

Tombstone Territorial Park lies just south of the Arctic Circle in the Ogilvie Mountains of central Yukon. The Dempster Highway provides access to the park which features diverse habitats including forested river valleys, small lakes and ponds, rich wetlands, alpine and arctic tundra, and rugged mountain tops. The Tombstone wilderness is well known as one of the best places in North America to view subarctic breeders such as Gyrfalcon, Surfbird, Long-tailed Jaeger, Northern Wheatear, and Smith's Longspur.

This checklist summarizes the occurrence and breeding status of 148 species which have been recorded in Tombstone Territorial Park and vicinity. Breeding has been confirmed for 38 species. Species names and taxonomic order follow the A.O.U. checklist (1998) and supplements.

The book *Birds by the Dempster Highway* by the late Robert Frisch is an essential reference for visitors to the Tombstone area. Information on the region's birdlife is also provided by staff at the Tombstone Interpretive Centre.

FREQUENCY and BREEDING CODES

- r **Rare:** expected annually, but easily missed.
ca **Casual:** at least two records but not seen every year.
ac **Accidental:** recorded only once.
w **Winter:** expected annually in winter (Dec 1 – Feb 28).
* **Confirmed Breeding:** Observations of an active nest or dependent, flightless young.

DOCUMENTING BIRD SIGHTINGS

This checklist was compiled using the Birds of the Yukon Database (Canadian Wildlife Service, Whitehorse). Contribute to our knowledge of the Yukon's birdlife by sending field notes including written or photo documentation of rare, casual, or accidental species or those not on the checklist, and details of breeding observations to:

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✓ SPECIES	A	B	C	D
Red-throated Loon *				
Pacific Loon				
Common Loon *				
Yellow-billed Loon ac				
Horned Grebe				
Red-necked Grebe * ca				
Greater White-fronted Goose				
Brant ca				
Canada Goose				
Trumpeter Swan r				
Tundra Swan				
Gadwall r				
Eurasian Wigeon ca				
American Wigeon *				
Mallard *				
Blue-winged Teal r				
Northern Shoveler				
Northern Pintail *				
Green-winged Teal				
Canvasback				
Redhead r				
Ring-necked Duck				
Greater Scaup *				
Lesser Scaup				
Harlequin Duck *				
Surf Scoter				
White-winged Scoter				
Long-tailed Duck *				
Bufflehead *				
Common Goldeneye				
Barrow's Goldeneye				
Hooded Merganser ac				
Common Merganser				
Red-breasted Merganser				
Bald Eagle *				
Northern Harrier				
Sharp-shinned Hawk				
Northern Goshawk w				
Red-tailed Hawk				
Rough-legged Hawk				
Golden Eagle *				
American Kestrel *				
Merlin * r				
Gyrfalcon * w				
Peregrine Falcon				

✓ SPECIES	A	B	C	D
Ruffed Grouse w				
Spruce Grouse w				
Willow Ptarmigan * w				
Rock Ptarmigan * w				
White-tailed Ptarmigan * w				
American Coot ca				
Sandhill Crane				
American Golden-Plover *				
Semipalmated Plover *				
Killdeer ca				
Lesser Yellowlegs				
Solitary Sandpiper				
Wandering Tattler *				
Spotted Sandpiper *				
Upland Sandpiper *				
Whimbrel				
Hudsonian Godwit ca				
Ruddy Turnstone ac				
Surfbird * r				
Semipalmated Sandpiper				
Least Sandpiper *				
Baird's Sandpiper				
Pectoral Sandpiper				
Buff-breasted Sandpiper ca				
Long-billed Dowitcher				
Wilson's Snipe				
Wilson's Phalarope ac				
Red-necked Phalarope				
Parasitic Jaeger ca				
Long-tailed Jaeger *				
Bonaparte's Gull				
Mew Gull *				
Herring Gull				
Glaucous Gull ca				
Arctic Tern				
Mourning Dove ac				
Great Horned Owl w				
Snowy Owl ca				
Northern Hawk Owl				
Great Gray Owl ac				
Long-eared Owl ac				
Short-eared Owl				
Boreal Owl * w				
Common Nighthawk ac				

