

FIELD CHECKLIST OF BIRDS



Agriculture and
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Blue Jay

While in its 1977 spring session, the Prince Edward Island legislature officially declared the Blue Jay as avian emblem for the province. During Environment Week of 1976, the Natural History Society of Prince Edward Island sponsored a public vote to determine the popular candidate. The Blue Jay was the landslide winner.

Although it is common on the Island year-round, the Blue Jay is most noticeable in winter when visiting bird-feeders. It nests in secluded woodlands and keeps relatively quiet during spring and summer.

Bird Reports

Submitting documentation on rare birds or birds never before reported on PEI is important. These records are retained by Nature PEI (Natural History Society of Prince Edward Island) and are published in its newsletter, the *Island Naturalist*. These records, the Bird List Server at UPEI and records from other sources are used to update the Island's *Field Checklist of Birds*. The Society encourages all birders to submit their sightings to the Society, particularly the records of any bird not found on the list, those rated as U, R, O, A, H, or IR for the season in which they are found, and reports of unusual behaviour or colour abnormalities. Please submit these sighting records to: Nature PEI (Natural History Society of Prince Edward Island), c/o Dan McAskill, 368 Brazel Road, Donagh, PE C1B 0T9 or c/o Fax 902-628-6331 or e-mail jdmcaskill@pei.sympatico.ca. Submission of electronic trip records e.g. *e-bird* also adds to our knowledge of birds as does sending the sighting to the Society's website www.naturepei.ca

In your documentation, it would be helpful if you could submit pictures or videos with the following information: species: observer's name(s), address, postal/zip code, e-mail address, and phone number with area code; locality where the bird was seen and a civic address or GPS coordinates if available; a description of the habitat and where the bird was seen in the habitat; date it was seen/heard (write out month) and time of observation. If you don't have a camera, a description of the bird's size, bill shape, colouration on various parts (head, neck, eye colouration or stripes, back, wings, wing bars, underparts, tail shape, and legs), what the bird was doing, vocalizations, and distinguishing features from other species. Other information useful for the review of the record includes: the duration of the observation; type of optical equipment used; weather conditions; distance from which the bird was observed; and your experience in birding. Sighting report forms are available from the Society or on the Society's web page www.NaturePEI.ca

Wildlife Emblems of the Island

Bird - Blue Jay

Flower - Pink Lady's Slipper

Tree - Red Oak

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Observer(s) _____

Address _____

Date _____

Hours: _____

to _____

Locality(ies) _____

Habitat(s) _____

Weather conditions _____

To date, 368 species have been recorded on Prince Edward Island. This checklist includes the seasonal status of each bird, determined by the number the observer may expect to find during a full day of observation from the land masses of Prince Edward Island in the habitat of that species. Certain species have very restricted habitat use, particularly in winter. This checklist includes 13 species (listed as H) for which reports have been received and for which more records and better documentation are desired.

The season dates determined by migratory habits of most birds on Prince Edward Island are:

Spring - March 16 to May 31 (northerly migration);

Summer - June 1 to August 15 (nesting season);

Autumn - August 16 to December 14 (southerly migration);

Winter - December 15 to March 15.

The symbols used for seasonal frequency are defined as:

VC - Very common, 50 or more birds per day

C - Common, 10 - 49 birds per day

FC - Fairly common, 1 - 9 birds per day

U - Uncommon, 1 - 12 birds per fortnight

{please submit picture & documentation}

R - Rare, 1 - 5 birds per season {please submit picture & documentation}

O - Occasional, seen only 1 - 9 times per decade {please submit picture & documentation}

A - Accidental, 9 or fewer records per century {please submit picture & documentation}

H - Hypothetical, unconfirmed sighting report or bird of unconfirmed origin {please submit picture & documentation}

IR - Irruptive species or species seen irregularly {please submit picture & documentation}

★ - Species marked thus ★ have been known or are believed to nest in the province

★★ - Introduced to Prince Edward Island and now established as a breeding population

Endangered Species

Species in *italics* reflect their status in Canada as listed under the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) *Canadian Species at Risk* 2012 list as endangered (e), threatened (t) or special concern (sc).

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	Spring	Summer	Autumn	Winter
Ducks, Geese and Swans				
○ Fulvous Whistling Duck	-	-	A	-
○ Pink-footed Goose	-	-	A	A
○ Greater White-fronted Goose	A	A	R-U	-
○ Snow Goose	R	O	R-U	O
○ Ross's Goose	O	-	O	-
○ Brant	C	R	U	O
○ Barnacle Goose	A	-	A	-
○ Cackling Goose	R	-	R	-
○ Canada Goose★	VC	VC	VC	U-VC
○ Trumpeter Swan	H	-	-	-
○ Tundra Swan	A	-	A	-
○ Wood Duck★	FC	FC-C	FC-C	O-R
○ Gadwall★	FC-C	FC	FC-C	FC-C
○ Eurasian Wigeon	O	O	O-R	O
○ American Wigeon★	C-VC	C-VC	C-VC	R-U
○ American Black Duck★	VC	VC	VC	VC
○ Mallard★	C	C	C-VC	C-VC
○ Blue-winged Teal★	C	C	U-C	A
○ Northern Shoveler★	U-FC	U-FC	U-FC	A
○ Northern Pintail★	C	C	VC	U-FC
○ Garganey	A	A	-	-
○ Green-winged Teal★	VC	VC	VC	R-U
○ Canvasback	A	A	A	A
○ Redhead	A	A	R-U	A
○ Ring-necked Duck★	VC	VC	VC	O-R
○ Tufted Duck	-	-	A	A
○ Greater Scaup★	C	R	C-VC	FC-VC
○ Lesser Scaup	IR-U	O	IR-U	IR-R
○ King Eider	O-R	A	O-R	A
○ Common Eider	FC-VC	FC	C-VC	FC-VC
○ <i>Harlequin Duck (sc)</i>	U-C	O	U	R-U
○ Surf Scoter	FC	U	FC-C	R-U
○ White-winged Scoter	C	U	C	R-FC
○ Black Scoter	VC	U	C-VC	U-FC
○ Long-tailed Duck	C-VC	O	VC	VC
○ Bufflehead	R-U	-	U-FC	R-U

	Spring	Summer	Autumn	Winter
○ Common Goldeneye	VC	O	VC	VC
○ <i>Barrow's Goldeneye</i> (sc)	FC	-	FC	FC-C
○ Hooded Merganser★	R	O	U-C	O-R
○ Common Merganser★	C	R	VC	VC
○ Red-breasted Merganser★	C	FC	C-VC	U-C
○ Ruddy Duck★	R	R	R-U	O

Partridges and Grouse

○ Gray Partridge★	FC	FC	FC	FC
○ Ring-necked Pheasant★ ★	U	U	U	U
○ Ruffed Grouse★	FC	FC	FC	FC
○ Sharp-tailed Grouse★ ★	R-U	R-U	R-U	R-U

Loons

○ Red-throated Loon	FC	O	C-VC	O
○ Pacific Loon	-	-	A	-
○ Common Loon★	FC	U	C-VC	R

Grebes

○ Pied-billed Grebe★	FC	FC	FC	-
○ <i>Horned Grebe</i> (e)	O	A	R-U	A
○ Red-necked Grebe	O	A	R-U	-
○ Eared Grebe	-	-	A	H

Shearwaters

○ Northern Fulmar	-	R	R	A
○ Great Shearwater	-	U	U	-
○ Sooty Shearwater	-	R	R	A
○ Manx Shearwater	-	H	-	-
○ Audubon's Shearwater	-	-	H	-
○ Barolo Shearwater	-	-	-	H

Storm-Petrels

○ Wilson's Storm-Petrel	-	U	U	-
○ Leach's Storm-Petrel	-	U	U	-

Gannets

○ Northern Gannet	U-FC	C	C-VC	U
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Cormorants

○ Double-crested Cormorant★	VC	VC	VC	R
○ Great Cormorant★	C	C	C-VC	R-U

Pelicans

○ American White Pelican	-	A	A	-
○ Brown Pelican	-	A	-	-

Bitterns, Herons, and Allies

○ American Bittern★	FC	FC	FC	A
○ <i>Least Bittern</i> (t)	-	A	-	-
○ Great Blue Heron★	VC	VC	VC	R
○ Great Egret	R	R	A	A
○ Snowy Egret	A	O	A	-

	Spring	Summer	Autumn	Winter
○ Little Blue Heron	O	O	O	-
○ Cattle Egret	O	O	R	A
○ Green Heron	O	A	A	-
○ Black-crowned Night-Heron	A	A	A	-
○ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	-	-	A	-

Ibises

○ White Ibis	A	A	-	-
○ Glossy Ibis	O	O	O	-

New World Vultures

○ Black Vulture	A	A	O	A
○ Turkey Vulture	R	R	R	R

Osprey

○ Osprey ★	FC	FC	FC	O
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Hawks, Eagles and Allies

○ Bald Eagle ★	FC	FC	FC-C	FC-C
○ Northern Harrier ★	FC	FC	FC	R
○ Sharp-shinned Hawk ★	FC	U	FC	FC
○ Cooper's Hawk	A	A	R	A
○ Northern Goshawk ★	U	U	U	U
○ Red-shouldered Hawk	A	A	A	-
○ Broad-winged Hawk	O	O	R	A
○ Swainson's Hawk	A	-	O	-
○ Red-tailed Hawk ★	U	U	U	R
○ Rough-legged Hawk	O	A	IR-U	IR-U
○ Golden Eagle	A	H	A	A

Rails, Gallinules and Coots

○ <i>Yellow Rail (sc)</i>	-	A	-	-
○ <i>King Rail (e)</i>	-	-	-	A
○ Virginia Rail ★	R-U	R-U	U	-
○ Sora ★	C	C	U-C	-
○ Purple Gallinule	-	-	A	-
○ Common Moorhen ★	-	O	O	-
○ American Coot ★	R	R	R-U	A

Cranes

○ Sandhill Crane	O	A	R	A
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Stilts and Avocets

○ Black-necked Stilt	-	A	-	-
○ American Avocet	-	A	A	-

Oystercatchers

○ American Oystercatcher	A	-	-	-
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Lapwings and Plovers

○ Northern Lapwing	-	A	-	A
○ Black-bellied Plover	VC	FC-C	VC	-
○ American Golden-Plover	O	R-U	U-VC	-
○ Wilson's Plover	-	H	-	-

	Spring	Summer	Autumn	Winter
○ Common Ringed Plover	-	-	A	-
○ Semipalmated Plover★	FC	VC	VC	-
○ <i>Piping Plover</i> (e)★	FC	FC	U	-
○ Killdeer★	FC-C	FC-C	FC-C	-

Sandpipers, Phalaropes and Allies

○ Spotted Sandpiper★	FC	FC	FC-C	-
○ Solitary Sandpiper	-	R	U	-
○ Greater Yellowlegs	FC	VC	VC	-
○ Willet★	C	C	FC	-
○ Lesser Yellowlegs	U	C	C-VC	-
○ Upland Sandpiper★	R	R	O	-
○ <i>Eskimo Curlew</i> (e)	-	-	H	-
○ Whimbrel	O	FC-C	FC-C	-
○ <i>Long-billed Curlew</i> (sc)	-	H	H	-
○ Black-tailed Godwit	-	-	A	A
○ Hudsonian Godwit	O	U-FC	FC-C	-
○ Marbled Godwit	-	A	A	-
○ Ruddy Turnstone	R	FC	C	A
○ <i>Red Knot</i> (e)	O	FC-C	FC-VC	A
○ Ruff	A	O	-	-
○ Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	-	A	-	-
○ Stilt Sandpiper	-	O	O-R	-
○ Curlew Sandpiper	-	A	O	-
○ Sanderling	A	C	VC	A
○ Dunlin	R	U	C-VC	A
○ Purple Sandpiper	R	O	R	O
○ Baird's Sandpiper	-	R	R	-
○ Little Stint	-	-	A	-
○ Least Sandpiper	C	C-VC	FC-C	-
○ White-rumped Sandpiper	R	FC	C-VC	-
○ <i>Buff-breasted Sandpiper</i> (sc)	-	-	O	-
○ Pectoral Sandpiper	O	FC	FC-C	-
○ Semipalmated Sandpiper	VC	VC	VC	-
○ Western Sandpiper	-	O	O	-
○ Short-billed Dowitcher	R	VC	VC	-
○ Long-billed Dowitcher	-	O	R	-
○ Wilson's Snipe★	C	C	C	O
○ American Woodcock★	C	FC	FC	-
○ Wilson's Phalarope	O	O	R	-
○ Red-necked Phalarope	R	U	U-FC	-
○ Red Phalarope	O	O	O	-

Skuas & Jaegers

○ Great Skua		-	A	-
○ Pomarine Jaeger	-	-	R-U	-
○ Parasitic Jaeger	-	A	R-U	-
○ Long-tailed Jaeger	H	-	A	-

Auks, Murres and Puffins

○ Dovekie	A	-	R-IR	O-IR
○ Common Murre	-	-	R-U	A
○ Thick-billed Murre	A	A	R-U	A

	Spring	Summer	Autumn	Winter
○ Razorbill	A	A	U-C	A
○ Black Guillemot★	U	FC-C	FC	U
○ Atlantic Puffin	-	A	A	A
Gulls, Terns and Skimmers				
○ Black-legged Kittiwake	A	A	U-VC	A
○ <i>Ivory Gull (e)</i>	A	-	A	A
○ Sabine's Gull	-	H	A	-
○ Bonaparte's Gull	C	C	VC	R-U
○ Black-headed Gull	O	O	R-U	R-U
○ Little Gull	-	O	R	-
○ Laughing Gull	A	A	A	-
○ Mew Gull	A	-	A	O
○ Ring-billed Gull★	VC	VC	VC	R-U
○ Herring Gull★	VC	VC	VC	VC
○ Thayer's Gull	-	-	-	A
○ Iceland Gull	C	R	C	FC-C
○ Lesser Black-backed Gull	R	R	R-FC	R-U
○ Glaucous Gull	R	A	R-U	R-U
○ Great Black-backed Gull★	VC	VC	VC	C-VC
○ Least Tern	-	-	H	-
○ Caspian Tern	U	FC-C	C	-
○ Black Tern	-	A	O	-
○ <i>Roseate Tern (e)</i>	-	H	-	-
○ Common Tern★	C-VC	C-VC	C-VC	-
○ Arctic Tern★	R	R	R	-
○ Forster's Tern	H	-	-	-
○ Royal Tern	-	A	-	-
○ Black Skimmer	-	A	A	-
Pigeons and Doves				
○ Rock Pigeon★	VC	VC	VC	VC
○ White-winged Dove	-	A	A	-
○ Mourning Dove★	FC-C	FC-C	FC-C	FC-VC
Cuckoos				
○ Yellow-billed Cuckoo	-	-	IR-R	-
○ Black-billed Cuckoo★	R	R-U	R	-
Barn Owls				
○ <i>Barn Owl (e)</i>	-	-	A	A
Typical Owls				
○ Eastern Screech-Owl	A	A	-	-
○ Great Horned Owl★	FC	FC	FC	FC
○ Snowy Owl	IR-R	A	IR-R	IR-R
○ Northern Hawk Owl	A	-	-	O
○ Barred Owl★	FC	FC	FC	FC
○ Great Gray Owl	A	A	A	A
○ Long-eared Owl★	R	R	R	R
○ <i>Short-eared Owl (sc)</i> ★	R	R	R	R
○ Boreal Owl	O	O	O	O
○ Northern Saw-whet Owl★	C	C	FC	FC

	Spring	Summer	Autumn	Winter
Goatsuckers				
○ <i>Common Nighthawk (t)</i> ★	R	R	R	-
○ <i>Eastern Whip-poor-will (t)</i>	O	O	-	-
Swifts				
○ <i>Chimney Swift (t)</i>	O	O	O	-
Hummingbirds				
○ Ruby-throated Hummingbird ★ ¹	U-C	C	FC-C	-
Kingfishers				
○ Belted Kingfisher ★	FC	FC	FC	R-U
Woodpeckers and Allies				
○ <i>Red-headed Woodpecker (t)</i>	A	A	A	A
○ Red-bellied Woodpecker	O	A	R	R
○ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker ★	C	C	R	-
○ Downy Woodpecker ★	C	C	FC	FC
○ Hairy Woodpecker ★	C	C	FC	FC
○ American Three-toed Woodpecker ★	A	O	O	O
○ Black-backed Woodpecker ★	R	R	R-U	R
○ Northern Flicker ★	C	C-VC	C-VC	R-U
○ Pileated Woodpecker ★	R	R	R	R
Falcons				
○ American Kestrel ★	FC	FC	FC	O
○ Merlin ★	FC	FC	FC	R
○ Gyrfalcon	O	-	R	R
○ <i>Peregrine Falcon (sc)</i>	R	R	R-U	O
Tyrant Flycatchers				
○ <i>Olive-sided Flycatcher (t)</i> ★	U	FC	U	-
○ <i>Eastern Wood Peewee (sc)</i> ★	C	C	U	-
○ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher ★	U	FC	U	-
○ Alder Flycatcher ★	C	C-VC	U	-
○ Willow Flycatcher	-	O	-	-
○ Least Flycatcher ★	U-C	C	U	-
○ Eastern Phoebe	R-U	R-U	R-U	A
○ Great Crested Flycatcher ★	-	O	-	-
○ Western Kingbird	-	-	A	A
○ Eastern Kingbird ★	FC	FC	U	-
○ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	A	A	O	A
○ Fork-tailed Flycatcher	-	-	A	-
Shrikes				
○ <i>Loggerhead Shrike (e)</i>	A	-	H	A
○ Northern Shrike	R	A	R	R-U
Vireos				
○ White-eyed Vireo	-	-	A	-
○ Yellow-throated Vireo ★	A	A	A	-
○ Blue-headed Vireo ★	C	C	U	-
○ Warbling Vireo	O	O	A	-

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○ Philadelphia Vireo ★	R	R	R	-
○ Red-eyed Vireo ★	VC	VC	U	-
Jays and Crows				
○ Gray Jay ★	R-U	R-U	R-U	R-U
○ Blue Jay ★	C	C	VC	VC
○ Eurasian Jackdaw	-	H	-	-
○ American Crow ★	VC	VC	VC	VC
○ Common Raven ★	C	C	C	C
Larks				
○ Horned Lark ★	C	FC	C	U-FC
Swallows				
○ Purple Martin	O	O	O	-
○ Tree Swallow ★	VC	VC	U-C	-
○ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	A	A	A	-
○ <i>Bank Swallow (t)</i> ★	VC	VC	U-C	-
○ Cliff Swallow ★ ²	O	O	O	-
○ Cave Swallow	-	-	A	-
○ <i>Barn Swallow (t)</i> ★	FC	FC	U-FC	A
Chickadees				
○ Black-capped Chickadee ★	C-VC	C-VC	C-VC	C-VC
○ Boreal Chickadee ★	FC	FC	FC	FC
Nuthatches				
○ Red-Breasted Nuthatch ★	FC-C	FC-C	FC-C	FC-C
○ White-breasted Nuthatch ★	R	R	R	R
Creepers				
○ Brown Creeper ★	FC	FC	U	U
Wrens				
○ House Wren	-	A	-	-
○ Winter Wren ★	U-C	U-C	R	A
○ Sedge Wren	-	-	A	-
○ Marsh Wren	-	A	-	-
○ Carolina Wren	A	A	A	A
Gnatcatchers				
○ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	O	O	R-U	-
Kinglets				
○ Golden-crowned Kinglet ★	FC	FC	C	FC
○ Ruby-crowned Kinglet ★	C	C	C	U
Old World Flycatchers				
○ Northern Wheatear	A	-	A	-
Thrushes				
○ Eastern Bluebird ★	O	O	R-U	-

	Spring	Summer	Autumn	Winter
○ Townsend's Solitaire	-	-	O	O
○ Veery ★	U	U	R	-
○ Gray-cheeked Thrush	R	O	R	-
○ <i>Bicknell's Thrush (t)</i>	A	A	-	-
○ Swainson's Thrush ★	FC	FC	U	-
○ Hermit Thrush ★	C	C	U	A
○ Wood Thrush	A	A	A	-
○ Fieldfare	-	-	-	A
○ American Robin ★	VC	VC	VC	R-VC
○ Varied Thrush	A	-	-	A

Mockingbirds and Thrashers

○ Gray Catbird ★	U	U	R	-
○ Brown Thrasher	O	O	O	O
○ Northern Mockingbird ★	R-U	R-U	R	R

Starlings

○ European Starling ★	VC	VC	VC	VC
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Pipits

○ American Pipit	O	O	R-U	A
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Waxwings

○ Bohemian Waxwing	O	A	IR-U	IR-U
○ Cedar Waxwing ★	FC-C	FC	U-FC	IR-U

Longspurs and Snow Buntings

○ Lapland Longspur	U-FC	-	U-FC	U-FC
○ Snow Bunting	U-VC	-	U-VC	U-VC

Wood Warblers

○ Ovenbird ★	C	C	U-FC	-
○ Worm-eating Warbler	A	-	-	-
○ Northern Waterthrush ★	FC	FC	U	-
○ Blue-winged Warbler	A	A	-	-
○ Black-and-white Warbler ★	C	C	U	-
○ <i>Prothonotary Warbler (e)</i>	-	H	-	-
○ Swainson's Warbler	A	A	-	-
○ Tennessee Warbler ★	FC	FC	U	-
○ Orange-crowned Warbler	A	A	O	-
○ Nashville Warbler ★	FC	FC	FC	-
○ Mourning Warbler ★	FC	FC	U	-
○ Common Yellowthroat ★	VC	VC	FC	-
○ Hooded Warbler	-	A	-	-
○ American Redstart ★	VC	VC	U-FC	-
○ Cape May Warbler ★	FC	FC	U	-
○ <i>Cerulean Warbler (e)</i>	H	-	-	-
○ Northern Parula ★	VC	C	U	-
○ Magnolia Warbler ★	C	C	U	-
○ Bay-breasted Warbler ★	FC-C	C	U	-
○ Blackburnian Warbler ★	FC	FC-C	R	-
○ Yellow Warbler ★	VC	VC	FC	-
○ Chestnut-sided Warbler ★	FC	FC	R	-

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○ Blackpoll Warbler	U	R	U	-
○ Black-throated Blue Warbler ★	FC	FC	R	-
○ Palm Warbler ★	U-FC	U-FC	R-U	H
○ Pine Warbler	-	O	A	A
○ Yellow-rumped Warbler ★	VC	VC	VC	O-R
○ Yellow-throated Warbler	-	-	A	A
○ Prairie Warbler	-	-	A	-
○ Black-throated Gray Warbler	-	-	A	-
○ Black-throated Green Warbler ★	C-VC	C-VC	U	-
○ <i>Canada Warbler(t)</i> ★	U-FC	U-FC	R	-
○ Wilson's Warbler	R	R	R	-
○ <i>Yellow-breasted Chat (e)</i>	-	-	O-R	-

New World Sparrows

○ Spotted Towhee	-	-	A	-
○ Eastern Towhee	O	A	O-R	O-R
○ American Tree Sparrow	U	-	U	U
○ Chipping Sparrow ★	C	C	C	O
○ Clay-coloured Sparrow	A	-	A	-
○ Field Sparrow	-	H	A	A
○ Vesper Sparrow ★	O	O	O	-
○ Lark Sparrow	-	-	A	A
○ Savannah Sparrow ★	VC	VC	VC	A
○ Grasshopper Sparrow	-	A	A	-
○ Henslow's Sparrow	-	-	A	-
○ Nelson's Sparrow ★	C	C	C	-
○ Fox Sparrow ★	R-U	R	R-U	O
○ Song Sparrow ★	VC	VC	C	R-U
○ Lincoln's Sparrow ★	FC-C	FC-C	FC-C	-
○ Swamp Sparrow ★	C-VC	C-VC	FC	O
○ White-throated Sparrow ★	VC	VC	VC	R-U
○ Harris's Sparrow	A	-	-	A
○ White-crowned Sparrow	U	O	U	O
○ Dark-eyed Junco ★	VC	VC	VC	U-C

Cardinals, Grosbeaks, Tanagers, and Allies

○ Summer Tanager	O	-	A	-
○ Scarlet Tanager	O	O	-	-
○ Western Tanager	A	-	A	-
○ Northern Cardinal	R	R	R	R-U
○ Rose-breasted Grosbeak ★	FC-C	C	U-FC	A
○ Black-headed Grosbeak	A	-	-	-
○ Blue Grosbeak	O	A	A	-
○ Indigo Bunting	R-U	O	O	A
○ Painted Bunting	A	-	-	-
○ Dickcissel	-	O	O	A

Blackbirds and Allies

○ <i>Bobolink (t)</i> ★	FC-C	FC-C	U	-
○ Red-winged Blackbird ★	VC	VC	VC	R-U
○ <i>Eastern Meadowlark (t)</i>	O	O	O	O
○ Yellow-headed Blackbird	A	A	O	O
○ <i>Rusty Blackbird (sc)</i> ★	U-FC	U-FC	U-FC	O

	Spring	Summer	Autumn	Winter
○ Brewer's Blackbird	H	-	A	-
○ Common Grackle ★	VC	VC	VC	R-U
○ Brown-headed Cowbird ★	C	FC	C	R-C
○ Orchard Oriole	A	A	-	-
○ Bullock's Oriole	O	O	A	A
○ Baltimore Oriole ★	R	R	R	R

Finches and Allies

○ Pine Grosbeak ★	R	R	R	U-IR
○ House Finch ★	O	O	O	O
○ Purple Finch ★	C	C	FC-C	R-U
○ <i>Red Crossbill</i> (e) ★	IR	O	IR	IR
○ White-winged Crossbill ★	IR	O	IR	IR
○ Common Redpoll	IR-FC	-	IR-U	IR-VC
○ Hoary Redpoll	R	-	A	R
○ Pine Siskin ★	R-FC	U	R-U	R-IR
○ American Goldfinch ★	FC	FC	FC-U	FC-C
○ Evening Grosbeak ★	O-R	O-R	O	O-IR

Old World Sparrows

○ House Sparrow ★	FC	FC	FC	FC
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Extinct Species of Prince Edward Island

Passenger Pigeon

Extirpated Species of Prince Edward Island

Spruce Grouse

Eskimo Curlew (e)

Note 1: Reports of hummingbirds in late autumn and winter suggests other species are present here during migration.

Note 2: Only one nesting record of the Cliff Swallow has been reported in 20 years. Please report any Cliff Swallow nests you find.

Note 3: Significant numbers of shearwaters, storm-petrels, and phalaropes have been reported in late summer and early autumn several miles off-shore in north-eastern and eastern Prince Edward Island.

Note 4: Five species that were reported on some of the previous Field Checklist of Birds of PEI have been excluded from this version, namely: Black-browed Albatross (despite search, no documentation has been found since its addition to list in 1985); Little Curlew (insufficient documentation); African Collared-Dove (Ringed Turtle Dove) (considered an escapee); Pied Crow (considered an escapee); and European Goldfinch (considered an escapee).

Notes and Sketches

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Bird-watching Locations

Most of the birds listed in this provincial bird checklist can be found within Prince Edward Island National Park of Canada where diverse habitats provide a natural haven for birds. Established in 1937 to protect a representative example of the Maritime Plain natural region, the Park features dune-edged beaches, barrier sand spits, forested till uplands, barachois ponds and salt marshes. Canada's national parks protect and preserve our natural heritage for the benefit of all Canadians, now and in the future.

Parks Canada's main objective is to ensure the ecological integrity of the Park, which means keeping natural habitats safe and intact for wildlife. To monitor the bird life within the Park throughout the year, Parks Canada staff are interested in documenting bird observations. You can share your findings at eBird, or by contacting us on Facebook, Twitter, by email or by phone. For more information on bird-watching in Prince Edward Island National Park please call 902-566-7050 or check the Parks Canada website at www.parkscanada.gc.ca/pei.

To find out about other good bird-watching locations in Prince Edward Island check the provincial web site at www.gov.pe.ca/birds.

Bird-watching Etiquette

Wherever you go in search of our feathered friends, you can help ensure their continued survival by following a responsible bird-watching etiquette:

- Please respect all signs to protect the piping plover, an endangered species that nests on several beaches on the Island.
- Please avoid trampling sand dunes or other sensitive areas; stay on designated trails whenever possible.
- Please leave berries, leaves and plants in place; they are food for birds and other wildlife.
- Please avoid disturbing shorebirds when they are feeding along the shore.
- Please do not disturb nesting birds by approaching nests too closely.

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