

Birding at George H. Crosby-Manitou State Park

George H. Crosby-Manitou State Park is a wilderness park of over 6,000 acres that stretches along the Manitou River. The park's diverse forest contains a wide variety of bird species. Twenty-three species of warblers have been recorded in the park and it is a good place to find singing and breeding blackthroated blue warblers. Nashville, black-throated green, Canada, magnolia, mourning, Blackburnian and northern parula warblers are well represented. Lakes in the park provide habitat for common loons and a number of duck species. During October, large flocks of snow buntings mixed with a few Lapland longspurs and American pipits occur along the gravel road that runs through the park.

Key

Occurrence

Sp - Spring (Mar—May)

S - Summer (Jun—Jul)

F - Fall (Aug—Nov)

W - Winter (Dec—Feb)

Abundance

C - Common (Present, relatively easy to find)

U - Uncommon (Present, not certain to be seen)

O - Occasional (Infrequent, may not return each year)

R - Rare (Observed at least once, may not return)

Date: Enter the date you saw the bird.

Bird Identification Tips

When you observe a bird, make note of at least three characteristics.

Location: Where did you see the bird? (water, forest, feeder, lower branch, tree trunk, etc.)

Body size and shape: Compare to a known bird. (smaller than a...bigger than a...plump like a...slender like a...) Look at tail, legs and bill. (long, short, thick, thin, curved, straight)

Colors and markings: Look on wings, tail, back, belly, rump and head. (stripe above eye, white spot on tail, etc.)

Sounds and movements: How do they act and sound? (travel alone or in groups, in-flight wing position - soaring, flapping, flap and glide, etc.)

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
GEESE, SWANS, DUCKS					
Canada Goose	U		U		
Wood Duck	U	U	U		
Blue-winged Teal	U	O	U		
Mallard	U		U		
Green-winged Teal	U		U		
Ring-necked Duck	U	U	U		
Lesser Scaup	U		U		
Bufflehead	U		U		
Common Goldeneye	U	U	U		
Hooded Merganser	U		U		
Common Merganser	U	U	U		
PARTRIDGE, PHEASANTS, GROUSE, TURKEYS					
Ruffed Grouse	C	C	C	C	
GREBES					
Pied-billed Grebe	U		U		
CUCKOOS					
Black-billed Cuckoo	U	U	U		
NIGHTJARS					
Eastern Whip-poor-will	U	U	U		
HUMMINGBIRDS					
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	C	C	C		
RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS					
American Coot	U		U		
SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES					
American Woodcock	U	U	U		
Spotted Sandpiper	C	C	C		
Solitary Sandpiper	U	U	U		
Lesser Yellowlegs	U		U		
GULLS, TERNS					
Ring-billed Gull	U	U	U		
Herring Gull	O	O	O		
LOONS					
Common Loon	C	C	C		
CORMORANTS					
Double-crested Cormorant	U		U		
BITTERNS, HERONS, EGRETS, NIGHT-HERONS					
Great Blue Heron	U	U	U		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
NEW WORLD VULTURES					
Turkey Vulture	U	U	U		
OSPREY					
Osprey	U	U	U		
KITES, HAWKS, EAGLES					
Sharp-shinned Hawk	U		U		
Cooper's Hawk	U		U		
Northern Goshawk	O		O		
Bald Eagle	U	U	U	U	
Broad-winged Hawk	U	U	C		
Red-tailed Hawk	U	U	U		
Rough-legged Hawk	U		U	O	
TYPICAL OWLS					
Barred Owl	O	O	O		
Great Gray Owl				R	
KINGFISHERS					
Belted Kingfisher	C	C	C		
WOODPECKERS					
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	C	C	C		
Black-backed Woodpecker	R	R	R	O	
Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Hairy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Northern Flicker	C	C	C		
Pileated Woodpecker	U	U	U	U	
FALCONS					
American Kestrel	U	U	U		
Merlin	U	U			
FLYCATCHERS					
Great Crested Flycatcher	O	O	O		
Eastern Kingbird	U	U	U		
Olive-sided Flycatcher	U	U	U		
Eastern Wood-Pewee	C	C	C		
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	U	O	U		
Alder Flycatcher	C	C	C		
Least Flycatcher	C	C	C		
Eastern Phoebe	C	C	C		
SHRIKES					
Northern Shrike			O	O	

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
VIREOS					
Blue-headed Vireo	U	U	U		
Philadelphia Vireo	U	O	U		
Red-eyed Vireo	C	C	C		
JAYS, MAGPIES, CROWS, RAVENS					
Gray Jay	U	U	U	U	
Blue Jay	C	C	C	C	
American Crow	C	C	C	U	
Common Raven	C	C	C	C	
MARTINS, SWALLOWS					
Tree Swallow	U	U	U		
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	O	O	O		
Barn Swallow	U	U	U		
CHICKADEES, TITMICE					
Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C	
Boreal Chickadee	O	O	O	O	
NUTHATCHES					
Red-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C	
White-breasted Nuthatch	O	O	O		
CREEPERS					
Brown Creeper	U	U	U		
WRENS					
House Wren	O	O	O		
Winter Wren	U	U	U		
Sedge Wren	U	U	U		
KINGLETS					
Golden-crowned Kinglet	C	U	C		
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C	U	C		
THRUSHES					
Eastern Bluebird	O	O	O		
Veery	C	C	U		
Swainson's Thrush	U	U	U		
Hermit Thrush	C	C	C		
Wood Thrush	U	U	U		
American Robin	C	C	C		
THRASHERS, MOCKINGBIRDS					
Gray Catbird	U	U	U		

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WAXWINGS					
Cedar Waxwing	C	C	C	U	
PIPITS					
American Pipit	U		U		
FINCHES					
Evening Grosbeak	O		O	O	
Pine Grosbeak	U		U	U	
Purple Finch	C	O	C	U	
Common Redpoll	U		U	U	
Hoary Redpoll	R			R	
White-winged Crossbill	O	O	O	O	
Pine Siskin	U	O	U	U	
American Goldfinch	C	C	C		
LONGSPURS, SNOW BUNTINGS					
Lapland Longspur	U		U		
Snow Bunting			C		
TOWHEES, SPARROWS					
Chipping Sparrow	C	C	C		
Clay-colored Sparrow	U	U	U		
Fox Sparrow	U		U		
American Tree Sparrow	C		C		
Dark-eyed Junco	C	U	C	O	
White-crowned Sparrow	U		U		
Harris's Sparrow	U		U		
White-throated Sparrow	C	C	C		
Vesper Sparrow	U	U	U		
Savannah Sparrow	U	U	U		
Song Sparrow	C	C	C		
Swamp Sparrow	C	C	C		
BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES					
Bobolink	O		O		
Red-winged Blackbird	U	U	U		
Common Grackle	U	U	U		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
WARBLERS					
Ovenbird	C	C	C		
Northern Waterthrush	U	U	U		
Golden-winged Warbler	O		O		
Black-and-white Warbler	C	C	C		
Tennessee Warbler	U	O	U		
Orange-crowned Warbler	U		U		
Nashville Warbler	C	C	C		
Mourning Warbler	C	C	C		
Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C		
American Redstart	C	C	C		
Cape May Warbler	U	O	U		
Northern Parula	U	U	U		
Magnolia Warbler	C	C	C		
Bay-breasted Warbler	U		U		
Blackburnian Warbler	U	U	U		
Yellow Warbler	U	O	U		
Chestnut-sided Warbler	C	C	C		
Black-throated Blue Warbler	U	U	U		
Palm Warbler	U		U		
Yellow-rumped Warbler	C	C	C		
Black-throated Green Warbler	C	C	C		
Canada Warbler	U	U	U		
Wilson's Warbler	U		U		
TANAGERS, CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS					
Scarlet Tanager	U	U	U		
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	C	C	C		
Indigo Bunting	U	U	U		

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