

About this Checklist

Welcome to the University of Lethbridge and our bird population! As of 31 May 2021, we have logged 135 species on campus and add new birds every season. There are over 300 bird species that visit the Lethbridge region, so finding new species is highly likely.

The species list, rarity data and seasonality data have been compiled from the available data through the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's eBird website (with extra word-of-mouth observations). This dataset has been built by local birders/citizen scientists who have been contributing to the eBird dataset for years. As you go birdwatching on campus, please use eBird and help build our growing database. It's totally FREE! **eBird hotspot: Lethbridge--University Campus/Aperture Park**

Real-Time Checklist Data

University campus and City of Lethbridge regional data in real time.

<https://ebird.org/canada/hotspot/L3295396>
<https://ebird.org/region/CA-AB-TW>



University Campus



Lethbridge Region

New to Birdwatching?

Here are some great FREE learning resources!

- MerlinID App (iOS/android)
- eBird App (iOS/android) and website: <https://ebird.org/canada/home>

Breeding Season Habitat Highlights

A. Marsh. Located in the north-western corner of campus, the marsh is a great spot to find yellow-headed and red-winged blackbirds. Check the nearby cover for ring-necked pheasants and mourning doves.

B. Coulees. Along the eastern edge of campus are deep ravines (coulees) that house secretive yet vocal grey catbirds, brown thrashers, and spotted towhees.

C. Grasslands. Venture south-east to the grasslands for prairie species including vesper and savannah sparrows, and western meadowlarks.

D. Oldman River. Follow the coulees down to the river to see American white pelicans fishing along the dam, and osprey hunting overhead.

E. Aperture Pond. A hopping springtime location filled with various warbler, swallow, blackbird and duck species. Migration season brings yellow-rumped warblers, Swainson's thrush and other migrants.

(Mixed trees and shrubs.)

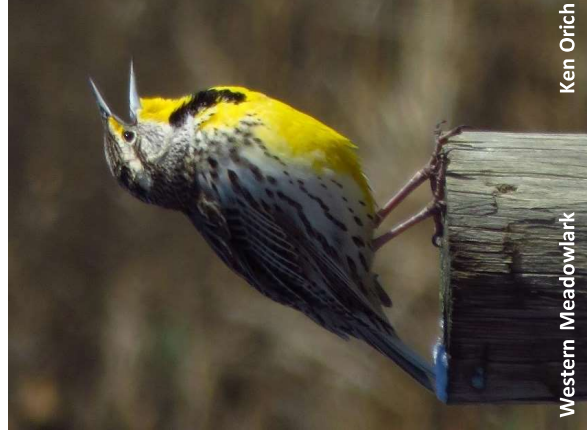
Scattered across campus are trees and shrubs that house our year-round resident birds including northern flickers, black-billed magpies, and black-capped chickadees.



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Campus Bird Checklist



Western Meadowlark

Ken Orich

WARNING! We are in rattlesnake country.
Use caution when exploring campus.

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Campus Checklist (21 May 2021)

Geese, Swans & Ducks

- ☐ Snow Goose* (Sp/F)
 - ☐ Canada Goose (YR)
 - ☐ Tundra Swan* (Sp/F)
 - ☐ Wood Duck** (Sp/F)
 - ☐ Blue-winged Teal* (Sp/Su)
 - ☐ Cinnamon Teal** (Sp/F)
 - ☐ Northern Shoveler (Sp/Su/F)
 - ☐ Gadwall (Sp/F)
 - ☐ American Wigeon (Sp/F)
 - ☐ Mallard (YR)
 - ☐ Canvasback* (Sp/F)
 - ☐ Redhead (Sp/F)
 - ☐ Ring-necked Duck (Sp/F)
 - ☐ Lesser Scaup* (Sp/F)
 - ☐ Bufflehead (Sp/F)
 - ☐ Common Goldeneye (Sp/F)
 - ☐ Hooded Merganser* (Sp/F)
 - ☐ Common Merganser (Sp/F)
- ### Grouse & Doves
- ☐ Ring-necked Pheasant (YR)
 - ☐ Gray Partridge* (YR)
 - ☐ [Sharp-tailed Grouse** (YR)]
 - ☐ Rock Pigeon (YR)
 - ☐ Eurasian Collared-Dove* (YR)
 - ☐ Mourning Dove (Sp/Su/F)
- ### Nighthawks & Hummingbirds
- ☐ Common Nighthawk* (Su)
- ### Shorebirds
- ☐ Sora** (Sp/Su)
 - ☐ American Coot* (Sp/Su/F)
 - ☐ American Avocet** (Sp/Su)
 - ☐ Killdeer (Sp/Su)
 - ☐ Long-billed Curlew** (Sp/F)
 - ☐ Wilson's Snipe** (Sp/F)
 - ☐ Spotted Sandpiper (Sp/Su/F)
 - ☐ Solitary Sandpiper (Sp/F)
- ### Gulls, Loons, Pelicans & Herons
- ☐ Franklin's Gull* (Sp/Su/F)
 - ☐ Ring-billed Gull (Sp/Su/F)

- ☐ California Gull (Sp/Su)
- ☐ Common Loon** (Sp/F)
- ☐ American White Pelican (Sp/Su/F)
- ☐ Great Blue Heron* (Sp/Su/F)

Diurnal Raptors & Owls

- ☐ Turkey Vulture* (Sp/Su/F)
- ☐ Osprey* (Sp/Su/F)
- ☐ Northern Harrier (Sp/Su/F)
- ☐ Sharp-shinned Hawk* (F/W)
- ☐ Cooper's Hawk* (Sp/Su)
- ☐ [Northern Goshawk** (Sp/F/W)]
- ☐ Bald Eagle (Sp/F/W)
- ☐ Broad-winged Hawk** (Sp/F)
- ☐ Swainson's Hawk (Sp/Su/F)
- ☐ Red-tailed Hawk (Sp/Su/F)
- ☐ Rough-legged Hawk* (Sp/F/W)
- ☐ Ferruginous Hawk** (Sp/Su/F)
- ☐ Merlin (YR)
- ☐ [Gyrfalcon** (W/Sp)]
- ☐ [Prairie Falcon* (W)]
- ☐ Great Horned Owl* (YR)

Kingfishers

- ☐ Belted Kingfisher (Sp/Su/F)

Woodpeckers

- ☐ Downy Woodpecker (YR)
- ☐ Northern Flicker (YR)

Flycatchers

- ☐ Olive-sided Flycatcher** (Sp/F)
- ☐ Western Wood-Pewee (Sp/Su/F)
- ☐ Least Flycatcher (Sp/Su/F)
- ☐ Say's Phoebe** (Sp/Su/F)
- ☐ Western Kingbird* (Sp/Su)
- ☐ Eastern Kingbird (Sp/Su)

Vireos

- ☐ Warbling Vireo* (Sp/Su/F)
- ☐ Red-eyed Vireo** (Sp/F)

Shrikes

- ☐ [Northern Shrike** (Sp/F/W)]

Jays & Allies

- ☐ Blue Jay (YR)
- ☐ Black-billed Magpie (YR)
- ☐ American Crow (YR)

Swallows

- ☐ Common Raven* (YR)
- ☐ Northern Rough-winged Swallow (Sp/Su)
- ☐ Tree Swallow (Sp/Su)
- ☐ Violet-green Swallow* (Sp/Su)
- ☐ Bank Swallow* (Sp/Su)
- ☐ Barn Swallow* (Sp/Su)
- ☐ Cliff Swallow* (Sp/Su)

Chickadees, Kinglets & Nuthatches

- ☐ Black-capped Chickadee (YR)
- ☐ Golden-crowned Kinglet* (Sp/F/W)
- ☐ Ruby-crowned Kinglet (Sp/F)
- ☐ Red-breasted Nuthatch (YR)
- ☐ White-breasted Nuthatch* (YR)
- ☐ Brown Creeper* (Sp/F/W)

Wrens

- ☐ House Wren (Sp/Su/F)

Mockingbirds

- ☐ Gray Catbird (Sp/Su/F)

- ☐ Brown Thrasher* (Sp/Su/F)

Thrushes

- ☐ Mountain Bluebird** (Sp/Su/F)
- ☐ Townsend's Solitaire* (Sp/F)
- ☐ Varied Thrush** (Sp/F)
- ☐ Swainson's Thrush* (Sp/F)
- ☐ Hermit Thrush** (Sp/F)
- ☐ American Robin (YR, but W*)

Waxwings

- ☐ Bohemian Waxwing* (F/W)
- ☐ Cedar Waxwing (Sp/Su/F)

Old World Sparrows & Starlings

- ☐ House Sparrow (YR)
- ☐ European Starling (YR)

Pipits & Waxwings

- ☐ [Sprague's Pipit** (Sp/Su)]

Finches

- ☐ Pine Grosbeak* (F/W)
- ☐ House Finch (YR)
- ☐ Red Crossbill* (Sp/F/W)
- ☐ White-winged Crossbill* (Sp/F/W)
- ☐ Pine Siskin* (YR)
- ☐ American Goldfinch* (Sp/Su/F)

Sparrows

- ☐ Grasshopper Sparrow** (Sp/Su)
- ☐ Chipping Sparrow (Sp/Su/F)
- ☐ Clay-colored Sparrow (Sp/Su/F)
- ☐ American Tree Sparrow* (Sp/F/W)
- ☐ Dark-eyed Junco (Sp/F/W)
- ☐ White-crowned Sparrow (Sp/F)
- ☐ Harris's Sparrow** (Sp/F/W)
- ☐ White-throated Sparrow (Sp/F)
- ☐ Vesper Sparrow (Sp/Su/F)
- ☐ Savannah Sparrow (Sp/Su/F)
- ☐ Song Sparrow* (Sp/Su/F)
- ☐ Lincoln's Sparrow (Sp/F)
- ☐ Spotted Towhee (Sp/Su/F)

Blackbirds

- ☐ Yellow-headed Blackbird (Sp/Su/F)
- ☐ Western Meadowlark (Sp/Su/F)
- ☐ Baltimore Oriole* (Sp/Su)
- ☐ Red-winged Blackbird (Sp/Su/F)
- ☐ Brown-headed Cowbird* (Sp/Su)
- ☐ Rusty Blackbird* (F)
- ☐ Common Grackle (Sp/Su/F)

Wood Warblers

- ☐ Northern Waterthrush** (Sp/F)
- ☐ Tennessee Warbler* (Sp/Su/F)
- ☐ Orange-crowned Warbler* (Sp/F)
- ☐ Common Yellowthroat* (Sp/Su/F)
- ☐ American Redstart** (Sp/Su/F)
- ☐ Yellow Warbler (Sp/Su/F)
- ☐ Blackpoll Warbler* (Sp/F)
- ☐ Yellow-rumped Warbler (Sp/Su/F)
- ☐ Townsend's Warbler** (Sp/F)
- ☐ Wilson's Warbler* (Sp/Su/F)

Tanagers, Grosbeaks & Buntings

- ☐ Rose-breasted Grosbeak** (Sp/Su)
- ☐ Lazuli Bunting** (Sp/Su)

(blank) = Common, * = Uncommon, ** = Rare
Sp = Mar-Apr-May Su = Jun-Jul-Aug
F = Sep-Oct-Nov W = Dec-Jan-Feb
YR = Year-round Resident
[] = Not recorded in ebird (6 total)