

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
STARLINGS					
European Starling	O	O	O	O	
WAXWINGS					
Bohemian Waxwing	U		U	U	
Cedar Waxwing	C	C	C	U	
PIPITS					
American Pipit			U		
FINCHES					
Evening Grosbeak	O		O	O	
Pine Grosbeak	U		U	U	
Purple Finch	C	O	C	U	
Common Redpoll	U		U	U	
Hoary Redpoll	O			O	
Pine Siskin	U	O	U	U	
American Goldfinch	C	C	C		
LONGSPURS, SNOW BUNTINGS					
Lapland Longspur	U		U		
Snow Bunting			C		
TOWHEES, SPARROWS					
Lark Bunting		R	R		
Chipping Sparrow	C	C	C		
Clay-colored Sparrow	U	U	U		
Fox Sparrow	U		U		
American Tree Sparrow	C		C		
Dark-eyed Junco	C		C	U	
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	C	C	C		
BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES					
Bobolink	O		O		
Eastern Meadowlark	O		O		
Red-winged Blackbird	U	U	U		
Brown-headed Cowbird	U	U	U		
Common Grackle	U	U	U		

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WARBLERS					
Ovenbird	C	C	C		
Golden-winged Warbler	O		O		
Black-and-white Warbler	C	C	C		
Tennessee Warbler	U		U		
Nashville Warbler	C	U	C		
Mourning Warbler	C	C	C		
Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C		
American Redstart	C	C	C		
Cape May Warbler	U		U		
Northern Parula	U	U	U		
Magnolia Warbler	C	C	C		
Bay-breasted Warbler	U		U		
Blackburnian Warbler	U	U	U		
Yellow Warbler	U	O	U		
Chestnut-sided Warbler	C	C	C		
Blackpoll Warbler	U		U		
Palm Warbler	U		U		
Yellow-rumped Warbler	C	C	C		
Black-throated Green Warbler	C	C	C		
Canada Warbler	U	U	U		
Wilson's Warbler	U		U		
TANAGERS, CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS					
Scarlet Tanager	U	U	U		
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	C	C	C		
Indigo Bunting	U	U	U		

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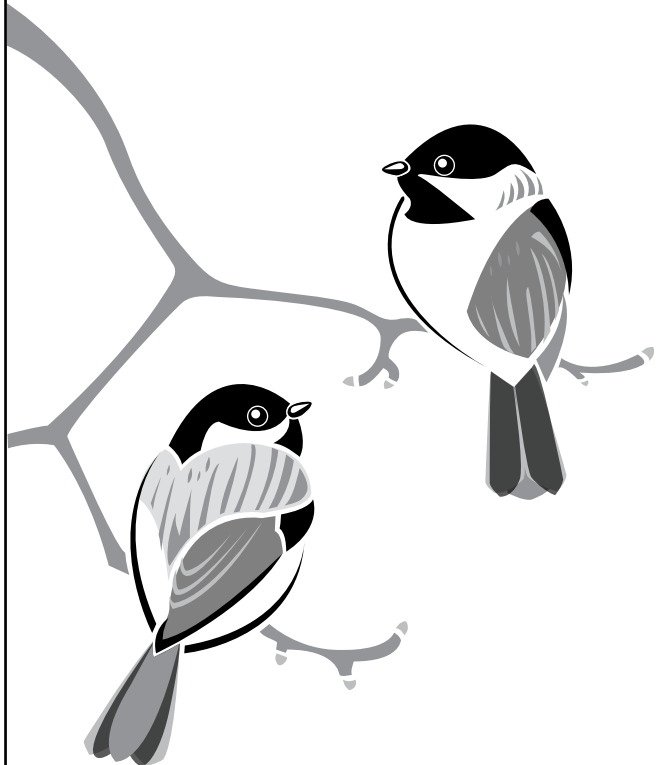
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BIRD CHECKLIST

SPLIT ROCK LIGHTHOUSE STATE PARK



Birding at Split Rock Lighthouse State Park

This park offers over 2,000 acres of mixed boreal and hardwood forests, along with a well-known lighthouse, on the North Shore of Lake Superior. The shore of Lake Superior is a natural migration route for spring and fall migrants including hawks, warblers, vireos, thrushes, American pipits, Lapland longspurs and snow buntings. Horned and red-necked grebes, along with common loons, gather at the mouth of the Split Rock River in April to feed. The boreal woodlands are the summer home of more than 20 species of warblers. In winter, flocks of bohemian waxwings, common redpolls and an occasional hoary redpoll are seen.

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	U		U		
Blue-winged Teal	U		U		
Mallard	U		U		
Green-winged Teal	U		U		
Common Goldeneye	U		U		
Common Merganser	U	U	U		
Red-breasted Merganser	U	U	U		
PARTRIDGE, PHEASANTS, GROUSE, TURKEYS					
Ruffed Grouse	C	C	C	C	
GREBES					
Pied-billed Grebe	U		U		
Horned Grebe	C		U		
Red-necked Grebe	C		U		
PIGEONS, DOVES					
Rock Pigeon	O	O	O		
Mourning Dove	U	U	U		
NIGHTJARS					
Common Nighthawk	U		U		
SWIFTS					
Chimney Swift	U	U	U		
HUMMINGBIRDS					
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	C	C	C		
PLOVERS					
Killdeer	C	C	C		
SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES					
American Woodcock	U	U	U		
Spotted Sandpiper	C	C	C		
Greater Yellowlegs	O		O		
GULLS, TERNS					
Ring-billed Gull	C	C	C		
Herring Gull	C	C	C	U	
LOONS					
Common Loon	C	C	C		
CORMORANTS					
Double-crested Cormorant	U		U		
NEW WORLD VULTURES					
Turkey Vulture	U	U	U		

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OSPREY					
Osprey	U	U	U		
KITES, HAWKS, EAGLES					
Sharp-shinned Hawk	U		U		
Bald Eagle	U	U	U	U	
Broad-winged Hawk	U	U	C		
Rough-legged Hawk	U		U	O	
TYPICAL OWLS					
Great Gray Owl				O	
Short-eared Owl			R		
Northern Saw-whet Owl	O		O		
KINGFISHERS					
Belted Kingfisher	C	C	C		
WOODPECKERS					
Red-headed Woodpecker	O				
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	C	C	C		
Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Hairy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Northern Flicker	C	C	C		
Pileated Woodpecker	U	U	U	U	
FALCONS					
American Kestrel	U	U	U		
Merlin	U	U			
Peregrine Falcon	O	O	O		
FLYCATCHERS					
Great Crested Flycatcher	O	O	O		
Eastern Kingbird	U	U	U		
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	R				
Eastern Wood-Pewee	C	C	C		
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	O		O		
Alder Flycatcher	U	U	U		
Least Flycatcher	C	C	C		
Eastern Phoebe	C	C	C		
SHRIKES					
Northern Shrike	U		U	U	

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VIREOS					
Philadelphia Vireo	U	O	U		
Warbling Vireo	O	O	O		
Red-eyed Vireo	C	C	C		
JAYS, MAGPIES, CROWS, RAVENS					
Blue Jay	C	C	C	C	
American Crow	C	C	C	C	
Common Raven	C	C	C	C	
LARKS					
Horned Lark	U		C		
MARTINS, SWALLOWS					
Bank Swallow	O	O	O		
Tree Swallow	O	O	O		
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	O	O	O		
CHICKADEES, TITMICE					
Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C	
NUTHATCHES					
Red-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C	
White-breasted Nuthatch	O	O	O		
CREEPERS					
Brown Creeper	U	U	U		
WRENS					
House Wren	U	U	U		
Winter Wren	U	U	U		
Sedge Wren	O	O	O		
KINGLETS					
Golden-crowned Kinglet	C	U	C		
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C	U	C		
THRUSHES					
Eastern Bluebird	U	U	U		
Veery	C	C	U		
Gray-cheeked Thrush	U		U		
Swainson's Thrush	U		U		
Hermit Thrush	C	C	C		
American Robin	C	C	C		
THRASHERS, MOCKINGBIRDS					
Gray Catbird	O	O	O		
Northern Mockingbird	O				