Birds of MN Valley Rec Area	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
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 Black-capped Chickadee Tuffted Titmouse 	0	C	C	C
Red-breasted Nuthatch	U		U	\cap
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	С	C	С	
Winter Wren	U	C	U	
Sedge Wren	U	U	U	
Marsh Wren	U	U	U	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	C	0	C	0
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	С		С	Ŭ
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	C	С	C	
Eastern Bluebird	C	C	C	0
Gray-cheeked Thrush	U		Ŭ	Ŭ
Swainson's Thrush	U		U	
Hermit Thrush	C		C	
Used Thrush	0	0	0	
American Robin	С	С	С	0
Gray Catbird	С	С	С	
Brown Thrasher	С	С	С	
🖵 European Starling	С	С	С	С
Cedar Waxwing	С	С	С	U
Blue-winged Warbler	U	U	0	
Golden-winged Warbler	U		0	
Tennessee Warbler	С		С	
Orange-crowned Warbler	U		U	
🖵 Nashville Warbler	С		С	
🖵 Northern Parula	U		U	
Yellow Warbler	С	С	С	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	С		С	
🖵 Magnolia Warbler	U		U	
Cape May Warbler	0		0	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	С		С	
Black-throated Green Warbler	U		U	
Blackburnian Warbler	U		U	

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Birds of MN Valley Rec Area	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
Palm Warbler	U		U	
Bay-breasted Warbler	U		U	
🖵 Cerulean Warbler		0		
🖵 Black-and-white Warbler	С		С	
🖵 American Redstart	С	С	С	
Prothonotary Warbler	0	0		
Ovenbird	С	С	С	
🖵 Northern Waterthrush	U		U	
Mourning Warbler	U	0		
Common Yellowthroat	С	С	С	
🖵 Wilson's Warbler	U		U	
🖵 Canada Warbler	U		U	
🖵 Scarlet Tanager	U	U	U	
🖵 Eastern Towhee	U	U	U	
🖵 American Tree Sparrow	С		С	С
Chipping Sparrow	С	С	С	
Clay-colored Sparrow	0		0	
Field Sparrow	С	С	U	
Vesper Sparrow	U	U	U	
Lark Sparrow	0		0	
🖵 Savannah Sparrow	U	U	U	
Henslow's Sparrow		0		
Fox Sparrow	С		С	
Song Sparrow	С	С	С	
🖵 Lincoln's Sparrow	U		U	
Swamp Sparrow	С	С	С	
White-throated Sparrow	С		С	
Harris's Sparrow	U		U	
White-crowned Sparrow	U		U	
Dark-eyed Junco	С		С	С
Northern Cardinal	С	С	С	С
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	С	С	С	
🖵 Indigo Bunting	С	С	С	
Dickcissel		0		
🖵 Bobolink	U	U	U	

Birds of MN Valley Rec Area	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
🖵 Red-winged Blackbird	С	С	С	
🖵 Eastern Meadowlark	С	С	С	
🖵 Western Meadowlark	С	С	С	
🖵 Rusty Blackbird	С		С	
Common Grackle	С	С	С	0
Brown-headed Cowbird	С	С	U	
Orchard Oriole		0		
Baltimore Oriole	С	С	С	
Purple Finch	0		0	0
🖵 House Finch	С	С	С	С
Pine Siskin	0		0	
American Goldfinch	С	С	С	С
House Sparrow	С	С	С	С

MINNESOTA VALLEY STATE RECREATION AREA





Date:
Weather:
Observers:
Notes:
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Division of Parks & Recreation

March 2004

Birding Opportunities at MN Valley State Recreation Area

The Minnesota Valley State Recreation Area is a long, linear park comprised of multiple units. It contains a magnificent combination of habitats including river lowlands, floodplain forests, lakes, marsh and prairie all located along the Minnesota River. Significant portions of this recreation area stretch through the southwestern suburbs and communities of the Twin Cities metropolitan area. A wide variety of species can be found here including wading birds, waterfowl, flycatchers, thrushes, warblers, vireos, swallows and sparrows. The fall migration of sparrows is excellent in the grass and brush habitat.

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
- \mathbf{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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Birds of MN Valley Rec Area	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
Snow Goose	0		0	
🖵 Canada Goose	С	С	С	
🖵 Tundra Swan			0	
Uwood Duck	С	С	С	
Gadwall	U		U	
🖵 American Wigeon	U		U	
American Black Duck	U		U	
Mallard	С	С	С	
Blue-winged Teal	С	С	С	
Northern Shoveler	U		U	
Northern Pintail	U		U	
Green-winged Teal	U		U	
🖵 Redhead	0			0
Ring-necked Duck	U			
Greater Scaup	0			
🖵 Lesser Scaup	U		U	
Bufflehead	0			
Common Goldeneye	0			
Hooded Merganser	U	U		
Common Merganser	U			
Ruddy Duck			0	
Ring-necked Pheasant	С	С	С	С
Ruffed Grouse		R		
Wild Turkey	С	С	С	С
Pied-billed Grebe	0		0	
American White Pelican			U	
Double-crested Cormorant	С	U	С	
Great Blue Heron	С	С	С	
🖵 Great Egret	С	U	С	
Green Heron	U	U	U	
Black-crowned Night-Heron	U	U	U	
Turkey Vulture	С	U	С	
Osprey	0		0	
Bald Eagle	С	U	С	
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Northern Harrier

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Ruby-throated Hummingbird	С	U	С	
Belted Kingfisher	С	С	С	
Red-headed Woodpecker	U	U	U	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	С	С	С	С
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	С		С	
🖵 Downy Woodpecker	С	С	С	С
🖵 Hairy Woodpecker	С	С	С	С
Northern Flicker	С	С	С	0
Pileated Woodpecker	U	U	U	U
Olive-sided Flycatcher	U		U	
🖵 Eastern Wood-Pewee	С	С	С	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	U		U	
🖵 Acadian Flycatcher		0		
Alder Flycatcher	U	0	U	
Willow Flycatcher	U	0	U	
🖵 Least Flycatcher	С	С	С	
🖵 Eastern Phoebe	С	С	С	
Great Crested Flycatcher	С	С	С	
🖵 Eastern Kingbird	С	С	С	
Loggerhead Shrike	0	0		
Northern Shrike				0
Yellow-throated Vireo	U	U	U	
Blue-headed Vireo	U		U	
🖵 Warbling Vireo	С	С	С	
🖵 Philadelphia Vireo	U		U	
🖵 Red-eyed Vireo	С	С	С	
🖵 Blue Jay	С	С	С	С
American Crow	С	С	С	С
🖵 Horned Lark	0		0	
Purple Martin	0		0	
Tree Swallow	С	С	С	
□ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	U	U	U	
Bank Swallow	U	U	U	
Cliff Swallow	С	U	С	
Barn Swallow	С	С	С	