

Bird Checklist

Eastern Irrigation District

2018 Edition



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Welcome to the Eastern Irrigation District

The Eastern Irrigation District headquarters are situated in the City of Brooks which is located along the Trans Canada Highway approximately 200 km (120 miles) southeast of Calgary. The District is situated in Alberta's mixed grass prairie with the northeast boundary following the Red Deer River and the southwest boundary following the Bow River. There are over 600,000 hectares (1.5 million acres) within the District's boundaries.

The primary purpose of the Eastern Irrigation District is the conveyance of water to over 121,000 hectares (300,000 acres) of irrigated farmland. The District manages water with a multi-use philosophy which has transformed the Eastern Irrigation District into a virtual oasis, including thousands of kilometers of canals and drains, 13 internal storage reservoirs and in excess of 12,000 hectares (30,000 acres) of managed wetland habitat.

This oasis like landscape has attracted a multitude of bird species. The following is a checklist of birds found within the Eastern Irrigation District. The list contains 270 species which may be found in various habitat types including river and lake riparian areas, marshlands, native prairie, badlands and cultivated farmland.

Please remember that almost all the land within the Eastern Irrigation District boundaries is privately owned. Refer to the Eastern Irrigation District Wildlife Guide for access requirements on Eastern Irrigation District land and please seek permission from land owners for access to other privately owned property.

Bird List Guide			
Winter Resident	W	Abundant	A (Seen regularly)
Summer Resident	S	Common	C (Seen commonly)
Year Round	Y	Uncommon	U (Seen occasionally)
Migrant	M	Rare	R (Very rarely seen)

Waterfowl

	Black Duck	M	R
	Bufflehead	S	C
	Canvasback	S	C
	Gadwall	S	C
	Goldeneye, Barrow's	S	R
	Goldeneye, Common	S	U
	Goose , Canada	S	A
	Goose, Crackling	M	U
	Goose, Greater White-fronted	M	C
	Goose, Lesser Snow	M	C
	Goose, Ross's	M	U
	Mallard	S	A
	Merganser, Common	M	U
	Merganser, Hooded	M	R
	Merganser, Red-breasted	M	U
	Pintail, Northern	S	A
	Redhead	S	C
	Ring-necked Duck	M	U
	Ruddy Duck	S	C
	Scaup, Greater	M	R
	Scaup, Lesser	S	A
	Scoter, White-winged	S	U
	Scooter, Surf	M	R
	Shoveler, Northern	S	A
	Swan, Trumpeter	M	R
	Swan, Tundra	M	C
	Teal, Blue-winged	S	C
	Teal, Cinnamon	S	C
	Teal, Green-winged	S	C
	Widgeon, American	S	C
	Wood Duck	M	R

Shore and Water Birds

Avocet, American	S	C
Bittern, American	S	U
Coot, American	S	A
Cormorant, Double-crested	S	C
Crane, Sandhill	M	U
Curlew, Long-billed	S	C
Dowitcher, Long-billed	M	U
Dowitcher, Short-billed	M	R
Dunlin	M	R
Egret, Snowy	S	R
Godwit, Hudsonian	M	R
Godwit, Marbled	S	C
Golden-Plover, American	M	R
Grebe, Clarks	S	R
Grebe, Eared	S	C
Grebe, Horned	S	U
Grebe, Pied-billed	S	U
Grebe, Red-necked	S	C
Grebe, Western	S	C
Gull, Bonaparte's	M	R
Gull, California	S	A
Gull, Franklin's	S	C
Gull, Gloucous	M	R
Gull, Herring	M	R
Gull, Ringbilled	S	A
Gull, Sabine's	M	R
Heron, Great Blue	S	C
Heron, Little Blue	M	R
Ibis, White-faced	S	R
Killdeer	S	A
Kingfisher, Belted	S	U
Knot, Red	M	R
Loon, Common	S	U

Shore and Water Birds (Continued)

Loon, Pacific	M	R
Night-Heron, Black-crowned	S	C
Pelican, White	S	C
Phalarope, Red-necked	M	U
Phalarope, Wilson's	S	C
Plover, Black-bellied	M	U
Plover, Semipalmated	M	R
Plover, Piping	S	R
Rail, Virginia	S	R
Sanderling	M	U
Sandpiper, Baird's	M	R
Sandpiper, Least	M	U
Sandpiper, Pectoral	M	U
Sandpiper, Semipalmated	M	U
Sandpiper, Solitary	M	R
Sandpiper, Spotted	S	C
Sandpiper, Stilt	M	R
Sandpiper, Upland	S	R
Sandpiper, Western	M	U
Sandpiper, White-rumped	M	R
Snipe, Wilson's	S	C
Sora	S	C
Stilt, Black-necked	S	C
Tern, Black	S	C
Tern, Caspian	S	U
Tern, Common	S	C
Tern, Forster's	S	U
Turnstone, Ruddy	M	U
Whimbrel	M	R
Willet	S	C
Yellowlegs, Greater	M	U
Yellowlegs, Lesser	S	U

Raptors

	Eagle, Bald	M	U
	Eagle, Golden	Y	U
	Falcon, Peregrine	S	R
	Falcon, Prairie	Y	U
	Goshawk, Northern	M	R
	Gyr Falcon	W	R
	Harrier, Northern	S	C
	Hawk, Broad-winged	M	R
	Hawk, Cooper's	M	R
	Hawk, Ferruginous	S	C
	Hawk, Red-tailed	S	C
	Hawk, Rough-legged	W	R
	Hawk, Sharp-shinned	M	U
	Hawk, Swainsons	S	A
	Kestrel, American	S	C
	Merlin	S	C
	Osprey	M	R
	Owl, Burrowing	S	U
	Owl, Great Horned	Y	C
	Owl, Long-eared	S	U
	Owl, Saw-whet	Y	R
	Owl, Short-eared	S	C
	Owl, Snowy	W	C
	Vulture, Turkey	M	R

Upland Game Birds

	Grouse, Sharp-tailed	Y	C
	Partridge, Gray	Y	A
	Pheasant, Ring-necked	Y	A

Doves and Cuckoo's

	Collard-Dove, Eurasian	Y	C
	Cuckoo, Black-billed	M	R
	Dove, Mourning	S	C
	Dove, Rock	Y	A

Hummingbirds and Nighthawks

	Hummingbird, Ruby-throated	S	U
	Humming Bird, Rufous	M	R
	Nighthawk, Common	S	C

Woodpeckers

	Flicker, Northern	Y	C
	Sapsucker, Red-naped	M	R
	Sapsucker, Yellow-bellied	S	R
	Woodpecker, Downy	Y	U
	Woodpecker, Hairy	Y	U
	Woodpecker, Pileated	Y	U

Passerines

	Blackbird, Brewer's	S	A
	Blackbird, Red-winged	S	A
	Blackbird, Rusty	M	U
	Blackbird, Yellow-headed	S	A
	Bluebird, Mountain	S	U
	Bobolink	S	R
	Bunting, Lark	S	U
	Bunting, Lazuli	M	R
	Bunting, Snow	W	C
	Catbird, Gray	S	C

Passerines (Continued)

Chat, Yellow-breasted	S	U
Chickadee, Black-capped	Y	A
Cowbird, Brown-headed	S	C
Creeper, Brown	M	R
Crossbill, Red	W	R
Crossbill, White-winged	W	R
Crow, American	S	A
Finch, House	M	R
Finch, Purple	M	R
Finch, Rosy	M	R
Flycatcher, Alder	S	R
Flycatcher, Hammond's	M	R
Flycatcher, Least	S	A
Flycatcher, Olive-sided	M	R
Flycatcher, Scissor-tailed	M	R
Flycatcher, Willow	S	U
Flycatcher, Yellow-bellied	M	R
Goldfinch, American	S	C
Grackle, Common	S	U
Grosbeak, Black-headed	S	R
Grosbeak, Evening	W	U
Grosbeak, Pine	M	U
Grosbeak, Rose-breasted	M	R
Jay, Blue	Y	C
Junco, Dark-eyed	Y	U
Kingbird, Eastern	S	C
Kingbird, Western	S	C
Kinglet, Golden-crowned	M	R
Kinglet, Ruby-crowned	M	U
Lark, Horned	S	A
Longspur, Chestnut-collared	S	C
Longspur, Laplands	M	C

Passerines (Continued)

	Longspur, McCown's	S	R
	Longspur, Smith's	M	R
	Magpie, Black-billed	Y	A
	Martin, Purple	S	U
	Meadowlark, Western	S	C
	Mockingbird, Northern	M	R
	Nuthatch, Red-breasted	W	U
	Nuthatch, White-breasted	W	U
	Oriole, Baltimore	S	U
	Ovenbird	S	U
	Phoebe, Eastern	M	R
	Phoebe, Says	S	U
	Pipit, Spragues	S	U
	Pipit, American	M	U
	Raven, Common	W	U
	Redpoll, Common	W	C
	Redpoll, Hoary	W	U
	Redstart, American	S	R
	Robin, American	S	A
	Shrike, Loggerhead	S	U
	Shrike, Northern	W	R
	Siskin, Pine	M	U
	Solitaire, Townsend's	M	R
	Sparrow, American Tree	M	C
	Sparrow, Bairds	S	U
	Sparrow, Brewer's	S	U
	Sparrow, Chipping	S	U
	Sparrow, Clay-coloured	S	C
	Sparrow, Fox	M	R
	Sparrow, Grasshopper	S	R
	Wood-Pewee, Western	S	C

Passerines (Continued)

Sparrow, Harris's	M	R
Sparrow, House	Y	A
Sparrow, Lark	S	C
Sparrow, Le Conte's	S	R
Sparrow, Lincoln's	M	U
Sparrow, Nelson's	M	R
Sparrow, Savannah	S	U
Sparrow, Song	S	U
Sparrow, Swamp	M	R
Sparrow, Vesper	S	A
Sparrow, White-crowned	M	C
Sparrow, White-throated	M	U
Starling, European	Y	A
Swallow, Bank	S	C
Swallow, Barn	S	C
Swallow, Cliff	S	C
Swallow, Northern Rough-winged	S	U
Swallow, Tree	S	U
Swallow, Violet-green	S	R
Tanager, Western	M	R
Thrasher, Brown	S	C
Thrush, Gray-cheeked	M	U
Thrush, Hermit	M	U
Thrush, Swainsons	M	U
Thrush, Varied	M	R
Towhee, Spotted	S	C
Veery	S	U
Vireo, Philadelphia	M	R
Vireo, Blue-headed	M	U
Vireo, Red-eyed	M	R
Vireo, Solitary	M	R
Vireo, Warbling	S	U
Waterthrush, Northern	M	R

Passerines (Continued)

Warbler, Bay-breasted	M	R
Warbler, Black and White	M	R
Warbler, Blackpoll	M	R
Warbler, Black-throated Blue	M	R
Warbler, Black-throated Green	M	R
Warbler, Canada	M	U
Warbler, Cape May	M	R
Warbler, Chestnut-sided	M	R
Warbler, Connecticut	M	R
Warbler, MacGillivray's	S	R
Warbler, Magnolia	M	R
Warbler, Mourning	M	R
Warbler, Nashville	M	R
Warbler, Orange-crowned	M	R
Warbler, Palm	M	R
Warbler, Tennessee	M	R
Warbler, Townsend's	M	R
Warbler, Wilson's	S	U
Warbler, Yellow	S	C
Warbler, Yellow-rumped	M	C
Waxwing, Bohemian	W	C
Waxwing, Cedar	S	C
Wren, House	S	C
Wren, Marsh	S	C
Wren, Rock	S	U
Wren, Winter	M	R
Yellowthroat, Common	S	C

The Eastern Irrigation District hopes that you enjoy your visit and that you return in the future.

If you would like to suggest additions or edits to this list, please contact the EID at the address, phone number or email found on the back cover of this checklist and help us to keep it up-to-date.

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