

Bird Checklist | Wedgewood Wildlife Sanctuary

Wedgewood Wildlife Sanctuary was established in 2007 to preserve 75-acres of boreal forest within Fairbanks' expanding urban area. The sanctuary's forest and wetlands provide important habitat for over 100 species of Alaska's migrant and resident birds.

This checklist includes birds observed on the sanctuary as of August 2009. Birders can contribute to future lists by reporting details for sightings of other species.

Seasonal Occurrence & Status

R = resident | M = migrant | W = winter
B = breeding | u = uncommon | r = rare
A = accidental | I = introduced

WATERFOWL

- Greater White-fronted Goose - M
- Canada Goose - MB
- Trumpeter Swan - M
- American Wigeon - S
- Mallard - RB
- Northern Shoveler - MB
- Northern Pintail - MB
- Green-winged Teal - MB
- Canvasback - M
- Redhead - M
- Ring-necked Duck - M
- Lesser Scaup - M
- Surf Scoter - M
- White-winged Scoter - M
- Long-tailed Duck - M
- Bufflehead - MB

- Common Goldeneye - MB
- Barrow's Goldeneye - M
- Common Merganser - S

GROUSE & PTARMIGAN

- Ruffed Grouse - RB
- Spruce Grouse - RB
- Willow Ptarmigan - W

LOONS

- Red-throated Loon - M
- Pacific Loon - M
- Common Loon - M

GREBES

- Horned Grebe - MB
- Red-necked Grebe - MB

HAWKS, EAGLES, FALCONS

- Osprey - Mu
- Bald Eagle - M
- Northern Harrier - MB
- Sharp-shinned Hawk - MB
- Northern Goshawk - MB
- Swainson's Hawk - Mr
- Red-tailed Hawk - MB
- Rough-legged Hawk - M
- Golden Eagle - Mu
- American Kestrel - MB
- cont. - Merlin - M
- Gyrfalcon - Wu
- Peregrine Falcon - M

CRANES

- Sandhill Crane - MB

SHOREBIRDS

- American Golden-Plover - M
- Semipalmated Plover - M
- Killdeer - Mu
- Spotted Sandpiper - M
- Solitary Sandpiper - S
- Lesser Yellowlegs - S
- Semipalmated Sandpiper - M

- Least Sandpiper - MB
- Pectoral Sandpiper - M
- Long-billed Dowitcher - M
- Wilson's Snipe - MB
- Red-necked Phalarope - M

GULLS & TERNS

- Bonaparte's Gull - MB
- Mew Gull - MB
- Herring Gull - M

OWLS

- Great Horned Owl - RB
- Northern Hawk Owl - R
- Great Gray Owl - Ru
- Short-eared Owl - MB
- Boreal Owl - RB

KINGFISHERS

- Belted Kingfisher - M

WOODPECKERS

- Downy Woodpecker - RB
- Hairy Woodpecker - RB
- American Three-toed - RB
- Northern Flicker - MB

FLYCATCHERS

- Western Wood-Pewee - MB
- Alder Flycatcher - MB
- Hammond's Flycatcher - MB

SHRIKES

- Northern Shrike - R

Corvids

- Gray Jay - R
- Black-billed Magpie - W
- Common Raven - R

SWALLOWS

- Tree Swallow - S
- Violet-green Swallow - S
- Bank Swallow - S
- Cliff Swallow - S

CHICKADEES & KINGLETS

- Black-capped Chickadee - R
- Boreal Chickadee - R
- Red-breasted Nuthatch - R
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet - S

THRUSHES

- Gray-cheeked Thrush - M
- Swainson's Thrush - S
- Hermit Thrush - S
- American Robin - S
- Varied Thrush - S

PIPITS & WAXWINGS

- American Pipits - M
- Bohemian Waxwing - R

WARBLERS

- Orange-crowned Warbler - S
- Yellow Warbler - S
- Yellow-rumped Warbler - S
- Townsend's Warbler - S
- Blackpoll Warbler - S
- Northern Waterthrush - S
- Wilson's Warbler - S

SPARROWS

- American Tree Sparrow - M
- Savannah Sparrow - S
- Fox Sparrow - S
- Lincoln's Sparrow - S
- White-crowned Sparrow - S
- Golden-crowned Sparrow - M
- Dark-eyed Junco - S
- Lapland Longspur - M
- Snow Bunting - M
- Rusty Blackbird - S

FINCHES

- Pine Grosbeak - R
- White-winged Crossbill - R
- Common Redpoll - R
- Hoary Redpoll - W
- Pine Siskin - S

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Bird identification books can be found in each hotel suite and guest room. These bird identification books are available for purchase in the Bear Essentials Gift Shop off the main lobby of Bear Lodge. The Alaska Bird Observatory located at Wedgewood Resort provides complimentary trail maps and bird checklists in their gift shop. You can also find bird checklists at the trailhead kiosk to the Wedgewood Wildlife Sanctuary.

