

**District Municipality of Muskoka
Bird Checklist** - revised February
2014

Red-throated Loon (VR)
Common Loon (C)
Pied-billed Grebe (U)
Horned Grebe (R)
Red-necked Grebe (U)
Eared Grebe (A)
Wilson's Storm Petrel (H)
American White Pelican (A)
Double-crested Cormorant (C)
Least Bittern (VR)
American Bittern (C)
Great Blue Heron (C)
Great Egret (VR)
Snowy Egret (A)
Cattle Egret (A)
Green Heron (R)
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron (A)
Black-crowned Night-Heron (VR)
Mute Swan (R)
Trumpeter Swan (R)
Tundra Swan (R)
Snow Goose (VR)
Ross's Goose (VR)
Canada Goose (C)
Cackling Goose (VR)
Brant (R)
Wood Duck (C)
Eurasian Wigeon (A)
American Wigeon (U)
Gadwall (R)
Green-winged Teal (C)
Mallard (C)
American Black Duck (C)
Northern Pintail (R)
Blue-winged Teal (C)
Northern Shoveler (R)
Canvasback (VR)
Redhead (R)
Ring-necked Duck (C)
Greater Scaup (U)
Lesser Scaup (C)
Harlequin Duck (A)
Long-tailed Duck (R)
Black Scoter (R)
Surf Scoter (R)
White-winged Scoter (R)
Common Goldeneye (C)
Barrow's Goldeneye (A)
Bufflehead (C)
Hooded Merganser (C)
Red-breasted Merganser (R)
Common Merganser (C)
Ruddy Duck (R)
Turkey Vulture (C)
Osprey (U)
Bald Eagle (R)
Northern Harrier (U)
Sharp-shinned Hawk (U)
Cooper's Hawk (U)
Northern Goshawk (U)
Red-shouldered Hawk (C)
Broad-winged Hawk (C)
Red-tailed Hawk (U)
Rough-legged Hawk (R)
Golden Eagle (VR)
American Kestrel (U)
Merlin (U)
Gyr Falcon (VR)
Peregrine Falcon (VR)
Spruce Grouse (R)
Ruffed Grouse (C)
Sharp-tailed Grouse (A)
Wild Turkey (U)
Yellow Rail (VR)
Virginia Rail (U)
Sora (U)
Common Moorhen (VR)
American Coot (R)
Sandhill Crane (R)
Semipalmated Plover (U)
Killdeer (C)
American Golden Plover (R)
Black-bellied Plover (R)
Whimbrel (VR)
Upland Sandpiper (R)
Greater Yellowlegs (U)
Lesser Yellowlegs (U)
Solitary Sandpiper (U)
Spotted Sandpiper (C)
Ruddy Turnstone (VR)
Marbled Godwit (VR)
American Woodcock (C)
Wilson's Snipe (C)
Short-billed Dowitcher (U)
Red Knot (VR)
Sanderling (VR)
Semipalmated Sandpiper (U)
Least Sandpiper (U)
White-rumped Sandpiper (R)
Baird's Sandpiper (R)
Pectoral Sandpiper (U)
Dunlin (U)
Stilt Sandpiper (VR)
Buff-breasted Sandpiper (VR)
Ruff (A)
Wilson's Phalarope (R)
Red-necked Phalarope (R)
Red Phalarope (VR)
Ring-billed Gull (C)
Lesser Black-backed Gull (A)
Great Black-backed Gull (R)
Glaucous Gull (R)
Iceland Gull (R)
Thayer's Gull (VR)
Herring Gull (C)
Bonaparte's Gull (R)
Black Tern (R)
Caspian Tern (U)
Common Tern (U)
Forster's Tern (A)
Thick-billed Murre (H)
Rock Pigeon (C)
Mourning Dove (C)
Band-tailed Pigeon (A)
Passenger Pigeon (X)
Black-billed Cuckoo (U)
Yellow-billed Cuckoo (VR)
Eastern Screech-Owl (VR)
Great Horned Owl (U)
Snowy Owl (R)
Barred Owl (C)
Great Gray Owl (R)
Northern Hawk Owl (R)
Boreal Owl (R)
Northern Saw-whet Owl (U)
Long-eared Owl (VR)
Short-eared Owl (VR)
Common Nighthawk (C)
Whip-poor-will (U)
Chimney Swift (C)
Ruby-throated Hummingbird (C)
Belted Kingfisher (C)
Red-headed Woodpecker (VR)
Red-bellied Woodpecker (VR)
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (C)
Downy Woodpecker (C)
Hairy Woodpecker (C)
Am. Three-toed Woodpecker (VR)
Black-backed Woodpecker (R)
Northern Flicker (C)
Pileated Woodpecker (C)
Olive-sided Flycatcher (R)
Eastern Wood-Pewee (C)
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher (R)
Alder Flycatcher (C)
Willow Flycatcher (R)
Least Flycatcher (C)
Eastern Phoebe (C)
Great Crested Flycatcher (C)
Eastern Kingbird (C)
Western Kingbird (A)
Horned Lark (R)
Purple Martin (R)
Tree Swallow (C)
N. Rough-winged Swallow (C)
Bank Swallow (C)
Barn Swallow (C)
Cliff Swallow (C)
American Crow (C)
Common Raven (C)
Gray Jay (R)

Blue Jay (C)
Black-billed Magpie (A)
Black-capped Chickadee (C)
Boreal Chickadee (R)
Red-breasted Nuthatch (C)
White-breasted Nuthatch (C)
Brown Creeper (C)
Sedge Wren (R)
Marsh Wren (R)
Carolina Wren (VR)
Winter Wren (C)
House Wren (C)
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (R)
Golden-crowned Kinglet (C)
Ruby-crowned Kinglet (C)
Northern Wheatear (H)
Eastern Bluebird (U)
Townsend's Solitaire (A)
Varied Thrush (A)
Veery (C)
Gray-cheeked Thrush (VR)
Swainson's Thrush (C)
Hermit Thrush (C)
Wood Thrush (U)
American Robin (C)
Gray Catbird (C)
Northern Mockingbird (VR)
Brown Thrasher (C)
American Pipit (U)
Bohemian Waxwing (R)
Cedar Waxwing (C)
Loggerhead Shrike (A)
Northern Shrike (U)
European Starling (C)
White-eyed Vireo (A)
Blue-headed Vireo (C)
Yellow-throated Vireo (R)
Philadelphia Vireo (R)
Red-eyed Vireo (C)
Warbling Vireo (C)
Black-and-white Warbler (C)
Golden-winged Warbler (C)
Blue-winged Warbler (VR)
Tennessee Warbler (U)
Orange-crowned Warbler (R)
Nashville Warbler (C)
Northern Parula (R)
Yellow Warbler (C)
Chestnut-sided Warbler (C)
Cerulean Warbler (VR)
Blk-throated Blue Warbler (C)
Pine Warbler (C)
Blk-throated Green Warbler (C)
Prairie Warbler (R)
Cape May Warbler (U)
Blackburnian Warbler (C)
Magnolia Warbler (C)
Yellow-rumped Warbler (C)

Palm Warbler (U)
Blackpoll Warbler (R)
Bay-breasted Warbler (U)
American Redstart (C)
Ovenbird (C)
Northern Waterthrush (C)
Prothonotary Warbler (A)
Common Yellowthroat (C)
Connecticut Warbler (VR)
Mourning Warbler (C)
Wilson's Warbler (U)
Canada Warbler (C)
Yellow-breasted Chat (A)
Scarlet Tanager (C)
Northern Cardinal (U)
Rose-breasted Grosbeak (C)
Indigo Bunting (C)
Dickcissel (A)
Eastern Towhee (U)
Lapland Longspur (R)
Snow Bunting (U)
Fox Sparrow (R)
Song Sparrow (C)
Lincoln's Sparrow (R)
Swamp Sparrow (C)
White-crowned Sparrow (C)
White-throated Sparrow (C)
Harris's Sparrow (A)
Dark-eyed Junco (C)
Savannah Sparrow (C)
Le Conte's Sparrow (VR)
Grasshopper Sparrow (VR)
Henslow's Sparrow (H)
Nelson's Sparrow (VR)
American Tree Sparrow (C)
Chipping Sparrow (C)
Field Sparrow (U)
Clay-colored Sparrow (VR)
Vesper Sparrow (U)
Lark Sparrow (A)
Bobolink (C)
Yellow-headed Blackbird (A)
Red-winged Blackbird (C)
Eastern Meadowlark (C)
Western Meadowlark (A)
Common Grackle (C)
Great-tailed/Boat-tailed Grackle (A)
Rusty Blackbird (U)
Brewer's Blackbird (VR)
Brown-headed Cowbird (C)
Baltimore Oriole (C)
Orchard Oriole (A)
Pine Siskin (I)
American Goldfinch (C)
Common Redpoll (I)
Hoary Redpoll (VR)
Pine Grosbeak (I)

Purple Finch (C)
House Finch (U)
Red Crossbill (I)
White-winged Crossbill (I)
Evening Grosbeak (C)
House Sparrow (U)
TOTAL 292

SOURCES USED

"Checklist of Birds of the District of Muskoka" 1993, compiled by Bob Bowles for the Muskoka Field Naturalists
"The Birds of Muskoka and Parry Sound" 1981, Alex Mills
"The Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas" 1987 and 2007
Reports on "The Muskoka Bird Board"
<http://b3.boards2go.com/boards/board.cgi?&user=MuskokaBirdBoard>
Recent observations by reliable observers
NOTE: introduced or escaped species that have not persisted are not included.

STATUS CODES

Following each species name is a letter which indicates its current status in the district. Note that most species are not present in every season and some are seen only during migration.
C - COMMON - Likely to be seen every day.
U - UNCOMMON - Not seen daily but seen often with repeated visits.
R - RARE - If present, always in low numbers and usually very hard to find.
VR - VERY RARE - Usually absent, very few records.
I - IRREGULAR - Present irregularly.
A - ACCIDENTAL - Not expected again for many years.
H - HISTORICAL - Not recorded for 100 years or more.
X - EXTINCT