

The Yukon is a land of stunning scenery, diverse ecosystems, and truly remarkable wilderness. This extraordinary natural world is home to some unique communities of birds. This checklist summarizes the occurrence and breeding status of 329 species which have been documented in the Yukon. Breeding has been confirmed for 195 species, and 43 species occur annually in winter. Distribution codes indicate species which are typically found in a limited range in the Yukon.

### FREQUENCY and DISTRIBUTION CODES

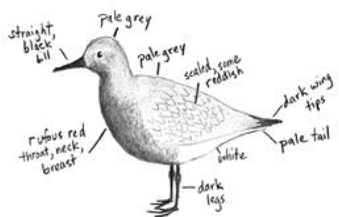
- R** **Rare:** annual in low numbers or very localized.  
**CA** **Casual:** at least 2 records but not every year.  
**AC** **Accidental:** recorded only once.  
**W** **Winter:** observed annually in winter.  
**\*** **Confirmed Breeding:** Observations of an active nest or dependent, flightless young.
- NS** **North Slope:** northern foothills of the British Mountains, Coastal Plain, and Beaufort Sea.
- S** **South:** south of 63° N (includes Pelly Crossing but not Stewart Crossing).
- SE** **Southeast:** southern Yukon east of 131° W (Swift River); italicized (**SE**) for species restricted to the La Biche and Beaver river valleys in the extreme southeast Yukon.

### DOCUMENTING BIRD SIGHTINGS

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*Dedicated to Helmut Grünberg – a true Yukon birding pioneer.*

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✓ SPECIES	A	B	C	D
Tundra Bean-Goose AC				
Greater White-fronted Goose *				
Snow Goose *				
Ross's Goose CA				
Brant *				
Cackling Goose S R				
Canada Goose *				
Trumpeter Swan * W				
Tundra Swan *				
Whooper Swan CA				
Wood Duck CA				
Gadwall *				
Eurasian Wigeon R				
American Wigeon *				
American Black Duck AC				
Mallard * W				
Blue-winged Teal *				
Cinnamon Teal S R				
Northern Shoveler *				
Northern Pintail *				
Green-winged Teal *				
Canvasback *				
Redhead *				
Ring-necked Duck *				
Tufted Duck CA				
Greater Scaup *				
Lesser Scaup *				
King Eider NS				
Common Eider * NS				
Harlequin Duck *				
Surf Scoter *				
White-winged Scoter *				
Black Scoter CA				
Long-tailed Duck *				
Bufflehead *				
Common Goldeneye * W				
Barrow's Goldeneye *				
Hooded Merganser S R				
Common Merganser * W				
Red-breasted Merganser *				
Ruddy Duck *				
Ruffed Grouse * W				
Spruce Grouse * W				
Willow Ptarmigan * W				
Rock Ptarmigan * W				
White-tailed Ptarmigan * W				
Dusky Grouse * W				
Sharp-tailed Grouse * W				
Red-throated Loon *				
Pacific Loon *				
Common Loon *				
Yellow-billed Loon				
Pied-billed Grebe * S R				
Horned Grebe *				
Red-necked Grebe *				
Eared Grebe * S R				
Western Grebe CA				

✓ SPECIES	A	B	C	D
Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel AC				
Double-crested Cormorant * S R				
American White Pelican AC				
Great Blue Heron CA				
Great Egret AC				
Black Vulture AC				
Turkey Vulture CA				
Osprey *				
Bald Eagle * W				
Northern Harrier *				
Sharp-shinned Hawk *				
Northern Goshawk * W				
Broad-winged Hawk AC				
Swainson's Hawk * R				
Red-tailed Hawk *				
Rough-legged Hawk *				
Golden Eagle *				
Sora *				
American Coot *				
Sandhill Crane *				
Common Crane AC				
Whooping Crane AC				
American Avocet AC				
Black-bellied Plover R				
American Golden-Plover *				
Pacific Golden-Plover S R				
Snowy Plover AC				
Common Ringed Plover CA				
Semipalmated Plover *				
Killdeer *				
Upland Sandpiper *				
Whimbrel *				
Long-billed Curlew AC				
Hudsonian Godwit R				
Bar-tailed Godwit CA				
Marbled Godwit CA				
Ruddy Turnstone * NS				
Black Turnstone CA				
Red Knot CA				
Surfbird * R				
Ruff AC				
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper S R				
Stilt Sandpiper *				
Red-necked Stint AC				
Sanderling R				
Dunlin R				
Baird's Sandpiper *				
Little Stint AC				
Least Sandpiper *				
White-rumped Sandpiper R				
Buff-breasted Sandpiper * NS R				
Pectoral Sandpiper *				
Semipalmated Sandpiper *				
Western Sandpiper R				
Short-billed Dowitcher * S R				

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Long-billed Dowitcher *				
Wilson's Snipe *				
Spotted Sandpiper *				
Solitary Sandpiper *				
Wandering Tattler *				
Greater Yellowlegs * S				
Willet CA				
Lesser Yellowlegs *				
Wood Sandpiper AC				
Wilson's Phalarope * S R				
Red-necked Phalarope *				
Red Phalarope * NS				
Pomarine Jaeger NS				
Parasitic Jaeger * NS				
Long-tailed Jaeger *				
Thick-billed Murre NS R				
Black Guillemot * NS R				
Long-billed Murrelet AC				
Ancient Murrelet AC				
Crested Auklet AC				
Horned Puffin CA				
Black-legged Kittiwake NS R				
Red-legged Kittiwake AC				
Ivory Gull CA				
Sabine's Gull CA				
Bonaparte's Gull *				
Little Gull CA				
Ross's Gull CA				
Franklin's Gull CA				
Mew Gull *				
Ring-billed Gull S R				
California Gull S R				
Herring Gull *				
Thayer's Gull S R				
Iceland Gull CA				
Lesser Black-backed Gull CA				
Slaty-backed Gull CA				
Glaucous-winged Gull S R				
Glaucous Gull *				
Caspian Tern CA				
Black Tern * SE R				
Arctic Tern *				
Rock Pigeon * S R W				
Oriental Turtle-Dove AC				
Eurasian Collared-Dove S R				
White-winged Dove AC				
Mourning Dove CA				
Great Horned Owl * W				
Snowy Owl * NS R W				
Northern Hawk Owl * W				
Northern Pygmy-Owl CA				
Barred Owl CA				
Great Gray Owl * W				
Long-eared Owl * CA				
Short-eared Owl *				
Boreal Owl * W				

Checklist of

# YUKON BIRDS



OBSERVERS: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

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D \_\_\_\_\_

✓ SPECIES	A	B	C	D
Northern Saw-whet Owl S R				
Lesser Nighthawk AC				
Common Nighthawk *				
Pacific Swift AC				
Ruby-throated Hummingbird AC				
Anna's Hummingbird CA				
Rufous Hummingbird S R				
Belted Kingfisher *				
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker *				
Red-breasted Sapsucker CA				
Downy Woodpecker * W				
Hairy Woodpecker * W				
Am. Three-toed Woodpecker * W				
Black-backed Woodpecker * W				
Northern Flicker *				
Pileated Woodpecker * SE R				
American Kestrel *				
Merlin *				
Gyrfalcon * W				
Peregrine Falcon *				
Olive-sided Flycatcher *				
Western Wood-Pewee *				
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher R				
Alder Flycatcher *				
Least Flycatcher *				
Hammond's Flycatcher *				
Dusky Flycatcher S				
Pacific-slope Flycatcher CA				
Eastern Phoebe * SE R				
Say's Phoebe *				
Western Kingbird CA				
Eastern Kingbird CA				
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher CA				
Northern Shrike * W				
Blue-headed Vireo SE R				
Warbling Vireo *				
Philadelphia Vireo SE R				
Red-eyed Vireo SE				
Gray Jay * W				
Steller's Jay CA				
Clark's Nutcracker CA				
Black-billed Magpie * S W				
American Crow S R				
Northwestern Crow AC				
Common Raven * W				
Horned Lark *				
Purple Martin AC				
Tree Swallow *				
Violet-green Swallow *				
N. Rough-winged Swallow * S R				
Bank Swallow *				
Cliff Swallow *				
Barn Swallow *				

✓ SPECIES	A	B	C	D
Black-capped Chickadee * W				
Mountain Chickadee * S R W				
Chestnut-backed Chickadee CA				
Boreal Chickadee * W				
Gray-headed Chickadee R				
Red-breasted Nuthatch * W				
Brown Creeper CA				
Pacific Wren CA				
Winter Wren SE CA				
Marsh Wren CA				
American Dipper * W				
Golden-crowned Kinglet * S				
Ruby-crowned Kinglet *				
Arctic Warbler AC				
Bluethroat * NS R				
Siberian Blue Robin AC				
Northern Wheatear *				
Mountain Bluebird *				
Townsend's Solitaire *				
Gray-cheeked Thrush *				
Swainson's Thrush *				
Hermit Thrush *				
Dusky Thrush CA				
American Robin * W				
Varied Thrush *				
Gray Catbird AC				
Brown Thrasher AC				
Northern Mockingbird CA				
European Starling * R				
Eastern Yellow Wagtail * NS R				
Red-throated Pipit CA				
American Pipit *				
Bohemian Waxwing * W				
Cedar Waxwing * S R				
Lapland Longspur *				
Smith's Longspur *				
Snow Bunting * W				
McKay's Bunting AC				
Ovenbird * SE				
Northern Waterthrush *				
Black-and-white Warbler * SE				
Tennessee Warbler *				
Orange-crowned Warbler *				
Nashville Warbler CA				
MacGillivray's Warbler * S R				
Mourning Warbler * SE				
Common Yellowthroat *				
American Redstart * S				
Cape May Warbler SE R				
Magnolia Warbler * SE				
Bay-breasted Warbler * SE				
Blackburnian Warbler AC				
Yellow Warbler *				
Blackpoll Warbler *				

✓ SPECIES	A	B	C	D
Palm Warbler CA				
Yellow-rumped Warbler *				
Townsend's Warbler *				
Canada Warbler * SE R				
Wilson's Warbler *				
Spotted Towhee AC				
American Tree Sparrow *				
Chipping Sparrow *				
Clay-colored Sparrow CA				
Brewer's Sparrow * S R				
Vesper Sparrow CA				
Lark Sparrow CA				
Lark Bunting AC				
Savannah Sparrow *				
Le Conte's Sparrow SE R				
Fox Sparrow *				
Song Sparrow * S R				
Lincoln's Sparrow *				
Swamp Sparrow * SE				
White-throated Sparrow * SE				
Harris's Sparrow CA				
White-crowned Sparrow *				
Golden-crowned Sparrow *				
Dark-eyed Junco * W				
Scarlet Tanager AC				
Western Tanager * SE				
Rose-breasted Grosbeak SE				
Black-headed Grosbeak CA				
Lazuli Bunting AC				
Indigo Bunting AC				
Red-winged Blackbird *				
Western Meadowlark CA				
Yellow-headed Blackbird CA				
Rusty Blackbird *				
Brewer's Blackbird CA				
Common Grackle CA				
Brown-headed Cowbird *				
Hooded Oriole AC				
Baltimore Oriole AC				
Brambling CA				
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch *				
Pine Grosbeak * W				
House Finch CA				
Purple Finch *				
Cassin's Finch AC				
Red Crossbill * W				
White-winged Crossbill * W				
Common Redpoll * W				
Hoary Redpoll * W				
Pine Siskin *				
Lesser Goldfinch CA				
American Goldfinch AC				
Evening Grosbeak SE R				
House Sparrow * S R W				