

Arctic: Birds, Bears, & Belugas | Species List

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Family or Species Common Name: Scientific Name

DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS: ANATIDAE

Canada Goose *Branta canadensis*— Common with broods. Seen all 6 days

Tundra Swan *Cygnus columbianus*— Seen on the last day

American Wigeon *Mareca americana*— Seen on the second and third day

Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*— Common. Seen on all 6 days

American Black Duck *Anas rubripes*— Likely more common than noted. Seen on the third and fourth days

Northern Pintail *Anas acuta*— Seen on 5 of the 6 days

Green-winged Teal *Anas crecca*— Seen on the third day

Greater Scaup *Aythya marila*— Seen on the second and third days

Common Eider *Somateria mollissima*— flocks of chicks and adults along the coast. Seen 5 of the 6 days

Surf Scoter *Melanitta perspicillata*— Likely more common. Large distant flocks of waterfowl on Hudson Bay. Seen on the third day.

White-winged Scoter *Melanitta deglandi*— numerous flocks on Hudson Bay. Seen on the third, fourth, and sixth days

Black Scoter *Melanitta americana*— Seen on the third day. Likely more common. Large distant flocks of waterfowl on Hudson Bay.

Long-tailed Duck *Clangula hyemalis*— Seen on the third and fifth days.

Common Goldeneye *Bucephala clangula*— Seen on the third and fifth days.

Common Merganser *Mergus merganser*— Seen on the third day

Red-breasted Merganser *Mergus serrator*— Seen on the third and fifth days.

PHEASANTS, PARTRIDGES, AND ALLIES: PHASIANIDAE

Willow Ptarmigan *Lagopus lagopus*— One brief look of one individual. Disappointed we didn't find more. Seen on the fifth day

CRANES: GRUIDAE

Sandhill Crane *Antigone canadensis*— Seen on the last day

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS: CHARADRIIDAE

Semipalmated Plover *Charadrius semipalmatus* — Banded Individual and two young on the beach. Seen on the fifth day

Killdeer *Charadrius vociferus*— Seen on the first and third days

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: SCOLOPACIDAE

Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*— observed small flocks daily

Hudsonian Godwit *Limosa haemastica*— Small group of individuals at the stream mouth. Seen on the fifth day

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Stilt Sandpiper *Calidris himantopus*— Seen on the third day

Baird's Sandpiper *Calidris bairdii*— Seen on the fifth day

Short-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus griseus*— Seen on the third and fifth days

Red-necked Phalarope *Phalaropus lobatus*— Seen on the third and fifth days

Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca*— Both Greater and Lesser together on July 12th. Seen on the third and fifth days.

Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes*— Seen on the third day

SKUAS AND JAEGER: STERCORARIIDAE

Parasitic Jaeger *Stercorarius parasiticus*— Seen on the third and fifth days.

Long-tailed Jaeger *Stercorarius longicaudus*— Seen on the second, third, and sixth days

GULLS AND TERNS: LARIDAE

Bonaparte's Gull *Chroicocephalus philadelphia*— One large flock on Monday with numerous individuals other days. Seen on the second, third, and fifth days

Franklin's Gull *Leucophaeus pipixcan*— Seen on the first day

Ring-billed Gull *Larus delawarensis*— Seen on the first and second days

Herring Gull *Larus argentatus*— Most common gull observed. Seen on 5 of the 6 days

Glaucous Gull *Larus hyperboreus*— Seen on the third day

Arctic Tern *Sterna paradisaea*— Observed large numbers every day

LOONS: GAVIIDAE

Red-throated Loon *Gavia stellata*— Appeared to be the most common loon on Hudson Bay. Seen on the second and third days

Pacific Loon *Gavia pacifica*— Found on ponds east of town. Seen on the fifth and sixth days

Common Loon *Gavia immer*— One individual flying past on Hudson Bay and another on Twin Lakes. Seen on the third and fifth days

CORMORANTS: PHALACROCORACIDAE

Double-crested Cormorant *Nannopterum auritum*— One individual at the mouth of the Seal River. Seen on the third day

PELICANS: PELECANIDAE

American White Pelican *Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*— Seen on the first day

HAWKS, KITES, AND EAGLES: ACCIPITRIDAE

Northern Harrier *Circus hudsonius*— Seen on the last day

Bald Eagle *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*— rather common along the coast of Hudson Bay. Seen on the second, third, fourth, and sixth days

Swainson's Hawk *Buteo swainsoni*— Seen on the first and second days

Rough-legged Hawk *Buteo lagopus*— One individual observed flying just east of town. Seen on the last day

WOODPECKERS: PICIDAE

Downy Woodpecker *Dryobates pubescens*— Seen on the first day

FALCONS AND CARACARAS: FALCONIDAE

American Kestrel *Falco sparverius*— observed at the Winnipeg Airport and in Churchill. Seen on the second day

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: TYRANNIDAE

Eastern Phoebe *Sayornis phoebe*— Seen on the first day. One individual along shore at Fort Whyte

VIREOS: VIREONIDAE

Warbling Vireo *Vireo gilvus*— Singing at Fort Whyte. Seen on the first day

Red-eyed Vireo *Vireo olivaceus*— Singing at Fort Whyte and Zoo.

CROWS AND JAYS: CORVIDAE

Canada Jay *Perisoreus canadensis*— Brief glimpse of individuals at Twin Lakes. Seen on the fifth day

American Crow *Corvus brachyrhynchos*— Seen on the first day

Common Raven *Corvus corax*— Less common than expected. Seen on the third and fifth day

TITS AND CHICKADEES: PARIDAE

Black-capped Chickadee *Poecile atricapillus*— Seen on the second day

SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: HIRUNDINIDAE

Purple Martin *Progne subis*— Couple of colonies at Fort Whyte. Seen on the first day

Tree Swallow *Tachycineta bicolor*— Numerous nest boxes in and around Churchill. Seen on 5 of the 6 days

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*— Seen on the first day

Cliff Swallow *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*— Seen on the first day

WRENS: TROGLODYTIDAE

House Wren *Troglodytes aedon*— One individual checking out martin houses. Seen on the first day

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS: MIMIDAE

Gray Catbird *Dumetella carolinensis*— Seen on the first day

THRUSHES: TURDIDAE

American Robin *Turdus migratorius*— Seen everyday

OLD WORLD SPARROWS: PASSERIDAE

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*— kind of surprising that these sparrows can survive the winter. Seen everyday

PIPITS AND WAGTAILS: MOTACILLIDAE

American Pipit *Anthus rubescens*— Seen on the second and fifth days

FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS: FRINGILLIDAE

House Finch *Haemorhous mexicanus*— Seen on the first day

Common Redpoll *Acanthis flammea*— Seen on the second and third days

Hoary Redpoll *Acanthis hornemanni*— originally identified as a Common Redpoll but clearly Hoary in the photos. Seen on the third day

Pine Siskin *Spinus pinus*— Seen on the first day

NEW WORLD SPARROWS: PASSERELLIDAE

Fox Sparrow *Passerella iliaca*— Seen on third day

White-crowned Sparrow *Zonotrichia leucophrys*— Common sparrow. Seen on 4 out of 6 days

Savannah Sparrow *Passerculus sandwichensis*— Common. Seen on the second, third, and fourth days

Song Sparrow *Melospiza melodia*— Seen on the fourth day

Lincoln's Sparrow *Melospiza lincolnii*— One individual singing and then observed. Seen on the third day

NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS AND ORIOLES: ICTERIDAE

Western Meadowlark *Sturnella neglecta*— One individual singing at the Airport in Winnipeg. Seen on the second day

Red-winged Blackbird *Agelaius phoeniceus*— Seen on the first day

Rusty Blackbird *Euphagus carolinus*— Nice to see in breeding plumage. Seen on the fifth day

NEW WORLD WARBLERS: PARULIDAE

Tennessee Warbler *Leiothlypis peregrina*— Seen on the fifth day

Orange-crowned Warbler *Leiothlypis celata*— Seen on the fifth day

Yellow Warbler *Setophaga petechia*— Seen on the first three days

Blackpoll Warbler *Setophaga striata*— Seen on the fifth day

MAMMALS

Eastern Cottontail *Sylvilagus floridanus*— Seen on the first day

Richardson's Ground Squirrel *Urocitellus richardsonii*— Seen on the first day

American Red Squirrel *Tamiasciurus hudsonicus*— Seen on the second day

Red Fox *Vulpes vulpes*— Seen on the third and fourth days

Polar Bear *Ursus maritimus*— Seen on the third and fourth days

Caribou *Rangifer tarandus*— Tracks observed at Twin Lakes

Beluga Whale *Delphinapterus leucas*— Observed every day we were in Churchill. Seen on 5 out of the 6 days

Bearded Seal *Erignathus barbatus*— NEW checklist species. One individual observed in Hudson Bay. Seen on the third day

Ringed Seal *Pusa hispida*— NEW checklist species. A few individuals observed in Hudson Bay. Seen on the third day

Gray Wolf *Canis lupus*— New Checklist Species. One individual circling polar bears feeding on Beluga Whale. Seen on the third day

REPTILES

Painted Turtle *Chrysemys picta*— Observed while canoeing at Fort Whyte. Seen on the first day.