



Checklist of the Birds of Pelee Island

The following checklist comprises all 314 bird species identified on the island since 2004. The order of birds and bird names is based on The American Ornithological Society's (AOS) Checklist, the official source on the taxonomy of birds found in North America.

Italicized entries are on the review list for Southern Ontario, Ontario Bird Records Committee.

Key

- "B" – regular breeding species – 73 species
- "(B)" – former/irregular breeding species – 33
- "FP" – documented by PIBO staff at Fish Point – 239
- "P" – documented by PIBO staff on Pelee Island – 247
- "*" – presumed escapee

Loons & Grebes

- Red-throated Loon
- Pacific Loon
- Common Loon FP
- Pied-billed Grebe (B) FP
- Horned Grebe FP
- Eared Grebe
- Red-necked Grebe FP

Ducks, Geese & Swans

- Tundra Swan FP
- Trumpeter Swan
- Mute Swan P
- Greater White-fronted Goose
- Snow Goose
- Brant
- Canada Goose B FP
- Cackling Goose
- Wood Duck B FP
- Green-winged Teal FP
- American Black Duck FP
- Mallard B FP
- Northern Pintail FP

- Blue-winged Teal FP
- Garganey
- Northern Shoveler FP
- Gadwall FP
- American Wigeon FP
- Canvasback FP
- Redhead FP
- Ring-necked Duck FP
- Greater Scaup FP
- Lesser Scaup FP
- King Eider
- Long-tailed Duck FP
- Black Scoter FP
- Surf Scoter FP
- White-winged Scoter
- Common Goldeneye FP
- Bufflehead FP
- Hooded Merganser FP
- Common Merganser FP
- Red-breasted Merganser FP
- Ruddy Duck FP

Cormorants

- Double-crested Cormorant B FP

Pelicans

- American White Pelican

Hérons & Bitterns

- American Bittern FP
- Least Bittern B FP
- Great Blue Heron (B) FP
- Great Egret (B) FP
- Snowy Egret
- Little Blue Heron
- Cattle Egret (B)
- Green Heron (B) FP
- Black-crowned Night Heron (B) FP
- Yellow-crowned Night Heron
- White Ibis
- Glossy Ibis
- Wood Stork

Vultures, Kites, Hawks & Eagles

- Turkey Vulture FP
- Osprey FP

Vultures, Kites, Hawks & Eagles (con't)

- American Swallow-tailed Kite
- Bald Eagle B FP
- Northern Harrier (B) FP
- Sharp-shinned Hawk FP
- Cooper's Hawk B FP
- Northern Goshawk FP
- Red-shouldered Hawk (B) FP
- Broad-winged Hawk FP
- Red-tailed Hawk B FP
- Rough-legged Hawk FP
- Golden Eagle
- Crested Caracara

Falcons

- American Kestrel B FP
- Merlin FP
- Peregrine Falcon FP

Grouse, Pheasants & Turkeys

- Ring-necked Pheasant B FP
- Wild Turkey B FP

Rails, Galinules & Coots

- Yellow Rail
- King Rail (B)
- Virginia Rail FP
- Sora B FP
- Common Moorhen (B)
- American Coot (B) FP

Cranes

- Sandhill Crane FP

Plovers

- Black-bellied Plover FP

- American Golden Plover FP
- Semipalmated Plover FP
- Snowy Plover FP
- Piping Plover (B) FP
- Killdeer B FP

Gulls & Terns

- Parasitic Jaeger
- Laughing Gull FP
- Franklin's Gull FP
- Black-headed Gull FP
- Little Gull FP
- Bonaparte's Gull FP
- Ring-billed Gull (B) FP
- California Gull
- Herring Gull (B) FP
- Iceland Gull P
- Lesser Black-backed Gull FP
- Glaucous Gull FP
- Thayer's Gull FP
- Great Black-backed Gull FP
- Caspian Tern FP
- Common Tern (B) FP
- Forster's Tern FP
- Black Tern (B) FP

Pigeons & Doves

- Rock Dove B FP
- Mourning Dove B FP
- Collared Dove
- White-winged Dove

Cuckoos

- Black-billed Cuckoo B FP
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo B FP

Stilts & Avocets

- American Avocet
- Black-necked Stilt FP

Sandpipers & Phalaropes

- Greater Yellowlegs FP
- Lesser Yellowlegs FP
- Solitary Sandpiper FP
- Willet FP
- Spotted Sandpiper B FP
- Upland Sandpiper (B)
- Whimbrel FP
- Hudsonian Godwit
- Ruddy Turnstone FP
- Red Knot FP
- Sanderling FP
- Semipalmated Sandpiper FP
- Western Sandpiper
- Least Sandpiper FP
- White-rumped Sandpiper
- Baird's Sandpiper FP
- Pectoral Sandpiper FP
- Purple Sandpiper
- Dunlin FP
- Stilt Sandpiper
- Buff-breasted Sandpiper FP
- Short-billed Dowitcher FP
- Common Snipe FP
- American Woodcock B FP
- Wilson's Phalarope

Kingfishers

- Belted Kingfisher (B) FP

Owls

- Barn Owl
- Long-eared Owl
- Short-eared Owl FP
- Eastern Screech-Owl B FP
- Great Horned Owl B FP
- Snowy Owl

Owls (con't)

- Barred Owl
- Northern Saw-whet Owl FP
- Burrowing Owl

Woodpeckers

- Red-headed Woodpecker (B) FP
- Red-bellied Woodpecker B FP
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker FP
- Downy Woodpecker B FP
- Hairy Woodpecker FP
- Black-backed Woodpecker
- Northern Flicker B FP
- Pileated Woodpecker

Flycatchers

- Olive-sided Flycatcher FP
- Eastern Wood-Pewee B FP
- Yellow-bellied Flycatcher FP
- Acadian Flycatcher (B) FP
- Alder Flycatcher FP
- Willow Flycatcher B FP
- Least Flycatcher B FP
- Eastern Phoebe B FP
- Great Crested Flycatcher B FP
- Eastern Kingbird B FP
- Western Kingbird
 - Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

Shrikes

- Northern Shrike
- Loggerhead Shrike

Vireos

- Warbling Vireo B FP
- Philadelphia Vireo FP

- White-eyed Vireo B FP
- Bell's Vireo
- Red-eyed Vireo B FP
- Yellow-throated Vireo FP
- Blue-headed Vireo FP

Goatsuckers & Swifts

- Common Nighthawk B FP
- Chuck-will's-widow
- Whip-poor-will FP
- Chimney Swift B FP

Hummingbirds

- Ruby-throated Hummingbird B FP
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Crows & Jays

- Blue Jay B FP
- American Crow B FP

Larks

- Horned Lark B FP

Swallows

- Purple Martin B FP
- Tree Swallow B FP
- N. Rough-winged Swallow B FP
- Bank Swallow B FP
- Cliff Swallow (B) FP
- Cave Swallow P
- Barn Swallow B FP

Chickadees & Titmice

- Black-capped Chickadee B FP
- Boreal Chickadee
- Tufted Titmouse
- Great Tit* P

Nuthatches & Creepers

- Red-breasted Nuthatch FP
- White-breasted Nuthatch (B) FP
- Brown Creeper FP

Wrens

- Carolina Wren B FP
- Bewick's Wren
- House Wren B FP
- Winter Wren FP
- Sedge Wren (B)
- Marsh Wren (B) FP

Kinglets & Gnatcatchers

- Golden-crowned Kinglet FP
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet FP
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher B FP

Thrushes

- Eastern Bluebird B FP
- Mountain Bluebird
- American Robin B FP
- Townsend's Solitaire P
- Wood Thrush B FP
- Veery FP
- Swainson's Thrush FP
- Gray-cheeked Thrush FP
- Hermit Thrush FP

Mockingbirds & Thrashers

- Gray Catbird B FP
- Northern Mockingbird FP
- Sage Thrasher
- Brown Thrasher B FP

Starlings

- European Starling B FP

Pipits & Waxwings

- American Pipit FP
- Cedar Waxwing B FP

Warblers

- Northern Parula FP
- Orange-crowned Warbler FP
- Tennessee Warbler FP
- Blue-winged Warbler (B) FP
- Golden-winged Warbler FP
- “Brewster’s” Warbler FP
- Nashville Warbler FP
- Virginia’s Warbler
- Yellow Warbler B FP
- Chestnut-sided Warbler FP
- Magnolia Warbler FP
- Cape May Warbler FP
- Black-throated Blue Warbler FP
- Blackburnian Warbler FP
- Cerulean Warbler FP
- Black-throated Green Warbler FP
- Yellow-rumped Warbler FP
- Palm Warbler FP
- Pine Warbler (B) FP
- Prairie Warbler FP
- Blackpoll Warbler FP
- Bay-breasted Warbler FP
- Yellow-throated Warbler FP
- Kirtland’s Warbler
- Black-and-white Warbler FP
- American Redstart B FP
- Prothonotary Warbler (B) FP
- Worm-eating Warbler FP
- Common Yellowthroat FP
- Mourning Warbler FP
- Connecticut Warbler FP

- Kentucky Warbler FP
- Northern Waterthrush FP
- Louisiana Waterthrush (B) FP
- Ovenbird FP
- Canada Warbler FP
- Hooded Warbler FP
- Wilson’s Warbler FP
- Yellow-breasted Chat B FP

Tanagers

- Scarlet Tanager FP
- Summer Tanager FP
- Western Tanager

Cardinals & Allies

- Northern Cardinal B FP
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak (B) FP
- Blue Grosbeak
- Indigo Bunting B FP
- Dickcissel (B)

Sparrows

- Eastern Towhee B FP
- Chipping Sparrow B FP
- Clay-colored Sparrow FP
- Field Sparrow B FP
- American Tree Sparrow FP
- Vesper Sparrow (B) FP
- Grasshopper Sparrow FP
- Henslow’s Sparrow
- Le Conte’s Sparrow
- Nelson’s Sharp-tailed Sparrow FP
- Savannah Sparrow (B) FP
- Song Sparrow B FP
- Lincoln’s Sparrow FP
- Swamp Sparrow B FP
- Fox Sparrow FP

- Harris’s Sparrow P
- White-crowned Sparrow FP
- White-throated Sparrow FP
- Dark-eyed Junco FP
- Lark Sparrow

Longspurs & Buntings

- Lapland Longspur
- Snow Bunting FP

Blackbirds

- Northern Oriole B FP
- Orchard Oriole B FP
- Eastern Meadowlark B FP
- Western Meadowlark P
- Bobolink (B) FP
- Red-winged Blackbird B FP
- Yellow-headed Blackbird
- Rusty Blackbird FP
- Brewer’s Blackbird
- Common Grackle B FP
- Brown-headed Cowbird B FP

Finches

- Purple Finch FP
- House Finch B FP
- Common Redpoll
- Pine Siskin FP
- American Goldfinch B FP
- European Goldfinch* FP
- Evening Grosbeak

Old World Sparrows

- House Sparrow B FP