



Fort St. Joseph
National Historic Site

St. Joseph Island Migratory Bird Sanctuary

Bird Species Checklist



Canada Warbler



Parks
Canada

Parcs
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The area around Fort St. Joseph was declared a migratory bird sanctuary by the Canada Wildlife Service in 1951. An important stop for migratory waterfowl, over 200 different species can be found throughout the year.

The most common habitat in the St. Joseph's Island area is dense hardwood forest with scattered conifers. The shoreline of the four small bays within the sanctuary are bordered by bulrush (*Scirpus sp.*) marsh and backed by a narrow zone of reeds (*Phragmites sp.*); while further inland grows a strip of bayberry and alder shrub. The sections of the shoreline that are not edged with bulrushes are mostly rocky.

Status
M– Migrant
S– Summer Resident
W– Winter Resident
P– Permanent Resident

Each species is followed by a two part code that describes when they can be found (status) and how common they are (abundance).

Abundance
V- Very Common
C- Common
F- Fairly Common
U- Uncommon
R- Rare
O- Occasional
A- Accidental

DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS

- ☐Cackling Goose MO
- ☐Canada Goose SV
- ☐Mute Swan SU
- ☐Trumpeter Swan MR
- ☐Tundra Swan MF
- ☐Wood Duck SF
- ☐Blue-winged Teal MU
- ☐Gadwall MU
- ☐American Wigeon MU
- ☐Mallard SC
- ☐American Black Duck MU
- ☐Northern Pintail MU
- ☐Green-winged Teal MU
- ☐Redhead MU
- ☐Ring-necked Duck MC
- ☐Greater Scaup MF
- ☐Lesser Scaup MF
- ☐Surf Scoter MU
- ☐White-winged Scoter MU
- ☐Black Scoter MR
- ☐Long-tailed Duck MF
- ☐Bufflehead MC
- ☐Common Goldeneye MS
- ☐Hooded Merganser SF
- ☐Common Merganser SV
- ☐Red-breasted Merganser MF

UPLAND GAME BIRDS

- ☐Wild Turkey PF
- ☐Ruffed Grouse PC
- ☐Sharp-tailed Grouse MR
- ☐Ring-necked Pheasant MF

GREBES

- ☐Pied-billed Grebe SU
- ☐Horned Grebe MF
- ☐Red-necked Grebe MF

PIGEONS AND DOVES

- ☐Rock Pigeon MR
- ☐Mourning Dove SF

CUCKOOS

- ☐Yellow-billed Cuckoo SR
- ☐Black-billed Cuckoo SU

NIGHTJARS

- ☐Common Nighthawk MR
- ☐Eastern Whip-poor-will MR

SWIFTS

- ☐Chimney Swift MR

CRANES

- ☐Sandhill Crane SC



HUMMINGBIRDS

- ☐Ruby-throated Hummingbird SF

RAILS, GALLINULES, AND ALLIES

- ☐Virginia Rail SR
- ☐Sora SU
- ☐American Coot MR

SHOREBIRDS

- ☐Killdeer MU
- ☐Semipalmated Plover MU
- ☐Whimbrel MR
- ☐Ruddy Turnstone MR
- ☐Sanderling MR
- ☐Dunlin MR
- ☐Least Sandpiper MO
- ☐Semipalmated Sandpiper MR
- ☐American Woodcock SF
- ☐Wilson's Snipe SF
- ☐Spotted Sandpiper SF
- ☐Solitary Sandpiper MU
- ☐Greater Yellowlegs MU
- ☐Lesser Yellowlegs MU

GULLS AND TERNS

- ☐Bonaparte's Gull MF
- ☐Ring-billed Gull SC
- ☐American Herring Gull SC
- ☐Glaucous Gull MR
- ☐Caspian Tern SF
- ☐Black Tern SU
- ☐Common Tern SC

LOONS

- ☐Red-throated Loon MR
- ☐Common Loon MF

CORMORANTS AND PELICANS

- ☐Double-crested Cormorant SC
- ☐American White Pelican MU

HERONS AND BITTERNS

- ☐American Bittern SU
- ☐Great Blue Heron SF
- ☐Great Egret MO
- ☐Green Heron MR
- ☐Black-crowned Night Heron SU

VULTURES, HAWKS, AND ALLIES

- ☐Turkey Vulture SF
- ☐Osprey SU
- ☐Golden Eagle MR
- ☐Northern Harrier MF
- ☐Sharp-shinned Hawk MC
- ☐Cooper's Hawk MR
- ☐Northern Goshawk MR
- ☐Bald Eagle PC
- ☐Red-shouldered Hawk MU
- ☐Broad-winged Hawk SC
- ☐Red-tailed Hawk MC
- ☐Rough-legged Hawk MU

KINGFISHERS

- ☐Belted Kingfisher SF

OWLS

- ☐Snowy Owl MR
- ☐Great-horned Owl PU
- ☐Barred Owl PC
- ☐Long-eared Owl SU
- ☐Short-eared Owl MU
- ☐Boreal Owl WU
- ☐Northern Saw-whet Owl SU
- ☐Great Grey Owl WU

WOODPECKERS

- ☐Yellow-bellied Sapsucker SC
- ☐Red-headed Woodpecker SR
- ☐Red-bellied Woodpecker PU
- ☐Black-backed Woodpecker MR
- ☐Downy Woodpecker PC
- ☐Hairy Woodpecker PC
- ☐Pileated Woodpecker PC
- ☐Northern Flicker SC

FALCONS

- ☐American Kestrel MU
- ☐Merlin SC
- ☐Peregrine Falcon MU

FLYCATCHERS

- ☐Olive-sided Flycatcher MU
- ☐Eastern Wood-pewee SC
- ☐Yellow-bellied Flycatcher MU
- ☐Alder Flycatcher SC
- ☐Least Flycatcher SF
- ☐Eastern Phoebe SC
- ☐Great Crested Flycatcher SC
- ☐Eastern Kingbird SC

VIREOS

- ☐Blue-headed Vireo MU
- ☐Philadelphia Vireo MU
- ☐Warbling Vireo MU
- ☐Red-eyed Vireo SV

SHRIKES

- ☐Northern Shrike MU

CROWS, JAYS, AND RAVENS

- ☐Canada Jay MR
- ☐Blue Jay PV
- ☐American Crow PV
- ☐Common Raven PC

CHICKADEES

- ☐Black-capped Chickadee PV
- ☐Boreal Chickadee MR

LARKS

- ☐Horned Lark MU

SWALLOWS

- ☐Northern Rough-winged Swallow MU
- ☐Purple Martin MR
- ☐Tree Swallow MF
- ☐Barn Swallow MU
- ☐Cliff Swallow MU
- ☐Bank Swallow MR

KINGLETS

- ☐Ruby-crowned Kinglet MC
- ☐Golden-crowned Kinglet PF

NUTHATCHES AND TREECREEPERS

- ☐Red-breasted Nuthatch PC
- ☐White-breasted Nuthatch PC
- ☐Brown Creeper SF

WRENS

- ☐Northern House Wren SF
- ☐Winter Wren SC
- ☐Sedge Wren MU
- ☐Marsh Wren MU

STARLINGS

- ☐European starling SF

MOCKINGBIRDS

- ☐Gray Catbird SC
- ☐Brown Thrasher SU
- ☐Northern Mockingbird MR

THRUSHES

- ☐Eastern Bluebird SF
- ☐Veery SC
- ☐Swainson's Thrush MU
- ☐Hermit Thrush SC
- ☐Wood Thrush SU
- ☐American Robin SV

WAXWINGS

- ☐Bohemian Waxwing WU
- ☐Cedar Waxwing SC

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

- ☐Eurasian Tree Sparrow MO

PIPITS

- ☐American Pipit MU

FINCHES

- ☐Evening Grosbeak MU
- ☐Pine Grosbeak WU
- ☐Purple Finch SC
- ☐Redpoll WF
- ☐Red Crossbill MU
- ☐White-winged Crossbill MU
- ☐Pine Siskin SU
- ☐American Goldfinch SC

LONGSPURS AND SNOW BUNTINGS

- ☐Lapland Longspur MU
- ☐Snow Bunting MU

BLACKBIRDS

- ☐Bobolink MU
- ☐Eastern Meadowlark MU
- ☐Baltimore Oriole SF
- ☐Red-winged Blackbird SV
- ☐Brown-headed Cowbird MU
- ☐Rusty Blackbird MF
- ☐Common Grackle SC

WARBLERS

- ☐Ovenbird SC
- ☐Northern Waterthrush SC
- ☐Golden-winged Warbler MR
- ☐Black-and-white Warbler SC
- ☐Tennessee Warbler MU
- ☐Orange-crowned Warbler MU
- ☐Nashville Warbler MC
- ☐Connecticut Warbler MR
- ☐Mourning Warbler SU
- ☐Common Yellowthroat SC
- ☐American Redstart SC
- ☐Cape May Warbler MF
- ☐Northern Parula SF
- ☐Magnolia Warbler SF
- ☐Bay-breasted Warbler MU
- ☐Blackburnian Warbler SC
- ☐Yellow Warbler SV
- ☐Chestnut-sided Warbler SC
- ☐Blackpoll Warbler MU
- ☐Black-throated Blue Warbler MU
- ☐Palm Warbler MC
- ☐Pine Warbler SF
- ☐Yellow-rumped Warbler SC
- ☐Black-throated Green Warbler SC
- ☐Canada Warbler SU
- ☐Wilson's Warbler MU

NEW WORLD SPARROWS

- ☐Grasshopper Sparrow MO
- ☐Chipping Sparrow SC
- ☐Clay-coloured Sparrow MU
- ☐Field Sparrow MR
- ☐American Tree Sparrow MF
- ☐Fox Sparrow MU
- ☐Dark-eyed Junco MC
- ☐White-crowned Sparrow MF
- ☐White-throated Sparrow SC
- ☐Vesper Sparrow MU
- ☐Savannah Sparrow SU
- ☐Song Sparrow SV
- ☐Lincoln's Sparrow MU
- ☐Swamp Sparrow SC
- ☐Eastern Towhee MR

CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND ALLIES

- ☐Scarlet Tanager SU
- ☐Northern Cardinal PU
- ☐Rose-breasted Grosbeak SF
- ☐Indigo Bunting SF
- ☐Dickcissel MO

