

Sparrows

American Tree Sparrow	W	OW
Brewer's Sparrow	S	OW
Chipping Sparrow	S	OW
Clay-colored Sparrow	S	OW
Dark-eyed Junco	Y	MF
Fox Sparrow	S	OW
Lincoln's Sparrow	S	OW
Savannah Sparrow	S	OW
Song Sparrow	S	OW
Spotted Towhee	S	OW
Vesper Sparrow	S	OW
White-crowned Sparrow	S	OW/AT
White-throated Sparrow	S	MF

Blackbirds and Orioles

Baltimore Oriole	M	OW
Brewer's Blackbird	S	HS
Brown-headed Cowbird	S	OW
Red-winged Blackbird	S	WB
Western Meadowlark	S	OW
Yellow-headed Blackbird	S	WB

Checklist Accuracy

Help us make this checklist accurate as possible. If you have concerns about information in this brochure or would like to report a sighting, contact the Castle Parks Office.

Finches

American Goldfinch	S	OW
Cassin's Finch	S	MF
Common Redpoll	W	MF
Evening Grosbeak	Y	MF
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch	Y	AT
House Sparrow	Y	HS
Pine Grosbeak	Y	CF
Pine Siskin	Y	MF
Red Crossbill	Y	CF
White-winged Crossbill	Y	CF

Woodpeckers

American Three-toed Woodpecker	Y	CF
Downy Woodpecker	Y	MF
Hairy Woodpecker	Y	MF
Northern Flicker	Y	OW
Pileated Woodpecker	Y	MF
Red-naped Sapsucker	S	MF
Williamson's Sapsucker	S	CF

Park Habitats

From montane grasslands at Castle Falls, to high alpine tarns of Barnaby Ridge, and from rare wetlands along the West Castle River to diverse forest cover and old burns, the ecology of Castle Provincial Park provides habitat for a wonderful array of bird species. The floral and faunal biodiversity of this landscape is recognized as being the most diverse in Alberta, if not Canada because of abundant and variety of habitat, and also this unique location where so many species are at the very edge of their range

New Records

A pair of binoculars, a sharp ear, and this checklist are all you will need to begin exploring the avian marvels of Castle Provincial Park!



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Provincial Park Visitor Information

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Toll Free: 1-877-537-2757

Illegal Activity/Public Safety (24/7)

Phone: 310-LAND (5263)

Fire Bans in Alberta

Web: albertafirebans.ca

Emergency (Police, Fire, Ambulance)

Phone: 911

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Birding

Castle Provincial Park



Wildlife



Alberta

Checklist

Swans, Geese, and Ducks

	American Wigeon	M	WB
	Barrow's Goldeneye	S	WB
	Blue-winged Teal	S	WB
	Bufflehead	Y	WB
	Canada Goose	S	WB
	Canvas-back	M	WB
	Common Goldeneye	Y	WB
	Common Merganser	Y	WB
	Gadwall	M	WB
	Green-winged Teal	S	WB
	Harlequin Duck	S	WB
	Hooded Merganser	M	WB
	Mallard	S	WB
	Northern Pintail	S	WB
	Northern Shoveler	S	WB
	Redhead	M	WB
	Ring-necked Duck	S	WB
	Ruddy Duck	M	WB
	Trumpeter Swan	S	WB
	Wood Duck	S	WB

Upland Gamebirds

	Dusky Grouse	Y	MF
	Ruffed Grouse	Y	MF
	Spruce Grouse	Y	CF
	White-tailed Ptarmigan	Y	AT
	Wild Turkey	Y	OW

Loons and Grebes

	Common Loon	S	WB
	Horned Grebe	M	WB
	Pied-billed Grebe	S	WB
	Red-necked Grebe	S	WB
	Western Grebe	S	WB

Wading Birds

	Great Blue Heron	M	WB
	American Bittern	S	WB
	Black-crowned Night Heron	S	WB

Osprey, Hawks and Eagles

	Bald Eagle	Y	RF
	Cooper's Hawk	S	MF
	Golden Eagle	S	OW
	Northern Goshawk	Y	MF
	Northern Harrier	S	OW
	Osprey	S	WB
	Red-tailed Hawk	S	OW
	Rough-legged Hawk	M	OW
	Sharp-shinned Hawk	Y	MF
	Swainson's Hawk	S	OW

Coots, Cranes and Rails

	American Coot	S	W
	Sandhill Crane	S	W
	Sora	S	W

Shorebirds and Gulls

	Black Tern	M	W
	Black-necked Stilt	S	W
	California Gull	M	W/OW
	Caspian Tern	M	W
	Common Tern	M	W
	Killdeer	S	W/OW
	Ring-billed Gull	M	W/OW
	Solitary Sandpiper	M	W
	Spotted Sandpiper	S	W
	Wilson's Snipe	S	W

Pigeons and Doves

	Eurasian Collared Dove	Y	HS
	Mourning Dove	S	OW
	Rock Pigeon	Y	HS

Owls

	Barred Owl	Y	MF
	Boreal Owl	Y	MF
	Great Grey Owl	Y	CF
	Great Horned Owl	Y	MF
	Long-eared Owl	S	CF
	Northern Pygmy Owl	Y	MF
	Northern Saw-whet Owl	Y	MF
	Short-eared Owl	M	OW
	Snowy Owl	W	OW

Goatsuckers

	Common Nighthawk	S	OW
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Swifts

	Black Swift	S	OW
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Hummingbirds

	Calliope Hummingbird	S	RF
	Rufous Hummingbird	S	RF

Kingfishers

	Belted Kingfisher	S	WB
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Falcons

	American Kestrel	S	OW
	Gyr Falcon	W	OW
	Merlin	S	OW
	Peregrine Falcon	S	OW
	Prairie Falcon	M	OW

Pitpits

	American Pitpit	S	AT
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Flycatchers

	Alder Flycatcher	S	RF
	Dusky Flycatchers	S	OW
	Eastern Kingbird	S	OW
	Hammond's Flycatcher	S	CF
	Least Flycatcher	S	MF
	Olive-sided Flycatcher	S	CF
	Pacific-slope Flycatcher	S	CF
	Say's Phoebe	S	OW
	Western Wood Pewee	S	MF
	Willow Flycatcher	S	RF

Shrikes

	Northern Shrike	W	OW
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Vireos

	Cassin's Vireo	S	MF
	Red-eyed Vireo	S	MF
	Warbling Vireo	S	RF

Corvids

	American Crow	S	OW
	Black-billed Magpie	Y	OW
	Clark's Nutcracker	Y	CF/AT
	Common Raven	Y	MF
	Gray Jay	Y	CF
	Stellar's Jay	Y	CF

Larks

	Horned Lark	Y	OW
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Swallows

	Bank Swallow	S	RF
	Barn Swallow	S	HS
	Cliff Swallow	S	RF
	Rough-winged Swallow	S	RF
	Tree Swallow	S	RF
	Violet-green Swallow	S	RF

Chickadees

	Black-capped Chickadee	Y	MF
	Boreal Chickadee	Y	CF
	Mountain Chickadee	Y	MF

Nuthatches and Creepers

	Brown Creeper	Y	MF
	Red-breasted Nuthatch	Y	MF
	White-breasted Nuthatch	Y	MF

Wrens

	House Wren	S	OW
	Marsh Wren	W	WB
	Pacific Wren	S	RF
	Rock Wren	S	OW

Kinglets and Dippers

	American Dipper	Y	W
	Golden-crowned Kinglet	Y	CF
	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	S	CF

Thrushes

	American Robin	Y	OW
	Hermit Thrush	S	MF
	Mountain Bluebird	S	OW
	Swainson's Thrush	S	RF
	Townsend's Solitaire	Y	CF
	Varied Thrush	S	CF
	Veery	S	MF

Mockingbirds

	Gray Catbird	S	MF
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Starlings

	European Starling	Y	HS
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Cardinals

	Lazuli Bunting	S	OW
	Western Tanager	S	MF

Waxwings and Buntings

	Bohemian Waxwing	W	CF
	Cedar Waxwing	W	OW
	Snow Bunting	W	OW

Wood Warblers

	American Redstart	S	MF
	Common Yellowthroat	S	RF
	MacGillivray's Warbler	S	RF
	Northern Waterthrush	S	RF
	Orange-crowned Warbler	S	MF
	Ovenbird	S	OW
	Tennessee Warbler	S	CF
	Townsend's Warbler	S	CF
	Wilson's Warbler	S	OW
	Yellow Warbler	S	RF
	Yellow-rumped Warbler	S	CF

Legend

Bold text denotes most frequently reported species.

Residence Status
S summer breeding
W winter only
Y year-round
M migration

Preferred Habitat
AT alpine tundra
CF coniferous forest
MF mixed forests
RF riparian forests
OW open woodlands
HS human structures
WB water bodies