

Birds of Monson Lake State Park	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-eyed Vireo	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Jay	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> American Crow	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Horned Lark	C	C	C	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Purple Martin	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Swallow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Rough-winged Swallow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bank Swallow	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cliff Swallow	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Swallow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> White-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Creeper	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> House Wren	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Winter Wren	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sedge Wren	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Marsh Wren	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Golden-crowned Kinglet	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Bluebird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Veery	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Swainson's Thrush	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hermit Thrush	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Thrush	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Robin	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Catbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Thrasher	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> European Starling	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Waxwing	C	C	C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee Warbler	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Orange-crowned Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Nashville Warbler	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Parula	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Warbler	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chestnut-sided Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Magnolia Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cape May Warbler	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-throated Green Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blackburnian Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Palm Warbler	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bay-breasted Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blackpoll Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-and-white Warbler	C		C	

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<input type="checkbox"/> American Redstart	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ovenbird	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Waterthrush	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Warbler	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Scarlet Tanager	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Tree Sparrow	C		C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Clay-colored Sparrow	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Field Sparrow	C	C	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Vesper Sparrow	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Savannah Sparrow	C	U	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Henslow's Sparrow	R			
<input type="checkbox"/> Fox Sparrow	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln's Sparrow	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Swamp Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> White-throated Sparrow	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Harris's Sparrow	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> White-crowned Sparrow	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dark-eyed Junco	C		C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Snow Bunting	O		O	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Cardinal	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Rose-breasted Grosbeak	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Indigo Bunting	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dickcissel			C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Bobolink	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Meadowlark	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-headed Blackbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Rusty Blackbird	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Brewer's Blackbird	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Grackle	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Orchard Oriole	O	O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Baltimore Oriole	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Purple Finch	U		U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> House Finch	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch	C	C	C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> House Sparrow	C	C	C	C

MONSON LAKE STATE PARK

BIRD Checklist



Date: _____

Weather: _____

Observers: _____

Notes: _____



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Birding Opportunities at Monson Lake State Park

Tucked away in the northeast corner of Swift County are 187 acres that comprise a gem of a state park, little known to most Minnesotans. Monson Lake State Park contains a variety of habitats that are very attractive to birds. Monson Lake itself and other rather shallow lakes surrounded by woods and marshes, attract a wide variety of waterfowl. The woodlands surrounding the lake are a haven for migrant warblers, vireos and flycatchers. Twenty-one species of warblers are regularly recorded in this small park during the spring and fall migrations.

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"/> Greater White-fronted Goose	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Goose	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Trumpeter Swan			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tundra Swan	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Duck	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gadwall	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Wigeon	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Black Duck	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mallard	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-winged Teal	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Shoveler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Pintail	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Green-winged Teal	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Canvasback	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Redhead	U		U	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Greater Scaup	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lesser Scaup	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bufflehead	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Goldeneye	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hooded Merganser	C	U	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Merganser	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-breasted Merganser	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruddy Duck	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-necked Pheasant	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Loon	U	O	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pied-billed Grebe	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Horned Grebe	O		O	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Western Grebe		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> American White Pelican	C	U	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Double-crested Cormorant	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Least Bittern		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Blue Heron	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Egret	C	U	C	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Vulture	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Osprey	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bald Eagle	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Harrier	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sharp-shinned Hawk	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cooper's Hawk	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Broad-winged Hawk	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Rough-legged Hawk	O		O	O

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<input type="checkbox"/> American Kestrel	C	C	C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Virginia Rail	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Coot	C	U	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Killdeer	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Greater Yellowlegs	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lesser Yellowlegs	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pectoral Sandpiper	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Snipe	C	U	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Woodcock	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Franklin's Gull	C	U	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bonaparte's Gull	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-billed Gull	C	U	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Herring Gull	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Forster's Tern	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Tern	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Rock Pigeon	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove	C	C	C	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-billed Cuckoo	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-billed Cuckoo	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Horned Owl	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Barred Owl	U	U	U	U
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<input type="checkbox"/> Chimney Swift	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-throated Hummingbird	C	U	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Belted Kingfisher	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-bellied Woodpecker	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Hairy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker	C	C	C	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Pileated Woodpecker	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Olive-sided Flycatcher	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Wood-Pewee	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Alder Flycatcher	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Willow Flycatcher	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Least Flycatcher	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Phoebe	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Crested Flycatcher	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Kingbird	O	O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Kingbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-throated Vireo	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-headed Vireo	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Warbling Vireo	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Philadelphia Vireo	O		O	