

# GUMBIRD TALLY CARD PAGE 1

Photograph each species and submit card by noon on May 7th, 2021



**Canada Goose:** Often seen overhead in small flocks, but seldom lands around Yellowknife. Most often seen swimming below the Yellowknife River Bridge

photo: Shawna Lampi-Legaree



**Common Grackle:** The same winds that bring black-birds to town usually bring grackles. Explore the cattail marshes for these larger, iridescent birds with longer tails.

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**American Robin:** The herald of Spring for many, they show up right near the end of the count period. Watch for them singing from powerlines or scratching around in wet leafy areas near pond edges.

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**Green-winged Teal:** The smallest and darkest of the dabbling ducks, the males are brightly coloured and give whistled peeping calls, and both males and females have glossy green patches on the inner wings.

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**American Kestrel:** This tiny falcon shows up beginning of May. Flashing bright orange, these quick birds are often seen at the Yellowknife River or along the highways.

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**Eastern Phoebe:** One of the first insectivores to return, you'll likely hear it before seeing it. Check at YK River Bridge, or perhaps Rat Lake and Rotary Park during the last couple days.

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**Redpoll:** Common through the count period, found chattering in many shrubby areas or visiting birdfeeders. Watch your feeder or drive and check a friend's feeder!

illustration: Shawna Lampi-Legaree



**Red-winged Blackbird:** Another species showing up near the end of the count, expect to check multiple cattail marshes on your last day of searching.

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**Northern Pintail:** Called the greyhounds of the sky, these birds are easily noticed by their longer tails and sleek appearance. A common migrant early in Spring migration where there's open water.

photo: Shawna Lampi-Legaree



**Lesser Yellowlegs:** This noisy shorebird with long yellow legs arrives near the end of this period. Check along ice edges and wet marshy areas where water is pooling.

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**Black-capped Chickadee:** Listen for the 'chickadee dee' call or the Spring song that consists of two high whistles. Most frequently seen and heard in shrubby deciduous habitats, such as Willow Flats.

photo: Shawna Lampi-Legaree



**Willow Ptarmigan:** Not a spring bird but still around! Lingering birds are most often found along the lake-shore near Rotary Park. Observe how these late birds have black head feathers coming in.

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**Mew Gull:** Appearing in the last week, do not look for it on city streets, because it stays by marshy areas like Kam Lake or Rotary Park. Look for smaller white-headed gulls with yellow feet and small, plain yellow bills.

photo: Reid Hildebrandt



**Herring Gull:** Our largest regular gull, found both inside and outside town. It is the only regular showing pink feet. If the birds are swimming, look for a red spot on the bill and pale eyes.

photo: Reid Hildebrandt

**Common Merganser:** These larger diving ducks are often the first duck to be seen. Found at the YK River, these birds often quickly fly past. Also normally found at Jackfish Lake during the last week.

photo: Reid Hildebrandt



**Boreal Owl:** For those wanting an owl challenge, these tiny owls call after dark in the Springtime in mixed spruce forests outside of town. Look up the call online and then record the sound (you do not need to see the bird!) if you hear it.

photo: Reid Hildebrandt



**Bald Eagle:** Our first Spring arrival back in Yellowknife after a long winter, these hunter/scavengers are regular near the dump or along many of our wild lakeshores.

photo: Reid Hildebrandt



**American Crow:** Crows are widespread in small numbers along our wooded residential areas. Smaller and floppier than ravens, try to get both a photo and a recording.

photo: Reid Hildebrandt

**Northern Flicker:** Likely to return near your last day of searching, this brown woodpecker, flashing white and yellow when it flies, is often first seen at Tin Can Hill or the YK River bridge.

photo: Reid Hildebrandt



**Tundra Swan:** Listen for their bugling calls, and try to get a photo or a recording. They are most often seen flying by Rotary Park or swimming on the Yellowknife River.

photo: Reid Hildebrandt



**Dark-eyed Junco:** These grey and white sparrows are common at the end of April onwards. Record their musical trills and try to spy them singing in the top of a tree or on a wire.

photo: Reid Hildebrandt



**Mountain Bluebird:** This is a prized sighting for a Yellowknifer, and your hardest catch! Bluebirds move through our area in the third and fourth weeks of April. Pausing in openings, they are usually seen along Highway 3.

photo: Reid Hildebrandt

**Northern Harrier:** This scarce hawk with a white rump might be found during the last two weeks. It could fly over anywhere (so always be ready!), but often flies low to explore marshes, or sometimes open areas like the Sand Pits.

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**Common Goldeneye:** This diving duck has a dark and angular head, with the males showing a distinctive white oval beside the bill. Look along the river or at Jackfish Lake.

photo: Wikipedia



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