

Birding at Temperance River State Park

Temperance River State Park contains 534 acres, which includes the scenic Temperance River, rocky Lake Superior shoreline and boreal woodlands. Over 20 species of warblers breed within the park boundaries. The black-throated blue warbler can be found along the upper reaches of the river and around Carlton peak. Chestnut-sided, magnolia, yellow-rumped, blackthroated green and black and white warblers are common. Horned and red-necked grebes, common loons, and red-breasted mergansers gather in April at the mouth of the Temperance River to feed. Merlins regularly nest near the campground. In October, flocks of snow buntings, mixed with Lapland longspurs and American pipits can be seen along the roads, trails and shoreline.

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		
American Black Duck	O		O		
Green-winged Teal	U		U		
Long-tailed Duck	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					
Horned Grebe	C		U		
Red-necked Grebe	C		U		
PIGEONS, DOVES					
Mourning Dove	U	U	U		
NIGHTJARS					
Common Nighthawk	U		U		
HUMMINGBIRDS					
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	C	C	C		
PLOVERS					
Killdeer	C	C	C		
SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES					
Spotted Sandpiper	C	C	C		
GULLS, TERNS					
Ring-billed Gull	C	C	C		
Herring Gull	C	C	C	U	
LOONS					
Common Loon	C	U	C		
CORMORANTS					
Double-crested Cormorant	U		U		
NEW WORLD VULTURES					
Turkey Vulture	U	U	U		
KITES, HAWKS, EAGLES					
Bald Eagle	U	U	U	U	
Broad-winged Hawk	U	U	C		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
WOODPECKERS					
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	C	C	C		
Black-backed Woodpecker			R		
Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Hairy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Northern Flicker	C	C	C		
Pileated Woodpecker	U	U	U	U	
FALCONS					
Merlin	U	U			
FLYCATCHERS					
Great Crested Flycatcher	O	O	O		
Olive-sided Flycatcher	U	U	U		
Eastern Wood-Pewee	C	C	C		
Alder Flycatcher	U	U	U		
Least Flycatcher	C	C	C		
Eastern Phoebe	C	C	C		
VIREOS					
Philadelphia Vireo	U	O	U		
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	
MARTINS, SWALLOWS					
Tree 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		

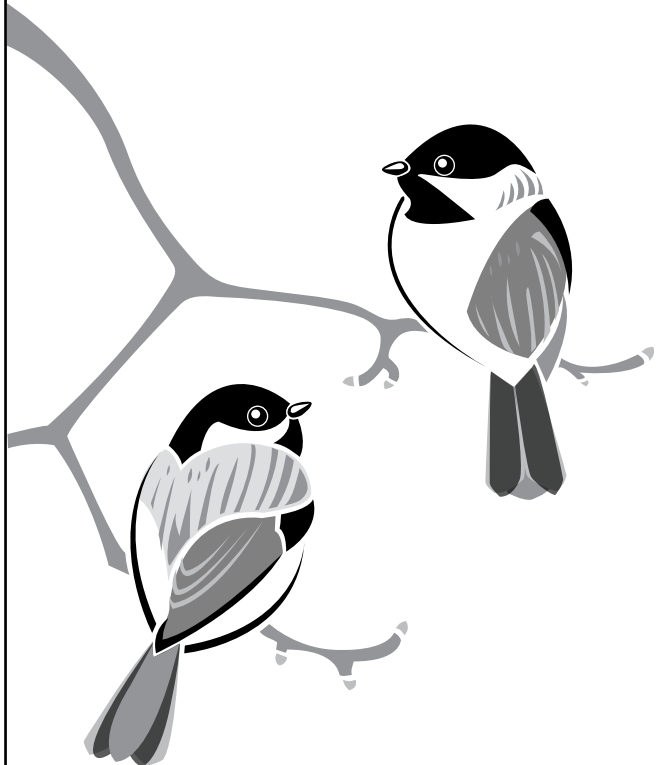
STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
KINGLETS					
Golden-crowned Kinglet	C	U	C		
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C	U	C		
THRUSHES					
Veery	C	C	U		
Swainson's Thrush	U		U		
Hermit Thrush	C	C	C		
Wood Thrush		O			
American Robin	C	C	C		
WAXWINGS					
Bohemian Waxwing	U		U	U	
Cedar Waxwing	C	C	C	U	
PIPITS					
American Pipit			U		
FINCHES					
Purple Finch	C	O	C	U	
Common Redpoll	U		U	U	
Hoary Redpoll	O			O	
White-winged Crossbill			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					
Chipping Sparrow	C	C	C		
Clay-colored Sparrow	U	U	U		
American Tree Sparrow	C		C		
Dark-eyed Junco	C		C	U	
White-crowned Sparrow	U		U		
White-throated Sparrow	C	C	C		
Vesper Sparrow		O	O		
Savannah Sparrow	U	U	U		
Song Sparrow	C	C	C		
Lincoln's Sparrow	U		U		
Swamp Sparrow	U	U	U		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES					
Red-winged Blackbird	U	U	U		
Brewer's Blackbird	O				
Common Grackle	U	U	U		
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		
Connecticut Warbler	O	O	O		
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	O	O	O		
Chestnut-sided Warbler	C	C	C		
Blackpoll Warbler	U		U		
Black-throated Blue Warbler	U	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		

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BIRD CHECKLIST

TEMPERANCE RIVER STATE PARK



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