	CF	FC	FC		
79	Eastern Kingbird	H		U	U	
80	Northern Shrike	X				VR
81	Blue-headed Vireo	H	R	R		
82	Cassin's Vireo	H	VR	VR		
83	Warbling Vireo	H	FC	FC		

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84	Red-eyed Vireo	H	U	U		
<b>Crows, Jays, Swallows, Chickadees, Nuthatches, and Wrens</b>						
85	Clark's Nutcracker	X		A		
86	Gray Jay	ON	U	U	U	FC
87	Steller's Jay	X	R		R	
88	Blue Jay	FL	FC	FC	FC	FC
89	Black-billed Magpie	FL	FC	FC	FC	FC
90	American Crow	FL	C	C	C	
91	Common Raven	FL	C	C	C	C
92	Cliff Swallow	X		VR		
93	Tree Swallow	ON	A	A		
94	Violet-green Swallow	H	U	U		
95	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	X	U	U		
96	Barn Swallow	ON	FC	FC	U	
97	Black-capped Chickadee	ON	C	C	A	A
98	Mountain Chickadee	X	VR	VR		
99	Boreal Chickadee	FY	FC	U	U	FC
100	Red-breasted Nuthatch	NY	FC	FC	FC	C
101	White-breasted Nuthatch	X	U	R	R	U
102	Brown Creeper	X	R		R	R
103	House Wren	X	VR	VR	VR	
104	Pacific Wren	X		VR		
105	Marsh Wren	X		VR		
<b>Kinglets, Thrushes, Starlings, Pipits and Waxwings</b>						
106	Golden-crowned Kinglet	X	U	U	U	
107	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	H	C	A	C	
108	Mountain Bluebird	X	R			
109	Townsend's Solitaire	X	U		U	
110	Swainson's Thrush	DD	FC	C	U	
111	Hermit Thrush	H	U	FC	FC	
112	American Robin	NY	A	A	C	VR
113	Varied Thrush	H	U	R	U	
114	European Starling	ON	FC	FC	U	
115	American Pipit	X			VR	
116	Bohemian Waxwing	X	U		FC	FC
117	Cedar Waxwing	P	U	C	FC	
<b>Wood-Warblers and Sparrows</b>						
118	Tennessee Warbler	H	FC	C	U	
119	Orange-crowned Warbler	H	FC	FC	U	
120	Magnolia Warbler	X	VR			
121	Yellow Warbler	NY	C	C	U	
122	Palm Warbler	X		VR		
123	Yellow-rumped Warbler	H	A	A	C	
124	Blackpoll Warbler	X	VR			
125	Cape May Warbler	CF	VR	VR		
126	American Redstart	H	FC	FC		

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127	Ovenbird	H	U	FC	U	
128	Northern Waterthrush	CF	FC	FC	R	
129	Common Yellowthroat	FY	FC	C	FC	
130	Wilson's Warbler	H	R	R		
131	American Tree Sparrow	X	R		R	VR
132	Chipping Sparrow	FY	FC	FC	FC	
133	Clay-colored Sparrow	H	R	U		
134	Brewer's Sparrow	X	VR			
135	Savannah Sparrow	H	U	U		
136	Le Conte's Sparrow	H	R	R		
137	Song Sparrow	H	U		R	
138	Lincoln's Sparrow	FL	C	C	C	
139	Swamp Sparrow	CF	C	C	FC	
140	White-throated Sparrow	CF	C	C	FC	
141	White-crowned Sparrow	X	C		FC	R
142	Dark-eyed Junco	NE	A	C	FC	R
143	Snow Bunting	X				R
<b>Grosbeaks, Blackbirds, Finches and Allies</b>						
144	Western Tanager	X	R			
145	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	H	R	R		
146	Lazuli Bunting	H		VR		
147	Bobolink	X	VR			
148	Red-winged Blackbird	NY	A	A	U	
149	Western Meadowlark	X	R	VR		
150	Yellow-headed Blackbird	X	U			
151	Rusty Blackbird	X	FC		U	
152	Brewer's Blackbird	X	FC			
153	Common Grackle	X		A		
154	Brown-headed Cowbird	FY	C	C		
155	Baltimore Oriole	H		R		
156	Pine Grosbeak	H	FC	U		FC
157	Purple Finch	P	FC	FC		U
158	House Finch	H	R	R		VR
159	White-winged Crossbill	H	U	FC	U	
160	Common Redpoll	X	U			FC
161	Pine Siskin	FY	C	A	A	FC
162	American Goldfinch	X		VR		
163	Evening Grosbeak	H	R	R		
<b>Old World Sparrows</b>						
164	House Sparrow	NB	FC	FC	FC	R

## Birds of Maxwell Lake - Legend

### Season:

Spring (Northerly) Migration	March 16 to May 31
Summer (Nesting Season)	June 1 to August 15
Fall (Southerly) Migration	August 16 to November 15
Winter	November 16 to March 15

### Abundance:

Definitions from National Geographic "Field Guide to the Birds of North America"

Abundant	A Present in great numbers in the Maxwell Lake area
Common	C Very likely to be seen
Fairly Common	FC Rather numerous but fewer than common species
Uncommon	U Seen infrequently, may have a large range
Rare	R Occur in low numbers
Very Rare	VR One or few in a season. Includes casual and accidental sightings

Very Rare in this case is a catchall and includes: very rare, casual, accidental, etc.

These definitions can be adjusted as more observations are made

Seasonal abundance was assigned using these criteria plus an adjustment for birds observed only once, or for flocking species (WWCR, ROPI) or unusually high numbers due to storm, etc. (SORA)

The taxonomic list follows the American Ornithologists' Union Check-list of North American Birds

### Status:

Definitions from "Alberta Bird Atlas"

#### Breeding Status Codes:

##### Observed

X = species identified, but no indication of breeding

##### Possible Breeding

H = species observed or breeding calls heard, in suitable nesting HABITAT

##### Probable Breeding

P = PAIR observed in suitable nesting habitat

T = TERRITORY presumed through territorial nesting behaviour

C = COURTSHIP behaviour between a male and female

V = VISITING probable nest site, but no further evidence obtained

N = NEST BUILDING or excavation of nest hole by wrens and woodpeckers

##### Confirmed Breeding

NB = NEST BUILDING or adult carrying nest material; used for all species except wrens & woodpeckers

DD = Distraction Display or injury feigning

UN = Used Nest or eggshells found

FL = Recently fledged or downy young

ON = OCCUPIED NEST indicated by adult entering or leaving nest site or adult seen incubating

CF = CARRYING FOOD; adult seen carrying food or faecal sac for young

NE = Nest with EGGS

NY = Nest with YOUNG

### Acknowledgements

This checklist was compiled using records supplied by members of the Whisky-jack Club and to birders who submitted their observations to eBird. Thanks to Rick Bonar for updating the checklist, March 2018. This check-list is meant to be updated with on-going observation - so use it, have fun, and submit your observations to [wjclub@telus.net](mailto:wjclub@telus.net). We appreciate your observations.