

The Birds of St. Vital Park and Vicinity- 2001

- ___ Common Loon --Rr
- ___ Pied-billed Grebe --Fr
- ___ Horned Grebe --Ur
- ___ Red-necked Grebe --Ur
- ___ Eared Grebe --Rr
- ___ Western Grebe --Ur
- ___ American White Pelican --U
- ___ Double-crested Cormorant --F
- ___ Great Blue Heron --Ur
- ___ Black-crowned Night-Heron --Rr
- ___ Tundra Swan --U
- ___ Snow Goose --U
- ___ Canada Goose --A
- ___ Wood Duck --Ap*
- ___ Green-winged Teal --F
- ___ Am. Black Duck --R, RW
- ___ Mallard --A*, UW
- ___ Northern Pintail --R
- ___ Blue-winged Teal --F
- ___ Northern Shoveler --U
- ___ Gadwall --R
- ___ American Wigeon --U
- ___ Redhead --R
- ___ Ring-necked Duck --U
- ___ Greater Scaup --Rr
- ___ Lesser Scaup --Ur
- ___ Common Goldeneye --Ur
- ___ Bufflehead --Fr
- ___ Hooded Merganser --Fb*
- ___ Common Merganser --Fr
- ___ Red-breasted Merganser --Rr
- ___ Ruddy Duck --U
- ___ Turkey Vulture --U
- ___ Osprey --U
- ___ Bald Eagle --F
- ___ Northern Harrier --R
- ___ Sharp-shinned Hawk --U
- ___ Cooper's Hawk --F*
- ___ Northern Goshawk --U, H*
- ___ Broad-winged Hawk --U
- ___ Swainson's Hawk --U, H*
- ___ Red-tailed Hawk --A
- ___ Rough-legged Hawk --U
- ___ American Kestrel --F*
- ___ Merlin --U*
- ___ Peregrine Falcon --U
- ___ Ring-necked Pheasant --R!
- ___ "Wild" Turkey --*!
- ___ Sora --Rb
- ___ American Coot --U
- ___ Sandhill Crane --U
- ___ Killdeer --Fb*
- ___ Greater Yellowlegs --Fpb
- ___ Lesser Yellowlegs --Upb
- ___ Solitary Sandpiper --Fp
- ___ Spotted Sandpiper --Fp
- ___ Pectoral Sandpiper --Rp
- ___ American Woodcock --R
- ___ Franklin's Gull --A
- ___ Bonaparte's Gull --R
- ___ Ring-billed Gull --A
- ___ Herring Gull --Fr
- ___ Caspian Tern --Ur
- ___ Forster's Tern --Ur
- ___ Rock Dove --F
- ___ Mourning Dove --C
- ___ Black-billed Cuckoo --U
- ___ Eastern Screech-Owl --U*
- ___ Great Horned Owl --F*
- ___ Snowy Owl --RW
- ___ Barred Owl --R
- ___ Great Gray Owl --RW
- ___ Short-eared Owl --R
- ___ N. Saw-whet Owl --H (1970's)
- ___ Common Nighthawk --F
- ___ Whip-poor-will --R
- ___ Chimney Swift --F
- ___ Ruby-thr. Hummingbird --U*?
- ___ Belted Kingfisher --Fr*
- ___ Red-headed Woodpecker --H* X
- ___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker --C
- ___ Downy Woodpecker --C*
- ___ Hairy Woodpecker --C*
- ___ Northern Flicker --F*, RW
- ___ Pileated Woodpecker --R
- ___ Olive-sided Flycatcher --F
- ___ Eastern Wood-Pewee --F*
- ___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher --U
- ___ Alder Flycatcher --R
- ___ Least Flycatcher --C, F*
- ___ Eastern Phoebe --F*
- ___ Great Crested Flycatcher --F*
- ___ Western Kingbird --H*? X
- ___ Eastern Kingbird --F*
- ___ Purple Martin --F*
- ___ Tree Swallow --F
- ___ Northern R-winged Swallow --R
- ___ Bank Swallow --Ar*
- ___ Cliff Swallow --Ar*
- ___ Barn Swallow --A*
- ___ Gray Jay --RW
- ___ Blue Jay --C*, FW
- ___ Black-billed Magpie --U
- ___ American Crow --A*, UW
- ___ Common Raven --U
- ___ Black-capped Chickadee --C*
- ___ Boreal Chickadee --RW
- ___ Red-breasted Nuthatch --F
- ___ White-breasted Nuthatch --C*
- ___ Brown Creeper --F, UW
- ___ House Wren --F*
- ___ Winter Wren --U
- ___ Sedge Wren --R
- ___ Golden-cr. Kinglet --C, RW
- ___ Ruby-cr. Kinglet --C
- ___ Eastern Bluebird --U
- ___ Veery --U
- ___ Gray-cheeked Thrush --F
- ___ Swainson's Thrush --C
- ___ Hermit Thrush --C
- ___ American Robin --A*, UW
- ___ Gray Catbird --F*
- ___ Brown Thrasher --F*
- ___ Bohemian Waxwing --IW
- ___ Cedar Waxwing --F*?
- ___ Northern Shrike --U
- ___ European Starling --F*
- ___ Blue-headed (Solitary) Vireo --F
- ___ Yellow-throated Vireo --F*?, H*
- ___ Warbling Vireo --F*
- ___ Philadelphia Vireo --F
- ___ Red-eyed Vireo --A*
- ___ Golden-winged Warbler --R
- ___ Tennessee Warbler --A
- ___ Orange-crowned Warbler --C
- ___ Nashville Warbler --C
- ___ Northern Parula --R
- ___ Yellow Warbler --C, F*
- ___ Chestnut-sided Warbler --C
- ___ Magnolia Warbler --C
- ___ Cape May Warbler --F
- ___ Yellow-rumped Warbler --A
- ___ Black-thr. Green Warbler --F
- ___ Blackburnian Warbler --F
- ___ Palm Warbler --C
- ___ Bay-breasted Warbler --C
- ___ Blackpoll Warbler --F
- ___ Black-and-white Warbler --C
- ___ American Redstart --A
- ___ Ovenbird --F
- ___ Northern Waterthrush --F
- ___ Connecticut Warbler --R
- ___ Mourning Warbler --U
- ___ Common Yellowthroat --F
- ___ Wilson's Warbler --F
- ___ Canada Warbler --U
- ___ Scarlet Tanager --H*
- ___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak --F*
- ___ Indigo Bunting --F*
- ___ Eastern Towhee --R
- ___ American Tree Sparrow --F
- ___ Chipping Sparrow --A*
- ___ Clay-colored Sparrow --C*
- ___ Savannah Sparrow --Cb*
- ___ Le Conte's Sparrow --R
- ___ Fox Sparrow --C
- ___ Song Sparrow --C*
- ___ Lincoln's Sparrow --F
- ___ Swamp Sparrow --F
- ___ White-throated Sparrow --A
- ___ White-crowned Sparrow --F

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- __ Harris' Sparrow --F
- __ Dark-eyed "S-colored" Junco --A
- __ Dark-eyed "Oregon" Junco --Uf
- __ Bobolink --R
- __ Red-winged Blackbird Ab*, RWf
- __ Western Meadowlark -Ub*
- __ Yellow-headed Blackbird --R
- __ Rusty Blackbird -R?
- __ Brewer's Blackbird -R?
- __ Common Grackle -A*, RWf
- __ Brown-headed Cowbird -C*
- __ Orchard Oriole --R
- __ Baltimore Oriole -C*
- __ Pine Grosbeak --IW
- __ Purple Finch -F*
- __ House Finch -Cf*, UWf
- __ Red Crossbill --I
- __ White-winged Crossbill --RW
- __ Common Redpoll --IW
- __ Hoary Redpoll --RW
- __ Pine Siskin -C*, UW
- __ American Goldfinch -C*, RW
- __ Evening Grosbeak --Uf
- __ House Sparrow -A*

Accidental species:

Sightings made by experienced birders of species that are very rare in Winnipeg.

- __ Cattle Egret
- __ Snowy Egret
- __ California Gull
- __ Glaucous Gull
- __ Great Black-backed Gull
- __ Red-bellied Woodpecker
- __ Varied Thrush
- __ Black-throated Blue Warbler
- __ Western Tanager
- __ Northern Cardinal
- __ D.E. (Gray-headed) Junco
- __ Lazuli (x Indigo) Bunting (hybrid)

Hypothetical Species

Sightings made by experienced birders of species that are rare and/or difficult to identify. Without a photograph, these records cannot be fully confirmed, yet they are worth mentioning:

- __ Iceland Gull
- __ Loggerhead Shrike

Key to occurrence and abundance:

Please note: Unless marked by a W or a *, assume the birds is a migrant or vagrant to the area.

- * = Breeder or probable breeder in area
- H* = Historical breeder. Used to breed in area, but not in recent years.
- *? = Present breeding status uncertain.
- X = Extirpated. Historically regular in area but not seen at all in past 5-10 years
- ! = Probably domestic released/escaped birds.
- W = Winter. Usually found in area only from November to April.
- A = Abundant- very easy to find in proper season & habitat.
- C = Common- usually easy to find in proper season & habitat.
- F = Fairly common- usually able to find a few individuals each year in proper season & habitat.
- U = Uncommon. This category includes both: a) birds expected to be seen each year but in small numbers and b) birds that may not be seen every year.
- R = Rare. Either: a) only 1-3 reported records in area since 1980 or b) possible, but not expected annually.
- I = Irruptive species. May occur in large numbers one year and be absent the next.
- ? = Abundance/ status not certain. (due to lack of recent records)

Note: Please read: A Birder's Guide to Southeastern Manitoba for provincial abundance norms.

Best habitat/ location to find in: (only given for some species)

- r = On or around the Red River.
- p = The pond in St. Vital Park.
- b = The area between Bishop Grandin Blvd. and St. Michael Rd. Includes 2 artificial lakes. Part of the Bishop Grandin Greenway.
- f = Well established bird feeders

Compiled May, 2001 by Mark Huebert- who has thoroughly enjoyed the beauty of these feathered gems of creation for many years. Please feel free to reprint and recopy at will! And enjoy the diversity of avian life God has graced the St. Vital area with.

Disclaimer: This list is not claiming to be a scientific assessment of the birds in the St. Vital park area. It is anecdotal in that no scientific or statistical methods were used to arrive at each species abundance or breeding status.

Species abundance is a rough, subjective (anecdotal) estimate made by the author largely based on he and his father's extensive personal experience and records in the area in the late 1980's and throughout the 1990's—and also includes data collected from other experienced birders.

Having said that, however, please note that this list only includes species with confirmed sightings – the vast majority (and all of the accidental sightings) made by experienced birders. Special thanks to Red, Gordon, Gene, Rudolf, George, Rob, Ward, Marlene, Dad and other members of Manitoba's Rare Bird Alert for your contributions!

The List Area

This list includes all birds seen or heard in, over or from the land:

NORTH of Bishop Grandin Blvd.
WEST of St. Mary's Rd./ Dunkirk Dr.
EAST & SOUTH of the Red River.

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