

Checklist of the Birds of the Greater Toronto Area (2008)

The Greater Toronto Area encompasses the City of Toronto, the Regional Municipalities of Halton, Peel, York and Durham and the corresponding Canadian waters of Lake Ontario. Since records have been kept, a total of 399 bird species has been recorded within this area and confirmed breeding evidence has been obtained for 195 of these species.

* denotes confirmed breeding species

(*) denotes confirmed historical breeding species (pre-1960)

Source: Toronto Ornithological Club - Records Committee

DUCKS, GEESE & SWANS

Fulvous Whistling-Duck
Greater White-fronted Goose
Snow Goose
Ross's Goose
Brant
Cackling Goose
*Canada Goose
*Mute Swan
*Trumpeter Swan
Tundra Swan
*Wood Duck
*Gadwall
Eurasian Wigeon
*American Wigeon
*American Black Duck
*Mallard
*Blue-winged Teal
Cinnamon Teal

*Northern Shoveler
*Northern Pintail
Garganey
*Green-winged Teal
*Canvasback
*Redhead
Ring-necked Duck
Tufted Duck
Greater Scaup
*Lesser Scaup
King Eider
Common Eider
Harlequin Duck
Surf Scoter
White-winged Scoter
Black Scoter
Long-tailed Duck
Bufflehead
Common Goldeneye
Barrow's Goldeneye
*Hooded Merganser
*Common Merganser
*Red-breasted Merganser
*Ruddy Duck

PARTRIDGES, GROUSE & TURKEYS

(*)Gray Partridge
*Ring-necked Pheasant
*Ruffed Grouse
Spruce Grouse
Willow Ptarmigan
Greater Prairie-Chicken
*Wild Turkey

NEW WORLD QUAIL

(*)Northern Bobwhite

LOONS

Red-throated Loon
Pacific Loon
*Common Loon

GREBES

*Pied-billed Grebe
Horned Grebe
*Red-necked Grebe
Eared Grebe
Western Grebe

SHEARWATERS & PETRELS

Northern Fulmar
Black-capped Petrel
Greater Shearwater
Manx Shearwater

GANNETS

Northern Gannet

PELICANS

American White Pelican
Brown Pelican

CORMORANTS

*Double-crested Cormorant
Great Cormorant

HERONS & BITTERNS

*American Bittern
*Least Bittern
*Great Blue Heron
*Great Egret
Snowy Egret
Little Blue Heron
Tricolored Heron
Cattle Egret
*Green Heron
*Black-crowned Night-Heron
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

IBISES

Glossy Ibis
White-faced Ibis

VULTURES

Black Vulture
*Turkey Vulture

HAWKS, KITES & EAGLES

*Osprey
Swallow-tailed Kite
Bald Eagle
*Northern Harrier
*Sharp-shinned Hawk
*Cooper's Hawk
*Northern Goshawk
*Red-shouldered Hawk
*Broad-winged Hawk
Swainson's Hawk
*Red-tailed Hawk
Ferruginous Hawk
Rough-legged Hawk
Golden Eagle

CARACARAS & FALCONS

*American Kestrel
*Merlin
Gyr Falcon
*Peregrine Falcon

RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS

Yellow Rail
*King Rail
*Virginia Rail
*Sora
Purple Gallinule
*Common Moorhen
*American Coot

CRANES

Sandhill Crane
Whooping Crane

PLOVERS

Black-bellied Plover
American Golden-Plover
Semipalmated Plover
(*Piping Plover
*Killdeer

OYSTERCATCHERS

American Oystercatcher

STILTS & AVOCETS

Black-necked Stilt
American Avocet

SANDPIPERS & PHALAROPE

*Spotted Sandpiper
Solitary Sandpiper
Greater Yellowlegs
Willet
Lesser Yellowlegs
*Upland Sandpiper
Eskimo Curlew
Whimbrel
Long-billed Curlew
Black-tailed Godwit
Hudsonian Godwit
Marbled Godwit
Ruddy Turnstone
Red Knot
Sanderling
Semipalmated Sandpiper
Western Sandpiper
Least Sandpiper
White-rumped Sandpiper
Baird's Sandpiper
Pectoral Sandpiper
Purple Sandpiper
Dunlin
Curlew Sandpiper
Stilt Sandpiper
Buff-breasted Sandpiper
Ruff
Short-billed Dowitcher
Long-billed Dowitcher

*Wilson's Snipe
*American Woodcock
*Wilson's Phalarope
Red-necked Phalarope
Red Phalarope

GULLS, TERNS & SKIMMERS

Black-legged Kittiwake
Ivory Gull
Sabine's Gull
Bonaparte's Gull
Black-headed Gull
*Little Gull
Laughing Gull
Franklin's Gull
Heermann's Gull
Mew Gull
*Ring-billed Gull
*California Gull
*Herring Gull
Thayer's Gull
Iceland Gull
Lesser Black-backed Gull
Slaty-backed Gull
Glaucous Gull
*Great Black-backed Gull
*Caspian Tern
*Black Tern
*Common Tern
Arctic Tern
Forster's Tern
Black Skimmer

SKUAS

Pomarine Jaeger
Parasitic Jaeger
Long-tailed Jaeger

AUKS, MURRES & PUFFINS

Dovekie
Thick-billed Murre
Razorbill
Black Guillemot
Ancient Murrelet

PIGEONS & DOVES

*Rock Pigeon
Band-tailed Pigeon
Eurasian Collared-Dove
White-winged Dove
*Mourning Dove
(*Passenger Pigeon (Extinct)

CUCKOOS & ANIS

*Yellow-billed Cuckoo
*Black-billed Cuckoo

BARN OWLS

Barn Owl

TYPICAL OWLS

*Eastern Screech-Owl
*Great Horned Owl
Snowy Owl
Northern Hawk Owl
Burrowing Owl
*Barred Owl
Great Gray Owl
*Long-eared Owl
*Short-eared Owl
Boreal Owl
*Northern Saw-whet Owl

GOATSUCKERS

*Common Nighthawk
Chuck-will's-widow
*Whip-poor-will

SWIFTS

*Chimney Swift

HUMMINGBIRDS

*Ruby-throated
Hummingbird
Rufous Hummingbird

KINGFISHERS

*Belted Kingfisher

WOODPECKERS

*Red-headed Woodpecker
*Red-bellied Woodpecker
*Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
*Downy Woodpecker
*Hairy Woodpecker
American Three-toed
Woodpecker
Black-backed
Woodpecker
*Northern Flicker
*Pileated Woodpecker

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

Olive-sided Flycatcher
*Eastern Wood-Pewee
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
*Acadian Flycatcher
*Alder Flycatcher
*Willow Flycatcher
*Least Flycatcher
Gray Flycatcher
*Eastern Phoebe
Vermilion Flycatcher
Ash-throated Flycatcher
*Great Crested Flycatcher

Variegated Flycatcher
Western Kingbird
*Eastern Kingbird
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
Fork-tailed Flycatcher

SHRIKES

*Loggerhead Shrike
Northern Shrike

VIREOS

White-eyed Vireo
Bell's Vireo
*Yellow-throated Vireo
*Blue-headed Vireo
*Warbling Vireo
Philadelphia Vireo
*Red-eyed Vireo

CROWS & JAYS

Gray Jay
*Blue Jay
Black-billed Magpie
Eurasian Jackdaw
*American Crow
*Common Raven

LARKS

*Horned Lark

SWALLOWS

*Purple Martin
*Tree Swallow
*Northern Rough-winged
Swallow
*Bank Swallow
*Cliff Swallow
Cave Swallow
*Barn Swallow

CHICKADEES & TITMICE

*Black-capped Chickadee
Boreal Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse

NUTHATCHES

*Red-breasted Nuthatch
*White-breasted Nuthatch

CREEPERS

*Brown Creeper

WRENS

Rock Wren
*Carolina Wren
Bewick's Wren
*House Wren
*Winter Wren
*Sedge Wren

*Marsh Wren

KINGLETS

*Golden-crowned
Kinglet
*Ruby-crowned
Kinglet

GNATCATCHERS

*Blue-gray
Gnatcatcher

THRUSHES

Siberian Rubythroat
Northern Wheatear
*Eastern Bluebird
Townsend's Solitaire
*Veery
Gray-cheeked Thrush
Swainson's Thrush
*Hermit Thrush
*Wood Thrush
Fieldfare
*American Robin
Varied Thrush

MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS

*Gray Catbird
*Northern
Mockingbird
*Brown Thrasher

STARLINGS

*European Starling

PIPITS

American Pipit

WAXWINGS

Bohemian Waxwing
*Cedar Waxwing

WOOD-WARBLERS

*Blue-winged Warbler
*Golden-winged
Warbler
Tennessee Warbler
Orange-crowned
Warbler
*Nashville Warbler
Northern Parula
*Yellow Warbler
*Chestnut-sided
Warbler
*Magnolia Warbler
Cape May Warbler
*Black-throated Blue
Warbler

*Yellow-rumped Warbler

Black-throated Gray

Warbler

*Black-throated Green

Warbler

Townsend's Warbler

Hermit Warbler

*Blackburnian Warbler

Yellow-throated Warbler

*Pine Warbler

Kirtland's Warbler

*Prairie Warbler

Palm Warbler

Bay-breasted Warbler

Blackpoll Warbler

*Cerulean Warbler

*Black-and-white Warbler

*American Redstart

*Prothonotary Warbler

Worm-eating Warbler

Swainson's Warbler

*Ovenbird

*Northern Waterthrush

*Louisiana Waterthrush

Kentucky Warbler

Connecticut Warbler

*Mourning Warbler

*Common Yellowthroat

*Hooded Warbler

Wilson's Warbler

*Canada Warbler

Painted Redstart

*Yellow-breasted Chat

TANAGERS

Summer Tanager

*Scarlet Tanager

Western Tanager

EMBERIZIDS

Green-tailed Towhee
Spotted Towhee
*Eastern Towhee
American Tree Sparrow
*Chipping Sparrow
*Clay-colored Sparrow
*Field Sparrow
*Vesper Sparrow
(*Lark Sparrow
Lark Bunting
*Savannah Sparrow
*Grasshopper Sparrow
*Henslow's Sparrow
(*Le Conte's Sparrow
Nelson's Sharp-tailed
Sparrow
Fox Sparrow
*Song Sparrow
*Lincoln's Sparrow

*Swamp Sparrow

*White-throated Sparrow

Harris's Sparrow

White-crowned Sparrow

Golden-crowned Sparrow

*Dark-eyed Junco

Lapland Longspur

Chestnut-collared Longspur

Snow Bunting

CARDINALS & ALLIES

*Northern Cardinal

*Rose-breasted Grosbeak

Blue Grosbeak

Lazuli Bunting

*Indigo Bunting

Painted Bunting

*Dickcissel

BLACKBIRDS

*Bobolink

*Red-winged Blackbird

*Eastern Meadowlark

*Western Meadowlark

Yellow-headed Blackbird

Rusty Blackbird

*Brewer's Blackbird

*Common Grackle

*Brown-headed Cowbird

*Orchard Oriole

Bullock's Oriole

*Baltimore Oriole

FINCHES

Brambling

Pine Grosbeak

*Purple Finch

*House Finch

*Red Crossbill

*White-winged Crossbill

Common Redpoll

Hoary Redpoll

*Pine Siskin

Lesser Goldfinch

*American Goldfinch

*Evening Grosbeak

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

*House Sparrow