

## Park Habitats

Three major habitats are found at Writing-on-Stone: the upland prairie; the hoodoo/cliff; and the riverside or riparian habitats. Each habitat provides breeding and nesting sites for different species of birds. As you are bird-watching, you will notice that distinct groups of birds are found in each of these environments. This list includes information on the usual breeding habitat of resident birds.

## Home on the Range

Writing-on-Stone is home to a number of significant bird species. Some birds, such as the Rufous-sided Towhee and Rock Wren, are scarce in Alberta, but common in the Park. Yellow-breasted Chats and Black-headed Grosbeaks are at the northern limit of their range. The Ferruginous hawk, one of Canada's threatened species, is also occasionally seen at Writing-on-Stone.

## Protected Habitats

By protecting important bird habitats, the significance of Writing-on-Stone goes beyond a long list of birds. The hoodoos and cliffs found in the Archaeological Preserve provide critical undisturbed nesting areas for birds of prey. The riparian habitat, where many of the Park's birds nest and feed, is now a threatened environment on the prairies. The upland prairie of the Park is home to many birds typical of the grasslands, but this habitat is also disappearing fast. We must ensure that these habitats, both in the Park and throughout the prairies, continue to be protected in the future.

## Contact

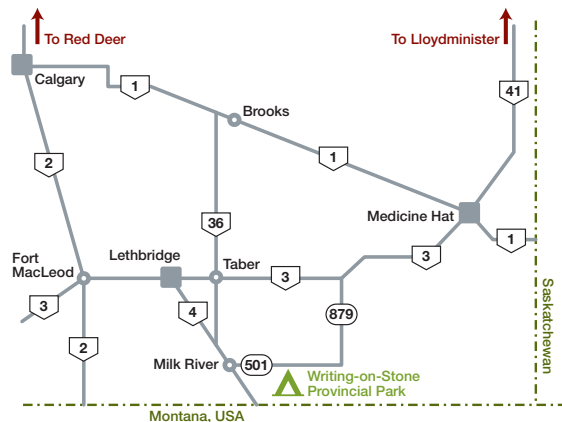
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Phone: 1-877-537-2757

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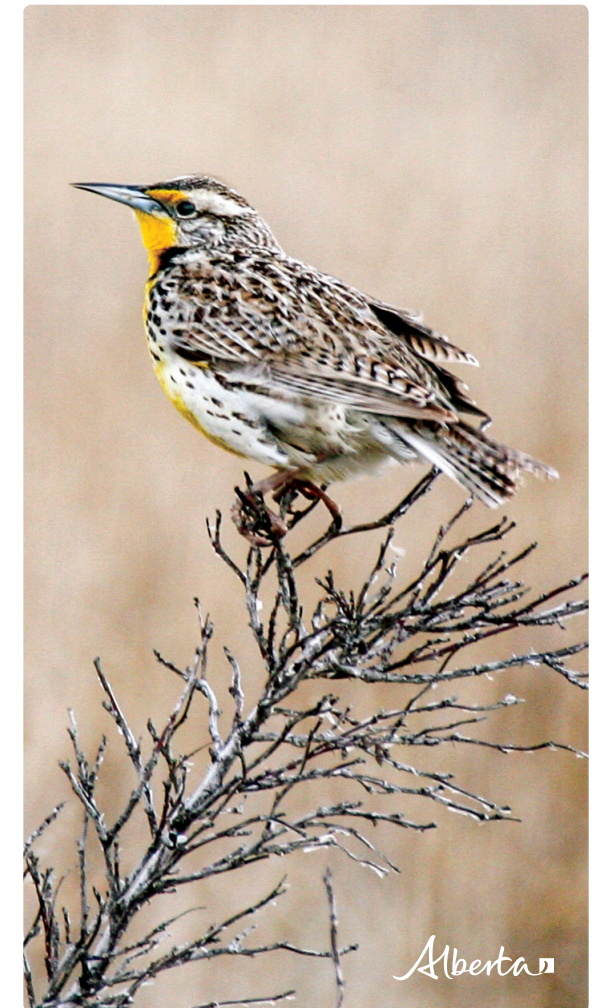


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## Birding

### Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park



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# Checklist

## Swans, Geese, and Ducks

<input type="checkbox"/>	American Wigeon
<input type="checkbox"/>	Blue-winged Teal
<input type="checkbox"/>	Canada Goose
<input type="checkbox"/>	Common Merganser
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gadwall
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mallard
<input type="checkbox"/>	Northern Pintail
<input type="checkbox"/>	Northern Shoveler
<input type="checkbox"/>	Red-breasted Merganser
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow Goose
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tundra Swan
<input type="checkbox"/>	Redhead

## Grouse, Pheasants and Partridges

<input type="checkbox"/>	Gray Partridge
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ring-necked Pheasant
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sharp-tailed Grouse

## Pelicans and Cormorants

<input type="checkbox"/>	American White Pelican
<input type="checkbox"/>	Double-crested Cormorant

## Hérons

<input type="checkbox"/>	Black-crowned Night Heron
<input type="checkbox"/>	Great Blue Heron

## Vulture and Osprey

<input type="checkbox"/>	Osprey
<input type="checkbox"/>	Turkey Vulture

## Hawks and Eagles

<input type="checkbox"/>	Bald Eagle
<input type="checkbox"/>	Broad-winged Hawk
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cooper's Hawk
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ferruginous Hawk
<input type="checkbox"/>	Golden Eagle
<input type="checkbox"/>	Northern Goshawk

<input type="checkbox"/>	Northern Harrier
<input type="checkbox"/>	Red-tailed Hawk
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rough-legged Hawk
<input type="checkbox"/>	Swainson's Hawk

## Rails

<input type="checkbox"/>	Sora
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## Shorebirds and Gulls

<input type="checkbox"/>	American Avocet
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bonaparte's Gull
<input type="checkbox"/>	California Gull
<input type="checkbox"/>	Caspian Tern
<input type="checkbox"/>	Franklin's Gull
<input type="checkbox"/>	Greater Yellowlegs
<input type="checkbox"/>	Killdeer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Least Sandpiper
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lesser Yellowlegs
<input type="checkbox"/>	Long-billed Curlew
<input type="checkbox"/>	Marbled Godwit
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ring-billed Gull
<input type="checkbox"/>	Solitary Sandpiper
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spotted Sandpiper
<input type="checkbox"/>	Willet
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wilson's Phalarope

## Pigeons and Doves

<input type="checkbox"/>	Rock Dove
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mourning Dove

## Cuckoos

<input type="checkbox"/>	Black-billed cuckoo
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## Owls

<input type="checkbox"/>	Great Horned Owl
<input type="checkbox"/>	Long-eared Owl
<input type="checkbox"/>	Northern Saw-whet Owl
<input type="checkbox"/>	Short-eared Owl

## Goatsuckers

<input type="checkbox"/>	Common Nighthawk
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## Hummingbirds

<input type="checkbox"/>	Ruby-throated Hummingbird
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rufous Hummingbird

## Kingfishers and Woodpeckers

<input type="checkbox"/>	Belted Kingfisher
<input type="checkbox"/>	Downy Woodpecker
<input type="checkbox"/>	Northern Flicker
<input type="checkbox"/>	Red-headed Woodpecker
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

## Falcons

<input type="checkbox"/>	American Kestrel
<input type="checkbox"/>	Merlin
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prairie Falcon

## Flycatchers

<input type="checkbox"/>	Eastern Kingbird
<input type="checkbox"/>	Great Crested Flycatcher
<input type="checkbox"/>	Least Flycatcher
<input type="checkbox"/>	Olive-sided Flycatcher
<input type="checkbox"/>	Say's Phoebe
<input type="checkbox"/>	Western Kingbird
<input type="checkbox"/>	Western Wood Pewee

## Shrikes

<input type="checkbox"/>	Loggerhead Shrike
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## Vireos

<input type="checkbox"/>	Philadelphia Vireo
<input type="checkbox"/>	Red-eyed Vireo
<input type="checkbox"/>	Solitary Vireo
<input type="checkbox"/>	Warbling Vireo

## Magpies and Crows

<input type="checkbox"/>	American Crow
<input type="checkbox"/>	Black-billed Magpie
<input type="checkbox"/>	Common Raven

## Larks

<input type="checkbox"/>	Homed Lark
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## Swallows

<input type="checkbox"/>	Bank Swallow
<input type="checkbox"/>	Barn Swallow
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cliff Swallow
<input type="checkbox"/>	Northern Rough-winged Swallow
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tree Swallow
<input type="checkbox"/>	Violet Green Swallow

## Chickadees

<input type="checkbox"/>	Black-capped Chickadee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mountain Chickadee

## Nuthatches

<input type="checkbox"/>	Red-breasted Nuthatch
<input type="checkbox"/>	White-breasted Nuthatch

## Creepers

<input type="checkbox"/>	Brown Creeper
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## Wrens

<input type="checkbox"/>	House Wren
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rock Wren

## Kinglets, Thrushes and Bluebirds

<input type="checkbox"/>	American Robin
<input type="checkbox"/>	Golden-crowned Kinglet
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hermit Thrush
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mountain Bluebird
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
<input type="checkbox"/>	Swainson's Thrush
<input type="checkbox"/>	Townsend's Solitaire
<input type="checkbox"/>	Veery
<input type="checkbox"/>	Varied Thrush

## Mimic Thrushes

<input type="checkbox"/>	Brown Thrasher
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gray Catbird
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sage Thrasher

## Starlings

<input type="checkbox"/>	European Starling
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## Pitpits

<input type="checkbox"/>	Spragues's Pitpit
<input type="checkbox"/>	Water (American) Pitpit

## Waxwings

<input type="checkbox"/>	Bohemian Waxwing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cedar Waxwing

## Wood Warblers

<input type="checkbox"/>	American Redstart
<input type="checkbox"/>	Black and White Warbler
<input type="checkbox"/>	Blackpoll Warbler
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cape May Warbler
<input type="checkbox"/>	Common Yellowthroat
<input type="checkbox"/>	Magnolia Warbler
<input type="checkbox"/>	MacGillivray's Warbler
<input type="checkbox"/>	Northern Parula
<input type="checkbox"/>	Northern Waterthrush
<input type="checkbox"/>	Orange-crowned Warbler
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ovenbird
<input type="checkbox"/>	Palm Warbler
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tennessee Warbler
<input type="checkbox"/>	Townsend's Warbler
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wilson's Warbler
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yellow-breasted Chat
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yellow Warbler
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yellow-rumped Warbler

## Tanagers

<input type="checkbox"/>	Western Tanager
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## Towhees, Sparrows, and Longspurs

<input type="checkbox"/>	American Tree Sparrow
<input type="checkbox"/>	Baird's Sparrow
<input type="checkbox"/>	Brewer's Sparrow
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chestnut-collared Longspur
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chipping Sparrow
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Dark-eyed Junco
<input type="checkbox"/>	Harris' Sparrow
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grasshopper Sparrow
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lark Bunting
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lark Sparrow

<input type="checkbox"/>	Lincoln's Sparrow
<input type="checkbox"/>	McCowan's Longspur
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spotted Towhee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Savannah Sparrow
<input type="checkbox"/>	Song Sparrow
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vesper Sparrow
<input type="checkbox"/>	White-crowned Sparrow
<input type="checkbox"/>	White-throated Sparrow

## Grosbeaks and Buntings

<input type="checkbox"/>	Lazuli Bunting
<input type="checkbox"/>	Black-headed Grosbeak
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rose-breasted Grosbeak

## Blackbirds and Allies

<input type="checkbox"/>	Baltimore Oriole
<input type="checkbox"/>	Brewer's Blackbird
<input type="checkbox"/>	Brown-headed Cowbird
<input type="checkbox"/>	Common Grackle
<input type="checkbox"/>	Northern Oriole
<input type="checkbox"/>	Red-winged Blackbird
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rusty Blackbird
<input type="checkbox"/>	Western Meadowlark
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yellow-headed Blackbird

## Finches

<input type="checkbox"/>	American Goldfinch
<input type="checkbox"/>	Common Redpoll
<input type="checkbox"/>	Evening Grosbeak
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pine Grosbeak
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pine Siskin
<input type="checkbox"/>	Red Crossbill
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rosy Finch

## Old World Sparrow

<input type="checkbox"/>	House Sparrow
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**New Records:** We are interested in updating this checklist. If you see species in the park that are not listed here, or if you can provide any new information, we would like to hear from you!