

Arctic: Birds, Bears, & Belugas | Species List

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Family or Species Common Name: *Scientific Name*

Total Species Seen: 75

DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS: Anatidae

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

Tundra Swan *Cygnus columbianus*— Seen on the first, third day, and last day including one brood of three cygnets.

Northern Shoveler *Spatula clypeata* — Seen on the first day at Fort Whyte.

American Wigeon *Mareca americana*— Seen on the first and fifth day.

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

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

Northern Pintail *Anas acuta*— Seen on 3 of the 6 days.

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

Greater Scaup *Aythya marila*— Seen on the second and third and fifth and sixth day.

Common Eider *Somateria mollissima*— flocks of chicks and adults along the coast. Seen 4 of the 6 days.

Harlequin Duck *Histrionicus histrionicus* — One male observed along rocky coast on the fourth day.

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

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

Common Goldeneye *Bucephala clangula*— Seen on four of the six days.

Common Merganser *Mergus merganser*— Small flock flew over on the second day.

Red-breasted Merganser *Mergus serrator*— Seen on the second, third and fourth days.

PHEASANTS, PARTRIDGES, AND ALLIES: PHASIANIDAE

Willow Ptarmigan *Lagopus lagopus*— Good looks at a pair and a brood. Seen on the last day.

PIGEONS AND DOVES: COLUMBIDAE

Rock Pigeon *Columba livia* — Seen on the first day in Winnipeg.

Mourning Dove *Zenaida macroura* — Seen on the first day in Winnipeg.

SWIFTS: APODIDAE

Chimney Swift *Chaetura pelagica* — A couple of individuals observed flying over the zoo on the first day.

CRANES: GRUIDAE

Sandhill Crane *Antigone canadensis*— One pair seen on the last day during the tundra buggy tour.

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS: CHARADRIIDAE

Semipalmated Plover *Charadrius semipalmatus* — A pair and two young from the tundra buggy on the last day.

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: SCOLOPACIDAE

Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*— observed small flocks daily.

Hudsonian Godwit *Limosa haemastica*— Small group of individuals along the coast. Seen on the sixth day.

Red Knot *Calidris canutus*— Small flock seen on the sixth day along the coast.

Sanderling *Calidris alba* — observed on the last day along the coast.

Dunlin *Calidris alpina* — observed on the last day along the coast.

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

Semipalmated Sandpiper *Calidris pusilla* — Seen on the last day along the coast.

Short-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus griseus*— Seen on the second day.

Wilson's Snipe *Gallinago delicata* — observed on the fifth day.

Red-necked Phalarope *Phalaropus lobatus*— Seen on the fifth day.

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

SKUAS AND JAEGER: STERCORARIIDAE

Parasitic Jaeger *Stercorarius parasiticus*— Seen on the four out of the five days.

GULLS AND TERNS: LARIDAE

Bonaparte's Gull *Chroicocephalus philadelphia*— Numerous individuals foraging on the river. Seen on the second, third, fifth and sixth days.

Ring-billed Gull *Larus delawarensis*— Seen on the first four days.

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

Arctic Tern *Sterna paradisaea*— Observed large numbers every day in Churchill.

LOONS: GAVIIDAE

Red-throated Loon *Gavia stellata*— Only found along the coast on the fourth day.

Pacific Loon *Gavia pacifica*— Found on ponds east of town. Seen on most days in Churchill.

CORMORANTS: PHALACROCORACIDAE

Double-crested Cormorant *Nannopterum auritum*— One individual observed the first day.

PELICANS: PELECANIDAE

American White Pelican *Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*— Seen on the first day flying over the zoo and at Fort Whyte.

OSPREY: PANDIONIAE

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* — One bird flew over at the Churchill River weir.

HAWKS, KITES, AND EAGLES: ACCIPITRIDAE

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 day at Fort Whyte.

WOODPECKERS: PICIDAE

Downy Woodpecker *Dryobates pubescens*— A couple of recently fledged broods observed on the first day

FALCONS AND CARACARAS: FALCONIDAE

Merlin *Falco columbarius*— observed flying on the last day.

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus* — observed the first day on top of the Radisson Hotel downtown Winnipeg.

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: TYRANNIDAE

Eastern Phoebe *Sayornis phoebe*— Seen on the first day. Many individuals at Fort Whyte.

VIREOS: VIREONIDAE

Red-eyed Vireo *Vireo olivaceus*— Singing at the Zoo and one individual observed at close range foraging on the ground.

CROWS AND JAYS: CORVIDAE

Canada Jay *Perisoreus canadensis*— Brief glimpse of one juvenile flying across the road on day three.

American Crow *Corvus brachyrhynchos*— Seen on the first day and again on the third day.

Common Raven *Corvus corax*— Less common than expected. Seen on the second, third and sixth days.

TITS AND CHICKADEES: PARIDAE

Black-capped Chickadee *Poecile atricapillus*— Seen on the first 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 4 of the 6 days.

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

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

THRUSHES: TURDIDAE

American Robin *Turdus migratorius*— Seen every day except day 2.

OLD WORLD SPARROWS: PASSERIDAE

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

FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS: FRINGILLIDAE

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

Common Redpoll *Acanthis flammea*— Seen on the fifth day.

American Goldfinch *Spinus tristis*— Seen on the first day.

NEW WORLD SPARROWS: PASSERELLIDAE

Chipping Sparrow *Spizella passerina* — many observed the first day.

White-crowned Sparrow *Zonotrichia leucophrys*— Common sparrow. Seen on 3 out of 6 days.

White-throated Sparrow *Zonotrichia albicollis* — Heard on the first day at the zoo.

Savannah Sparrow *Passerculus sandwichensis*— Common, but only seen well on the third day.

NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS AND ORIOLES: ICTERIDAE

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

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

Rusty Blackbird *Euphagus carolinus*— Nice to see in breeding plumage. Observed at the Churchill River Weir on day three.

Common Grackle *Quiscalus quiscula* — Observed the first day in Winnipeg.

NEW WORLD WARBLERS: PARULIDAE

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

Yellow Warbler *Setophaga petechia*— Seen on the first three days and again on the fifth day.

MAMMALS

Eastern Cottontail *Sylvilagus floridanus*— Seen on the first day around the hotel.

Arctic Hare – *Lepus arcticus* — One observed the third day.

Richardson’s Ground Squirrel *Urocitellus richardsonii*— Common at the zoo on the first day.

American Red Squirrel *Tamiasciurus hudsonicus*— Seen on the first day.

Red Fox *Vulpes vulpes*— Seen on the first day.

Polar Bear *Ursus maritimus*— Seen on all days except fourth day (including zoo animals in Winnipeg)

Beluga Whale *Delphinapterus leucas*— Large pods observed second, third, and fourth day.

Ringed Seal *Pusa hispida*— A few individuals observed in Hudson Bay. Seen on the third day and fourth days.