

Stratford Field Naturalists

BIRD CHECKLIST



This list comprises the 289 species recorded in the Stratford, Ontario area since the founding of the club in 1966. The approximate area covered is that within a 25 km radius of Stratford City Hall.

The list includes those species on the club's *1988 Bird Check List*, species recorded in the sightings records kept by the club since its beginning, species of which, specimens found in the area, are housed in the Royal Ontario Museum, and species found in the area that have been accepted by the Ontario Rare Bird Committee. All species are also found on *The Ontario Bird Checklist 2006* which is the official list of the Ontario Field Ornithologists. Extinct species or escapees are not included.

The list conforms to the classification and nomenclature of the American Ornithologists' Union in their Check-list of *North American Birds (7th Edition 1998)* and their 42nd to 46th supplements. This list follows the order of the above.

The seasons in which you should look for or listen for a particular species are bolded.

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This list is dedicated to the naturalists who founded our club forty years ago.

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Season code

W	winter	Dec., Jan., Feb.
s	spring	Mar., Apr., May
S	summer	June, July, Aug.
F	fall	Sept., Oct., Nov.

Ducks, geese and swans

<input type="checkbox"/>	Greater White-fronted Goose	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow Goose	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Canada Goose	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cackling Goose	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mute Swan	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Trumpeter Swan	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tundra Swan	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wood Duck	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gadwall	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	American Wigeon	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	American Black Duck	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mallard	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Blue-winged Teal	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Northern Shoveler	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Northern Pintail	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Green-winged Teal	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Canvasback	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Redhead	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ring-necked Duck	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Greater Scaup	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lesser Scaup	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Harlequin Duck	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	White-winged Scoter	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Black Scoter	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Long-tailed Duck	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bufflehead	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Common Goldeneye	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hooded Merganser	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Common Merganser	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Red-breasted Merganser	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ruddy Duck	W	s	S	F

Partridges, grouse and turkeys

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gray Partridge | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ring-necked Pheasant | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ruffed Grouse | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wild Turkey | W | s | S | F |

New world quail

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Bobwhite | W | s | S | F |
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Loons

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|--|---|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red-throated Loon | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Common Loon | W | s | S | F |

Grebes

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|--|---|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pied-billed Grebe | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horned Grebe | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red-necked Grebe | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eared Grebe | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Western Grebe | W | s | S | F |

Pelicans

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> American White Pelican | W | s | S | F |
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Cormorants

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Double-crested Cormorant | W | s | S | F |
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Hérons and bitterns

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Bittern | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Least Bittern | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Great Blue Heron | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Great Egret | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cattle Egret | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green Heron | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black-crowned Night-Heron | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-crowned Night-Heron | W | s | S | F |

Ibises

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Glossy Ibis | W | s | S | F |
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Vultures

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Vulture | W | s | S | F |
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Hawks and eagles

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Osprey | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bald Eagle | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Harrier | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sharp-shinned Hawk | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooper's Hawk | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Goshawk | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red-shouldered Hawk | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Broad-winged Hawk | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rough-legged Hawk | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Golden Eagle | W | s | S | F |

Falcons

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Kestrel | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Merlin | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gyrfalcon | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Peregrine Falcon | W | s | S | F |

Rails, gallinules and coots

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Virginia Rail | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sora | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Purple Gallinule | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Common Moorhen | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Coot | W | s | S | F |

Plovers

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black-bellied Plover | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Golden-Plover | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Semipalmated Plover | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Piping Plover | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Killdeer | W | s | S | F |

Cranes

Sandhill Crane W s S F

Stilts and avocets

Black-necked Stilt W s S F

American Avocet W s S F

Sandpipers and phalaropes

Greater Yellowlegs W s S F

Lesser Yellowlegs W s S F

Solitary Sandpiper W s S F

Willet W s S F

Spotted Sandpiper W s S F

Upland Sandpiper W s S F

Whimbrel W s S F

Hudsonian Godwit W s S F

Marbled Godwit W s S F

Ruddy Turnstone W s S F

Red Knot W s S F

Sanderling W s S F

Semipalmated Sandpiper W s S F

Western Sandpiper W s S F

Least Sandpiper W s S F

White-rumped Sandpiper W s S F

Baird's Sandpiper W s S F

Pectoral Sandpiper W s S F

Purple Sandpiper W s S F

Dunlin W s S F

Stilt Sandpiper W s S F

Buff-breasted Sandpiper W s S F

Ruff W s S F

Short-billed Dowitcher W s S F

Long-billed Dowitcher W s S F

Wilson's Snipe W s S F

American Woodcock W s S F

Wilson's Phalarope W s S F

Red-necked Phalarope W s S F

Gulls and terns

<input type="checkbox"/>	Franklin's Gull	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bonaparte's Gull	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ring-billed Gull	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	California Gull	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Herring Gull	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Thayer's Gull	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Iceland Gull	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lesser Black-backed Gull	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Glaucous Gull	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Great Black-backed Gull	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Caspian Tern	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Common Tern	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Black Tern	W	s	S	F

Pigeons and doves

<input type="checkbox"/>	Rock Pigeon	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Eurasian Collared Dove	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mourning Dove	W	s	S	F

Cuckoos

<input type="checkbox"/>	Black-billed Cuckoo	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	W	s	S	F

Owls

<input type="checkbox"/>	Eastern Screech Owl	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Great Horned Owl	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snowy Owl	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Barred Owl	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Long-eared Owl	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Short-eared Owl	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Northern Saw-whet Owl	W	s	S	F

Goatsuckers

<input type="checkbox"/>	Common Nighthawk	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Whip-poor-will	W	s	S	F

Swifts

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chimney Swift | W | s | S | F |
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Hummingbirds

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-throated Hummingbird | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rufous Hummingbird | W | s | S | F |

Kingfishers

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Belted Kingfisher | W | s | S | F |
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Woodpeckers

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red-headed Woodpecker | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red-bellied Woodpecker | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Sapsucker | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Downy Woodpecker | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hairy Woodpecker | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black-backed Woodpecker | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pileated Woodpecker | W | s | S | F |

Tyrant flycatchers

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Olive-sided Flycatcher | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Wood Pewee | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Flycatcher | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Acadian Flycatcher | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alder Flycatcher | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Willow Flycatcher | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Least Flycatcher | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Phoebe | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Great Crested Flycatcher | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Kingbird | W | s | S | F |

Shrikes

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Loggerhead Shrike | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Shrike | W | s | S | F |

Vireos

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| <input type="checkbox"/> White-eyed Vireo | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-throated Vireo | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blue-headed Vireo | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warbling Vireo | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Philadelphia Vireo | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red-eyed Vireo | W | s | S | F |

Crows and jays

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Gray Jay | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blue Jay | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Crow | W | s | S | F |

Larks

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Horned Lark | W | s | S | F |
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Swallows

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Purple Martin | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tree Swallow | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Rough-winged Swallow | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank Swallow | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cliff Swallow | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barn Swallow | W | s | S | F |

Chickadees and titmice

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black-capped Chickadee | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boreal Chickadee | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tufted Titmouse | W | s | S | F |

Nuthatches

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Red-breasted Nuthatch | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White-breasted Nuthatch | W | s | S | F |

Creepers

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Brown Creeper | W | s | S | F |
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Wrens

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Carolina Wren | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | House Wren | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Winter Wren | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Sedge Wren | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Marsh Wren | W | s | S | F |

Kinglets

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|--------------------------|------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Golden-crowned Kinglet | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Ruby-crowned Kinglet | W | s | S | F |

Gnatcatchers

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Blue-gray Gnatcatcher | W | s | S | F |
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Thrushes

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|--------------------------|---------------------|---|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Eastern Bluebird | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Veery | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Gray-cheeked Thrush | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Swainson's Thrush | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Hermit Thrush | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Wood Thrush | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | American Robin | W | s | S | F |

Mockingbirds and thrashers

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Gray Catbird | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Northern Mockingbird | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Brown Thrasher | W | s | S | F |

Starlings

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | European Starling | W | s | S | F |
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Pipits

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | American Pipit | W | s | S | F |
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Waxwings

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Bohemian Waxwing | W | s | S | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Cedar Waxwing | W | s | S | F |

Wood-warblers

<input type="checkbox"/>	Blue-winged Warbler	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Golden-winged Warbler	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tennessee Warbler	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Orange-crowned Warbler	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nashville Warbler	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Northern Parula	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yellow Warbler	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chestnut-sided Warbler	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Magnolia Warbler	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cape May Warbler	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Black-throated Blue Warbler	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yellow-rumped Warbler	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Black-throated Green Warbler	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Blackburnian Warbler	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pine Warbler	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prairie Warbler	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Palm Warbler	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bay-breasted Warbler	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Blackpoll Warbler	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cerulean Warbler	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Black-and-white Warbler	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	American Redstart	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prothonotary Warbler	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Worm-eating Warbler	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ovenbird	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Northern Waterthrush	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kentucky Warbler	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Connecticut Warbler	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mourning Warbler	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Common Yellowthroat	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hooded Warbler	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wilson's Warbler	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Canada Warbler	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yellow-breasted Chat	W	s	S	F

Tanagers

Scarlet Tanager W s S F

Sparrows

Spotted Towhee W s S F

Eastern Towhee W s S F

American Tree Sparrow W s S F

Chipping Sparrow W s S F

Clay-colored Sparrow W s S F

Field Sparrow W s S F

Vesper Sparrow W s S F

Lark Sparrow W s S F

Lark Bunting W s S F

Savannah Sparrow W s S F

Grasshopper Sparrow W s S F

Henslow's Sparrow W s S F

Le Conte's Sparrow W s S F

Fox Sparrow W s S F

Song Sparrow W s S F

Lincoln's Sparrow W s S F

Swamp Sparrow W s S F

White-throated Sparrow W s S F

White-crowned Sparrow W s S F

Dark-eyed Junco W s S F

Lapland Longspur W s S F

Snow Bunting W s S F

Cardinals, grosbeaks and buntings

Northern Cardinal W s S F

Rose-breasted Grosbeak W s S F

Indigo Bunting W s S F

Dickcissel W s S F

Blackbirds

<input type="checkbox"/> Bobolink	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged Blackbird	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Meadowlark	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Meadowlark	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/> Rusty Blackbird	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/> Brewer's Blackbird	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Grackle	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Cowbird	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/> Orchard Oriole	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/> Baltimore Oriole	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/> Scott's Oriole	W	s	S	F

Finches

<input type="checkbox"/> Pine Grosbeak	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/> Purple Finch	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/> House Finch	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/> Red Crossbill	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/> White-winged Crossbill	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Redpoll	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/> Hoary Redpoll	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/> Pine Siskin	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch	W	s	S	F
<input type="checkbox"/> Evening Grosbeak	W	s	S	F

Old world sparrows

<input type="checkbox"/> House Sparrow	W	s	S	F
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The area covered is that within a 25 km radius of Stratford City Hall. It includes the southern end of Perth County and part of the northern end of Oxford County. This includes the settlements of Stratford, St. Marys, Mitchell, Milverton, Gadshill, Harrington, Sebringville, and Tavistock. It includes parts of the municipalities of Perth South, West Perth, North Perth and Perth East. This area is illustrated by the map below.



