

Check-list of the Birds of Kingston, Ontario

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This check-list includes 382 species for which acceptable specimen, photographic or written documentation exists for the Kingston region of Ontario. The list has been prepared and approved by the Rare Birds Committee of the KFN. The names of the birds and their taxonomic arrangement follow the American Ornithologists' Union (AOU) *Check-list of North American Birds*, Seventh Edition, 1998, and subsequent supplements 42 through 55 inclusive published annually in *The Auk*. The 55th supplement appeared in October 2014.

* denotes confirmed breeding evidence (194 species); (a) denotes accidental occurrence defined as fewer than five sightings over the past five years; (e) denotes extinct (2 species).

Order **ANSERIFORMES**

Family Anatidae — Geese, Swans, and Ducks

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna autumnalis* (a)

Greater White-fronted Goose *Anser albifrons* (a)

Snow Goose *Chen caerulescens*

Ross's Goose *C. rossii*

Brant *Branta bernicla*

Barnacle Goose *B. leucopsis* (a)

Cackling Goose *B. hutchinsii*

Canada Goose *B. canadensis* *

Mute Swan *Cygnus olor* *

Trumpeter Swan *C. buccinator* *

Tundra Swan *C. columbianus*

Wood Duck *Aix sponsa* *

Gadwall *Anas strepera* *

Eurasian Wigeon *A. penelope*

American Wigeon *A. americana* *

American Black Duck *A. rubripes* *

Mallard *A. platyrhynchos* *

Blue-winged Teal *A. discors* *

Cinnamon Teal *A. cyanoptera* (a)

Northern Shoveler *A. clypeata* *

Northern Pintail *A. acuta* *

Green-winged Teal *A. crecca* *

Canvasback *Aythya valisineria*

Redhead *A. americana* *

Ring-necked Duck *A. collaris* *

Tufted Duck *A. fuligula* (a)

Greater Scaup *A. marila*
Lesser Scaup *A. affinis* *
King Eider *Somateria spectabilis*
Common Eider *S. mollissima* (a)
Harlequin Duck *Histrionicus histrionicus*
Surf Scoter *Melanitta perspicillata*
White-winged Scoter *M. fusca*
Black Scoter *M. americana*
Long-tailed Duck *Clangula hyemalis*
Bufflehead *Bucephala albeola* *
Common Goldeneye *B. clangula* *
Barrow's Goldeneye *B. islandica*
Hooded Merganser *Lophodytes cucullatus* *
Common Merganser *Mergus merganser* *
Red-breasted Merganser *M. serrator* *
Ruddy Duck *Oxyura jamaicensis* *

Order **GALLIFORMES**

Family Odontophoridae — New World Quail

Northern Bobwhite *Colinus virginianus* (a)

Family Phasianidae — Partridges, Grouse, and Turkeys

Gray Partridge *Perdix perdix* * (a)
Ring-necked Pheasant *Phasianus colchicus* *
Ruffed Grouse *Bonasa umbellus* *
Spruce Grouse *Falcipennis canadensis* (a)
Willow Ptarmigan *Lagopus lagopus* (a)
Sharp-tailed Grouse *Tympanuchus phasianellus* *(a)
Wild Turkey *Meleagris gallopavo* *

Order **GAVIIFORMES**

Family Gaviidae — Loons

Red-throated Loon *Gavia stellata*
Pacific Loon *G. pacifica*
Common Loon *G. immer* *
Yellow-billed Loon *G. adamsii* (a)

Order **PODICIPEDIFORMES**

Family Podicipedidae — Grebes

Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps* *
Horned Grebe *Podiceps auritus*
Red-necked Grebe *P. grisegena*
Eared Grebe *P. nigricollis*
Western Grebe *Aechmophorus occidentalis* (a)

Order **PROCELLARIIFORMES**

Family Diomedidae — Albatrosses

Yellow-nosed Albatross *Thalassarche chlororhynchos* (a)

Family Hydrobatidae — Storm-Petrels

Leach's Storm-Petrel *Oceano dromaleucorhoa* (a)

Order **CICONIIFORMES**

Family Ciconiidae — Storks

Wood Stork *Mycteria americana* (a)

Order **SULIFORMES**

Family Sulidae — Boobies and Gannets

Northern Gannet *Morus bassanus*

Family Phalacrocoracidae — Cormorants

Double-crested Cormorant *Phalacrocorax auritus* *

Great Cormorant *P. carbo*

Order **PELECANIFORMES**

Family Pelecanidae — Pelicans

American White Pelican *Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*

Brown Pelican *P. occidentalis* (a)

Family Ardeidae — Bitterns, Herons, and Allies

American Bittern *Botaurus lentiginosus* *

Least Bittern *Ixobrychus exilis* *

Great Blue Heron *Ardea herodias* *

Great Egret *A. alba* *

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula*

Little Blue Heron *E. caerulea*

Tricolored Heron *E. tricolor*

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* *

Green Heron *Butorides virescens* *

Black-crowned Night-Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* *

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron *Nyctanassa violacea* (a)

Family Threskiornithidae — Ibises and Spoonbills

White Ibis *Eudocimus albus* (a)

Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus* (a)

Roseate Spoonbill *Platalea ajaja* (a)

Order **ACCIPTRIFORMES**

Family Cathartidae — New World Vultures

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus*

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura* *

Family Pandionidae — Osprey

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* *

Family Accipitridae — Kites, Eagles, Hawks, and Allies

Bald Eagle *Haliaeetus leucocephalus* *

Northern Harrier *Circus cyaneus* *

Sharp-shinned Hawk *Accipiter striatus* *

Cooper's Hawk *A. cooperii* *

Northern Goshawk *A. gentilis* *

Red-shouldered Hawk *Buteo lineatus* *

Broad-winged Hawk *B. platypterus* *

Swainson's Hawk *B. swainsoni* (a)

Red-tailed Hawk *B. jamaicensis* *
Ferruginous Hawk *Buteo regalis* (a)
Rough-legged Hawk *B. lagopus*
Golden Eagle *Aquila chrysaetos*

Order **GRUIFORMES**

Family Rallidae — Rails, Gallinules, and Coots

Yellow Rail *Coturnicops noveboracensis*
Black Rail *Laterallus jamaicensis* (a)
King Rail *Rallus elegans* * (a)
Virginia Rail *R. limicola* *
Sora *Porzana carolina* *
Purple Gallinule *Porphyrio martinicus* (a)
Common Gallinule *Gallinula galeata* *
American Coot *Fulica americana* *

Family Gruidae — Cranes

Sandhill Crane *Grus canadensis* *
Whooping Crane *Grus americana* (a)

Order **CHARADRIIFORMES**

Family Recurvirostridae — Stilts and Avocets

Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus* (a)
American Avocet *Recurvirostra Americana* (a)

Family Charadriidae — Lapwings and Plovers

Black-bellied Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*
American Golden-Plover *P. dominica*
Snowy Plover *Charadrius nivosus* (a)
Semipalmated Plover *C. semipalmatus*
Piping Plover *C. melodus* (a)
Killdeer *C. vociferus* *

Family Scolopacidae — Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius* *
Solitary Sandpiper *Tringa solitaria*
Greater Yellowlegs *T. melanoleuca*
Willet *T. semipalmata*
Lesser Yellowlegs *T. flavipes*
Upland Sandpiper *Bartramia longicauda* *
Eskimo Curlew *Numenius borealis* (e)
Whimbrel *N. phaeopus*
Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa* (a)
Hudsonian Godwit *L. haemastica*
Marbled Godwit *L. fedoa*
Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*
Red Knot *Calidris canutus*

Ruff *Philomachus pugnax* (a)
Stilt Sandpiper *C. himantopus*
Curlew Sandpiper *C. ferruginea* (a)
Sanderling *C. alba*

Dunlin *C. alpina*
Purple Sandpiper *C. maritima*
Baird's Sandpiper *C. bairdii*
Least Sandpiper *C. minutilla*
White-rumped Sandpiper *C. fuscicollis*
Buff-breasted Sandpiper *Tryngites subruficollis*
Pectoral Sandpiper *C. melanotos*
Semipalmated Sandpiper *C. pusilla*
Western Sandpiper *C. mauri*
Short-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus griseus*
Long-billed Dowitcher *L. scolopaceus*
Wilson's Snipe *Gallinago delicata* *
American Woodcock *Scolopax minor* *
Wilson's Phalarope *Phalaropus tricolor* *
Red-necked Phalarope *P. lobatus*
Red Phalarope *P. fulicarius*

Family Stercorariidae— Skuas and Jaegers

Pomarine Jaeger *Stercorarius pomarinus*
Parasitic Jaeger *S. parasiticus*
Long-tailed Jaeger *S. longicaudus* (a)

Family Alcidae — Murres, Puffins, and Allies

Thick-billed Murre *Uria lomvia* (a)
Razorbill *Alca torda* (a)
Black Guillemot *Cephus grylle* (a)

Family Laridae — Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers

Black-legged Kittiwake *Rissa tridactyla*
Ivory Gull *Pagophila eburnea* (a)
Sabine's Gull *Xema sabini* (a)
Bonaparte's Gull *Chroicocephalus philadelphia*
Black-headed Gull *C. ridibundus*
Little Gull *Hydrocoloeus minutus*
Laughing Gull *Leucophaeus atricilla* (a)
Franklin's Gull *L. pipixcan*
Mew Gull *Larus canus* (a)
Ring-billed Gull *L. delawarensis* *
Herring Gull *L. argentatus* *
Thayer's Gull *L. thayeri* (a)
Iceland Gull *L. glaucoides*
Lesser Black-backed Gull *L. fuscus*
Glaucous Gull *L. hyperboreus*
Great Black-backed Gull *L. marinus* *
Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia* *
Black Tern *Chlidonias niger* *
White-winged Tern *C. leucopterus* (a) *
Common Tern *Sterna hirundo* *
Arctic Tern *S. paradisaea*
Forster's Tern *S. forsteri* *

Order **COLUMBIFORMES**

Family Columbidae — Pigeons and Doves

Rock Pigeon *Columba livia* *
Eurasian Collared-Dove *Streptopelia decaocto* (a)
White-winged Dove *Zenaida asiatica* (a)
Mourning Dove *Z. macroura* *
Passenger Pigeon *Ectopistes migratorius* (e)

Order **CUCULIFORMES**

Family Cuculidae — Cuckoos

Yellow-billed Cuckoo *Coccyzus americanus* *
Black-billed Cuckoo *C. erythrophthalmus* *

Order **STRIGIFORMES**

Family Tytonidae — Barn Owls

Barn Owl *Tyto alba* *

Family Strigidae — True Owls

Eastern Screech-Owl *Megascops asio* *
Great Horned Owl *Bubo virginianus* *
Snowy Owl *B. scandiacus*
Northern Hawk Owl *Surnia ulula*
Barred Owl *Strix varia* *
Great Gray Owl *S. nebulosa*
Long-eared Owl *Asio otus* *
Short-eared Owl *A. flammeus* *
Boreal Owl *Aegolius funereus*
Northern Saw-whet Owl *A. acadicus* *

Order **CAPRIMULGIFORMES**

Family Caprimulgidae — Goatsuckers

Common Nighthawk *Chordeiles minor* *
Chuck-will's-widow *Antrostomus carolinensis* (a)
Eastern Whip-poor-will *A. vociferus* *

Order **APODIFORMES**

Family Apodidae — Swifts

Chimney Swift *Chaetura pelagica* *

Family Trochilidae — Hummingbirds

Ruby-throated Hummingbird *Archilochus colubris* *
Rufous Hummingbird *Selasphorus rufus* (a)

Order **CORACIIFORMES**

Family Alcedinidae — Kingfishers

Belted Kingfisher *Megaceryle alcyon* *

Order **PICIFORMES**

Family Picidae — Woodpeckers and Allies

Lewis's Woodpecker *Melanerpes lewis* (a)
Red-headed Woodpecker *M. erythrocephalus* *
Red-bellied Woodpecker *M. carolinus* *

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker *Sphyrapicus varius* *
Downy Woodpecker *Picoides pubescens* *
Hairy Woodpecker *P. villosus* *
American Three-toed Woodpecker *P. dorsalis* *
Black-backed Woodpecker *P. arcticus*
Northern Flicker *Colaptes auratus* *
Pileated Woodpecker *Dryocopus pileatus* *

Order **FALCONIFORMES**

Family Falconidae — Falcons

American Kestrel *Falco sparverius* *
Merlin *F. columbarius* *
Gyrfalcon *F. rusticolus*
Peregrine Falcon *F. peregrinus* *

Order **PSITTACIFORMES**

Family Psittacidae — Parrots

Monk Parakeet *Myiopsitta monachus* (a)

Order **PASSERIFORMES**

Family Tyrannidae — Tyrant Flycatchers

Olive-sided Flycatcher *Contopus cooperi* *
Eastern Wood-Pewee *C. virens* *
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher *Empidonax flaviventris* *
Acadian Flycatcher *E. virescens* (a)
Alder Flycatcher *E. alnorum* *
Willow Flycatcher *E. traillii* *
Least Flycatcher *E. minimus* *
Eastern Phoebe *Sayornis phoebe* *
Say's Phoebe *S. saya* (a)
Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus rubinus* (a)
Ash-throated Flycatcher *Myiarchus cinerascens* (a)
Great Crested Flycatcher *M. crinitus* *
Western Kingbird *Tyrannus verticalis*
Eastern Kingbird *T. tyrannus* *
Gray Kingbird *T. dominicensis* (a)
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher *T. forficatus* (a)
Fork-tailed Flycatcher *T. savana* (a)

Family Laniidae — Shrikes

Loggerhead Shrike *Lanius ludovicianus* *
Northern Shrike *L. excubitor*

Family Vireonidae — Vireos

White-eyed Vireo *Vireo griseus*
Yellow-throated Vireo *V. flavifrons* *
Blue-headed Vireo *V. solitarius* *
Warbling Vireo *V. gilvus* *
Philadelphia Vireo *V. philadelphicus* *
Red-eyed Vireo *V. olivaceus* *

Family Corvidae — Jays, Magpies, and Crows

Gray Jay *Perisoreus canadensis*
Blue Jay *Cyanocitta cristata* *

Black-billed Magpie *Pica hudsonia* (a)
Fish Crow *C. ossifragus* (a)
American Crow *Corvus brachyrhynchos* *
Common Raven *C. corax* *

Family Alaudidae — Larks

Horned Lark *Eremophila alpestris* *

Family Hirundinidae — Martins and Swallows

Purple Martin *Progne subis* *
Tree Swallow *Tachycineta bicolor* *
Northern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx serripennis* *
Bank Swallow *Riparia riparia* *
Cliff Swallow *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota* *
Cave Swallow *P. fulva* (a)
Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica* *

Family Paridae — Chickadees and Titmice

Black-capped Chickadee *Poecile atricapillus* *
Boreal Chickadee *P. hudsonicus*
Tufted Titmouse *Baeolophus bicolor* *

Family Sittidae — Nuthatches

Red-breasted Nuthatch *Sitta canadensis* *
White-breasted Nuthatch *S. carolinensis* *

Family Certhiidae — Creepers

Brown Creeper *Certhia americana* *

Family Troglodytidae — Wrens

House Wren *Troglodytes aedon* *
Winter Wren *T. hiemalis* *
Sedge Wren *Cistothorus platensis* *
Marsh Wren *C. palustris* *
Carolina Wren *Thryothorus ludovicianus* *
Bewick's Wren *Thryomanes bewickii* (a)

Family Polioptilidae — Gnatcatchers

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher *Polioptila caerulea* *

Family Regulidae — Kinglets

Golden-crowned Kinglet *Regulus satrapa* *
Ruby-crowned Kinglet *R. calendula* *

Family Turdidae — Wheatears, Bluebirds, and Thrushes

Northern Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe* (a)
Eastern Bluebird *Sialia sialis* *
Mountain Bluebird *S. currucoides* (a)
Townsend's Solitaire *Myadestes townsendi*
Veery *Catharus fuscescens* *
Gray-cheeked Thrush *C. minimus*
Bicknell's Thrush *C. bicknelli* (a)
Swainson's Thrush *C. ustulatus*
Hermit Thrush *C. guttatus* *
Wood Thrush *Hylocichla mustelina* *

American Robin *Turdus migratorius* *
Varied Thrush *Ixoreus naevius*

Family Mimidae — Mockingbirds, Thrashers, and Allies

Gray Catbird *Dumetella carolinensis* *
Brown Thrasher *Toxostoma rufum* *
Northern Mockingbird *Mimus polyglottos* *

Family Sturnidae — Starlings

European Starling *Sturnus vulgaris* *

Family Motacillidae — Wagtails and Pipits

American Pipit *Anthus rubescens*

Family Bombycillidae — Waxwings

Bohemian Waxwing *Bombycilla garrulus*
Cedar Waxwing *B. cedrorum* *

Family Calcaridae — Longspurs and Snow Buntings

Lapland Longspur *Calcarius lapponicus*
Chestnut-collared Longspur *C. ornatus* (a)
Smith's Longspur *C. pictus* (a)
Snow Bunting *Plectrophenax nivalis*

Family Parulidae — Wood-Warblers

Ovenbird *Seiurus aurocapilla* *
Worm-eating Warbler *Helmitheros vermivorum*
Louisiana Waterthrush *Parkesia. motacilla* *
Northern Waterthrush *P. noveboracensis* *
Golden-winged Warbler *Vermivora chrysoptera* *
Blue-winged Warbler *V. cyanoptera* *
Black-and-white Warbler *Mniotilta varia* *
Prothonotary Warbler *Protonotaria citrea*
Tennessee Warbler *Oreothlypis peregrina*
Orange-crowned Warbler *O. celata*
Nashville Warbler *O. ruficapilla* *
Connecticut Warbler *Oporornis agilis*
Mourning Warbler *Geothlypis philadelphia* *
Kentucky Warbler *G. formosa*
Common Yellowthroat *G. trichas* *
Hooded Warbler *Setophaga citrina*
American Redstart *S. ruticilla* *
Cape May Warbler *S. tigrina*
Cerulean Warbler *S. cerulea* *
Northern Parula *S. americana*
Magnolia Warbler *S. magnolia* *
Bay-breasted Warbler *S. castanea*
Blackburnian Warbler *S. fusca* *
Yellow Warbler *S. petechia* *
Chestnut-sided Warbler *S. pensylvanica* *
Blackpoll Warbler *S. striata*
Black-throated Blue Warbler *S. caerulescens* *
Palm Warbler *S. palmarum*
Pine Warbler *S. pinus* *

Yellow-rumped Warbler *S. coronata* *
Yellow-throated Warbler *S. dominica*
Prairie Warbler *S. discolor* *
Hermit Warbler *S. occidentalis* (a)
Black-throated Green Warbler *S. virens* *
Canada Warbler *Cardellina canadensis* *
Wilson's Warbler *C. pusilla*
Yellow-breasted Chat *Icteria virens*

Family Emberizidae —New World Sparrows and Allies

Eastern Towhee *Pipilo erythrophthalmus* *
American Tree Sparrow *Spizella arborea*
Chipping Sparrow *S. passerina* *
Clay-colored Sparrow *S. pallida* *
Field Sparrow *S. pusilla* *
Vesper Sparrow *Poocetes gramineus* *
Lark Sparrow *Chondestes grammacus*
Lark Bunting *Calamospiza melanocorys* (a)
Savannah Sparrow *Passerculus sandwichensis* *
Grasshopper Sparrow *Ammodramus savannarum* *
Henslow's Sparrow *A. henslowii* *
Le Conte's Sparrow *A. leconteii*
Nelson's Sparrow *A. nelsoni*
Fox Sparrow *Passerella iliaca*
Song Sparrow *Melospiza melodia* *
Lincoln's Sparrow *M. lincolni* *
Swamp Sparrow *M. georgiana* *
White-throated Sparrow *Zonotrichia albicollis* *
Harris's Sparrow *Z. querula* (a)
White-crowned Sparrow *Z. leucophrys*
Dark-eyed Junco *Junco hyemalis* *

Family Cardinalidae — Tanagers, Cardinals and Allies

Summer Tanager *Piranga rubra*
Scarlet Tanager *P. olivacea* *
Northern Cardinal *Cardinalis cardinalis* *
Rose-breasted Grosbeak *Pheucticus ludovicianus* *
Black-headed Grosbeak *P. melanocephalus* (a)
Blue Grosbeak *Passerina caerulea* (a)
Indigo Bunting *P. cyanea* *
Dickcissel *Spiza americana*

Family Icteridae — Blackbirds, Meadowlarks, and Orioles

Bobolink *Dolichonyx oryzivorus* *
Red-winged Blackbird *Agelaius phoeniceus* *
Eastern Meadowlark *Sturnella magna* *
Western Meadowlark *S. neglecta* (a)*
Yellow-headed Blackbird *Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus*
Rusty Blackbird *Euphagus carolinus*
Brewer's Blackbird *E. cyanocephalus*
Common Grackle *Quiscalus quiscula* *
Brown-headed Cowbird *Molothrus ater* *
Orchard Oriole *Icterus spurius* *
Baltimore Oriole *I. galbula* *

Family Fringillidae — Finches and Crossbills

Pine Grosbeak *Pinicola nucleator*
Purple Finch *Haemorhous purpureus* *
House Finch *H. mexicanus* *
Red Crossbill *Loxia curvirostra* *
White-winged Crossbill *L. leucoptera* *
Common Redpoll *Acanthis flammea*
Hoary Redpoll *A. hornemanni*
Pine Siskin *Spinus pinus* *
American Goldfinch *S. tristis* *
Evening Grosbeak *Coccothraustes vespertinus* *

Family Passeridae — Old World Sparrows

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* *