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## Changes to Federal *Species at Risk Act*

*Changes to the classification of five migratory bird species found in Alberta*

In January, an RMA member bulletin advertised the 45-day comment period for interested parties to comment on changes to the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA) for five migratory birds found in Alberta. Changes to Schedule 1 of SARA were made on May 21, 2019 and reported in the [Canada Gazette](#) on May 29, 2019. The table below shows changes to Schedule 1 for migratory birds found in Western Canada.

| Legal Population Name                      | Scientific Name                   | Previous Status | New Status      | Range                                      |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|
| <b>Species added to Schedule 1 of SARA</b> |                                   |                 |                 |  |
| Black Swift                                | <i>Cypseloides niger</i>          | None            | Endangered      | British Columbia, <b>Alberta</b>           |
| Cassin's Auklet                            | <i>Ptychoramphus aleuticus</i>    | None            | Special concern | British Columbia, Pacific Ocean            |
| Evening Grosbeak                           | <i>Coccothraustes vespertinus</i> | None            | Special concern | <b>Everywhere in Canada</b> except Nunavut |
| Lark Bunting                               | <i>Calamospiza melanocorys</i>    | None            | Threatened      | <b>Alberta</b> , Saskatchewan, Manitoba    |
| Red-necked Phalarope                       | <i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>         | None            | Special concern | <b>Everywhere in Canada</b>                |

| Legal Population Name                             | Scientific Name               | Previous Status | New Status | Range                           |
|---|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Species reclassified on Schedule 1 of SARA</b> |                               |                 |            |                                 |
| McCown's Longspur                                 | <i>Rhynchophanes mccownii</i> | Special Concern | Threatened | Alberta, Saskatchewan           |
| Pink-footed Shearwater                            | <i>Ardenna creatopus</i>      | Threatened      | Endangered | British Columbia, Pacific Ocean |

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