

Birds of Blue Mounds State Park	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
<input type="checkbox"/> Warbling Vireo	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Philadelphia Vireo	O		O	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Horned Lark	C	U	C	U
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<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Rough-winged Swallow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bank Swallow	U	U	U	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Winter Wren	U		U	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Golden-crowned Kinglet	C		C	O
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<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	R			
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Bluebird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Bluebird	R			
<input type="checkbox"/> Townsend's Solitaire			R	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Gray-cheeked Thrush	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Swainson's Thrush	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hermit Thrush	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Thrush	O	O		
<input type="checkbox"/> American Robin	C	C	C	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Catbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Mockingbird		R		
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Thrasher	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Curve-billed Thrasher			R	
<input type="checkbox"/> European Starling	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> American Pipit	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sprague's Pipit	R			
<input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Waxwing	C	C	C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Golden-winged Warbler	U		U	

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<input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee Warbler	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Orange-crowned Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Nashville Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Parula	U		U	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Warbler	U		U	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Spotted Towhee	O			
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<input type="checkbox"/> American Tree Sparrow	C		C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Clay-colored Sparrow	U	O	U	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Field Sparrow	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Vesper Sparrow	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lark Sparrow	O	O		
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<input type="checkbox"/> Savannah Sparrow	C	U	C	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Le Conte's Sparrow	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow	R		R	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fox Sparrow	U		U	

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<input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln's Sparrow	U		U	
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<input type="checkbox"/> White-throated Sparrow	C		C	O
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<input type="checkbox"/> Brewer's Blackbird	O		O	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Orchard Oriole	U	U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Baltimore Oriole	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Purple Finch	U		U	O
<input type="checkbox"/> House Finch	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Red Crossbill	R		R	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Redpoll				O
<input type="checkbox"/> Pine Siskin	U		U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch	C	C	C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Evening Grosbeak			O	O
<input type="checkbox"/> House Sparrow	C	C	C	C

# BLUE MOUNDS STATE PARK

## BIRD Checklist



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Weather: \_\_\_\_\_

Observers: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_



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# Birding Opportunities at Blue Mounds State Park

Located in the Prairie Highlands ecoregion, Blue Mounds attracts a wide variety of interesting and unusual birds, including a number of casual and accidental species. This is the most reliable place in the state to find the blue grosbeak and the only place in the state where Brewer's sparrow has been recorded. There are two lakes in the park, formed by two dams on Mound Creek. This water habitat is scarce in lake-less Rock County. Large areas of grassland provide good habitat for sparrows and rarities such as lark buntings.

## 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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<input type="checkbox"/> Greater White-fronted Goose	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Snow Goose	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Goose	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tundra Swan	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Duck	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gadwall	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Wigeon	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mallard	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-winged Teal	C	C	C	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Pintail	U		U	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Redhead	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-necked Duck	U		U	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Hooded Merganser	U	U	U	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Bobwhite	O	O	O	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Loon	R			
<input type="checkbox"/> Pied-billed Grebe	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Horned Grebe	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-necked Grebe	R		R	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Double-crested Cormorant	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Bittern	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Blue Heron	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Egret	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Green Heron	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-crowned Night-Heron	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Vulture	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Osprey	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bald Eagle	U		U	

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<input type="checkbox"/> Cooper's Hawk	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Goshawk	R			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Swainson's Hawk	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Rough-legged Hawk	O		U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> American Kestrel	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Merlin	O		O	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Prairie Falcon	R			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Sora	U	U	U	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Piping Plover	R			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Bonaparte's Gull	U		U	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Caspian Tern	R			

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<input type="checkbox"/> Common Tern	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Forster's Tern	U		U	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-billed Cuckoo	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-billed Cuckoo	U	U	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Screech-Owl	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Horned Owl	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Snowy Owl			O	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Burrowing Owl	R	R		
<input type="checkbox"/> Long-eared Owl	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Short-eared Owl	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Nighthawk	C	U	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Whip-poor-will	O	O	O	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Belted Kingfisher	C	C	C	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Red-bellied Woodpecker	U	U	U	U
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<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Wood-Pewee	C	C	C	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Western Kingbird	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Kingbird	C	C	C	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Shrike	O		O	O
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<input type="checkbox"/> Bell's Vireo	R			
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