

Checklist of Birds of Mackenzie & Area:

Our checklist area covers the southern portion of Mackenzie Forest District from the Osilinka River and the Peace Arm of Williston Reservoir in the north, to McLeod Lake townsite, which is just beyond the southern boundary of our Forest District, in the south.

Species abundance codes and explanations:

A – Abundant Seen on all visits to the preferred habitat within the proper season. Often occurs in large numbers.

C – Common Seen on the majority of visits to the preferred habitat within the proper season. Numbers may vary considerably.

U – Uncommon Present every year in the preferred habitat within the proper season but takes more diligence to find.

R – Rare Present every year but in very low numbers at varying locations.

O – Occasional Present less than once every year at varying locations.

Acc – Accidental May stray into the area but not an expected occurrence (1 or 2 records ever in the month).

Breeding status: B - confirmed, b – probable

		Spring			Summer			Fall			Winter		
		M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F
GROUSE, PTARMIGAN													
___ Ruffed Grouse	B	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U
___ Spruce Grouse	B	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U
___ Willow Ptarmigan	B	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
___ White-tailed Ptarmigan	B	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
___ Dusky Grouse	B	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
GEESE, SWANS, DUCKS													
___ Greater White-fronted Goose				O				O					
___ Snow Goose		Acc	R					R	R				
___ Canada Goose	B	C	C		C	C	C	C	U				
___ Trumpeter Swan		R	R								O	O	O
___ Tundra Swan		R	R					R	R				
___ Wood Duck		O	O		O	O	O	O	O				
___ Gadwall	B		R		R	R	R	R					
___ Eurasian Wigeon		Acc											
___ American Wigeon		O	U		U	U	C	C	U				
___ Mallard	B	Acc	C	C	C	C	C	C	O	Acc	Acc	O	Acc
___ Blue-winged Teal	B	U	U		U	U	C	U					
___ Cinnamon Teal		Acc	O		O	O	O			Acc			
___ Northern Shoveler		Acc	U		R	R	C	C					
___ Northern Pintail		U	U		Acc	Acc	C	C					
___ Green-winged Teal	B	U	U		R	R	C	C					
___ Canvasback		R	R		R	R	R	R	Acc				
___ Redhead	B		R		R	R	R	R					
___ Ring-necked Duck	B	R	C		U	U	C	C	Acc	Acc			
___ Greater Scaup		O	R		R	R	R	U	U				
___ Lesser Scaup			U		R	R	U	C	O	O			
___ Harlequin Duck								Acc					
___ Surf Scoter			U		O	O	U	U	Acc				
___ White-winged Scoter			O		O		U	U					
___ Long-tailed Duck		O	O					O					
___ Bufflehead	B	C	C		C	C	C	C	C	O			
___ Common Goldeneye	B	U	U		U	U	U	U					
___ Barrow's Goldeneye	B	U	C		C	C	C	C	U				

___ Hooded Merganser	B												
___ Common Merganser	B	Acc	C	C	U	U	U	U	R	Acc			
___ Red-breasted Merganser			R			R	R	Acc					
___ Ruddy Duck	B		U		U	U	U	U	Acc				

LOONS

___ Red-throated Loon						O	O	U					
___ Pacific Loon								R					
___ Common Loon	B	O	C		C	C	C	C	R	O			

GREBES

___ Pied-billed Grebe	B		R		R	R	R	R	R	Acc			
___ Horned Grebe		O	R		R	R	R	R	R				
___ Red-necked Grebe	B	Acc	U		U	U	U	C	O				
___ Eared Grebe						Acc							
___ Western Grebe			Acc			R	U	R					

CORMORANTS

___ Double-crested Cormorant							Acc						
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BITTERN, HERON, EGRETS

___ American Bittern			R		R	R	R	R					
___ Great Blue Heron						R	U	R					
___ Great Egret				Acc									
___ Cattle Egret								Acc					

OSPREY, EAGLES, HAWKS

___ Osprey	B		U	C	C	C	C	C					
___ Bald Eagle	B	R	C	C	C	C	C	C	U	R	R	R	R
___ Northern Harrier			R	U	U	U	U	U	U	R			
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk		O	U	U	U	U	U	U					
___ Cooper's Hawk	B		R	U	U	U	U	U	U	R			
___ Northern Goshawk	B		R	R	R	R	R	R	O	O	Acc		
___ Broad-winged Hawk	B						R	R					
___ Swainson's Hawk			O	R			R	R					
___ Red-tailed Hawk	B	Acc	U	U	U	U	U	U					
___ Rough-legged Hawk			O	O									
___ Golden Eagle		R	Acc		O	O	R	R		O			

FALCONS

___ American Kestrel	B		U	U	U	U	U	U					
___ Merlin	B	R	U	U	U	U	U	U					
___ Gyrfalcon				Acc								Acc	
___ Peregrine Falcon							R	R					

RAILS, GALLINULES, COOT

___ Sora	B			U	U	U	U	R					
___ American Coot	B		R	U	U	U	U	U	U	R			

CRANES

___ Sandhill Crane	B		O	R	R	R	R	R					
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PLOVERS

___ Black-bellied Plover							O	O					
___ American Golden-Plover			O				O	O					
___ Pacific Golden-Plover							Acc						
___ Semipalmated Plover			O			O	R	O					
___ Killdeer	B	O	R	U	U	U	U	U					

SANDPIPERS, PHALAROPES

___ Greater Yellowlegs	B		R	U	U	U	U	U	R				
___ Lesser Yellowlegs			U		O	R	C	R					
___ Solitary Sandpiper			R		R	R	R	R	O				
___ Spotted Sandpiper	B		O	U	U	U	U	U	O				
___ Upland Sandpiper							O	O					
___ Whimbrel				Acc									
___ Hudsonian Godwit							Acc						
___ Ruddy Turnstone							Acc						
___ Sanderling							O	O					
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper						R	U	R					
___ Western Sandpiper						R	U	R					
___ Least Sandpiper			R		O	C	O						
___ Baird's Sandpiper							R	O					
___ Pectoral Sandpiper			R		O	U	U	O					
___ Stilt Sandpiper			O				R	O					
___ Buff-breasted Sandpiper							Acc						
___ Short-billed Dowitcher			O		O	O	R	R					
___ Long-billed Dowitcher			O		O	R	U	U					
___ Wilson's Snipe	B		R	C	C	C	C	U	O				
___ Wilson's Phalarope	B		R		R	R	R						
___ Red-necked Phalarope						U	C	O					
___ Red Phalarope							Acc	Acc					

GULLS, TERNS

___ Bonaparte's Gull	B		O	U	U	U	U	O					
___ Mew Gull			O		O	U	U	O					
___ Ring-billed Gull							R	R					
___ California Gull							O	O					
___ Herring Gull			O	O	O	O	R	R	O				
___ Tayer's Gull								Acc					
___ Sabine's Gull								Acc					
___ Common Tern							O	O					
___ Arctic Tern													
___ Black Tern						O	O						

JAEGERS

___ Parasitic Jaeger								O					
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MURRES, AUKS, PUFFINS

___ Ancient Murrelet							Acc						
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PIGEONS, DOVES

___ Rock Pigeon							Acc						
___ Mourning Dove	b		R		R	R			Acc				
___ Eurasian Collared-Dove			O		O								

OWLS

___ Great Horned Owl	B	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U
___ Snowy Owl									Acc	Acc			
___ Northern Hawk Owl			R	R					R	R	R		
___ Northern Pygmy-Owl			R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	U	U	U
___ Barred Owl	B	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U
___ Great Gray Owl	B	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
___ Long-eared Owl			Acc										

___ Short-eared Owl													
___ Boreal Owl	b	U	U	R	R	R	R	U	R	R	R	R	U
___ Northern Saw-whet Owl	B	U	U	U	R	R	R	U	R				R

GOATSUCKERS

___ Common Nighthawk	B		R	U	C	C	C	R					
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SWIFTS

CHECKLIST OF BIRDS
OF
MACKENZIE & AREA



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ADDITIONAL SIGHTINGS & DATES

		Spring			Summer			Fall			Winter		
		M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F
___ Philadelphia Vireo					O		Acc						
___ Red-eyed Vireo	b			R	U	U	U	O					
JAYS, MAGPIES, CROWS													
___ Gray Jay	B	R	O	R	R	R	R	R	U	U	U	U	U
___ Steller's Jay	B	U	U	R	R	R	U	U	C	C	C	C	C
___ Blue Jay		O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
___ Clark's Nutcracker							Acc	Acc					
___ Black-billed Magpie	b	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
___ American Crow	B	C	C	U	U	U	U	U	R	R	R	R	R
___ Common Raven	B	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
LARKS													
___ Horned Lark	B			Acc	U	R	R	U	U				
SWALLOWS													
___ Tree Swallow	B		U	A	C	A	A	O					
___ Violet-green Swallow	B		R	U	U	U	U						
___ N. Rough-winged Swallow	B		R	C	U	C	C						
___ Bank Swallow	B		O	U	U	C	C	O					
___ Cliff Swallow	B		O	C	C	C	C						
___ Barn Swallow	B		O	U	U	C	C	O					
CHICKADEES													
___ Black-capped Chickadee	B	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
___ Mountain Chickadee		R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
___ Chestnut-backed Chickadee		O						O	O	O	O	O	O
___ Boreal Chickadee	b	R	R	O	O	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
NUTHATCHES													
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	B	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U
___ White-breasted Nuthatch								O	O		O	O	
CREEPERS													
___ Brown Creeper	B	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
WRENS													
___ House Wren	B			O	O	O	O						
___ Winter Wren	B		U	C	C	U	U	U	O		Acc		
DIPPERS													
___ American Dipper	B	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
KINGLETS													
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	B	O	U	C	U	U	C	C	O	O	O	O	O
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	B		U	A	C	C	C	A	O				
BLUEBIRDS, THRUSHES													
___ Western Bluebird				Acc									
___ Mountain Bluebird	B		U	U	U	U	U	R	Acc				
___ Townsend's Solitaire			U	U		O	R	U	O	O			
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush				O	O	O	O	O					
___ Swainson's Thrush	B			A	C	C	C	U					
___ Hermit Thrush	B		O	U	U	U	U	C					
___ American Robin	B	O	A	C	C	C	C	C	U	O			
___ Varied Thrush	B	R	U	C	C	C	C	C	R	O	O	O	

		Spring			Summer			Fall			Winter		
		M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F
STARLINGS													
___ European Starling	B	R	R	U	R	R	R	U	U	U	U		
PIPITS													
___ American Pipit	B		U	A	R	R	U	A	O				
WAXWINGS													
___ Bohemian Waxwing		U	C	O	O	R	R	U	C	C	U	R	O
___ Cedar Waxwing	B		O	R	C	C	C	C	U				
WOOD-WARBLEDERS													
___ Tennessee Warbler	B			U	U	U	U	R					
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	B		O	A	C	C	A	A	O				
___ Yellow Warbler	B		O	C	C	A	A	R					
___ Magnolia Warbler	b		O	U	C	C	C	U					
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler							Acc						
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	B		R	A	U	U	C	A	O				
___ Audubon's Warbler	B		R	C	U	U	C	C	O				
___ Myrtle Warbler	b		O	U	R	R	U	U					
___ Townsend's Warbler	B		O	C	U	U	C	U					
___ Palm Warbler							Acc						
___ Bay-breasted Warbler							Acc						
___ Blackpoll Warbler			R		R	R	U	R					
___ Black-and-white Warbler			Acc				Acc						
___ American Redstart	B		U	A	A	A	U						
___ Ovenbird	B		O	R	R	R	O						
___ Northern Waterthrush	B			C	C	A	A	U					
___ Mourning Warbler							Acc						
___ MacGillivray's Warbler	b		U	U	U	U	R						
___ Common Yellowthroat	B		U	C	C	A	A	Acc					
___ Wilson's Warbler	b		O	A	U	U	A	U	Acc				
___ Canada Warbler				Acc			Acc						
___ Yellow-breasted Chat				Acc									
SPARROWS, LONGSPURS													
___ American Tree Sparrow		Acc	R	R			O	U	O	Acc		O	
___ Chipping Sparrow	B	Acc	O	C	C	C	C	R					
___ Clay-colored Sparrow	b		Acc	R	R	R	R	O					
___ Brewer's Sparrow				O			O	O					
___ Vesper Sparrow				O	O	O	O	O					
___ Savannah Sparrow	B		U	U	U	U	U	U					
___ Fox Sparrow	B		R	R	R	R	R	R					
___ Song Sparrow	B	O	U	C	C	C	C	C	Acc	Acc			
___ Lincoln's Sparrow	B		R	U	U	U	U	U					
___ Swamp Sparrow	b		Acc	R	R	R	R	R	Acc				
___ White-throated Sparrow	B		O	C	C	C	C	C	O	O	O	O	
___ Golden-crowned Sparrow	B		O	U	U	U	U	O					
___ White-crowned Sparrow	B		C	A	R	R	C	C	Acc				
___ Harris's Sparrow				O				O	O				
___ Dark-eyed Junco	B	U	A	C	C	C	C	C	O	O	O	O	
___ Oregon Junco	B	O	A	C	C	C	C	C	O	O	O	Acc	
___ Slate-colored Junco	B	U	U	R	R	R	R	U	R	R	R	R	
___ Lapland Longspur		O	O				O	C	O				

		Spring			Summer			Fall			Winter		
		M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F
___ Smith's Longspur													
___ Snow Bunting		O	R	O				Acc			O	R	
TANAGERS, GROSBEAKS, BUNTINGS													
___ Western Tanager	B		Acc	U	U	U	U	O					
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak				O	O	O	O						
___ Lazuli Bunting				Acc	Acc								
___ Dickcissel				Acc									
BLACKBIRDS													
___ Bobolink				Acc									
___ Red-winged Blackbird	B	R	C	C	C	C	C	R	R	R	O	O	
___ Western Meadowlark		Acc	Acc	O							Acc	Acc	
___ Yellow-headed Blackbird			O	R	O								
___ Rusty Blackbird	B		O	R	R	R	U	U	O	O	O		
___ Brewer's Blackbird		Acc	Acc	O	O	O	O	O	Acc	Acc			
___ Common Grackle				O	O	O	O	O					
___ Brown-headed Cowbird	B		O	C	C	U	U						
FINCHES, SISKINS, CROSSBILLS													
___ Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch			O	O				O	O	O	O	O	
___ Pine Grosbeak	b	U	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	U	U	U	
___ Purple Finch	B	O	U	C	U	U	U	O	O	O	O	O	
___ House Finch				Acc				Acc	Acc	Acc			
___ Red Crossbill		O	O	O		R	R	R			O	O	
___ White-winged Crossbill		O	O	O	O	U	U	U	O	O	O	O	
___ Common Redpoll		A	A	U	O	O	O	O	U	C	C	C	
___ Hoary Redpoll		R	R								O	O	
___ Pine Siskin	B	R	U	C	U	C	C	C	O	O	O	O	
___ Evening Grosbeak	B	C	C	U	R	R	R	R	R	C	C	C	
OLD WORLD SPARROWS													
___ House Sparrow	B	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	