A PRELIMINARY BIOLOGICAL SURVEY

OF ATHABASCA UNIVERSITY LANDS

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INTRODUCTION

In March 1980, the Government of Alberta announced that Athabasca University (AU) was to be relocated from Edmonton 150 km north to the Town of Athabasca. The site chosen was immediately west of the town and encompassed about 3 quarter sections of land. Construction of the first major building began in the autumn of 1982 and was virtually complete two years later. However, the majority of the university lands have undergone very little change since their acquisition.

The site of the university is striking. It is located on a piece of tableland overlooking the town. About half of the land is wooded, the other half cultivated. Though most of the land is fairly level, it has major gully systems, and its eastern edge steeply slopes down to a creek. The northern edge of the property is part of the Athabasca River valley and a corner borders on the river itself.

As the long-range development of the university lands will be of great importance both to the university and community, sound planning must be done. Part of this sound planning will depend upon inventories of what presently exists on these lands. What we have provided here is a preliminary survey of the vascular plants, vertebrate animals and soils as well as the major physical and man-made features of these lands. We hope this report will provide a basis for future surveys.

Information from this and later surveys will be useful in planning for and completion of projects such as:

(1) construction of additional buildings;

- (2) creation of research facilities including experimental field plots, a field research station, and a meteorological station;
- (3) establishment of a botanical garden;
- (4) setting aside conservation areas for plants and animals;
- (5) leasing of university lands for agricultural and residential purposes;
- (6) construction of nature-awareness trails;
- (7) setting up a herbarium and a zoological museum;
- (8) provision of recreational facilities for hiking, skiing and other sports; and
- (9) designating a disposal site for waste chemicals.

Projects such as the above will be important in the development of AU's courses and programs, basic and applied research, general education of the public, and public participation in the growth of the university.

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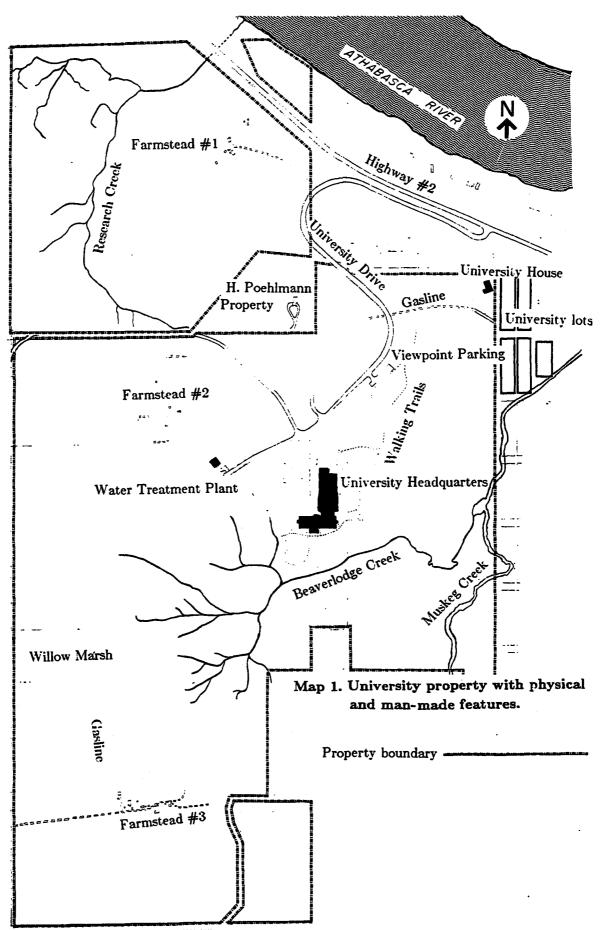
AU is located approximately at 54° 43' N and 113° 16' W in Township 66, Range 22, West of the fourth Meridian. It includes part of NW corner of Section 17, part of SE corner of Section 18, NE corner of Section 18 and part of SE corner of Section 19. In total, the university lands encompass about 240 hectares.

The major features are a flat tableland, escarpments overlooking Muskeg Creek and Athabasca River, and two (hitherto unnamed) small streams, one emptying into Muskeg Creek and the other into the Athabasca River. For convenience of reference, we have named the former Beaverlodge Creek and the latter Research Creek (see Map 1).

The tableland occupies the majority of the university lands and consists mostly of farmlands, parking areas and the university building. Except for the watercourses, nearly all of this land has been cleared of natural trees and shrubs.

The escarpment overlooking Muskeg Creek is very steep and well wooded. It occupies the entire eastern edge of the property. Muskeg Creek valley is rather flat in this section and the creek has several meanders. Some of these have been cut off from the main stream and form small temporary ponds. At the junction of Muskeg Creek and Beaverlodge Creek is a rather large pond. Nearer the river, and off university property, Muskeg Creek has been dredged and straightened. The slope on the northern boundary that goes down to the Athabasca River is not as severe and includes the main road access to the university. The road is owned by the Town of Athabasca. The northeastern corner of the property that borders the river is separated from the rest of the lands by Highway 2.

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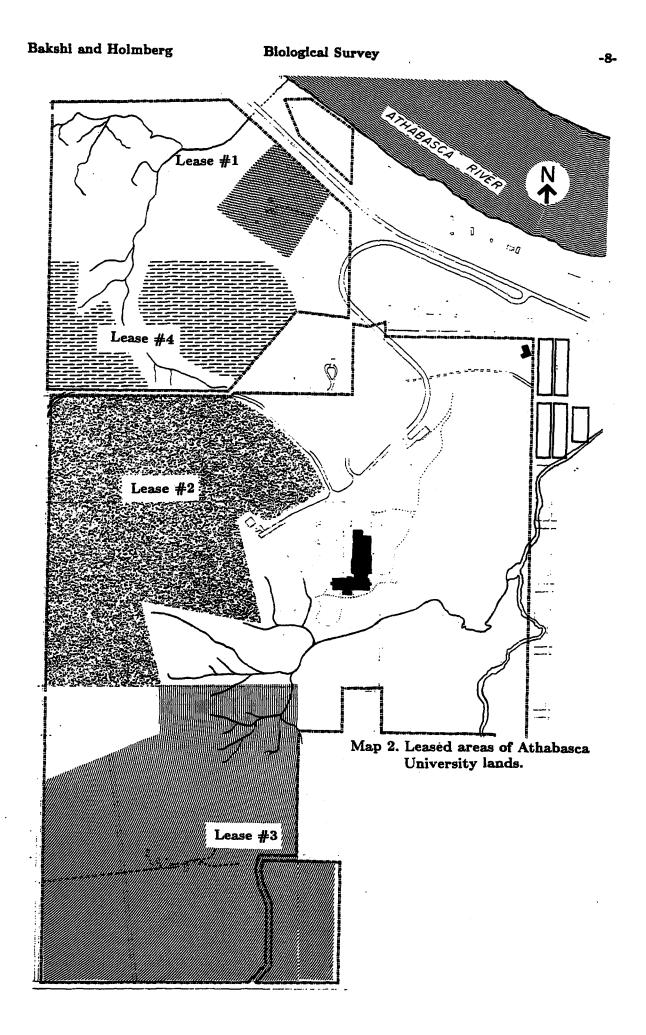
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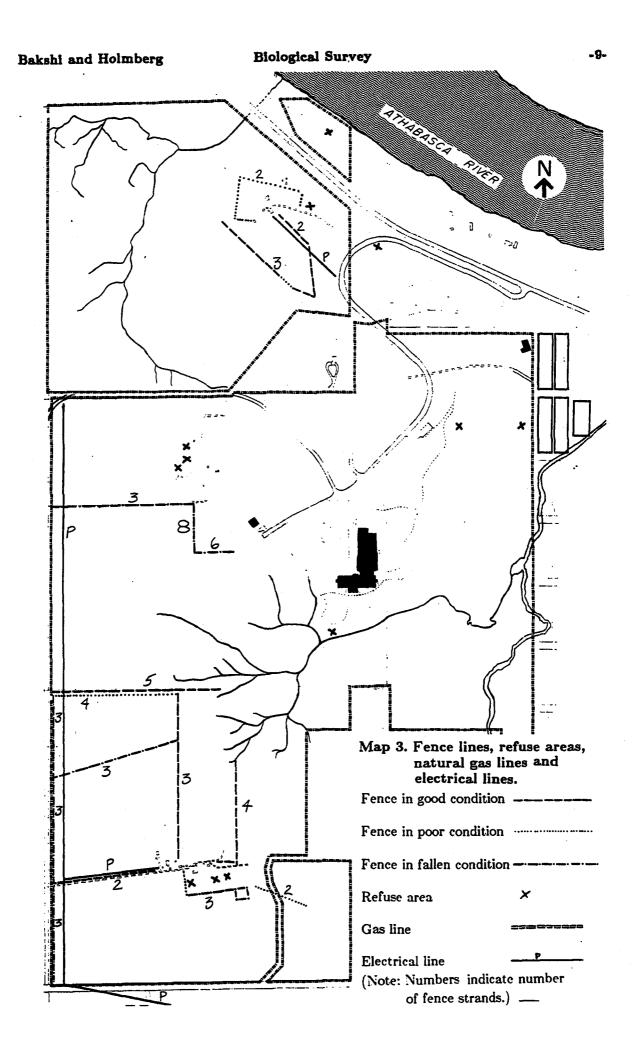
The drainage courses and watershed areas for the two small streams are almost entirely on university property. These areas are covered with trees except where beavers have removed them. At the western extremity of Beaverlodge Creek is a slight depression with a semi-permanent pond. The area covers about 3 hectares and has been named here Willow Marsh. As Beaverlodge Creek approaches Muskeg Creek, it has formed a small canyon at the bottom of which snow can be found even at the end of May. Research Creek leaves the university property at the edge of the highway where it enters a large (2 m in diameter, 80 m long) culvert.

Approximately half of the university lands have been leased (see Map 2). Only one lease (#1) has anyone living on site. The other three leases are farmed.

Map 3 shows the locations of various service and fence lines. The numbers on the map associated with the fence lines indicate the number of strands of bared wire associated with each fence. Some fences have as few as two strands, one has eight. Several electrical and underground gas lines also run through the area. There are twelve refuse sites on the property, mostly associated with old farmsteads. Most such sites contain rusting pieces of metal, glass fragments and old lumber.

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RESULTS

(1) Plants

We estimate that about 433 species of non-cultivated vascular plants occur in the Athabasca area. Detailed lists of these species are given in Tables 1-4 of the Appendix. The table below gives a summary of the estimated numbers of vascular plants in the Athabasca area as well as the percentage of each group that were collected.

Estimated Number of Species in Area	Percentage Collected in 1985
23	83
6	100
108	19
296	76
	Species in Area 23 6 108

A beginning was made towards determining the species of non-vascular plants in the area. Thirteen genera of algae collected are given in Table 5 (see Appendix), five fungi in Table 6, and ten mosses and two liverworts in Table 7.

About 40 species of edible vascular plants of the area are included in Table 8, 18 poisonous and noxious plants in Table 9, and 27 weeds in Table 10. Note that these weed species are listed in the Weed Control Act and are definitely known to be present on AU property. Each county may designate plants in addition to those in the Weed Control Act as "restricted weeds". The plants listed in Tables 8-10 are also included in Tables 3 and 4.

(2) Vertebrate Animals

A detailed list of the vertebrate species is given in Tables 11-14 of the Appendix. The table below indicates that there are about 285 species of vertebrates in the area, about 70% of which are birds. Note that the number of birds that reside year round in the area is also included in the estimated number of birds that breed in the area.

Vertebrate Group	Estimated Number of Species in Athabasca Area
Fish	23
Amphibians	6
Reptiles	2
Birds: Resident	30
Breeding Transient	172 32
Total	204
Mammals	50

(3) Herbarium and Zoological Collections

During this study over 400 species of vascular plants were pressed, dried and

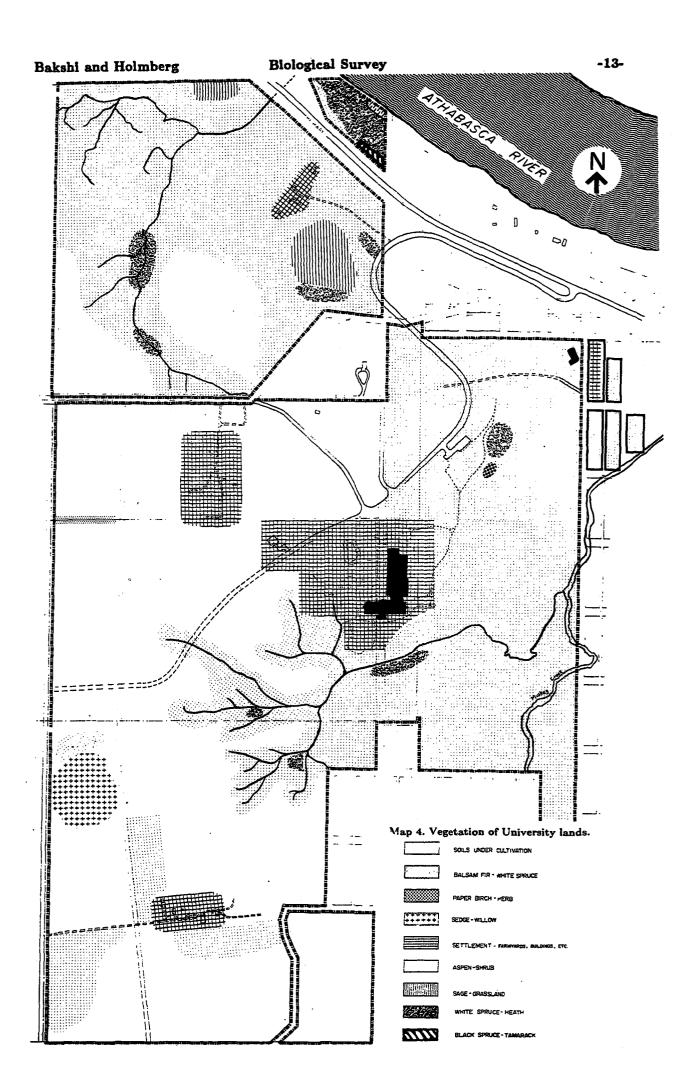
mounted on herbarium sheets. About 30 species of non-vascular plants were also identified and preserved. These collections are now part of the Athabasca University Herbarium and will be used in Biology 321: Wildflowers and Biology 106: Introductory Biology as well as future courses.

The skulls and study skins prepared in this survey now form the nucleus of a vertebrate collection. These along with about 600 specimens of insects (donated to the university by Robert G. Holmberg) have been used in Biology 201: World Ecology and will be used in Biology 106: Introductory Biology. In addition to course work, the collections of plants and animals will be of use in answering public inquiries and in research of various types.

(4) Vegetation

A very preliminary survey of the distribution of the non-cultivated, dominant plants of the area was done. The vegetation types were classified into seven broad categories using common plant names (see Map 4). The scientific names for these plants can be found in Tables 1-4 of the Appendix. The natural vegetation types, from largest to smallest area, were: aspen-shrub, sage-grassland, white spruce-heath, sedge-willow, paper birch-herb, black spruce-tamarack, and balsam fir-white spruce. Cultivated and "settlement" areas comprise about 50% of the university lands. Aspen-shrub make up another 40%. Only about 10% of the area is covered by the other six vegetation types.

Tree cores were obtained to determine the approximate ages of the plant communities. The oldest trees are white spruce, some of which are almost 90 years old. Some paper birch reached 50 years. Most poplar trees were less than 35 years old.



(5) Soils

Map 5 (page 16) gives the four main soil types found on the university lands. Most of the area has gray luvisol soil. All of the cultivated areas as well as most of the aspen-shrub vegetation area have this kind of soil. Though it is a poor quality soil, it is the best agricultural soil of this area. Typically it has low supplies of nutrients. In the cultivated fields it is slightly alkaline, but under the influence of aspen, it is slightly acidic. Ten representative soil samples were taken from the cultivated fields and analyzed by Alberta Agriculture. The results are available from us.

The second most abundant soil type is eutric brunisol. This is found in three areas at the northern edge of AU property. This is a very sandy, slightly acidic soil. Where there is good drainage, it supports drought tolerant plants.

Where white spruce has been growing for a long time, the soils are ferric-humic podzols. These soils are also acidic.

In the Willow Marsh area, the soil is luvic gleysol. This soil is water-logged, low in oxygen and acidic. Soil profiles of these areas are also available from the authors.

(6) Hazards

It is likely that the university lands will be made available to the public for certain recreational uses. If this occurs, the public should be made aware of both the man-made and natural hazards that exist on the property. Fences, especially of barbed wire, and old garbage dumps, often with broken glass, are numerous. Most of these ultimately will be removed but, until they are, visitors should be reminded to watch for them and the dangers they present. Several water bodies, such as creeks and ponds as well as bogs, are present on AU property. Visitors should observe all safety precautions in these areas. The vegetation also presents a hazard in that

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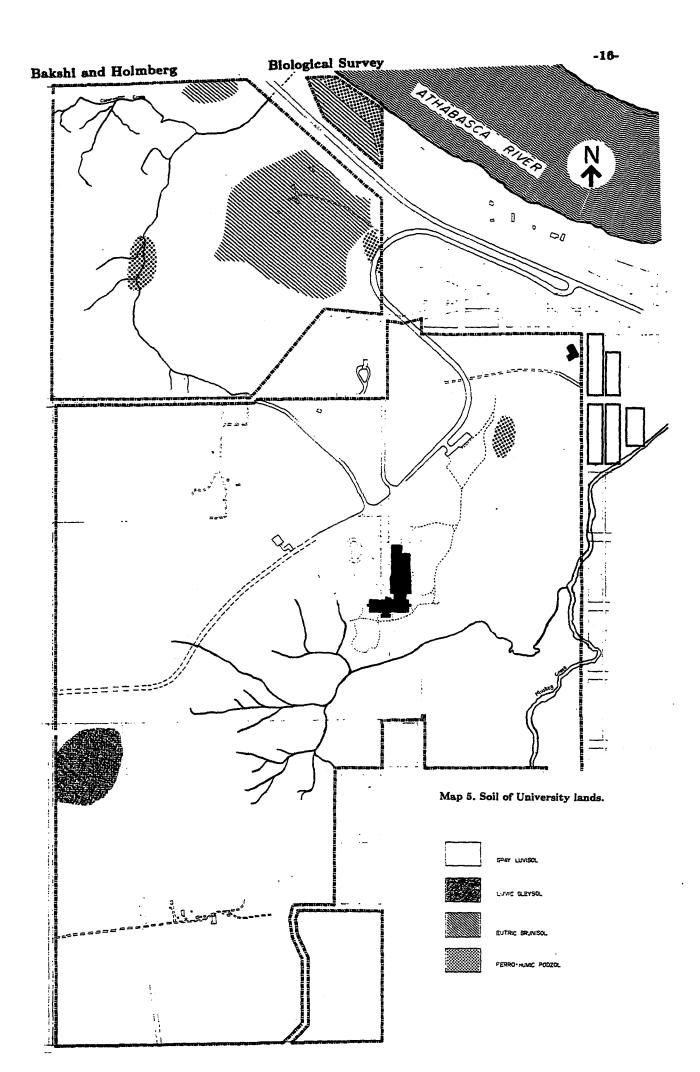
numerous species of poisonous plants are found in the area. The identities of such species, and several good references, can be found in Table 9 of the Appendix. These plants can also be viewed in the AU Herbarium located in the Science Laboratory.

Fortunately, the Athabasca area is home to very few extremely dangerous animals, and even those present, such as bears, wolves, and, perhaps, mountain lions are scarce and usually avoid contact with humans. Of the above, bears are the greatest threat. Their appetites for berries and attraction to garbage areas occasionally bring them in contact with humans. The dangers from porcupines and skunks are too well-known to be repeated here. However, the public should be reminded that all wild animals should be treated with caution and respect - even the tiny shrew can deliver a nasty bite.

A less well-known danger associated with some animals is disease. Rabies and tetanus are transmittable to humans and can be fatal. Major carriers of rabies are skunks, bats, and dogs. One should never approach an animal exhibiting abnormal behavior, as this may indicate that it is diseased.

(7) Recommendations

In a separate communication, we will be presenting several recommendations to the University for consideration. These recommendations encompass such areas as ways to use the university lands to promote research and teaching, public access and use of the lands, conservation, land leases, and pest and fire control.



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APPENDIX

Preliminary Lists of the Plants and Animals

from the Athabasca Area

The following tables list primarily the vascular plants and vertebrate animals that are likely to be found in the Athabasca area. These lists were compiled from literature accounts, such as range maps and floras, and by actuals sightings during the study period. Each list contains all species which should theoretically be present in this area. The tables give the scientific names of individual species as well as some of the higher classification groups, and the common names, if available. The 'Comments' sections give additional information, such as the initials of the collector, date of collection or siting, rarity or abundance, etc. The initials in the tables refer to the following:

MSR	Margaret S. Rusinko
RBD	Richard B. Dickinson
TSB	Trilochan S. Bakshi
W de C	Wendy de Candole

At the end of each table there is a list of references on the respective subject. All these references are available in the AU Library. The lists are only preliminary and we would appreciate feedback about these lists. Interested people are welcome to add their own observations to the lists (stored in computer), and to come to the Science Laboratory to view the specimens collected so far.

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Table 1. Vascular plants of the Athabasca area -- ferns and fern-allies (Pteridophyta).

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Taxonomic Description	Common Name	Comments
Pteridophyta		
Family Lycopodiaceae	Club-mosses	
Lycopodium annotinum L.	Stiff Club-moss	RBD, 1 July 1985.
L. clavatum L.	Running Club-moss	RBD, 6 August 1985
L. complanatum L.	Ground Cedar	RBD, 13 August 1985
L. obscurum L.	Ground Pine	MSR, 13 August 1985
Family Selaginellaceae	Little Club Mosses	
Selaginella densa L.	Little Club Moss	TSB, 19 July 1985
Family Isoetaceae	Quillworts	
Isoetes echinospora Dur.	Quillwort	Not seen
Family Equisetaceae	Horsetails	
Equisetum arvense L.	Common Horsetail	TSB, 13 May 1985
E. fluviatile L.	Horsetail	RBD, 27 May 1985
E. hyemale L.	Scouring Rush	Not seen
E. palustre L.	Horsetail	Not seen
E. pratense Ehrh.	Horsetail	RBD, 24 July 1985
E. scirpoides Michx.	Dwarf Scouring Rush	RBD , 20 June 1985
E. sylvaticum L.	Woodland Horsetail	Not seen

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Taxonomic Description	Common Name	Comments
Pteridophyta		
Family Ophioglossaceae	Adder's-tongues	
Botyrichium lunaria (L.) Sw.	Moonwort	MSR & RBD, 21 June 1985
B. virginianum (L.) Sw.	Grape Fern	RBD, 12 June 1985
Family Polypodiaceae	Ferns	
Athyrium filiz-femina (L.) Roth	Lady Fern	Not seen
Cystopteris fragilis (L.) Bernh.	Bladder Fern	Previous collections
Dryopteris assimilis S. Walker	Broad Spinulose Shield Fern	RBD, 1 July 1985
D. carthusiana (Vill.) H.P. Fuchs	Narrow Spinulose Shield Fern	Not seen
D. cristata (L.) A. Gray	Crested Shield Fern	Previous collections
Gymnocarpium dryopteris (L.) Newm.	Oak Fern	RBD , 2 July 1985
Matteuccia struthiopteris (L.) Todaro	Ostrich Fern	Not seen

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Table 2. Vascular plants of the Athabasca area -- conifers (Spermatophyta, Coniferae).

Taxonomic Description	Common Name	Comments
Family Pinaceae	Pines	
Abies balsamea (L.) Mill.	Balsam Fir	RBD, 11 June 1985
Larix laricina (Du Roi) K. Koch	Tamarack	RBD, 3 June 1985
Picea glauca (Moench) Voss	White Spruce	TSB, 31 May 1985
P. mariana (Mill.) BSP	Black Spruce	RBD , 28 June 1985
P. pungens Engelm.	Blue Spruce	RBD, 27 August 1985; cultivated
Pinus banksiana Lamb.	Jack Pine	RBD, 29 May 1985
P. contorta Loudon var. latifolia Engelm.	Logdepole Pine	RBD, 5 July 1985

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Table 3. Vascular plants of the Athabasca area monocots	(Spermatophyta, Monocotyledonae).
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Taxonomic Description	Common Name	Comments .
Aonocotyledonae		
Family Typhaceae	Cattails	
Typha latifolia L.	Common Cattail	RBD, 27 June 1985
Family Sparganiaceae	Bur-reeds	
Sparganium angustifolium Michx.	Bur-reed	Not seen
S. eurycarpum Engelm.	Giant Bur-reed	RBD, 4 July 1985
Family Najadaceae	Naiads	
Najas flezilis (Willd.) Rostk. & Schmidt	Naiad	Not seen
Family Potamogetonaceae	Pondweeds	
Potamogeton filiformis Pers.	Pondweed	RBD, 27 June 1985
P. gramineus L.	Various-leaved Pondweed	RBD, 6 August 1985
P. natans L.	Pondweed	Not seen
P. obtusifolius Mert. and Koch	Pondweed	RBD, 13 August 1985
P. richardsonii (Bernh.) Rydb.	Clasping-leaf Pondweed	RBD, 27 May 1985
P. vaginatus Turcz.	Large-sheath Pondweed	Not seen
P. zosteriformis Fern.		Not seen
Family Juncaginaceae	Arrow-grasses	
Triglochin maritima L.	Arrow-grass	RBD, 19 July 1985

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Taxonomic Description	Common Name	Comments
Monocotyledonae		
Family Scheuchzeriaceae	Scheuchzerias	
Scheuchzeria palustris L.	Scheuchzeria	Not seen
Family Alismataceae	Water-plantains	
Sagittaria cuneata Sheld.	Arrowhead	RBD, 30 July 1985
Family Hydrocharitaceae	Waterweeds	
Anacharis longivaginata St. John	Elodea	RBD, 27 July 1985
Family Gramineae	Grasses	
Agropyron pectiniforme L.	Crested Wheat Grass	RBD, 12 June 1985
A. repens (L.) Beauv.	Quack Grass	RBD, 20 June 1985
A. smithii Rydb.	Western Wheat Grass	Not seen
Agrostis scabra Willd.	Tickle Grass	Not seen
Alopecurus aequalis Sobol.	Water Foxtail	RBD , 24 June 1985
Avena sativa L.	Cultivated Oat	RBD , 4 July 1985
Beckmannia syzigachne (Steud.) Fern.	Slough Grass	RBD, 24 June 1985
Bromus anomalus Rupr. ex Fourn	Nodding Brome	RBD , 21 July 1985
Bromus ciliatus L.	Fringed Brome	Not seen
B. inermis Leyss.	Awnless Brome	RBD , 25 June 1985
Calamagrostis canadensis (Michx.) Beauv.	Marsh Reed Grass	RBD , 25 June 1985
C. inezpansa A. Gray	Northern Reed Grass	Not seen
Elymus canadensis L.	Canada Wild Rye	Not seen
E. innovatus Beal	Hairy Wild Rye	RBD, 6 June 1985
Festuca saximontana Rydb.	Montana Fescue	Not seen
F. scabrella Torr.	Rough Fescue	RBD , 2 July 1985
Glyceria grandis S. Wats. ex A. Gray	Tall Manna Grass	Not seen

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Taxonomic Description	Common Name	Comments
Monocotyledonae		
Hordeum jubatum L.	Foxtail Barley	RBD, 27 June 1985
H. vulgare L.	Cultivated Barley	RBD , 4 July 1985
Koeleria macrantha (Ledeb.) J.A. Schultes f.	June Grass	Not seen
Muhlenbergia glomerata (Willd.) Trin.	Bog Muhly	Not seen
Oryzopsis pungens (Torr.) A.S. Hitchc.	Indian Rice Grass	RBD, 22 June 1985
Phalaris arundinacea L.	Reed Canary Grass	RBD, 25 June 1985
Phleum pratense L.	Timothy	RBD, 12 June 1985
Poa compressa L.	Canada Blue Grass	RBD , 11 August 1985
Poa palustris L.	Fowl Bluegrass	Not seen
Poa pratensis L.	Kentucky Blue Grass	RBD, 14 June 1985
Schizachne purpurascens (Torr.) Swallen	False Melic	Not seen
Scolochloa festucacea (Willd.) Link		Not seen
Stipa comata Trin. & Rupr.	Spear Grass	Not seen
Triticum aestivum L.	Common Wheat	MSR, 5 August 1985
Family Cyperaceae	Sedges	
Carez aquatilis Wahlenb.	Water Sedge	Not seen
C. atherodes Spreng.	Awned Sedge	Not seen
C. aurea Nutt.	Golden Sedge	TSB, 16 July 1985
C. bebbii Olney ex Fern.	Bebb's Sedge	Not seen
C. brunnescens (Pers.) Poir.	Brownish Sedge	Not seen
C. chordorrhiza L. f.	Prostrate Sedge	Not seen
C. curta Good.	Short Sedge	Not seen
C. diandra Schrank.	Two-stemmed Sedge	Not seen
C. disperma Dewey	Two-seeded Sedge	Not seen
C. gynocrates Wormsk.	Northern Bog Sedge	Not seen
C. heleonastes Ehrh.	Hudson Bay Sedge	Not seen

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Taxonomic Description	Common Name	Comments
Monocotyledonae		
C. houghtoniana Torr.	Sand Sedge	Not seen
C. interior Bailey	Interior Sedge	Not seen
C. lasiocarpa Ehrh.	Hairy-fruited Sedge	Not seen
C. limosa L.	Mud Sedge	Not seen
C. microptera Mack.	Sedge	Not seen
C. norvegica Retz.	Norway Sedge	Not seen
C. paupercula Michx.	Balsam Sedge	Not seen
C. prairea Dewey	Prairie Sedge	Not seen
C. rossii Boott	Ross' Sedge	Not seen
C. rostrata Stokes	Beaked Sedge	TSB, 16 July 1985
C. siccata Dewey	Hay Sedge	Not seen
C. sychnocephala Carey	Long-beaked Sedge	Not seen
C. stipata Muhl. ex Willd.	Awl-fruited Sedge	Not seen
C. tenuiflora Wahlenb.	Thin-flowered Sedge	Not seen
C. umbellata Schlk.	Umbellate Sedge	Not seen
Eleocharis acicularis (L.) R.&S.	Needle Spike Rush	Not seen
E. palustris (L.) R.&S.	Creeping Spike Rush	Not seen
Eriophorum polystachion L.	Russet Cotton Grass	RBD, 23 May 1985
<i>E. gracile</i> Koch	Slender Cotton Grass	Not seen
E. vaginatum L.	Sheathed Cotton Grass	Not seen
Scirpus microcarpus Presl.	Small-fruited Bulrush	Not seen
S. validus Vahl.	Common Great Bulrush	RBD, 30 July 1985
Family Araceae	Arums	
Acorus americanus (Raf.) Raf.	Sweet Flag	Not seen

Water Arum

Acorus americanus (Raf.) Raf. Calla palustris L.

Not seen RBD, 6 August 1985

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Taxonomic Description	Common Name	Comments
Monocotyledonae		
Family Lemnaceae	Duckweeds	
Lemna minor L.	Common Duckweed	Collected by RBD, 21 June 198
L. trisculca L.	Ivy Duckweed	Not seen
<i>Spirodela polyrhiza</i> (L.) Schleiden	Larger Duckweed	RBD, 27 July 1985
Family Juncaceae	Rushes	
Juncus balticus Willd.	Wire Rush	RBD, 16 July 1985
J. bufonius L.	Toad Rush	Not seen
J. nodosus L.	Rush	Not seen
J. tenuis Willd.	Rush	Not seen
J. vaseyi Engelm.	Rush	Not seen
Luzula parviflora (Ehrh.) Desv.	Wood Rush	Not seen
Family Liliaceae	Lilies	
Allium cernuum Roth	Nodding Onion	RBD, 21 July 1985
Disporum trachycarpum (S. Wats.) B. & H.	Fairybells	RBD, 22 May 1985
Lilium philadelphicum L.	Western Wood Lily	RBD, 25 June 1985
Maianthemum canadense Desf.	Wild Lily-of-the-valley	RBD, 6 June 1985
Smilacina amplexifolius (L.) DC.	Twisted-stalk	TSB, Previous collections
S. stellata (L.) Desf.	Star-flowered Solomon's-seal	RBD, 6 June 1985
S. trifolia (L.) Desf.	Three-flowered Solomon's-seal	Not seen
Family Iridaceae	Irises	
Sisyrinchium montanum Greene	Blue-eyed Grass	RBD, 14 June 1985
Family Orchidaceae	Orchids ,	
Corallorhiza maculata Raf.	Spotted Coral-root	RBD, 23 May 1985

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Taxonomic Description	Common Name	Comments
Monocotyledonae		
C. trifida Chatelain	Pale Coral-root	RBD, 6 June 1985
Goodyera repens (L.) R.Br.	Rattlesnake Plantain	RBD, 1 August 1985
Habenaria hyperborea (L.) R.Br.	Northern Green Orchid	RBD, 15 July 1985
H. obtusata (Pursh) Richards.	Blunt-leaved Orchid	TSB, 16 July 1985
Listera borealis Morong	Northern Twayblade	TSB, 16 July 1985
Orchis rotundifolia Banks ex Pursh	Round-leaved Orchid	TSB, 15 July 1985
Spiranthes romanzoffiana Cham. and Schlecht.	Ladies'-tresses	RBD, 6 August 1985

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Dicotyledoneae		· ·····
Family Salicaceae	Willows	
Populus balsamifera L.	Balsam Poplar	RBD, 4 June 1985
P. tremuloides Michx.	Trembling Aspen	RBD, 4 June 1985
Saliz alazensis (Anderss.) Cov.	Alaska Willow	RBD, 13 June 1985
S. athabascensis Raup.	Athabasca Willow	Not seen
S. bebbiana Sarg.	Beaked Willow	RBD, 13 June 1985
S. discolor Muhl.	Pussy Willow	RBD, 13 June 1985
S. drummondiana Barr ex Hook.	Drummond's Willow	Not seen
S. exigua Nutt.	Sandbar Willow	RBD, 27 May 1985
S. lucida Muhl.	Shining Willow	RBD, 1 July 1985
S. maccalliana Rowlee	Velvet-fruited Willow	RBD, 13 June 1985
S. myrtillifolia Anderss.	Myrtle-leaved Willow	RBD, 28 June 1985
S. pedicellaris Pursh	Bog Willow	RBD, 13 August 198
S. petiolaris J. E. Smith	Basket Willow	Not seen
S. pseudomonticola Ball.	Park Willow	Not seen
S. pyrifolia Anderss.	Balsam Willow	Not seen
S. serissima (Bailey) Fern	Autumn Willow	Not seen
Family Betulaceae	Birches	
Alnus crispa (Ait.)Pursh.	Green Alder	RBD, 22 May 1985
A. tenuifolia Nutt.	River Alder	TSB, 13 May 1985
Betula glandulosa Michx.	Bog/Dwarf Birch	RBD , 3 June 1985
B. neoalaskana Sargent	Alaskan Birch	Not seen
B. papyrifera Marsh.	Paper Birch	RBD, 22 May 1985

Table 4. Vascular plants of the Athabasca area -- dicots (Spermatophyta, Dicotyledoneae).

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Taxonomic Description	Common Name	Comments
Dicotyledoneae		
B. pumila L.	Dwarf Birch	RBD, 6 June 1985
Corylus cornuta Marsh.	Beaked Hazelnut	RBD, 22 May 1985
Family Urticaceae	Nettles	
Urtica dioica L.	Common Nettle	RBD, 19 June 1985
Family Santalaceae	Sandalwoods	
Comandra umbellata L. Nutt.	Bastard Toad-flax	RBD, 12 June 1985
Geocaulon lividum Fern.	Bastard Toad-flax	RBD, 12 June 1985
Family Polygonaceae	Buckwheats	
Polygonum amphibium L.	Water Smartweed	RBD, 29 July 1985
P. arenastrum Jord. ex Bor.	Yard Knotweed	RBD, 17 July 1985
P. lapathifolium L.	Pale Persicaria	RBD, 25 June 1985
P. ramosissimum Michx.	Bushy Knotweed	RBD , 27 August 198
P. watsonii Small.		Not seen
Rumex maritimus L.	Golden Dock	Not seen
R. occidentalis S. Wats.	Western Dock	RBD, 27 June 1985
R. triangulivalvis (Dans.)Rech. f.	Narrow-leaved Dock	Not seen
Family Chenopodiaceae	Goosefoot	
Axyris amaranthoides L.	Russian Pigweed	MSR, 24 July 1985
Chenopodium album L.	Lamb's-quarters	RBD, 19 June 1985
C. capitatum (L.) Anshers.	Strawberry Blite	RBD , 2 July 1985
C. gigantospermum Aellen	Maple-leaved Goosefoot	RBD , 2 July 1985
C. salinum Standl.	Oak-leaved Goosefoot	RBD, 17 July 1985
Salsola kali var. tenuifolia L.	Russian Thistle	RBD , 21 August 198

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Dicotyledoneae		
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Family Amaranthaceae	Amaranths Red-root Pigweed	MSR, 20 August 1985
Amaranthus retroflexus L.	Red-root rigweed	Mon, 20 August 1960
Family Caryophyllaceae	Pinks	
Cerastium arvense L.	Field Chickweed	RBD, 12 June 1985
C. nutans Raf.	Long-stalked Chickweed	Not seen
Moehringa lateriflora (L.) Fenzl.		Not seen
Silene noctiflora L.	Night-flowering Catchfly	RBD, 21 August 1985
Stellaria longifolia Muhl.	Long-leaved Chickweed	RBD, 4 July 1985
S. longipes Goldie	Long-stalked Chickweed	Not seen
S. media (L.) Cyrill.	Common Chickweed	RBD, 29 July 1985
Vaccaria pyramidata Medic.	Cow-cockle	RBD , 9 July 1985
Family Nymphaeaceae	Water-lilies	
Nuphar variegatum Engelm.	Yellow Pond-lily	RBD, 4 July 1985
Nymphaea tetragona Georgi	White Water-lily	Not seen
Family Ceratophyllaceae	Hornworts	
Ceratophyllum demersum L.	Hornwort	RBD, 8 July 1985
Family Ranunculaceae	Buttercups	
Actaea rubra L.	Baneberry	RBD, 4 June 1985
Anemone canadensis L.	Canada Anemone	RBD, 14 June 1985
A. cylindrica A. Gray	Long-fruited Anemone	RBD, 24 June 1985
A. multifida Poir.	Cut-leaved Anemone	Not seen
A. parviflora Michx.	Small Wood Anemone	TSB, 15 July 1985
Aquilegia brevistyla Hook.	Blue Columbine	RBD, 3 June 1985
Caltha palustris L.	Marsh Marigold	MSR, RBD, 27 May1
C. natans Pallas.	Water Marigold	Not seen

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Dicotyledoneae		
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Clematis occidentalis (Hornem.) DC.	Purple Clematis	RBD, 21 July 1985
Delphinium glaucum S. Wats.	Tall Larkspur	RBD, 11 July 1985
Ranunculus abortivus L.	Small-flowered Crowfoot	RBD, 12 June 1985
R. acris L.	Tall Buttercup	RBD, 1 July 1985
R. aquatilis L	White Water Crowfoot	TSB, 16 July 1985
R. circinatus Sibth.	White Water Crowfoot	RBD, 24 June 1985
R. cymbalaria Pursh	Creeping Buttercup	RBD, 7 June 1985
R. gmelinii DC.	Yellow Water Crowfoot	RBD, 7 June 1985
R. hyperboreus Rottb.	Boreal Buttercup	RBD, 7 June 1985
R. macounii Britt.	Macoun's Buttercup	RBD, 7 June 1985
R. repens L.	Creeping Buttercup	RBD, 7 June 1985
R. sceleratus L.	Cursed Crowfoot	RBD, 24 July 1985
Thalictrum dasycarpum L.	Tall Meadow Rue	RBD, 12 June 1988
T. occidentale	Western Meadow Rue	RBD, 4 June 1985
T. venulosum Trel.	Veiny Meadow Rue	RBD, 12 June 1988
Family Fumariaceae	Fumitories	
Corydalis aurea Willd.	Golden Corydalis	RBD, 22 May 1985
Family Cruciferae	Mustards	
Arabis divaricarpa A. Neb.	Purple Rock Cress	RBD, 21 July 1985
A. holboellii Hornem.	-	Not seen
Armoracia rusticana Gaertn.	Horse-radish	RBD, 24 July 1985
Brassica campestris L.	Canola	RBD, 13 June 1985
Cardamine pensylvanica Muhl.	Bitter Cress	Not seen
Descurainia sophia	Tansy Mustard	RBD, 19 June 1985
Erysimum cheiranthodes L.	Wormseed Mustard	TSB, 16 July 1985
Lepidium densiflorum Schrad.	Common Peppergrass	RBD , 9 July 1985

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Dicotyledoneae		
Rorippa palustris (L.) Besser	Yellow Cress	RBD, 13 August 198
Thlapsi arvense L.	Pennycress, Stinkweed	RBD, 3 June 1985
Family Droseraceae	Sundews	
Drosera rotundifolia L.	Sundew	Not seen
Family Saxifragaceae	Saxifrages	
Chrysosplenium iowense Rydb.	Golden Saxifrage	RBD, 10 June 1985
Mitella nuda L.	Bishop's-cap	RBD, 23 May 1985
Family Parnassiaceae	Grasses-of-Parnassus	
Parnassia palustre L.	Grass-of-Parnassus	MSR, 24 July 1985
Family Grossulariaceae	Currants, Gooseberries	
Ribes americanum Mill.	Wild Black Currant	RBD, 23 May 1985
R. glandulosum Grauer	Skunk Currant	Not seen
R. hirtellum Michx.	Wild Gooseberry	Not seen
R. hudsonianum Richards.	Wild Black Currant	Not seen
R. inerme Rydb.	Bristly Black Currant	RBD, 29 May 1985
R. lacustre (Pers.) Poir.	Bristly Black Currant	Not seen
R. ozycanthoides L.	Wild Gooseberry	RBD, 23 May 1985
R. triste Pall.	Wild Red Currant	RBD, 23 May 1985
Family Rosaceae	Roses	
Agrimonia striata Michx.	Agrimony	Previous Collections
Amelanchier alnifolia Nutt.	Saskatoon	RBD, 22 May 1985
Dryas octopetala L.	White Dryad	RBD, 3 August 1985
Fragaria virginiana Duchesne	Wild Strawberry	RBD, 22 May 1985

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Dicotyledoneae		
Geum aleppicum Jacq.	Yellow Avens	Previous collections
G. macrophyllum Willd.	Yellow Avens	RBD, 20 June 1985
G. rivale L.	Purple Avens	RBD, 27 June 1985
Malus sp.	Apple species	RBD , 5 June 1985
Potentilla anserina L.	Silverweed	RBD , 5 June 1985
P. bipinnatifida Dougl. ex Hook.		Not seen
P. fruticosa L.	Shrubby Cinquefoil	RBD , 28 July 1985
P. norvegica L.	Rough Cinquefoil	RBD, 12 June 1985
P. palustris (L.) Scop.	Marsh Cinquefoil	RBD, 6 August 1985
P. rivalis Nutt.	· •	Not seen
P. tridentata Ait.	Three-toothed Cinquefoil	RBD, 13 August 198
Prunus pensylvanica L. f.	Pincherry	RBD, 22 May 1985
P. virginiana L.	Chokecherry	RBD , 5 June 1985
Rosa acicularis Lindl.	Prickly Rose	RBD, 5 June 21 1985
R. woodsii Lindl.	Common Wild Rose	RBD, 14 June 1985
Rubus arcticus L.	Dwarf Raspberry	RBD , 6 June 1985
R. chamaemorus L.	Cloudberry	RBD , 3 July 1985
R. idaeus L.	Wild Red Raspberry	RBD, 20 June 1985
R. pubescens Raf.	Dewberry	RBD, 22 May 1985
Sorbus aucuparia L.	Rowan Tree/European Mountain Ash	RBD , 5 July 1985
S. scopulina Greene	Mountain Ash	RBD, 21 July 1985
Family Leguminosae	Peas	
Astragalus aboriginum Richards.	Milk Vetch	TSB, 16 July 1985
A. americanus (Hook) M.E. Jones A. dasyglottis Fisch. ex DC.	American Milk Vetch	RBD, 1 August 1985 Not seen
Caragana arborescens Lam.	Caragana	RBD, 3 June 1985
Hedysarum boreale Nutt.	Northern Hedysarum	RBD , 21 July 1985

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Dicotyledoneae		
Lathyrus ochroleucus Hook.	Peavine	RBD, 29 May 1985
Lotus corniculatus L.	Birds-foot Trefoil	RBD, 28 July 1985
Medicago lupulina L.	Black Medick	RBD, 25 June 1985
Medicago sativa L.	Alfalfa	RBD, 12 June 1985
Melilotus alba Desr.	White Sweet Clover	RBD, 20 June 1985
M. officinalis (L.) Lam.	Yellow Sweet Clover	RBD, 14 June 1985
Oxytropis deflexa (Pall.) DC.	Reflexed Loco-weed	Not seen
O. monticola A. Gray	Late Yellow Loco-weed	RBD , 2 July 1985
O. sericea Nutt.	Early Yellow Loco-weed	RBD , 11 July 1985
Triflorum hybridum L.	Alsike Clover	RBD, 12 June 1985
T. pratense L.	Red Clover	RBD, 27 June 1985
T. repens L.	White Clover	RBD, 14 June 1985
Vicia americana Muhl.	Wild Vetch	RBD, 20 June 1985
Family Geraniaceae	Geraniums	
Geranium bicknelli Britt.	Crane's-bill	RBD, 10 June 1985
G. richardsonii Fisch. & Trautv.	Wild White Geranium	RBD, 23 July 1985
G. viscosissimum Fisch. & Mey.	Sticky Purple Geranium	TSB, 16 July 1985
Family Linaceae	Flaxes	
Linum lewisii Pursh	Wild Blue Flax	Not seen
Family Callitrichaceae	Water-starworts	
Callitriche verna L.	Water-starwort	RBD , 24 June 1985
Family Empetraceae	Crowberries	
Empetrum nigrum L.	Crowberry .	RBD, 3 August 198

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Dicotyledoneae		
Family Hippuridaceae	Mare's Tails	
Hippuris vulgaris L.	Mare's Tail	RBD, 21 June 1985
Family Araliaceae	Ginsengs	
Aralia nudicaulis L.	Wild Sarsaparilla	RBD, 27 May 1985
Family Umbelliferae	Carrots	
Angelica genuflexa Nutt.	White Angelica	RBD , 20 June 1985
Cicuta bulbifera L.	Water Hemlock	Not seen
C. maculata L.	Spotted Water Hemlock	RBD , 3 July 1985
Heracleum lanatum Michx.	Cow Parsnip	RBD , 9 July 1985
Sanicula marilandica L.	Snakeroot	RBD, 24 June 1985
Sium suave Walt.	Water Parsnip	RBD, 30 July 1985
Family Cornaceae	Dogwoods	
Cornus canadensis L.	Bunchberry	MSR, RBD, 3 June 198
C. stolonifera Michx.	Red-osicr Dogwood	RBD, 4 June 1985
Family Pyrolaceae	Wintergreens	
Moneses uniflora (L.) A. Gray	One-flowered Wintergreen	TSB, 15 July 1985
Orthilia secunda (L.) House	One-sided Wintergreen	RBD , 5 July 1985
Pyrola asarifolia Michx.	Common Pink Wintergreen	RBD , 20 June 1985
P. chlorantha Sw.	Greenish-flowered Wintergreen	RBD , 20 June 1985
P. elliptica Nutt.	White Wintergreen	MSR, 17 July 1985
Family Monotropaceae	Indian-pipes	
Monotropa uniflora L.	Indian-pipe	RBD, 21 August 1985

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Family Ericaceae	Heaths	
Andromeda polifolia L.	Bog Rosemary	Not seen
A. uva-ursi (L.) Spreng.	Bearberry	TSB , 3 June 1985
Ledum groenlandicum Oeder	Common Labrador Tea	RBD, 3 June 1985
Kalmia polifolia Wong.	Bog Laurel	MSR, 6 August 1985
Oxycoccus microcarpus Turcz.	Small Bog Cranberry	RBD , 20 June 1985
Vaccinium myrtilloides Michx.	Blueberry	RBD, 4 June 1985
V. vitis-idaea L.	Bog Cranberry	RBD, 23 May 1985
Family Primulaceae	Primroses	
Androsace septentrionalis L.	Fairy Candelabra	RBD, 17 June 1985
Lysimachia ciliata L.	Fringed Loosestrife	RBD , 23 July 1985
Trientalis borealis Raf.	Star-flower	RBD , 3 June 1985
Family Gentianaceae	Gentians	
Gentianella amarella (L.) Borner	Felwort	RBD, 6 August 1985
G. crinita (Froel.) G. Don.	Fringed Gentian	RBD , 20 August 1984
Family Menyanthaceae	Buck-beans	
Menyanthes trifoliata L.	Buck-bean	RBD, 6 August 1985
Family Apocynaceae	Dogbanes	
Apocynum androsaemifolium L.	Spreading Dogbane	RBD , 2 July 1985
Family Convolvulaceae	Morning-glories	
Convolvulus arvensis L.	Field Bindweed	RBD , 17 July 1985
C. sepium L.	Wild Morning-glory	Not seen

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Dicotyledoneae		
Family Polemoniaceae	Ploxes	
Collomia linearis Nutt.	Collomia	RBD, 3 July 1985
Family Boraginaceae	Borages	
L. squarrosa (Retz.) Dumort.	Bluebur	RBD, 11 June 1985
Mertensia paniculata (Ait.) G. Don.	Tall Lungwort	RBD, 22 May 1985
Family Labiatae	Mints	
Agastache foeniculum (Pursh) Ktze.	Giant Hyssop	RBD , 25 June 1985
Dracocephalum parviflorum Nutt.	American Dragonhead	Not seen
Galeopsis tetrahit L.	Hemp Nettle	RBD, 4 June 1985
Glecoma hederacea L.	Ground Ivy	RBD, 3 June 1985
Lycopus uniflorus Michx.	Water Horehound	RBD , 8 August 1985
Mentha arvensis L.	Wild Mint	RBD , 26 July 1985
Scutellaria galericulata L.	Skullcap	RBD , 27 July 1985
Stachys palustris L.	Hedge Nettle	RBD, 4 July 1985
Family Scrophulariaceae	Figworts	
Castelleja miniata Dougl. ex Hook	Common Red Paint-brush	RBD , 1 July 1985
Linaria vulgaris Mill.	Toadflax	RBD , 21 August 1985
Melampyrum lineare Desr.	Cow Wheat	Not seen
P. labradorica Wirsing	Bog Lousewort	Not seen
Penstemon procerus Dougl. ex Grah.	Slender Blue Beard-tongue	Not seen
Rhinanthus minor L.	Yellow Rattle	RBD, 8 August 1985
Veronica americana (Raf.) Schw.	American Brooklime	RBD, 26 June 1985
V. peregrina L.	Hairy Speedwell	RBD, 27 June 1985
Family Lentribulariaceae	Bladderworts	

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Dicotyledoneae		
Utricularia intermedia Hayne	Flat-leaved Bladderwort	Not seen
U. vulgaris L.	Common Bladderwort	TSB, 16 August 1985
Family Plantaginaceae	Plantains	
Plantago major L.	Common Plantain	RBD, 11 June 1985
Family Rubiaceae	Madders	
Galium boreale L.	Northern Bedstraw	RBD, 12 June 1985
G. labradoricum Wieg.	Bedstraw	Not seen
G. trifidum L.	Small Bedstraw	RBD , 27 July 1985
G. triflorum Michx.	Sweet-scented Bedstraw	RBD, 24 June 1985
Family Caprifoliaceae	Honey-suckles	
Linnaea borealis L.	Twin-flower	RBD, 6 June 1985
Lonicera albiflora L.	White Tartarian Honeysuckle	RBD, 5 June 1985
L. caerula L. var.villosa (Michx.) T.&G.	Fly Honeysuckle	RBD, 21 June 1985
L. dioica L.	Twining Honeysuckle	RBD , 6 June 1985
L. involucrata (Richards.) Banks	Bracted Honeysuckle	RBD, 23 May 1985
L. tartarica L.	Tartarian Honeysuckle	RBD June 3,1985
Sambucus racemosa L.	Elderberry	RBD, 28 July 1985
Symphoricarpos alba (L.) Blake	Snowberry	RBD , 5 July 1985
S. occidentalis Hook.	Buckbrush	RBD , 5 July 1985
Viburnum edule (Michx.) Raf.	Low-bush Cranberry	RBD, 11 June 1985
V. opulus L.	High-bush Cranberry	RBD, 6 June 1985
Family Adoxaceae	Moschatels	
Adoza moschatellina L.	Moschatel	Not seen

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Dicotyledoneae		
Family Dipsaceae	Teasels	
Knautia arvensis L.	Blue Buttons	RBD, 11 July 1985
Family Campanulaceae	Bluebells	
Campanula rotundifolia L.	Harebell	RBD, 2 July 1985
Family Compositae	Sunflowers	
Achillea millefolium L.	Common Yarrow	RBD, 17 June 1985
A. sibirica Ledeb.	Siberian Yarrow	RBD , 17 July 1985
Antennaria anaphaloides Rydb.	Tall Everlasting	TSB, 15 July 1985
A. parviflora Nutt.	Pussytoes	RBD, 11 June 1985
A. pulcherrima (Hook.) Greene	Showy Everlasting	TSB, 15 August 1985
A. rosea Greene	Pussytoes	RBD , 3 August 1985
Anthemus tinctoria L.	Yellow Chamomile	Not seen
Arctium minus (Hill) Bernh.	Common Burdock	RBD , 21 July 1985
Arnica chamissonis Less.	Leafy Arnica	RBD , 1 July 1985
Artemisia absinthium L.	Wormwood	RBD , 21 August 1985
A. campestris L.	Sage	MSR, 22 July 1985
A. frigida Willd.	Pasture Sagewort	MSR, 22 July 1985
A. ludoviciana Nutt.	Prairie Sagewort	RBD , 28 July 1985
Aster borealis (T. & G.) Prow.	Boreal Aster	Not seen
A. ciliolatus Lindl.	Lindley's Aster	RBD, 12 July 1985
A. conspicuus Lindl.	Showy Aster	RBD , 26 July 1985
A. ericoides L.	Tufted White Prairie Aster	RBD , 28 July 1985
A. hesperius A. Gray	Western Willow Aster	RBD , 11 August 1985
A. laevis L.	Smooth Aster	Not seen
A. puniceus L.	Purple-stemmed Aster	RBD , 27 July 1985
A. modestus Lindl.	-	Not seen

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Dicotyledoneae		,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
Bidens cernua L.	Nodding Beggar-ticks	RBD, 6 August 1985
Circium arvense (L.) Scop.	Canada Thistle	RBD , 17 July 1985
Chrysanthemum leucanthemum L.	Ox-eye Daisy	RBD , 4 July 1985
Crepis tectorum L.	Annual Hawksbeard	RBD, 4 July 1985
Erigeron acris L.	Fleabane	Not seen
E. canadensis L.	Horseweed	Not seen
E. glabellus Nutt.	Smooth Fleabane	RBD , 11 July 1985
E. philadelphicus L.	Horseweed	RBD, 20 June 1985
Heterotheca villosa (Pursh) Shinners	Golden Aster	MSR, 22 July 1985
Hieracium umbellatum L.	Narrow-leaved Hawkweed	RBD, 12 June 1985
Lactuca pulchella (Pursh) DC.	Common Blue Lettuce	Not seen
Matricaria matricarioides (Less.) Porter	Pineapple-weed	RBD, 14 June 1985
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E. philadelphicus L.	Horseweed
Heterotheca villosa (Pursh) Shinners	Golden Aster
Hieracium umbellatum L.	Narrow-leaved Hawkweed
Lactuca pulchella (Pursh) DC.	Common Blue Lettuce
Matricaria matricarioides (Less.) Porter	Pineapple-weed
M. perforata Merat	Scentless Chamomile
Petasites palmatus (Ait.) A. Gray	Palmate-leaved Colt's-foot
P. sagittatus (Pursh) A. Gray	Arrow-leaved Colt's-foot
P. vitisfolius Greene	Vine-leaved Colt's-foot
Rudbeckia hirta L.	Black-eyed Susan .
Senecio eremophilus Richards.	Cut-leaved Ragwort
S. pauperculus Michx.	Woolly Ragwort
S. vulgaris L.	Common Groundsel
Solidago canadensis L.	Canada Goldenrod
S. missouriensis Nutt.	Low Goldenrod
Sonchus arvensis L.	Perennial Sow Thistle
Taraxacum officinale Weber	Common Dandelion
Tanacetum vulgare L.	Common Tansy

Family Oleaceae Syringa sp. Oleasters Lilac

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RBD, 4 July 1985 RBD, 4 July 1985 Not seen RBD, 11 July 1985 RBD, 20 June 1985 RBD, 20 June 1985 MSR, 22 July 1985 RBD, 12 June 1985 RBD, 14 June 1985 RBD, 20 June 1985 RBD, 23 May 1985 RBD, 23 May 1985 RBD, 2 August 1985 RBD, 2 August 1985 RBD, 11 July 1985 RBD, 11 July 1985 RBD, 12 July 1985

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Dicotyledoneae		
Family Ulmaceae Ulmus americana L.	Elms American Elm	RBD , 5 June 1985

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Table 5. Some common algae collected in the Athabasca area.

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Division	Common Name	Genus
Charophyta	Stoneworts	Chara sp.
Cyanophyta	Blue-green Algae	Anabaena spiroides Aphanizomenon sp. Microcystis sp. Nostoc sp. Tetraspora sp.
Euglenophyta	Euglenoids	Euglena sp.
Chlorophyta	Green Algae	Cladophora sp. Draparnaldia sp. Mougetia sp. Spirogyra sp. Zygnema sp.
Chrysophyta	Diatoms	Fragillaria? sp.

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Table 6. Some fungi collected in the Athabasca area.

Taxonomic Desription	Common Name
Division Eumycota	
Apiosporina collinsii	Witches-broom of Saskatoon
Chlorosplenium aeruginescens	Blue-stain Fungi
Morchella angusticeps	Morel
Russula emetica	Red-cap Mushroom
Schizophyllum commune	Common Split Gill

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Table 7. Some mosses and liverworts of the Athabasca area.

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Taxonomic Description	Common Name	Comments
Bryopyta	Mosses	
Ceratadon sp.	Hairy-cap Moss	Not seen
Dicranum sp.	Pallisade Moss	Not seen
Hyloconium splendens.	Stair-step Moss	RBD
Mnium sp.	•	RBD
Pleurozium schreberi.	Feather Moss	RBD
Ptilium crista-castrensis	Knight's Plume Moss	RBD June 10, 1988
Pylasia sp.	Tree base Moss	RBD
Sphagnum sp.	Sphagnum Moss	Not seen
Thuidium sp.		Not seen
Tomenthypnum sp.		Not seen
Hepaticae	Liverworts	
Conocephalum sp.		TSB June 10, 1985
Marchantia sp.		RBD May 29, 1985

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Table 8. Edible vascular plants of the Athabasca Area.

WARNING! Some edible plants closely resemble those that are extremely poisonous. Do not eat any plant if you are not sure of its identification.

Taxonomic Description	Common Name	Comments
Edible Plants		
a. Fruits		
Amelanchier alnifolia	Saskatoon	
Arctostaphylos uva-ursi	Bearberry	
Chenopodium capitatum	Strawberry Blite	•
Cornus canadensis	Bunchberry	
Corylus cornuta	Hazelunt	
Empetrum nigrum	Crowberry	
Fragaria virginiana	Strawberry	
Oxycoccus microcarpus	Small Bog Cranberry	
Prunus pensylvanica	Pincherry	
P. virginiana	Chokecherry	
Ribes sp.	Currants/Gooseberries	
Rosa sp.	Roses	
Rubus sp.	Raspberries	
Shepherdia canadensis	Canada Buffalo Berry	
Vaccinium myrtilloides	Blueberry	
V. vitis-idaea	Bog Cranberry	
Viburnum edule	Low-bush Cranberry	•

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Edible Plants

b. Leaves, Roots, etc. Achillea millefolium Aralia nudicaulis Betula spp. Cerastium spp. Chenopodium album Epilobium angustifolium Hedysarum boreale Heracleum lanatum

Ledum groenlandicum Matteuccia struthiopteris Medicago sativa Mentha arvensis Nuphar variegatum Picea spp. Pinus spp. Plantago major Polygonum spp. Potentilla anserina Sium sauve

Stellaria spp. Tazaracum officinalis Typha latifolia Common Yarrow Wild Sarsaparilla Birch Chichweeds Lamb's-quarters Fireweed Northern Hedysarum Cow-parsnip

Labrador Tea Ostrich Fern Alfalfa Wild Mint Pond Lily Spruce Pine Common Plantain Knotweed Silverweed Water-parsnip

Chickweed Dandelion Cattail

Leaves can be used to make tea. Roots can be used to make tea. Bark can be used to make tea. Leaves can be used in salads Leaves can be used in salads or as a potherb. Leaves can be used in salads or as a potherb. Roots can be used as a potherb. Whole plant can be used. The leaves can be used in salads and the roots as a potherb. Leaves can be used in tea. Fiddleheada Sprouts can be used in salads. Leaves can be used to flavour teas. Roots can be used as a potherb. Needles to be used in teas. Needles can be used to make tea. Leaves can be used in salads and tea. Whole plant to be used in salads. Roots and flowers are used in teas. Whole plant to be used in salads as well as a potherb. Whole plant to be used in salads. Leaves can be used as a potherb. Roots are edible and can be used to make cattail flour.

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Table 9. Poisonous and noxious vascular plants of the Athabasca area. A = abundant, C = common, F = frequent, O = occasional, S = scarce.

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Taxonomic Description	Common Name	Comments
Poisonous		
Actaea rubra	Baneberry	Berries are poisonous (F)
Apocynum androsaemifolium	Dogbane	Whole plant is poisonous (O)
Caltha palustris	Marsh Marigold	Poisonous to livestock and humans (C)
Cicuta maculata	Water Hemlock	Most poisonous plant in Alberta (S)
Corydalis aurea	Golden Corydalis	Poisonous to livestock (C)
Delphinium bicolor	Low Larkspur	Poisonous to livestock and humans (O)
Equisetum sp.	Horsetails	Poisonous to horses (A)
Lonicera sp.	Honeysuckles	Berries are poisonous to humans (C)
Melilotus sp.	Sweet Clover	Poisonous to humans if eaten in large amounts (F)
Oxytropis deflexa	Reflexed Loco-weed	Causes loco-disease in livestock (S)
Ranunculus sp.	Buttercups	Whole plant is poisonous especially to livestock (C
Symphoricarpos sp.	Snowberry/Buckbrush	Berries are poisonous to humans and livestock (C)
Noxious		
Arctium minus	Common Burdock	Burrs present (F)
Rhus radicans	Poison Ivy	Irritating oils (S)
Ribes sp.	Gooseberry/Currants	Thorns present (A)
Rosa sp.	Roses	Thorns present (A)
Rubus idaeus	Red Raspberry	Thorns present (C)
Urtica dioica	Stinging Nettle	Stinging hairs present (C)

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Table 10. Weeds of the Athabasca area as designated by the Weed Control Act of 1979.

Scientific Name

Common Name

Weeds

Agropyron repens Amaranthus retroflexus Avena fatua Capsella bursa-pastoris Cerastium arvense Cerastium vulgatum Cirsium arvense Convolvulus arvensis Crepis tectorum Descurainia sophia Erysimum cheiranthoides Galeopsis tetrahit Lappula echinata Linaria vulgaris Malva rotundifolia Matricaria perforata Polygonum arenastrum Polygonum persicaria Potentilla norvegica Salsola pestifer Saponaria vaccaria Silene noctiflora Sonchus arvensis

Quackgrass **Red-root** Pigweed Wild Oats Shepherd's-purse Field Chickweed Mouse-eared Chickweed Canada Thistle Field Bindweed Narrow-leaved Hawk's-beard Flixweed Wormseed Mustard Hemp Nettle Bluebur Toadflax Round-leaved Mallow Scentless Chamomile Yard Knotweed Lady's-thumb **Rough Cinquefoil** Russian Thistle Cow Cockle Night-flowering Catchfly Perennial Sow Thistle

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Scientific Name

Weeds

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Stellaria media Tanacetum vulgare Taraxacum officinale Thlapsi arvense Vaccaria pyramidata = Saponaria vaccaria

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Common Chickweed Common Tansy Dandelion Stinkweed Cow Cockle

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Table 11. Fishes of the Athabasca area.

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Taxonomic Description	Common Name	Comments
Class Osteichthyes	Boney Fishes	
Family Salmonidae	Salmon	
Thymallus arcticus (Pallas)	Arctic Grayling	Not seen
Coregonus artedii Lesueur	Cisco	Not seen
Coregonus clupeaformis (Mitchill)	Lake Whitefish	Not seen
Prosopium williamsoni (Girard)	Mountain Whitefish	Not seen
Salmo gairdneri Richardson	Rainbow Trout	Not seen
Family Esocidae	Pikes	
Esox lucius Linnaeus	Northern Pike	Not seen
Family Hiodontidae	Mooneyes	
Hiodon alosoides (Rafinesque)	Goldeye	Not seen
Family Cyprinidae	Minnows	
Rhinichthys cataractae (Valenciennes)	Longnose Dace	Not seen
Platygobio gracilis (Richardson)	Flathead Chub	Not seen
Couesius plumbeus (Agassiz)	Lake Chub	Not seen
Chrosomus eos Cope	Northern Redbelly Dace	Not seen
Notropis atherinoides Rafinesque	Emerald Shiner	Not seen
Notropis hudsonius (Clinton)	Spottail Shiner	AU collection
Family Catostomidae	Suckers	
Catostomus catostomus (Forster)	Longnose Sucker	Not seen

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Taxonomic Description	Common Name	Comments
Class Osteichthyes	Boney Fishes	
Catostomus commersoni (Lacepede) Family Gadidae	White Sucker Cod	Not seen
Lota lota (Linnaeus)	Burbot	Not seen
Family Gasterosteidae	Sticklebacks	
Culaea inconstans (Kirtland)	Brook Stickleback	AU Collection
Pungitius pungitius (Linnaeus)	Ninespine Stickleback	Not seen
Family Percopsidae	Trout-Perch	
Percopsis omiscomaycus (Walbaum)	Trout-perch	Not seen
Family Percidae	Perch	
Etheostoma exile (Girard)	Iowa Darter	Not seen
Perca flavescens (Mitchill)	Yellow Perch	Not seen
Stizostedion vitreum vitreum (Mitchill)	Walleye	Not seen
Family Cottidae	Sculpins	
Cottus ricei (Nelson)	Spoonhead Sculpin	Not seen

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Table 12. Amphibians and reptiles of the Athabasca area.

Taxonomic Description	Common Name	Comments
Class Amphibia	Amphibians	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Order Caudata	Salamanders and Newts	
Family Ambystomatidae	Mole Salamanders	
Ambystoma tigrinum melanostictum (Baird)	Blotched Tiger Salamander	Not seen
Order Anura	Frogs, Toads, and Treefrogs	
Family Bufonidae	Toads	
Bufo americanus hemiophrys Cope	Canadian Toad	Sighted by MSR, 27 May 1985
Bufo boreas Baird and Girard	Western Toad, Boreal Toad	Not seen
Family Hylidae	Treefrogs	
Pseudacris triseriata maculata (Agassiz)	Boreal or Striped Chorus Frog	Sighted by MSR, 22 May 1985
Family Ranidae	True Frogs	
Rana sylvatica Le Conte	Wood Frog	AU collection, common
Rana pipiens Schreber	Northern Leopard Frog	Not seen
Class Reptilia	Reptiles	,
Order Squamata	Lizards and Snakes	
Suborder Serpentes	Snakes	
Family Colubridae	Typical Snakes	
Thamnophis sirtalis parietalis (Say)	Common Garter Snake	Not seen
	(Subspecies also known	
	as Red-sided Garter Snake)	
Thamnophis elegans (Baird and Girard)	Western Terrestrial	Not seen
	Garter Snake	

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Taxonomic Description	Common Name	Comments
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Table 13a. Resident birds (Class Aves) of the Athabasca area.

	Comments
Kites, Hawks, Eagles, Harriers	
Goshawk	Not seen
Grouse and Ptarmigan	
Spruce Grouse	Not seen
Ruffed Grouse	Sighted by W de C
Sharp-tailed Grouse	Not seen
Quails, Pheasants, Peacocks	
Ring-necked Pheasant	Not seen
Gray Partridge, European or Hungarian Partridge	Not seen
Pigeons and Doves	
Rock Dove, Domestic Pigeon	Sighted by MSR, 28 May 1985
Typical Owls	
Great Horned Owl	Sighted by W de C
Hawk Owl	Not seen
Barred Owl	Not seen
Great Gray Owl	Not seen
	Goshawk Grouse and Ptarmigan Spruce Grouse Ruffed Grouse Sharp-tailed Grouse Quails, Pheasants, Peacocks Ring-necked Pheasant Gray Partridge, European or Hungarian Partridge Pigeons and Doves Rock Dove, Domestic Pigeon Typical Owls Great Horned Owl Hawk Owl Barred Owl

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Taxonomic Description	Common Name	Comments
Resident birds		
Aegolias funereus (Linnaeus)	Boreal Owl, Richardson's Owl	Not seen
Aegolius acadicas (Gmelin) Order Piciformes	Saw-whet Owl	Not seen
Family Picidae	Woodpeckers and Wrynecks	
Dryocopus pileatus (Linnaeus)	Pileated Woodpecker	Not seen
Dendrocopos villosus (Linnaeus)	Downy Woodpecker	Not seen
Picoides arcticus (Swainson)	Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker	Not seen
Order Passeriformes		
Family Corvidae	Jays, Magpies, Crows	
Perisoreus canadensis (Linnaeus)	Gray Jay Canada Jay	Not seen
Cyanocitta cristata (Linnaeus)	Blue Jay	Not seen
Pica pica (Linnaeus)	Black-billed Magpie	Present
Corvus coraz Linnaeus	Common Raven	Sighted by RBD, 7 June 1985
Family Paridae	Titmice, Verdins, Bushmice	
Parus atricapillus Linnaeus	Black-capped Chickadee	Not seen
Parus hudsonicus Forster	Boreal, Hudsonian, or Brown-headed Chickadee	Not seen
Family Certhiidae	Creepers	
Certhia familiaris Linnaeus	Brown Creeper	Sighted by W de C
Family Bombycillidae	Waxwings	
Bombycilla garrulus (Linnaeus)	Bohemian Waxwing	Sighted by W de C
Family Fringillidae	Grosbeaks, Finches,	
	Sparrows, and Buntings	
Hesperiphona vespertina (Cooper)	Evening Grosbeak	Not seen
Loxia leucoptera Gmelin	White-winged Crossbill	Not seen

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Taxonomic Description	Common Name	Comments
Resident birds		
Pinicola enucleator (Linnaeus)	Pine Grosbeak	Not seen
Acanthis flammea (Linnaeus)	Common Redpoll	Not seen
Family Sittidae Sittus carolinensis Latham	Nuthatches White-breasted Nuthatch	Not seen
Family Ploceidae	Weaver Finches	NOU SCOL
Passer domesticus (Linnaeus)	English House Sparrow	Sighted by W de C

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Table 13b. Bird species breeding in the Athabasca area. Please note that the species listed in Table 13a are also listed here.

Taxonomic Description	Common Name	Comments
Breeding birds		
Class Aves		
Order Gaviiformes		
Family Gaviidae	Loons	
Gavia immer (Brunnich)	Common Loon	Not seen
Order Podicipediformes		
Family Podicipedidae	Grebes	
Podiceps grisegena (Boddaert)	Red-necked Grebe	Not seen
Podiceps auritis (Linnaeus)	Horned Grebe	Not seen
Podiceps caspicus (Hablizl)	Eared Grebe	Not seen
Aechmophorus occidentalis (Lawrence)	Western Grebe	Not seen
Podilymbus podiceps (Linnaeus)	Pied-billed Grebe	Not seen
Order Pelecaniformes		
Family Pelecanidae	Pelicans	
Pelecanus erythrorhynchos Gmelin	White Pelican	Not seen
Family Phalacrocoracidae	Cormorants	
Phalacrocoraz auritus (Lesson)	Double-crested Cormorant	Not seen
Order Ciconiiformes		
Family Ardeidae	Herons and Bitterns	
Ardea herodias Linnaeus	Great Blue Heron	Sighted by MSR, 29 May 1985
Nycticorax nycticorax (Linnaeus)	Black-crowned Night Heron	Not seen

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Taxonomic Description	Common Name	Comments
Breeding birds		######################################
Botaurus lentiginosus (Rackett)	American Bittern	Not seen
Order Anseriformes		
Family Anatidae	Swans, Geese, and Ducks	
Subfamily Anserinae	Geese	
Branta canadensis (Linnaeus)	Canada Goose	Not seen
Subfamily Anatinae	Surface-feeding Ducks	
Anas platyrhynchos Linnaeus	Mallard	Sighted by MSR, 8 July 1985
Anas strepara Linnacus	Gadwall	Not seen
Anas acuta Linnaeus	Pintail	Sighted by MSR, 2 July 1985
Anas carolinensis Gmelin	Green-winged Teal	Not seen
Anas discors Linnaeus	Blue-winged Teal	Not seen
Mareca americana (Gmelin)	American Widgeon	Not seen
Spatula clypeata (Linnaeus)	Shoveler	Not seen
Subfamily Aythyinae	Diving Ducks	
Aythya americana (Eyton)	Redhead	Not seen
Aythya collaris (Donovan)	Ring-necked Duck	Sighted by MSR, 23 May 1985
Aythya valisineria (Wilson)	Canvasback	Not seen
Aythya affinis (Eyton)	Lesser Scaup	Not seen
Bucephala clangula (Linnaeus)	Common Goldeneye,	Not seen
	American Golden-eye	
Bucephala albeola (Linnaeus)	Bufflehead	Not seen
Melanitta deglandi (Bonaparte)	White-winged Scoter	Not seen
Melanitta perspicillata (Linnaeus)	Surf Scoter	Not seen
Subfamily Oxyurinae	Ruddy and Masked Ducks	
Ozyura jamaicensis (Gmelin)	Ruddy Duck	Not seen
Subfamily Merginae	Mergansers	•
Mergus merganser Linnaeus	Common Merganser	Not seen
Order Falconiformes	5	

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Taxonomic Description	Common Name	Comments
reeding birds		
Family Accipitridae	Kites, Hawks, Eagles, Harriers	
Accipiter gentilis (Linnaeus)	Goshawk	Not seen
Accipiter striatus Vieillot	Sharp-shinned Hawk	Not seen
Buteo jamaicensis (Gmelin)	Red-tailed Hawk	Sighted by MSR, 20 June 1985
Buteo platypterus (Vieillot)	Broad-winged Hawk	Not seen
Buteo swainsoni Bonaparte	Swainson's Hawk	Not seen
Haliaeetus leucocephalus (Linnaeus)	Bald Eagle	Not seen
Circus cyaneus (Linnaeus)	Marsh Hawk	Not seen
Family Pandionidae	Ospreys	
Pandion haliaetus (Linnaeus)	Osprey	Not seen
Family Falconidae	Falcons and Caracaras	
Falco columbarius Linnaeus	Pigeon Hawk	Not seen
Falco sparverius Linnaeus	Sparrow Hawk	Sighted by MSR, 7 June 1985
Order Galliformes		
Family Tetraonidae	Grouse and Ptarmigan	
Canachites canadensis (Linnaeus)	Spruce Grouse, Franklin's Grouse	Not seen
Bonasa umbellus (Linnaeus)	Ruffed Grouse	Sighted by W de C
Pedioecetes phasianellus (Linnaeus)	Sharp-tailed Grouse	Not seen
Family Phasianidae	Quails, Pheasants, Peacocks	
Phasianus colchicus Linnaeus	Ring-necked Pheasant	Not seen
Perdix perdix (Linnaeus)	Gray Partridge, European	Not seen
	or Hungarian Partridge	
order Gruiformes		
Family Rallidae	Rails, Gallinules, Coots	
Rallus limicola Vieillot	Virginia Rail	Not seen
<i>Porzana carolina</i> (Linnaeus)	Sora	Not seen
Coturnicops noveboracensis (Gmelin)	Yellow Rail	Not seen

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Taxonomic Description	Common Name	Comments
Breeding birds	·····	
Fulica americana Gmelin	American Coot	Not seen
Order Charadriiformes		
Family Charadriidae	Plovers, Surfbirds, Turnstones	
Charadrius vociferous Linnaeus	Killdeer	Not seen
Family Scolopacidae	Woodcock, Snipe, Sandpipers	
Capella gallinago (Linnaeus)	Common Snipe, Wilson's Snipe	Not seen
Bartramia longicauda (Bechstein)	Upland Plover	Not seen
Actitis macularia (Linnaeus)	Spotted Sandpiper	Sighted by MSR,29 May 1985
Tringa solitaria Wilson	Solitary Sandpiper	Not seen
Totanus melanoleucus (Gmelin)	Greater Yellowlegs	Not seen
Totanus flavipes (Gmelin)	Lesser Yellowlegs	Not seen
Limnodromus griseus (Gmelin)	Short-billed Dowitcher	Not seen
Limosa fedoa (Linnaeus)	Marbled Godwit	Not seen
Family Recurvirostridae	Avocets and Stilts	
Recurvirostra americana Gmelin	American Avocet	Not seen
Family Phalaropididae	Phalaropes	
Steganopus tricolor Vieillot	Wilson's Phalarope	Not seen
Family Laridae	Gulls and Terns	
Larus delawarensis Ord	Ring-billed Gull	Not seen
Larus pipixcan Wagler	Franklin's Gull	Not seen
Larus philadelphia (Ord)	Bonaparte's Gull	Not seen
Sterna hirundo Linnaeus	Common Tern	Not seen
Chlidonias niger (Linnaeus)	Black Tern	Not seen
Order Columbiformes		
Family Columbidae	Pigeons and Doves	
Zenaidura macroura (Linnaeus)	Mourning Dove	Not seen

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Breeding birds		
Columba livia Gmelin	Rock Dove, Domestic Pigeon	Sighted by MSR, 28 May 1985
Order Cuculiformes		·
Family Cuculidae	Cuckoos, Roadrunners, Anis	
Coccyzus erythropthalmus (Wilson)	Black-billed Cuckoo	Not seen
Order Strigiformes		· ·
Family Strigidae	Typical Owls	
Bubo virginianus (Gmelin)	Great Horned Owl	Sighted by W de C
Surnia ulula (Linnaeus)	Hawk Owl	Not seen
Striz varia Barton	Barred Owl	Not seen
Striz nebulosa Forster	Great Gray Owl	Not seen
Asio otus (Linaeus)	Long-eared Owl	Not seen
Asio flammeus (Pontoppidan)	Short-eared Owl	Not seen
Aegolias funereus (Linnaeus)	Boreal Owl,	Not seen
	Richardson's Owl	
Aegolias acadicus (Gmelin)	Saw-whet Owl	Not seen
Order Caprimulgiformes		
Family Caprimulgidae	Goatsuckers	
Chordeiles minor (Forster)	Common Nighthawk	Sighted by RBD, 6 June 1985
Order Apodiformes		
Family Trochilidae	Hummingbirds	
Archilochus colubris (Linnaeus)	Ruby-throated Humminbird	Sighted by W de C
Order Coraciiformes		
Family Alcedinidae	Kingfishers	•

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Breeding birds		
Megaceryle alcyon (Linnaeus)	Belted Kingfisher	Sighted by RBD, 27 May 1985
Order Piciformes		
Family Picidae	Woodpeckers and Wrynecks	
Colaptes auratus (Linnaeus)	Yellow-shafted Flicker	Sighted by MSR, 21 June 1985
Dryocopus pileatus (Linnaeus)	Pileated Woodpecker	Not seen
Sphyrapicus varius (Linnaeus)	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Not seen
Dendrocopos villosus (Linnaeus)	Hairy Woodpecker	Not seen
Dendrocopos pubescens (Linnaeus)	Downy Woodpecker	Not seen
Picoides arcticus (Swainson)	Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker	Not seen
Picoides tridactylus (Linnaeus)	Northern Three-toed Woodpecker	Not seen
Order Passeriformes		
Family Tyrannidae	Tyrant Flycatchers	
Tyrannus tyrannus (Linnaeus)	Eastern Kingbird	Sighted by MSR, 26 June 1985
Sayornis phoebe (Latham)	Eastern Phoebe	Not seen
Sayornis saya (Bonaparte)	Say's Phoebe	Not seen
Empidonaz flaviventris (Baird and Baird)	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	Not seen
Empidonax traillii (Audubon)	Traill's Flycatcher, Alder Flycatcher	Not seen
Empidonaz minimus (Baird and Baird)	Least Flycatcher	Not seen
Contopus sordidulus Sclater	Western Wood Pewce	Not seen
Nuttallornis borealis (Swainson)	Olive-sided Flycatcher	Not seen
Family Alaudidae	Larks	
Eremophila alpestris (Linnaeus)	Horned Lark	Not seen
Family Hirudinidae	Swallows	

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Taxonomic Description	Common Name	Comments	
reeding birds			
Iridoprocne bicolor (Vieillot)	Tree Swallow	Sighted by MSR, 26 June 1985	
Riparia riparia (Linnaeus)	Bank Swallow	Not seen	
Hirundo rustica Linnaeus	Barn Swallow	Sighted by W de C	
Petrochelidon pyrrhonota (Vieillot)	Cliff Swallow	Not seen	
Progne subis (Linnaeus)	Purple Martin	Not seen	
Family Corvidae	Jays, Magpies, Crows		
Perisoreus canadensis (Linnaeus)	Gray Jay, Canada Jay	Not seen	
Cyanocitta cristata (Linnaeus)	Blue Jay	Sighted by MSR, 24 July 1985	
Pica pica (Linnaeus)	Black-billed Magpie	Sighted by MSR, 19 July 1985	
Corvus coraz Linnaeus	Common Raven	Sighted by RBD, 7 June 1985	
Corvus brachyrhynchos Brehm	Common Crow	Sighted by MSR, 4 July 1985	
Family Paridae	Titmice, Verdins, Bushmice		
Parus atricapillus Linnaeus	Black-capped Chickadee	Not seen	
Parus hudsonicus Forster	Boreal Chickadee, Hudsonian or Brown-headed Chickadee	Sighted by MSR, 11 June 1985	
Family Sittidae	Nuthatches		
Sitta canadensis Linnaeus	Red-breasted Nuthatch	Not seen	
Family Certhiidae	Creepers		
Certhia familiaris Linnaeus	Brown Creeper	Not seen	
Family Troglodytidae	Wrens		
Troglodytes aedon Vieillot	House Wren	Not seen	
Troglodytes troglodytes (Linnaeus)	Winter Wren	Not seen	
Telmatodytes palustris (Wilson)	Long-billed Marsh Wren	Not seen	
Family Mimidae	Mockingbirds and Thrashers		
Dumetella carolinensis (Linnaeus)	Catbird	Not seen	
Family Turdidae	Thrushes, Solitaires, Bluebirds		
Turdus migratorius (Linnaeus)	American Robin	Sighted by MSR, 23 May 1985	

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Taxonomic Description	Common Name	Comments
Breeding birds		
Hylocichla ustulata (Nuttall)	Swainson's Thrush, Olive-backed Thrush	Not seen
Hylocichla fuscescens (Stephens)	Veery	Not seen
Sialia currucoides (Bechstein) Family Sylviidae	Mountain Bluebird Old World Warblers,	Not seen
۰	Knatcatchers, and Kinglets	
<i>Regulus calendula</i> (Linnaeus) Family Motacillidae	Ruby-crowned Kinglet Wagtails and Pipits	Not seen
Anthus spragueii (Audubon)	Sprague's Pipit	Not seen
Family Bombycillidae	Waxwings	
Bombycilla garrulus (Linnaeus)	Bohemian Waxwing	Not seen
Bombycilla cedrorum Vieillot	Cedar Waxwing	Sighted by MSR, 26 June 1985
Family Laniidae	Shrikes	
Lanius ludovicianus Linnaeus	Loggerhead Shrike	Not seen
Family Sturnidae	Starlings	
Sturnus vulgaris Linnaeus	Common Starling	Sighted by RBD, 27 May 1985
Family Vireonidae	Vireos	
Vireo solitarius (Wilson)	Solitary Vireo, Blue-headed Vireo	Not seen
Vireo olivaceus (Linnaeus)	Red-eyed Vireo	Not seen
Vireo philadelphicus (Cassin)	Philadelphia Vireo	Not seen
Vireo gilvus (Vieillot)	Warbling Vireo	Not seen
Family Parulidae	Wood Warblers	
Mniotilta varia (Linnaeus)	Black-and-White Warbler	Not seen
Vermivora peregrina (Wilson)	Tennessee Warbler	Not seen
Vermivora celata (Say)	Orange-crowned Warbler	Not seen
Dendroica petechia (Linnaeus)	Yellow Warbler	Sighted by W de C

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Taxonomic Description	Common Name	Comments
reeding birds		
Dendroia magnolia (Wilson)	Magnolia Warbler	Not seen
Dendroica tigrina (Gmelin)	Cape May Warbler	Not seen
Dendroica coronata (Linnaeus)	Myrtle Warbler	Not seen
Dendroica virens (Gmelin)	Black-throated	Not seen
	Green Warbler	
Dendroica castanea (Wilson)	Bay-breasted Warbler	Not seen
Dendroica striata (Forster)	Blackpoll Warbler	Not seen
Dendroica palmarum (Gmelin)	Palm Warbler	Not seen
Seiurus noveboracensis (Gmelin)	Northern Waterthrush	Not seen
Oporornis agilis (Wilson)	Connecticut Warbler	Not seen
Oporornis philadelphia (Wilson)	Mourning Warbler	Not seen
Geothlypis trichas (Linnaeus)	Common Yellowthroat,	Not seen
	Maryland Yellow-throat	
Wilsonia pusilla (Wilson)	Wilson's Warbler	Not seen
Wilsonia canadensis (Linnaeus)	Canada Warbler	Not seen
Setophaga ruticilla (Linnaeus)	American Redstart	Not seen
Family Icteridae	Meadowlarks, Blackbirds, and Orioles	
Sturnella neglecta (Audubon)	Western Meadowlark	Not seen
Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus (Bonaparte)	Yellow-headed Blackbird	Not seen
Agelaius phoeniceus (Linnaeus)	Red-winged Blackbird	Sighted by MSR, 7 May 1985
Icterus galbula (Linnaeus)	Baltimore Oriole	Not seen
Euphagus carolinus (Muller)	Rusty Blackbird	Not seen
Euphagus cyanocephalus (Wagler)	Brewer's Blackbird	Not seen
Quiscalus quiscula (Linnaeus)	Common Grackle,	Not seen
	Bronzed Grackle	
Molothrus ater (Boddaert)	Brown-headed Cowbird	Sighted by MSR, 3 June 1985

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Breeding birds

Family Thraupidae Piranga ludoviciana (Wilson) Family Fringillidae

Pheucticus Iudovicianus (Linnaeus) Hesperiphona vespertina (Cooper) Carpodacus purpureus (Gmelin) Spinus pinus (Wilson) Spinus tristis (Linnaeus) Lozia curvirostra Linnaeus Lozia leucoptera Gmelin Passerculus sandwichensis (Gmelin) Passerherbulus caudacutus (Latham) Ammospiza caudacuta (Gmelin) Pooecetes gramineus (Gmelin) Junco hyemalis (Linnaeus) Spizella passerina (Bechstein) Spizella pallida (Swainson) Zonotrichia albicollis (Gmelin) Passerella iliaca (Merrem) Melospiza lincolnii (Audubon) Melospiza georgiana (Latham) Melospiza melodia (Wilson)

Tanagers Western Tanager Grosbeaks, Finches, Sparrows, and Buntings **Rose-breasted** Grosbeak **Evening Grosbeak Purple Finch** Pine Siskin American Goldfinch **Red Crossbill** White-winged Crossbill Savannah Sparrow Le Conte's Sparrow Sharp-tailed Sparrow **Vesper Sparrow** Slate-colored Junco **Chipping Sparrow Clay-colored Sparrow** White-throated Sparrow Fox Sparrow Lincoln's Sparrow Swamp Sparrow Song Sparrow

Not seen

Not seen Not seen Sighted by MSR. 26 June 1985 Not seen Sighted by MSR, 21 June 1985 Not seen Sighted by MSR, 24 June 1985 Not seen Not seen Not seen Not seen

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Table 13c. Transient birds of the Athabasca area.

Taxonomic Description	Common Name	Comments
Transient birds		
Order Gaviiformes		
Family Gaviidae	Loons	
Gavia stellata (Pontoppidan)	Red-throated Loon	Not seen
Order Anseriformes		
Family Anatidae	Swans, Geese, and Ducks	
Subfamily Cygninae	Swans	
Olor columbianus (Ord)	Whistling Swan	Not seen
Subfamily Anserinae	Geese	
Anser albifrons (Scopoli)	White-fronted Goose	Not seen
Chen caerulescens (Linnaeus)	Snow Goose	Not seen
Chen rossii (Cassin)	Ross's Goose	Not seen
Subfamily Aythyinae	Diving Ducks	
🗧 Clangula hyemalis (Linnaeus)	Oldsquaw	Not seen
Subfamily Merginae	Mergansers	
Mergus serrator Linnaeus	Red-breasted Merganser	Not seen
Order Falconiformes		
Family Accipitridae	Kites, Hawks, Eagles, Harriers	
Buteo lagopus (Pontoppidan)	Rough-legged Hawk	Not seen
Family Falconidae	Falcons and Caracaras	
Falco peregrinus Tunstall	Peregrine Falcon	Not seen

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Order Gruiformes

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Common Name

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Transient birds

Family Gruidae	Cranes	
Grus americana (Linnaeus)	Whooping Crane	Not seen
Grus canadensis (Linnaeus)	Sandhill Crane	Not seen
Order Charadriiformes		
Family Charadriidae	Plovers, Surfbirds, Turnstones	
Charadrius semipalmatus Bonaparte	Semi-palmated Plover	Not seen
Pluvialis dominica (Muller)	American Golden Plover	Not seen
Squatarola squatarola (Linnaeus)	Black-bellied Plover	Not seen
Family Scolopacidae	Woodcock, Snipe, Sandpipers	
Erolia melanotos (Vieillot)	Pectoral Sandpiper	Not seen
Erolia bairdii (Coues)	Baird's Sandpiper	Not seen
Erolia minutilla (Vieillot)	Least Sandpiper	Not seen
Limnodromus scolopaceus (Say)	Long-billed Dowitcher	Not seen
Micropalama himantopus (Bonaparte)	Stilt Sandpiper	Not seen
Ereunetes pusillus (Linnaeus)	Semi-palmated Sandpiper	Not seen
Crocethia alba (Pallas)	Sanderling	Not seen
Family Phalaropodidae	Phalaropes	
Lobipes lobatus (Linnaeus)	Northern Phalarope	Not seen
Family Laridae	Gulls and Terns	
Hydroprogne caspia (Pallas)	Caspian Tern	Not seen
Order Strigiformes		
Family Strigidae	Typical Owls	
Nyctea scandiaca (Linnaeus)	Snowy Owl	Not seen
Order Passeriformes		
Family Turdidae	Thrushes,Solitaires,Bluebirds	
Hylocichla minima (Lafresnaye)	Gray-cheeked Thrush	Not seen

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Taxonomic Description	Common Name	Comments	
Transient birds			
Family Motacillidae	Wagtails and Pipits		
Anthus spinoletta (Linnaeus) Family Laniidae	Water Pipit, American Pipit Shrikes	Not seen	
Lanius excubitor Linnaeus	Northern Shrike	Not seen	
Family Icteridae	Meadowlarks, Blackbirds, and Orioles		
Dolichonyz oryzivorus (Linnaeus)	Bobolink	Not seen	
Family Fringillidae	Grosbeaks, Finches, Sparrows,and Buntings		
<i>Spizella arborea</i> (Wilson)	Tree Sparrow	Sighted by MSR, 26 June 1985	
Calcarius lapponicus (Linnaeus)	Lapland Longspur	Not seen	
Calcarius pictus (Swainson)	Smith's Longspur	Not seen	
Plectrophenax nivalis (Linnaeus)	Snow Bunting	Not seen	

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Table 14. Mammals of the Athabasca area.

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Taxonomic Description	Common Name	Comments
Class Mammalia	Mammals	
Order Insectivora	Insectivores	
Family Soricidae	Shrews	
Sorex cinereus Kerr	Masked Shrew	Not seen
Sorex palustris Richardson	American Water Shrew	Not seen
Sorex arcticus Kerr	Arctic Shrew	Not seen
Microsorez hoyi (Baird)	Pigmy Shrew	Not seen
Order Chiroptera	Bats	
Family Vespertilionidae	Smooth-faced Bats	
Myotis lucifugus (Le Conte)	Little Brown Bat	Not seen
Lasionycteris noctivagrans (Le Conte)	Silver-haired Bat	Not seen
Eptesicus fuscus (Palisot de Beauvois)	Big Brown Bat	Not seen
Lasiurus cinereus (Palisot de Beauvois)	Hoary Bat	Not seen
Order Lagomorpha	Pikas,Hares,Rabbits	
Family Leporidae	Rabbits and Hares	
Lepus americanus Erxleben	Snowshoe Hare	Sighted by MSR, 5 June 1985
Lepus townsendii Bachman	White-tailed Jackrabbit	Not seen
Order Rodentia	Rodents	
Family Scuiridae	Squirrels	
Eutamias minimus (Bachman)	Least Chipmunk	Sighted by W de C
Marmota monax (Linnaeus)	Woodchuck	Not seen; AU collection
Spermophilus richardsonii (Sabine)	Richardson's Ground Squirrel	Not seen

Family Canidae

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Taxonomic Description	Common Name	Comments
Class Mammalia	Mammals	
Spermophilus tridecemlineatus (Mitchell)	Thirteen-lined Ground Squirrel	Not seen
Spermophilus franklinii (Sabine)	Franklin's Ground Squirrel	Not seen
Tamiascuirus hudsonicus (Erxleben)	American Red Squirrel	Sighted by MSR, 3 June 1985
Glaucomys sabrinus (Shaw)	Northern Flying Squirrel	Not seen
Family Geomyidae	Pocket Gophers	
Thomomys talpoides (Richardson)	Northern Pocket Gopher	Not seen
Family Castoridae	Beavers	
Castor canadensis Kuhl	Beaver	Sign sighted by MSR, 22 May 1985
Family Muridae	Rats, Mice, and Voles	
Peromyscus maniculatus (Wagner)	Deer Mouse	Sighted by MSR, 26 June 1985
		AU Collection
Clethrionomys gapperi (Vigors)	Gapper's Red-backed Vole	Sighted by MSR, 26 June 1985
		AU collection
Synaptomys borealis (Richarson)	Northern Bog Lemming	Not seen
Phenacomys intermedius Merriam	Heather Vole	Not seen
Ondatra zibethicus (Linnaeus)	Muskrat	Not seen
Microtus pennsylvaticus (Ord)	Meadow Vole	Not seen
Microtus zanthognathus (Leach)	Chestnut-cheeked Vole	Not seen
Mus musculus Linnaeus	House Mouse	Not seen
Family Dipodidae	Jumping Mice and Jerboas	
Zapus princeps J.A. Allen	Western Jumping Mouse	Not seen
Zapus hudsonicus (Zimmerman)	Meadow Jumping Mouse	Not seen
Family Erethizontidae	New World Porcupines	
Erethizon dorsatum (Linnaeus)	American Porcupine	Sighted by MSR, 25 July 1985
Order Carnivora	Carnivores	·

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Taxonomic Description	Common Name	Comments
Class Mammalia	Mammals	
Canis latrans Say	Coyote	Sign sighted by MSR, 10 June 1985
Canis lupus Linnaeus	Wolf	Not seen
Vulpes vulpes (Linnaeus)	Red Fox	Not seen
Family Ursidae	Bears	
Ursus americanus Pallus	American Black Bear	Sign sighted by MSR, 10 June 1985
Family Procyonidae	Raccoons and Allies	
Procyon lotor (Linnaeus)	Raccoon	Not seen
Family Mustelidae	Weasels and Allies	
Martes americana (Turton)	American Marten	Not seen
Martes pennanti (Erxleben)	Fisher	Not seen
Mustela erminea Linnaeus	Ermine or Stoat	Not seen
Mustela frenata Lichtenstein	Long-tailed Weasel	Not seen
Mustela nivalis Linnaeus	Least Weasel	Not seen
Mustela vison Schreber	American Mink	Not seen
Gulo gulo (Linnaeus)	Wolverine	Not seen
Mephitis mephitis (Schreber)	Striped Skunk	Not seen
Lontra canadensis (Schreber)	River Otter	Not seen
Family Felidae	Cats	
Felis concolor Linnaeus	Mountain Lion	Not seen
<i>Lynz lynz</i> (Linnaeus)	Lynx	Not seen
Order Artiodactyla	Cloven-hoofed Mammals	
Family Cervidae	Deer	
Odocoileus hemionus (Rafinesque)	Mule Deer	Not seen
Odocoileus virginianus (Zimmerman)	White-tailed Deer	Sighted by W de C
Alces alces (Linnaeus)	Moose	Scats and tracks sighted by MSR 11 June 1985, AU River Lot

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Taxonomic Description	Common Name	Comments	
Class Mammalia	Mammals		
<i>Cervus elaphus</i> Linnaeus References	Wapiti or American Elk	Not seen	.•

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