

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>CREEPERS</b>					
Brown Creeper	U		U	O	
<b>WRENS</b>					
Rock Wren	R				
House Wren	C	C	C		
Winter Wren	O		O		
Sedge Wren	C	C	C		
Marsh Wren	U	U	U		
<b>GNATCATCHERS</b>					
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	U	U	U		
<b>KINGLETS</b>					
Golden-crowned Kinglet	C		C		
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C		
<b>THRUSHES</b>					
Eastern Bluebird	C	C	C		
Veery	O		O		
Gray-cheeked Thrush	U		U		
Swainson's Thrush	U		U		
Hermit Thrush	U		U		
Wood Thrush	O				
American Robin	C	C	C	O	
<b>THRASHERS, MOCKINGBIRDS</b>					
Gray Catbird	C	C	C		
Brown Thrasher	U	U	U		
<b>STARLINGS</b>					
European Starling	C	C	C	C	
<b>WAXWINGS</b>					
Cedar Waxwing	C	C	C	U	
<b>OLD WORLD SPARROWS</b>					
House Sparrow	U	U	U	U	
<b>PIPITS</b>					
American Pipit	U		C		

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<b>FINCHES</b>					
House Finch	U	U	U	U	
Purple Finch	U		U	U	
Common Redpoll	O		O	O	
Red Crossbill	O		O		
Pine Siskin	O		O	O	
American Goldfinch	C	C	C		
<b>LONGSPURS, SNOW BUNTINGS</b>					
Lapland Longspur	U		U		
Snow Bunting	C		C	C	
<b>TOWHEES, SPARROWS</b>					
Grasshopper Sparrow	O	O	O		
Lark Sparrow	O	O	O		
Chipping Sparrow	C	C	C		
Clay-colored Sparrow	O	O	O		
Field Sparrow	U	U	U		
Fox Sparrow	C		C		
American Tree Sparrow	C		C	C	
Dark-eyed Junco	C		C	C	
White-crowned Sparrow	U		U		
Harris's Sparrow	C		C		
White-throated Sparrow	C		C		
Vesper Sparrow	C	C	C		
LeConte's Sparrow			U		
Savannah Sparrow	C	C	C		
Song Sparrow	C	C	C		
Lincoln's Sparrow	U		U		
Swamp Sparrow	C	U	C		
Eastern Towhee	U		U		

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<b>BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES</b>					
Yellow-headed Blackbird	U	U	U		
Bobolink	C	C	C		
Western Meadowlark	C	C	C		
Orchard Oriole	U	U			
Baltimore Oriole	C	C	C		
Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	C		
Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	C		
Rusty Blackbird	C		C		
Common Grackle	C	C	C		
<b>WARBLERS</b>					
Ovenbird	U	U	U		
Northern Waterthrush	U		U		
Golden-winged Warbler	O		O		
Black-and-white Warbler	C		C		
Tennessee Warbler	C		C		
Orange-crowned Warbler	U		U		
Nashville Warbler	C		C		
Connecticut Warbler	O		O		
Mourning Warbler	U		U		
Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C		
American Redstart	U	U	U		
Northern Parula	U		U		
Magnolia Warbler	U		U		
Bay-breasted Warbler	O		O		
Blackburnian Warbler	U		U		
Yellow Warbler	C	C	C		
Chestnut-sided Warbler	C		U		
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		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>TANAGERS, CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS</b>					
Scarlet Tanager	O	O	O		
Northern Cardinal	O	O	O	O	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	C	C	C		
Indigo Bunting	C	C	C		
Dickcissel	O	O			

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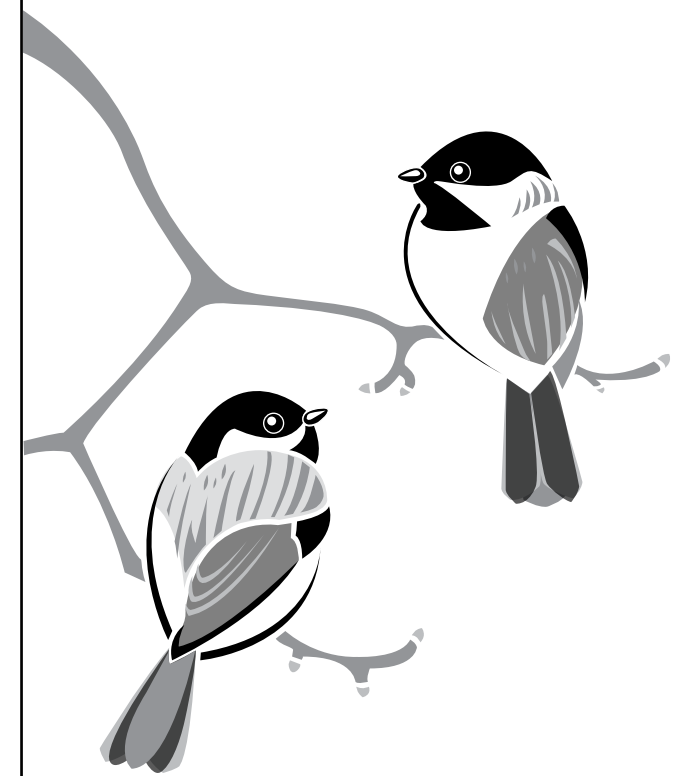
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# BIRD CHECKLIST

## SPLIT ROCK CREEK STATE PARK



## Birding at Split Rock Creek State Park

This park is a birding “island” in a sea of agriculture. Split Rock Lake is the only sizable lake in this area and attracts great numbers of waterfowl. The woodlands, which are also scarce in this area, are attractive to many migratory species such as sparrows, warblers and flycatchers. Upland sandpipers, western meadowlarks and numerous sparrow species have been found nesting in the grassland and agricultural land to the south and west of the lake. The cattail marsh at the north end of the lake is a good place to view marsh wrens.

### 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>					
Snow Goose	U		U		
Ross's Goose	O		O		
Greater White-fronted Goose	O				
Cackling Goose	U		U		
Canada Goose	C	C	C	O	
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		
Northern Pintail	U		U		
Green-winged Teal	U		U		
Canvasback	U		U		
Redhead	U		U		
Ring-necked Duck	U		U		
Lesser Scaup	U		U		
Bufflehead	U		U		
Common Goldeneye	U		U		
Hooded Merganser	U				
Common Merganser	U		U		
Red-breasted Merganser	U		U		
Ruddy Duck	U		U		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>PARTRIDGE, PHEASANTS, GROUSE, TURKEYS</b>					
Gray Partridge	U	U	U	U	
Ring-necked Pheasant	C	C	C	C	

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>GREBES</b>					
Pied-billed Grebe	U	U	U		
Horned Grebe	O		O		
Red-necked Grebe	O		O		
Eared Grebe	O		O		
Western Grebe	O		O		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>PIGEONS AND DOVES</b>					
Rock Pigeon	C	C	C	C	
Eurasian Collared Dove				R	
Mourning Dove	C	C	C		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>CUCKOOS</b>					
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	O	O	O		
Black-billed Cuckoo	O	O	O		
<b>NIGHTJARS</b>					
Common Nighthawk	U		U		
<b>SWIFTS</b>					
Chimney Swift	C	C	C		
<b>HUMMINGBIRDS</b>					
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	U		U		
<b>RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS</b>					
Virginia Rail	U	U	U		
Sora	U	U	U		
American Coot	C	C	C		
<b>PLOVERS</b>					
Killdeer	C	C	C		
<b>SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES</b>					
Upland Sandpiper	O	O			
Hudsonian Godwit	O				
Baird's Sandpiper	O		O		
Least Sandpiper	U	U	U		
Pectoral Sandpiper	U		U		
American Woodcock	O		O		
Wilson's Snipe	C		C		
Spotted Sandpiper	C	C	C		
Solitary Sandpiper	U	O	U		
Lesser Yellowlegs	U	U	U		
Willet	O	O			
Greater Yellowlegs	U				

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>GULLS, TERNS</b>					
Bonaparte's Gull	O		O		
Franklin's Gull	U		C		
Ring-billed Gull	C		C		
California Gull	R				
Black Tern	U		U		
Common Tern		R			
Forster's Tern	O		O		

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

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<b>CORMORANTS</b>					
Double-crested Cormorant	U		U		
<b>PELICANS</b>					
American White Pelican	U		U		
<b>BITTERNS, HERONS, EGRETS, NIGHT-HERONS</b>					
American Bittern	O		O		
Great Blue Heron	C	C	C		
Great Egret	U	O	U		
Green Heron	U	U	U		
Black-crowned Night-heron	O	O	O		
<b>NEW WORLD VULTURES</b>					
Turkey Vulture	U		U		
<b>OSPREY</b>					
Osprey	O		O		
<b>KITES, HAWKS, EAGLES</b>					
Northern Harrier	U		U		
Sharp-shinned Hawk	U		U		
Cooper's Hawk	U		U		
Bald Eagle	U		U		
Broad-winged Hawk	U		U		
Swainson's Hawk	U		U		
Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	U	
Rough-legged Hawk	U		U	U	
<b>TYPICAL OWLS</b>					
Eastern Screech Owl	O	O	O	O	
Great Horned Owl	U	U	U	U	
Barred Owl	U		U	U	
Short-eared Owl	O		O		

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<b>KINGFISHERS</b>					
Belted Kingfisher	C	C	C		
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>					
Red-headed Woodpecker	U	U	U		
Red-bellied Woodpecker	U	U	U	U	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	U		U		
Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Hairy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Northern Flicker	C	C	C	O	

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<b>FALCONS</b>					
American Kestrel	C	C	C	U	
Prairie Falcon			R		
<b>FLYCATCHERS</b>					
Great Crested Flycatcher	U	U	U		
Eastern Kingbird	C	C	C		
Eastern Wood-Pewee	C	C	C		
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	O		O		
Willow Flycatcher	U	U	U		
Least Flycatcher	C	C	C		
Eastern Phoebe	C	C	C		
<b>SHRIKES</b>					
Loggerhead Shrike	O		O		
Northern Shrike	O		O	O	
<b>VIREOS</b>					
Yellow-throated Vireo	O		O		
Blue-headed Vireo	U		U		
Philadelphia Vireo	O		O		
Warbling Vireo	C	C	C		
Red-eyed Vireo	C	U	C		
<b>JAYS, MAGPIES, CROWS, RAVENS</b>					
Blue Jay	C	C	C	C	
American Crow	C	C	C	C	
<b>LARKS</b>					
Horned Lark	C	U	C	U	
<b>MARTINS, SWALLOWS</b>					
Bank Swallow	U	U	U		
Tree Swallow	C	C	C		
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	C	C	C		
Purple Martin	U	U	U		
Barn Swallow	C	C	C		
Cliff Swallow	C	C	C		
<b>CHICKADEES, TITMICE</b>					
Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C	
<b>NUTHATCHES</b>					
Red-breasted Nuthatch			O		
White-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C	