

Birding at Maplewood State Park

Maplewood State Park contains rolling, wooded hills, lakes, marshes and grasslands. The wide range of habitat provides for an excellent diversity of birdlife. The Hallaway Hill Trail and Overlook provide a panoramic view of the park and an excellent place to observe birds. Waterfowl, gulls and terns congregate on the lakes in the spring and fall. Common loons are found in good numbers on the larger lakes. Of special interest is the presence of red-shouldered hawks in the woodlands. Twenty-five species of neotropical migrant warblers have been recorded in the park and in August 2005, a Williamsons sapsucker was recorded near the Lake Lida campground.

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	C	C	C		
Trumpeter Swan	O		O		
Tundra Swan	U		U		
Wood Duck	C	C	C		
Blue-winged Teal	C	C	C		
Northern Shoveler	U		U		
Gadwall	U		U		
American Wigeon	U		U		
Mallard	C	C	C		
Green-winged Teal	U		U		
Ring-necked Duck	C		C		
Lesser Scaup	C		C		
White-winged Scoter			O		
Bufflehead	C		C		
Common Goldeneye	C		C		
Hooded Merganser	C	C	C		
Common Merganser	U		U		

PARTRIDGE, PHEASANTS, GROUSE, TURKEYS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
Ring-necked Pheasant	U	U	U	U	
Ruffed Grouse	C	C	C	C	
Wild Turkey	U	U	U	U	

GREBES	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
Pied-billed Grebe	C	C	C		
Red-necked Grebe	O		O		

PIGEONS, DOVES	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
Rock Pigeon	U	U	U	U	
Mourning Dove	C	C	C		

CUCKOOS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	U	U	U		
Black-billed Cuckoo	U	U	U		

NIGHTJARS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
Common Nighthawk	U	U	U		

SWIFTS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
Chimney Swift	C	C	C		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
HUMMINGBIRDS					
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	C	C	C		
RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS					
Virginia Rail	U	U	U		
Sora	U	U	U		
American Coot	U	U	U		
CRANES					
Sandhill Crane	O		O		
PLOVERS					
Killdeer	C	C	C		
SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES					
Wilson's Snipe	U		U		
Solitary Sandpiper	O		O		
Lesser Yellowlegs	O		O		
GULLS, TERNS					
Bonaparte's Gull	U		U		
Franklin's Gull	U		C		
Ring-billed Gull	C	O	C		
Herring Gull	U		U		
Caspian Tern	U		U		
Black Tern	U	U	U		
Common Tern	U		U		
Forster's Tern	C	C	C		
LOONS					
Common Loon	U	U	U		
CORMORANTS					
Double-crested Cormorant	C	C	C		
PELICANS					
American White Pelican	U	U	U		
BITTERNS, HERONS, EGRETS, NIGHT-HERONS					
Great Blue Heron	C	C	C		
Great Egret	O	O	O		
Green Heron	U	U	U		
Black-crowned Night-heron	O		O		
NEW WORLD VULTURES					
Turkey Vulture	C	C	C		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
OSPREY					
Osprey	U	U	U		
KITES, HAWKS, EAGLES					
Golden Eagle			O		
Northern Harrier	U	U	U		
Sharp-shinned Hawk	U		U		
Cooper's Hawk	U	U	U		
Northern Goshawk			O	O	
Bald Eagle	U	U	U		
Red-shouldered Hawk	U	U	U		
Broad-winged Hawk	U	U	U		
Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	U	

TYPICAL OWLS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
Eastern Screech Owl	O	O	O	O	
Great Horned Owl	U	U	U	U	
Barred Owl	U	U	U	U	

KINGFISHERS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
Belted Kingfisher	C	C	C		

WOODPECKERS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
Red-headed Woodpecker	U	U	U		
Red-bellied Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Williamson's Sapsucker			R		
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	U	U	U		
Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Hairy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Northern Flicker	C	C	C	O	
Pileated Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	

FALCONS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
American Kestrel	C	C	C	U	
Peregrine Falcon	O		O		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
FLYCATCHERS					
Great Crested Flycatcher	C	C	C		
Western Kingbird	O	O			
Eastern Kingbird	C	C	C		
Olive-sided Flycatcher	U		U		
Eastern Wood-Pewee	C	C	C		
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	O		O		
Acadian Flycatcher	U	U	U		
Alder Flycatcher	O		O		
Least Flycatcher	C	C	C		
Eastern Phoebe	C	C	C		

SHRIKES	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
Northern Shrike			O	O	

VIREOS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
Yellow-throated Vireo	U	U	U		
Blue-headed Vireo	U		U		
Philadelphia Vireo	U		U		
Warbling Vireo	C	C	C		
Red-eyed Vireo	C	C	C		

JAYS, MAGPIES, CROWS, RAVENS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
Blue Jay	C	C	C	C	
American Crow	C	C	C	C	

LARKS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
Horned Lark	U	U	U	O	

MARTINS, SWALLOWS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
Bank Swallow	U	U	U		
Tree Swallow	C	C	C		
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	U	U	U		
Purple Martin	U	U	U		
Barn Swallow	C	C	C		
Cliff Swallow	U	U	U		

CHICKADEES, TITMICE	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C	

NUTHATCHES	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
White-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C	

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
WRENS					
House Wren	C	C	C		
Sedge Wren	U	U	U		
Marsh Wren	U	U	U		
GNATCATCHERS					
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	U	U	U		
KINGLETS					
Golden-crowned Kinglet	C		C	O	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C		
THRUSHES					
Eastern Bluebird	C	C	C		
Veery	U	U			
Gray-cheeked Thrush	U		U		
Swainson's Thrush	U		U		
Hermit Thrush	U		U		
American Robin	C	C	C		
THRASHERS, MOCKINGBIRDS					
Gray Catbird	C	C	C		
Brown Thrasher	U	U	U		
STARLINGS					
European Starling	U	U	U	U	
WAXWINGS					
Cedar Waxwing	C	C	C	U	
OLD WORLD SPARROWS					
House Sparrow	U	U	U	U	
FINCHES					
House Finch	U		U	U	
Purple Finch	U		U	U	
Pine Siskin	O		U	O	
American Goldfinch	C	C	C	C	
LONGSPURS, SNOW BUNTINGS					
Snow Bunting			O	O	

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
TOWHEES, SPARROWS					
Grasshopper Sparrow	U	U	U		
Chipping Sparrow	C	C	C		
Clay-colored Sparrow	C	C	C		
Field Sparrow	U	U	U		
American Tree Sparrow	C		C	C	
Dark-eyed Junco	C		C	U	
White-crowned Sparrow	U		U		
Harris's Sparrow	C		C		
White-throated Sparrow	C		C		
Vesper Sparrow	U	U	U		
LeConte's Sparrow	O		U		
Savannah Sparrow	U	U	U		
Song Sparrow	C	C	C		
Lincoln's Sparrow	U		U		
Swamp Sparrow	C	C	C		
BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES					
Yellow-headed Blackbird	O	O	O		
Bobolink	C	C	C		
Orchard Oriole	O	O			
Baltimore Oriole	C	C	C		
Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	C		
Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	U		
Rusty Blackbird	U		U		
Brewer's Blackbird	O		O		
Common Grackle	C	C	C		

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

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