

Pictorial Guide to the Birds of Kingston

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Shown below are pictures for 120 species commonly seen in the Kingston area. Most of the pictures were taken in Frontenac County and all of them in the Kingston region. Kurt Hennige supplied 10 pictures of Ducks, Shorebirds and Miscellaneous species. Kathy Webb (Ruby-throated Hummingbird) and James Thompson (Wilson's Phalarope and American White Pelican) also contributed pictures. Phil provided pictures of the remaining 107 species.

The taxonomic arrangement follows the Checklist of the Birds of Kingston (2015). The most common members of each family are shown and reference to the other members of the family is in smaller print. Rare species are shown in italics.

Geese, Swans and Ducks



Canada Goose

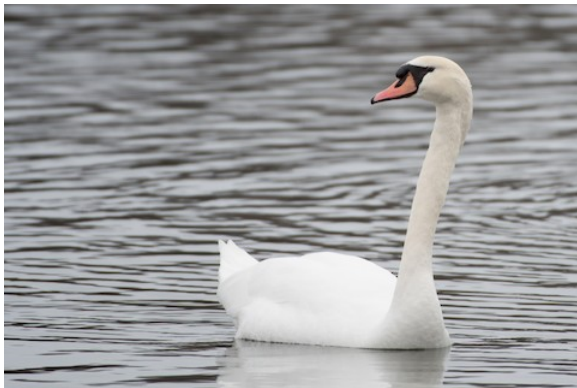
Also Snow Goose All white

Cackling Goose Smaller

Brant Dark

Ross's Goose All white with tiny bill

Greater White-fronted Goose Orange feet



Mute Swan

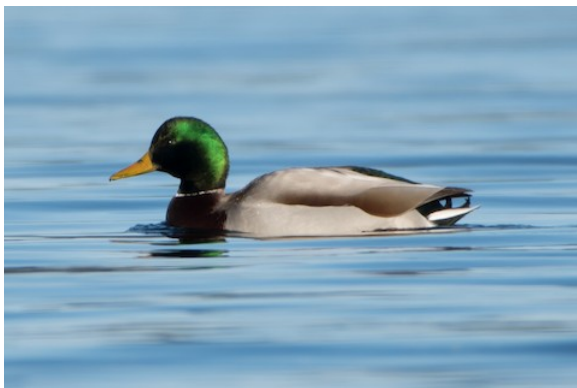
Also

Tundra Swan Smaller with dark bill

Trumpeter Swan Slopping dark bill



Wood Duck



Mallard

Dabbling Ducks

Gadwall, American Wigeon, American Black Duck, Blue-winged Teal, Northern Shoveler, Northern Pintail, Green-winged Teal

Eurasian Wigeon, Cinnamon Teal



Greater Scaup

Diving Ducks

Canvasback, Redhead, Ring-necked Duck, Lesser Scaup

Tufted Duck



White-winged Scoter

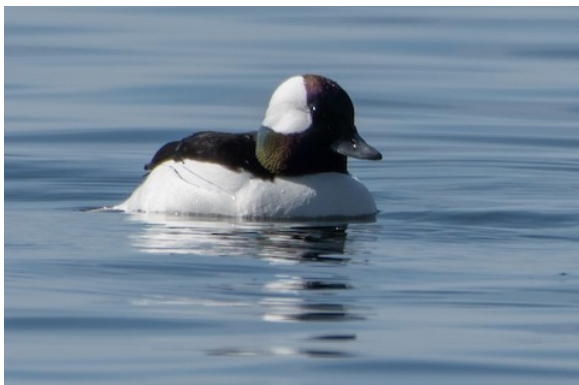
Deep water ducks

Surf Scoter White on back of head

Black Scoter Smaller, orange bill



Long-tailed Duck



Bufflehead



Common Goldeneye

Also

Barrow's Goldeneye Crescent in front of eye



Common Merganser

Also

Hooded Merganser Smaller

Red-breasted Merganser Red breast



Ruddy Duck

Partridges, Grouse and Turkeys



Ruffed Grouse

Also

Ring-necked Pheasant Colourful

Gray Partridge, Spruce Grouse, Willow Ptarmigan, Sharp-tailed Grouse



Wild Turkey

Loons



Common Loon

Also

Red-throated Loon, Pacific Loon, Yellow-billed Loon

Grebes



Pied-billed Grebe

Also

Horned Grebe Larger, white cheek patch

Red-necked Grebe Large bill, red throat

Eared Grebe, Western Grebe

Cormorants



Double-crested Cormorant

Also

Great Cormorant Larger

Pelicans



American White Pelican

Also

Brown Pelican Darker

Bitterns, Heron and Allies



American Bittern

Also

Least Bittern

Smaller



Great Blue Heron



Great Egret

Also

Snowy Egret, Little Blue Heron, Tricolored Heron, Cattle Egret



Green Heron



Black-crowned Night-Heron

Also

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

New World Vultures



Turkey Vulture

Also

Black Vulture Dark head, white wing tips

Kites, Eagles, Hawks and Allies



Bald Eagle

Also

Golden Eagle Golden head



Northern Harrier



Cooper's Hawk

Also

Sharp-shinned Hawk Smaller

Northern Goshawk Gray with eyebrow



Red-shouldered Hawk



Red-tailed Hawk

Also

Red-shouldered Hawk, Broad-winged Hawk,
Rough-legged Hawk

Swainson's Hawk, Ferruginous Hawk



Osprey

Not a Hawk

Single member of its family

Rails, Gallinules and Coots



Virginia Rail

Also

Sora Yellow bill

Yellow Rail. Black Rail, King Rail



Common Moorhen

Also

Purple Gallinule



American Coot

Lapwings and Plovers



Black-bellied Plover

Also

American Golden-Plover

Small head



Semipalmated Plover

Also

Snowy Plover, Piping Plover



Killdeer

Sandpipers, Phalaropes and Allies



Spotted Sandpiper



Lesser Yellowlegs

Also

Greater Yellowlegs

Larger

Solitary Sandpiper

Smaller

Willet



Upland Sandpiper



Hudsonian Godwit

Also

Marbled Godwit Smaller

Black-tailed Godwit



Ruddy Turnstone



Sanderling

Also

Stilt sandpiper Taller, with droopy bill

Red Knot Plump

Ruff, Curlew Sandpiper



Dunlin

Also

Purple Sandpiper



Least Sandpiper

Also

Baird's Sandpiper, White-rumped Sandpiper,
Pectoral Sandpiper, Semipalmated Sandpiper

Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Western Sandpiper



Short-billed Dowitcher

Also

Long-billed Dowitcher



Wilson's Snipe



American Woodcock



Wilson's Phalarope

Also

Red-necked Phalarope, Red Phalarope

Gulls, Terns and Skimmers



Bonaparte's Gull

Also

Little Gull Dark underwings

*Black-legged Kittiwake, Black-headed Gull,
Franklin's Gull, Mew Gull*



Ring-billed Gull



Herring Gull

Also

Iceland Gull Smaller, white underwing

Glaucous Gull Larger, white underwings



Great Black-backed Gull

Also

Lesser Black-backed Gull Smaller



Caspian Tern

Also

Black Tern Dark

Common Tern Smaller

White-winged Tern, Arctic Tern, Forster's Tern

Pigeons and Doves



Mourning Dove

Also

Rock Pigeon Larger

Eurasian Collared-Dove, White-winged Dove

True Owls



Great Horned Owl



Snowy Owl



Barred Owl

Also

Great Gray Owl

Larger

Northern Hawk Owl, Long-eared Owl, Short-eared Owl



Northern Saw-whet Owl

Also

Eastern Screech-Owl

Whinny call

Boreal Owl

Larger, pale bill

Goatsuckers



Common Nighthawk

Also

Eastern Whip-poor-will

Song

Chuck-will's-widow

Swifts



Chimney Swift

Hummingbirds



Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Also

Rufous Hummingbird

Kingfishers



Belted Kingfisher

Woodpeckers



Red-bellied Woodpecker

Also

Red-headed Woodpecker

Entire head red



Yellow-bellied Sapsucker



Hairy Woodpecker

Also

Downy Woodpecker

Smaller



Northern Flicker



Pileated Woodpecker

Falcons



Merlin

Also

American Kestrel

More colourful

Peregrine Falcon

Larger

Flycatchers



Eastern Wood-Pewee

Also

Olive-sided Flycatcher



Least Flycatcher

Also

Alder Flycatcher, Willow Flycatcher

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Acadian Flycatcher



Eastern Phoebe

Also

Say's Phoebe, Vermillion Flycatcher



Great Crested Flycatcher

Also

Ash-throated Flycatcher



Eastern Kingbird

Also

Western Kingbird, Gray Kingbird

Shrikes



Northern Shrike

Also

Loggerhead Shrike

Vireos



Red-eyed Vireo

Also

Yellow-throated Vireo, Blue-headed Vireo,
Warbling Vireo, Philadelphia Vireo

White-eyed Vireo

Jays, Magpies and Crows



Blue Jay

Also

Canada Jay



American Crow

Also

Common Raven

Larger

Fish Crow

Smaller

Larks



Horned Lark

Martins and Swallows



Purple Martin



Tree Swallow

Also

Barn swallow

Forked tail

Northern Rough-winged swallow, Bank Swallow,
Cliff Swallow

Cave Swallow

Chickadees and Titmice



Black-capped Chickadee

Also

Tufted Titmouse

Peaked head

Boreal Chickadee

Brown sides

Nuthatches



White-breasted Nuthatch

Also

Red-breasted Nuthatch

Rusty breast

Creepers



Brown Creeper

Wrens



House Wren

Also

Winter Wren

Stubby tail

Carolina Wren

Larger with eyebrow

Bewick's Wren



Marsh Wren

Also

Sedge Wren

Kinglets



Ruby-crowned Kinglet

Also

Golden-crowned Kinglet

Eye-brow

Bluebirds and Thrushes



Eastern Bluebird

Also

Mountain Bluebird, Townsend's Solitaire



Hermit Thrush

Also

Veery, Swainson's Thrush, Wood Thrush

Gray-cheeked Thrush, Bicknell's Thrush



American Robin

Mockingbirds and Thrashers



Gray Catbird



Brown Thrasher



Northern Mockingbird

Starlings



European Starling

Waxwings



Cedar waxwing

Also

Bohemian Waxwing Grayer

Snow Buntings



Snow Bunting

Wood-Warblers



Northern Waterthrush

Also

Louisiana Waterthrush



Black-and-white Warbler



Nashville Warbler

Also

Tennessee Warbler, Orange-crowned Warbler,



Common Yellowthroat

Also

Mourning Warbler

Kentucky Warbler



Yellow Warbler

Also

American Redstart, Cape May Warbler, Cerulean Warbler, Northern Parula, Magnolia Warbler, Bay-breasted Warbler, Blackburnian Warbler,

Hooded Warbler



Yellow-rumped warbler

Also

Chestnut-sided Warbler, Blackpoll Warbler, Black-throated Blue warbler, Palm Warbler, Pine Warbler, Prairie warbler

Yellow-throated Warbler, Hermit Warbler



Black-throated Green Warbler

New World Sparrows



Eastern Towhee

Also

Spotted Towhee



Chipping Sparrow

Also

American Tree Sparrow

Rusty shoulder

Field Sparrow

Pink bill

Clay-coloured Sparrow



Song Sparrow

Also

Swamp Sparrow

Rusty sides

Savannah Sparrow

Yellow eyebrow

Lincoln Sparrow



White-throated Sparrow

Also

White-crowned Sparrow

Gray chest

Harris's sparrow



Dark-eyed Junco

Tanagers, Cardinals and Allies



Scarlet Tanager

Also

Summer Tanager

Large bill



Northern Cardinal



Rose-breasted Grosbeak

Also

Black-headed Grosbeak



Indigo Bunting

Also

Blue Grosbeak

Large beak

Blackbirds, Meadowlarks and Orioles



Bobolink



Red-winged Blackbird

Also

Rusty Blackbird

Rusty head

Yellow-headed Blackbird

Yellow head

Brewer's Blackbird



Eastern Meadowlark

Also

Western Meadowlark



Common Grackle



Brown-headed Cowbird



Baltimore Oriole

Also

Orchard Oriole

Brick red

Finches



House Finch

Also

Purple Finch

Strong eyebrow



Common Redpoll

Also

Hoary Redpoll

Whiter



American Goldfinch

Also

Pine Siskin

Dagger bill