

## Birding at Judge C.R. Magney State Park

Judge C. R. Magney State Park is a large, park that stretches inland from the shores of Lake Superior along the Brule River and contains over 4500 acres of mainly boreal habitat.

Hiking along the Timberdoodle Trail is a great place to look for warblers. There are twenty-one known species of warbler in the park, most of them breeding. The park is especially noted for the presence of many northern parula warblers.

The mouth of the Brule River is an excellent place to find common loons as well as horned and rednecked grebes in the spring and, in the fall, many species of waterfowl including scoters, mergansers and long-tailed ducks.

### 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
<b>GEESE, SWANS, DUCKS</b>					
Canada Goose	U		U		
Blue-winged Teal	U		U		
Mallard	U		U		
Surf Scoter	U		U		
White-winged Scoter	U		U		
Black Scoter	U		U		
Long-tailed Duck	U		U	U	
Bufflehead	U		U		
Common Goldeneye	C		C		
Common Merganser	U	U	U		
Red-breasted Merganser	U	U	U		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>PARTRIDGE, PHEASANTS, GROUSE, TURKEYS</b>					
Ruffed Grouse	C	C	C	C	

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>GREBES</b>					
Horned Grebe	C		U		
Red-necked Grebe	C		U		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>SWIFTS</b>					
Chimney Swift	O	O	O		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>HUMMINGBIRDS</b>					
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	C	C	C		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES</b>					
Spotted Sandpiper	U	U	U		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>GULLS, TERNS</b>					
Ring-billed Gull	U	U	U		
Herring Gull	C	C	C	C	

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>LOONS</b>					
Common Loon	C	C	C		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>CORMORANTS</b>					
Double-crested Cormorant	C		C		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>BITTERNS, HERONS, EGRETS, NIGHT-HERONS</b>					
Great Blue Heron	U	U	U		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>KITES, HAWKS, EAGLES</b>					
Northern Harrier	O		O		
Sharp-shinned Hawk	U		C		
Northern Goshawk	O		O		
Bald Eagle	C	C	C	U	
Broad-winged Hawk	U	U	C		
Red-tailed Hawk	U	U	U	O	
Rough-legged Hawk	U		U	O	

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>TYPICAL OWLS</b>					
Barred Owl	O	O	O	O	

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>KINGFISHERS</b>					
Belted Kingfisher	U	U	U		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>					
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	U	U	U		
Black-backed Woodpecker	O	O	O	O	
Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Hairy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Northern Flicker	C	C	C		
Pileated Woodpecker	U	U	U	U	

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>FALCONS</b>					
American Kestrel	U	U	U		
Merlin	U	U	U		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>FLYCATCHERS</b>					
Great Crested Flycatcher	U	U	U		
Olive-sided Flycatcher	U	U	U		
Eastern Wood-Pewee	U	U	U		
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	U	U	U		
Alder Flycatcher	U	U	U		
Least Flycatcher	C	C	C		
Eastern Phoebe	C	C	C		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>VIREOS</b>					
Blue-headed Vireo	U	U	U		
Philadelphia Vireo	U	O	U		
Red-eyed Vireo	C	C	C		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>JAYS, MAGPIES, CROWS, RAVENS</b>					
Gray Jay	U	U	U	U	
Blue Jay	C	C	C	C	
American Crow	C	C	C	C	
Common Raven	C	C	C	C	

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>LARKS</b>					
Horned Lark	U		C		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>MARTINS, SWALLOWS</b>					
Tree Swallow	O	O	O		
Barn Swallow	O	O	O		
Cliff Swallow	U	U	U		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>CHICKADEES, TITMICE</b>					
Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C	
Boreal Chickadee	O		U	O	

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>NUTHATCHES</b>					
Red-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C	
White-breasted Nuthatch	O	O	O		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>CREEPERS</b>					
Brown Creeper	U	U	U		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>WRENS</b>					
House Wren	O	O	O		
Winter Wren	U	U	U		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>KINGLETS</b>					
Golden-crowned Kinglet	C	U	C		
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C	U	C		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>THRUSHES</b>					
Eastern Bluebird	O	O	O		
Veery	C	C	U		
Gray-cheeked Thrush	O		O		
Swainson's Thrush	U	U	U		
Hermit Thrush	C	C	C		
American Robin	C	C	C	O	

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>STARLINGS</b>					
European Starling	O	O	O		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>WAXWINGS</b>					
Bohemian Waxwing	U		U	U	
Cedar Waxwing	C	C	C		
<b>FINCHES</b>					
Evening Grosbeak	O		O	O	
Pine Grosbeak	U		U	U	
Purple Finch	C	O	C	U	
Common Redpoll	U		C	C	
White-winged Crossbill	O	O	O	O	
Pine Siskin	U	O	U	U	
American Goldfinch	C	C	C		
<b>LONGSPURS, SNOW BUNTINGS</b>					
Lapland Longspur	U		U		
Snow Bunting			C		
<b>TOWHEES, SPARROWS</b>					
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		
White-crowned Sparrow	U		U		
Harris's Sparrow	U		U		
White-throated Sparrow	C	C	C		
Savannah Sparrow	U	U	U		
Song Sparrow	C	C	C		
Lincoln's Sparrow	U		U		
Swamp Sparrow	U	U	U		
<b>BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES</b>					
Red-winged Blackbird	U	U	U		
Brown-headed Cowbird	U	U			
Common Grackle	U	U	U		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>WARBLERS</b>					
Ovenbird	C	C	C		
Northern Waterthrush	U	U	U		
Black-and-white Warbler	C	C	C		
Tennessee 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	U	U		
Northern Parula	C	C	C		
Magnolia Warbler	C	C	C		
Blackburnian Warbler	U	U	U		
Yellow Warbler	U	U	U		
Chestnut-sided Warbler	C	C	C		
Blackpoll Warbler	U		U		
Black-throated Blue Warbler	O	O	O		
Palm Warbler	C		C		
Yellow-rumped Warbler	C	C	C		
Black-throated Green Warbler	C	C	C		
Canada Warbler	U	U	U		
Wilson's Warbler	U		U		
<b>TANAGERS, CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS</b>					
Scarlet Tanager	U	U	U		
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	C	C	C		
Indigo Bunting	U	U	U		

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