

Birds of Great River Bluffs State Park	Sp	Su	Wi	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Rough-winged Swallow	C	C	C	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Carolina Wren	R	R	R	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Gray-cheeked Thrush	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Swainson's Thrush	U		U	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Mockingbird	R	R		
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<input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee Warbler	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Orange-crowned Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Nashville Warbler	C	R	C	

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<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Parula	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Warbler	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chestnut-sided Warbler	C		C	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow	C	C	C	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln's Sparrow	U		U	

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<input type="checkbox"/> Swamp Sparrow	C	C	C	
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<input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Evening Grosbeak	O		O	O
<input type="checkbox"/> House Sparrow	C	C	C	C

# GREAT RIVER BLUFFS STATE PARK

## BIRD Checklist



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

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

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

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



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# Birding Opportunities at Great River Bluffs State Park

Located in the heart of the Mississippi River corridor, Great River Bluffs provides an excellent migratory stop for many species of birds. The grassland habitat in the park makes this one of the very few places in Minnesota where the Henslow's sparrow is regularly found. The woodland habitat provides important nesting areas for flycatchers, such as great crested and eastern wood pewee, and vireos including red-eyed, warbling and yellow-throated. Other species of interest in this woodland habitat are scarlet tanager, ovenbird and rose-breasted grosbeak.

## 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, 2001), 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 and the MN DNR-Division of Parks & Recreation using observations of Mr. Janssen, 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 651-297-1158 or by mail at MNDNR-Parks, 500 Lafayette Road, Box 39 St. Paul, MN 55155-4039.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Great Blue Heron	C	C	C	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Egret	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Green Heron	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Vulture	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Snow Goose	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Goose	C	C	C	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Tundra Swaan	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Duck	C	C	C	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Gadwall	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Wigeon	C		C	
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<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	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Broad-winged Hawk	C	U	C	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-billed Cuckoo	U	U	U	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Great Horned Owl	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Snowy Owl	O		O	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Barred Owl	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Short-eared Owl	O		O	O

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<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Saw-whet Owl	O		O	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Nighthawk	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Whip-poor-will	U	U		
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<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-throated Hummingbird	C	U	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Belted Kingfisher	C	C	C	
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