

Check-list of the Birds of Kingston, Ontario

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Updated March 2015 This check-list includes 384 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*, 62nd Supplement.

* denotes confirmed breeding evidence (195 species); (a) denotes accidental occurrence defined as fewer than five sightings over the past 10 years, English name in italics denotes a species not recorded every year, (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*
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

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

Order **PODICIPEDIFORMES**

Family Podicipedidae — Grebes

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

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. erythrothalamus* *

Order Order **CAPRIMULGIFORMES**

Family Caprimulgidae — Goatsuckers

Common Nighthawk *Chordeiles minor* *

Chuck-will's-widow *Antrastomus 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)

GRUIFORMES

Family Rallidae — Rails, Gallinules, and Coots

King Rail *Rallus elegans* * (a)

Virginia Rail *R. limicola* *

Sora *Porzana carolina* *

Common Gallinule *Gallinula galeata* *

American Coot *Fulica americana* *

Purple Gallinule *Porphyrio martinicus* (a)

Yellow Rail *Coturnicops noveboracensis*

Black Rail *Laterallus jamaicensis* (a)

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

Upland Sandpiper *Bartramia longicauda* *

Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*

Eskimo Curlew *N. borealis* (e)

Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa* (a)
Hudsonian Godwit *L. haemastica*
Marbled Godwit *L. fedoa* (a)
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. maritime* (a)
Baird's Sandpiper *C. bairdii*
Least Sandpiper *C. minutilla*
White-rumped Sandpiper *C. fuscicollis*
Buff-breasted Sandpiper *Tryngites subruficollis* (a)
Pectoral Sandpiper *C. melanotos*
Semipalmated Sandpiper *C. pusilla*
Western Sandpiper *C. mauri* (a)
Short-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus griseus*
Long-billed Dowitcher *L. scolopaceus*
American Woodcock *Scolopax minor* *
Wilson's Snipe *Gallinago delicata* *
Wilson's Phalarope *Phalaropus tricolor* *
Red-necked Phalarope *P. lobatus*
Red Phalarope *P. fulicarius* (a)
Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius* *
Solitary Sandpiper *Tringa solitaria*
Greater Yellowlegs *T. melanoleuca*
Willet *T. semipalmata*
Lesser Yellowlegs *T. flavipes*

Family Stercorariidae— Skuas and Jaegers

Pomarine Jaeger *Stercorarius pomarinus* (a)
Parasitic Jaeger *S. parasiticus* (a)
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* (a)
Ivory Gull *Pagophila eburnea* (a)
Sabine's Gull *Xema sabini* (a)
Bonaparte's Gull *Chroicocephalus philadelphia*
Black-headed Gull *C. ridibundus* (a)
Little Gull *Hydrocoloeus minutus*
Laughing Gull *Leucophaeus atricilla* (a)

Franklin's Gull L. pipixcan
"Mew Gull" *Larus canus/brachyrhynchus* (a)
Ring-billed Gull *L. delawarensis* *
Herring Gull *L. argentatus* *
"Thayer's Gull" *L. glaucoides 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 (a)
Forster's Tern S. forsteri (a)

Order **GAVIIFORMES**

Family Gaviidae — Loons

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

Order PROCELLARIIFORMES Order **Family Diomedidae — Albatrosses**

Yellow-nosed Albatross Thalassarche chlororhynchos (a)

Family Hydrobatidae — Storm-Petrels

Leach's Storm-Petrel Oceano dromaleucorhoa (a)

CICONIIFORMES

Family Ciconiidae — Storks

Wood Stork Mycteria americana (a)

Order **SULIFORMES**

Family Sulidae — Boobies and Gannets

Northern Gannet Morus bassanus (a)

Family Phalacrocoracidae— Cormorants

Great Cormorant Phalacrocorax carbo (a)
Double-crested Cormorant *P. auratus* *
Neotropic Cormorant Nannopterum brasilianum (a)

Order **PELECANIFORMES**

Family Pelecanidae — Pelicans

American White Pelican Pelecanus erythrorhynchos (a)
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* (a)
Little Blue Heron *E. caerulea* (a)
Tricolored Heron *E. tricolor* (a)
Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* * (a)
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*
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

Swallow-tailed Kite *Elanoides forficatus* (a)
Bald Eagle *Haliaeetus leucocephalus* *
Golden Eagle *Aquila chrysaetos*
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* *
Rough-legged Hawk *B. lagopus*
Ferruginous Hawk *Buteo regalis* (a)

Order **STRIGIFORMES**

Family Tytonidae — Barn Owls

Barn Owl *Tyto alba* * (a)

Family Strigidae — True Owls

Eastern Screech-Owl *Megascops asio* *
Great Horned Owl *Bubo virginianus* *

Snowy Owl *B. scandiacus*
Northern Hawk Owl *Surnia ulula* (a)
Barred Owl *Strix varia* *
Great Gray Owl *S. nebulosa*
Long-eared Owl *Asio otus* *
Short-eared Owl *A. flammeus* *
Boreal Owl *Aegolius funereus* (a)
Northern Saw-whet Owl *A. acadicus* *

Order **CORACIIFORMES**

Family **Alcedinidae — Kingfishers**

Belted Kingfisher *Megaceryle alcyon* *

Order **PICIFORMES**

Family **Picidae — Woodpeckers and Allies**

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker *Sphyrapicus varius* *
Lewis's Woodpecker *Melanerpes lewis* (a)
Red-headed Woodpecker *M. erythrocephalus* *
Red-bellied Woodpecker *M. carolinus* *
American Three-toed Woodpecker *P. dorsalis* * (a)
Black-backed Woodpecker *P. arcticus* (a)
Downy Woodpecker *Picoides pubescens* *
Hairy Woodpecker *P. villosus* *
Pileated Woodpecker *Dryocopus pileatus* *
Northern Flicker *Colaptes auratus* *

Order **FALCONIFORMES**

Family **Falconidae — Falcons**

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

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* (a)
Eastern Kingbird *T. tyrannus* *

Gray Kingbird *T. dominicensis* (a)
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher *T. forficatus* (a)
Fork-tailed Flycatcher *T. savana* (a)

Family Vireonidae — Vireos

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

Family Laniidae — Shrikes

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

Family Corvidae — Jays, Magpies, and Crows

Canada Jay *Perisoreus canadensis*(a)
Blue Jay *Cyanocitta cristata* *
Black-billed Magpie *Pica hudsonia* (a)
American Crow *Corvus brachyrhynchos* *
Fish Crow *C. ossifragus* * (a)
Common Raven *C. corax* *

Family Paridae — Chickadees and Titmice

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

Family Alaudidae — Larks

Horned Lark *Eremophila alpestris* *

Family Hirundinidae — Martins and Swallows

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

Family Regulidae — Kinglets

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

Family Sittidae — Nuthatches

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

Family Certhiidae — Creepers

Brown Creeper *Certhia americana* *

Family Polioptilidae — Gnatcatchers

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher *Polioptila caerulea* *

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 Sturnidae — Starlings

European Starling *Sturnus vulgaris* *

Family Mimidae — Mockingbirds, Thrashers, and Allies

Gray Catbird *Dumetella carolinensis* *

Brown Thrasher *Toxostoma rufum* *

Northern Mockingbird *Mimus polyglottos* *

Family Turdidae — Bluebirds, and Thrushes

Eastern Bluebird *Sialia sialis* *

Mountain Bluebird *S. currucoides* (a)

Townsend's Solitaire *Myadestes townsendi* (a)

Varied Thrush *Ixoreus naevius* (a)

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* *

Family Muscicapidae - Wheatears

Northern Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe* (a)

Family Bombycillidae — Waxwings

Bohemian Waxwing *Bombycilla garrulus*

Cedar Waxwing *B. cedrorum* *

Family Passeridae — Old World Sparrows

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* *

Family Motacillidae — Wagtails and Pipits

American Pipit *Anthus rubescens*

Family Fringillidae — Finches and Crossbills

Evening Grosbeak *Coccothraustes vespertinus* *

Pine Grosbeak *Pinicola nucleator*

Purple Finch *Haemorhous purpureus* *

House Finch *H. mexicanus* *

Common Redpoll *Acanthis flammea*
Hoary Redpoll *A. hornemann*
Red Crossbill *Loxia curvirostra* *
White-winged Crossbill *L. leucoptera* *
Pine Siskin *Spinus pinus* *
American Goldfinch *S. tristis* *

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 Emberizidae —New World Sparrows and Allies

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

Family Icteriidae – Yellow-breasted Chat

Yellow-breasted Chat (a)

Family Icteridae — Blackbirds, Meadowlarks, and Orioles

Yellow-headed Blackbird Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus (a)
Bobolink *Dolichonyx oryzivorus* *
Western Meadowlark *S. neglecta* (a)*
Eastern Meadowlark *Sturnella magna* *
Orchard Oriole *Icterus spurius* *
Baltimore Oriole *I. galbula* *
Red-winged Blackbird *Agelaius phoeniceus* *

Brown-headed Cowbird *Molothrus ater* *
Rusty Blackbird *Euphagus carolinus*
Brewer's Blackbird *E. cyanocephalus* (a)
Common Grackle *Quiscalus quiscula* *

Family Parulidae — Wood-Warblers

Ovenbird *Seiurus aurocapilla* *
Worm-eating Warbler *Helmitheros vermivorum* (a)
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* (a)
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* (a)
Common Yellowthroat *G. trichas* *
Hooded Warbler *Setophaga citrina*
American Redstart *S. ruticilla* *
Kirtland's Warbler *S. kirtlandii* (a)
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* (a)
Prairie Warbler *S. discolor* *
Hermit Warbler *S. occidentalis* (a)
Black-throated Green Warbler *S. virens* *
Canada Warbler *Cardellina canadensis* *
Wilson's Warbler *C. pusilla*

Family Cardinalidae — Tanagers, Cardinals and Allies

Summer Tanager *Piranga rubra* (a)
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 (a)