



# Birding Opportunities at Beaver Creek Valley State Park

Beaver Creek, within Beaver Creek Valley State Park, provides some of the most desirable habitat in the state for nesting Louisiana waterthrush and Acadian flycatcher. Both species are of special concern in Minnesota. The park also is an excellent area for viewing warblers, vireos, thrushes, sparrows, flycatchers, wrens, tanagers and woodpeckers. Twenty-eight species of neotropical migrant warblers have been recorded in the park.

## Season and Abundance Key

The **seasons** in the checklist are defined as follows:

**Sp** (Spring) = March, April, May

**Su** (Summer) = June, July

**Fa** (Fall) = August, September, October, November

**Wi** (Winter) = December, January, February

**Abundance codes** are defined as follows:

**C** = Common — present, relatively easy to find

**U** = Uncommon — observed, may be difficult to find

**O** = Occasional — may or may not be present in any year

**R** = Rare — has occurred at least once, may or may not be expected to recur

The names and taxonomic arrangement of species follows that of the Checklist of the Birds of Minnesota (January, 2006), prepared by the Minnesota Ornithological Records Committee.

This checklist contains the names of all birds that have been documented in the park by reliable observers. It was constructed by Robert B. Janssen, Jerry Bonkoski, and the MN DNR-Division of Parks & Recreation using observations of the above, park staff and other observers, as well as Minnesota Ornithologist's Union records and data contained in research reports. If you are interested in the specific sources used for a particular park, contact the Parks Division Resource Management Program Coordinator by telephone at 651-259-5594 or by mail at MN DNR-Parks, 500 Lafayette Road, Box 39, St. Paul, MN 55155-4039.

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| Birds of Beaver Creek State Park Valley       | Sp | Su | Fa | Wi |
|-----------------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canada Goose         | C  | C  | C  | O  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tundra Swan          | U  |    | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Duck            | C  | C  | C  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mallard              | C  | C  | C  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blue-winged Teal     | C  | C  | C  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green-winged Teal    | U  |    | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ring-necked Pheasant | C  | C  | C  | C  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ruffed Grouse        | C  | C  | C  | C  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wild Turkey          | C  | C  | C  | C  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Bobwhite    | O  | O  | O  | O  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Great Blue Heron     | C  | C  | C  | R  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green Heron          | C  | C  | C  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Vulture       | C  | C  | C  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Osprey               | U  | O  | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bald Eagle           | C  | U  | C  | U  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Harrier     | U  | U  | U  | O  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sharp-shinned Hawk   | U  |    | U  | O  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooper's Hawk        | U  | U  | U  | O  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Goshawk     | O  |    | O  | O  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red-shouldered Hawk  | U  | U  | U  | O  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Broad-winged Hawk    | U  | U  | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk      | C  | C  | C  | U  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rough-legged Hawk    | U  |    | U  | U  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Golden Eagle         | O  |    | O  | O  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Kestrel     | C  | C  | C  | U  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Coot        | O  |    |    |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Killdeer             | C  | C  | C  | R  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spotted Sandpiper    | C  | C  | C  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Solitary Sandpiper   | U  |    | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Snipe       | U  | U  | U  | R  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Woodcock    | U  | U  | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rock Pigeon          | C  | C  | C  | C  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove        | C  | C  | C  | O  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black-billed Cuckoo  | U  | U  | U  |    |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-billed Cuckoo      | U  | U  | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Screech-Owl       | U  | U  | U  | U  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Great Horned Owl          | U  | U  | U  | U  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barred Owl                | U  | U  | U  | U  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Saw-whet Owl     | O  |    | O  | O  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Common Nighthawk          | U  | U  | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Whip-poor-will            | C  | C  |    |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chimney Swift             | C  | C  | C  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-throated Hummingbird | C  | O  | C  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Belted Kingfisher         | C  | C  | C  | O  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red-headed Woodpecker     | U  | U  | U  | O  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red-bellied Woodpecker    | C  | C  | C  | C  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Sapsucker  | C  |    | C  | R  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Downy Woodpecker          | C  | C  | C  | C  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hairy Woodpecker          | C  | C  | C  | C  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker          | C  | C  | C  | O  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pileated Woodpecker       | U  | U  | U  | U  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Olive-sided Flycatcher    | U  |    | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Wood-Pewee        | C  | C  | C  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Flycatcher | O  |    | O  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Acadian Flycatcher        | U  | U  | O  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alder Flycatcher          | O  |    | O  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Willow Flycatcher         | U  | U  | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Least Flycatcher          | C  | C  | C  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Phoebe            | C  | C  | C  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Great Crested Flycatcher  | C  | C  | C  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Kingbird          | C  | C  | C  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loggerhead Shrike         | U  | O  | O  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Shrike           | O  |    | O  | O  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White-eyed Vireo          | R  | R  |    |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-throated Vireo     | U  | U  | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blue-headed Vireo         | U  |    | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warbling Vireo            | C  | C  | C  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Philadelphia Vireo        | U  |    | U  |    |

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|-----------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|
| Red-eyed Vireo                          | C  | C  | C  |    |
| Blue Jay                                | C  | C  | C  | C  |
| American Crow                           | C  | C  | C  | C  |
| Horned Lark                             | C  | U  | C  | U  |
| Purple Martin                           | U  | U  | U  |    |
| Tree Swallow                            | C  | C  | C  |    |
| Northern Rough-winged Swallow           | C  | C  | C  |    |
| Bank Swallow                            | C  | C  | C  |    |
| Barn Swallow                            | C  | C  | C  |    |
| Black-capped Chickadee                  | C  | C  | C  | C  |
| Tufted Titmouse                         | O  | O  | O  | O  |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch                   | U  |    | U  | U  |
| White-breasted Nuthatch                 | C  | C  | C  | C  |
| Brown Creeper                           | U  |    | U  | U  |
| House Wren                              | C  | C  | C  |    |
| Winter Wren                             | U  | O  | U  | O  |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet                  | C  |    | C  | U  |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet                    | C  |    | C  |    |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher                   | C  | C  | C  |    |
| Eastern Bluebird                        | C  | C  | C  | O  |
| Veery                                   | C  | U  | U  |    |
| Gray-cheeked Thrush                     | U  |    | U  |    |
| Swainson's Thrush                       | U  |    | U  |    |
| Hermit Thrush                           | C  |    | C  | R  |
| Wood Thrush                             | U  | U  | U  |    |
| American Robin                          | C  | C  | C  | U  |
| Gray Catbird                            | C  | C  | C  |    |
| Northern Mockingbird                    | O  |    | O  |    |
| Brown Thrasher                          | C  | C  | C  |    |
| European Starling                       | C  | C  | C  | C  |
| Bohemian Waxwing                        |    |    |    | O  |
| Cedar Waxwing                           | C  | C  | C  | U  |
| Blue-winged Warbler                     | U  | U  | O  |    |
| Golden-winged Warbler                   | U  |    | O  |    |