

BIRDS OUT MY WINDOW

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With the changing seasons different species of birds come and go. Over the past five or six years, I have kept track of the birds out my window. The list below does not include all those seen as I know that some ducks and one or two hawks were not recorded:

Common Loon
White Pelican
Double-crested Cormorant
Great Blue Heron
Tundra Swan
White-fronted Goose
Snow Goose
Mallard
Common Goldeneye
Common Merganser
Turkey Vulture
Osprey
Bald Eagle
Golden Eagle
Merlin

Sandhill Crane
Franklin Gull
Ring-billed Gull
Herring Gull
Black Tern
Rock Dove
Common Nighthawk
Barn Swallow
Black-billed Magpie
American Crow
Northern Raven
American Robin
Cedar Waxwing
European Starling
Red-winged Blackbird
Evening Grosbeak
House Sparrow

Okay, you may notice that not many of these are "small" birds, but when you are seven floors up in an office building overlooking the North Saskatchewan River, without the aid of binoculars, the "big" birds will do.



A Pectoral Sandpiper, banded east of Saskatoon on 20 September 1961, was recovered in Yakutia, Russia, on 28 May 1963. In its lifetime it had probably migrated from eastern Russia through the Prairie Provinces to South America and back – at least twice. Houston and Martinez. 1969. *Birdbanding* 40:146.