

HUDSON BAY, MANITOBA · CANADA

Churchill

The polar bear capital of the world: bears waiting for the sea ice in October and November, thousands of belugas in the river mouth in July and August, and tundra birds all summer.

58 species to look for: 13 mammals, 43 birds and 2 amphibians.



☐ Tick it when you see it _____ Note the date and place *Italic notes* say where to look Seen _____ of 58

SPECIES DATE AND PLACE

01 Mammals 9

☐ Polar Bear <i>Late October and November on the coast east of town, from tundra vehicles in the wildlife management area</i>	
☐ Arctic Fox <i>Trailing bears along the coast in autumn for scraps; on the snow in late winter</i>	
☐ Red Fox	
☐ Caribou <i>Small groups along the coast and in Wapusk in summer and autumn</i>	
☐ Arctic Hare	
☐ Snowshoe Hare	
☐ Red Squirrel (American)	
☐ Short-tailed Weasel (Ermine)	
☐ Muskrat	

02 Whales and seals 4

☐ Beluga <i>Thousands in the Churchill River estuary in July and early August, by boat or kayak</i>	
☐ Ringed Seal <i>Round heads in the river and bay in summer</i>	
☐ Bearded Seal	
☐ Harbour Seal	

03 Birds of prey 8

☐ Snowy Owl <i>Perched on posts, rocks and drifts on the tundra near town, autumn to spring</i>	
☐ Short-eared Owl	
☐ Northern Hawk-Owl	

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03 Birds of prey CONTINUED

☐ Gyr Falcon	
☐ Peregrine Falcon	
☐ Rough-legged Hawk	
☐ Northern Harrier	
☐ Bald Eagle	

04 Water birds 12

☐ Pacific Loon <i>Tundra ponds in June and July</i>	
☐ Red-throated Loon	
☐ Tundra Swan	
☐ Snow Goose	
☐ Canada Goose	
☐ Common Eider	
☐ Long-tailed Duck	
☐ Arctic Tern <i>If one dives at you, back away: you are too near its nest</i>	
☐ Bonaparte's Gull	
☐ Herring Gull	
☐ Parasitic Jaeger	
☐ Sandhill Crane	

05 Shorebirds 9

☐ Hudsonian Godwit <i>Breeds on the tundra; in June it calls from the tops of spruces</i>	
☐ Whimbrel	
☐ American Golden Plover	

SPECIES	DATE AND PLACE
06 Tundra and forest birds	CONTINUED
☐ Northern Shrike	
☐ Snow Bunting	
☐ Lapland Longspur	
☐ Smith's Longspur	
☐ Harris's Sparrow <i>Singing from stunted spruces at the treeline in June</i>	
☐ American Tree Sparrow	
☐ Redpoll	
☐ Pine Grosbeak	
☐ Bohemian Waxwing	
07 Amphibians	2
☐ Wood Frog	
☐ Boreal Chorus Frog	

FROM _____ TO _____

TRAVELLING WITH _____

STAYING AT _____ SEEN _____ of 58

FIRST ANIMAL WE SAW _____

BEST MOMENT _____



Wilder.

ALSO SEEN, NOT ON THIS LIST

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