Birding at Tettegouche State Park

Tettegouche State Park contains more than 8,000 acres with 23 miles of trails, which provide opportunities to observe many of the more than 140 species of birds found here. This park is best known to the birding community for its large population of breeding black-throated blue warblers. These birds can be found along the trails leading to Mic Mac and Tettegouche Lakes. Twenty-three other species of neotropical warblers occur in the park. The trail to Shovel Point overlooking the Lake Superior shoreline is a good spot to observe spring and fall migrants. The mouth of the Baptism River is good for water birds such as grebes, loons, goldeneyes, mergansers and other species of ducks.

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)

<u>Date</u>: 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	о	U		
Trumpeter Swan	U	U	U		
Wood Duck	U	U	U		
Blue-winged Teal	U	о	υ		
Mallard	U	υ	υ		
Green-winged Teal	U		υ		
Ring-necked Duck	U	υ	υ		
Bufflehead	υ		υ		
Common Goldeneye	U	U	U		
, Hooded Merganser	U		υ		
Common Merganser	U	υ	υ		
Red-breasted Merganser	υ	υ	υ		
PARTRIDGE, PHEASANTS, GROUS	E, TI	URK	EYS		
Ruffed Grouse	C	с	С	с	
GREBES					
Pied-billed Grebe	U	0	U		
Horned Grebe	с		υ		
Red-necked Grebe	С		U		
PIGEONS, DOVES					
Rock Pigeon	0	о	0		
Mourning Dove	U	υ	U		
СИСКООЅ					
Black-billed Cuckoo	U	U	U		
NIGHTJARS					
Eastern Whip-poor-will	U	U	U		
HUMMINGBIRDS					
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	С	С	С		
PLOVERS					
Killdeer	U	U	U		
SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES					
Spotted Sandpiper	U	U	U		
Solitary Sandpiper	О		0		
Lesser Yellowlegs	О		0		
GULLS, TERNS					
Ring-billed Gull	С	U	С		
Herring Gull	С	С	С	U	
Caspian Tern		R			

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
LOONS	00	0			
Common Loon	С	С	С		
CORMORANTS					
Double-crested Cormorant	U		U		
PELICANS	_				
American White Pelican	0		0		
BITTERNS, HERONS, EGRETS, N	GHT-	HER	ONS	5	
Great Blue Heron	U	U	U		
NEW WORLD VULTURES					
Turkey Vulture	С	С	С		
OSPREY					
Osprey	U	U	U		
KITES, HAWKS, EAGLES					
Sharp-shinned Hawk	U		U		
Cooper's Hawk	U		U		
Bald Eagle	U	U	U	U	
Broad-winged Hawk	U	U	С		
Red-tailed Hawk	U	U	U		
Rough-legged Hawk	U		U	0	
TYPICAL OWLS					
Snowy Owl			R	R	
Barred Owl	U	U	U	U	
KINGFISHERS					
Belted Kingfisher	U	U	U		
WOODPECKERS					
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	С	С	С		
Downy Woodpecker	С	С	С	С	
Hairy Woodpecker	С	С	С	С	
Northern Flicker	С	С	С		
Pileated Woodpecker	U	U	U	U	
FALCONS					
American Kestrel	U	U	U		
Merlin	U	U			
Peregrine Falcon	0	0	0		

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FLYCATCHERS					
Great Crested Flycatcher	U	U	U		
Eastern Kingbird	U	U	U		
Olive-sided Flycatcher	U	U	U		
Eastern Wood-pewee	С	С	С		
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	U	о	U		
Alder Flycatcher	U	U	U		
Least Flycatcher	С	С	С		
Eastern Phoebe	С	С	С		
VIREOS					
Yellow-throated Vireo	0		0		
Blue-headed Vireo	U		U		
Philadelphia Vireo	U	0	U		
Red-eyed Vireo	С	С	С		
JAYS, MAGPIES, CROWS, RAVENS					
Gray Jay	0	0	0		
Blue Jay	С	С	С	С	
American Crow	С	С	С	С	
Common Raven	С	С	С	С	
LARKS					
Horned Lark	U		С		
MARTINS, SWALLOWS					
Tree Swallow	U	0	U		
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	0	0	0		
Bank Swallow	U	U	U		
Cliff Swallow	0	0	0		
CHICKADEES, TITMICE					
Black-capped Chickadee	С	С	С	С	
NUTHATCHES					
Red-breasted Nuthatch	С	С	С	С	
White-breasted Nuthatch	0	0	0		
CREEPERS	_				
Brown Creeper	U	U	U		
WRENS					
House Wren	U	U	U		
Winter Wren	U	U	U		

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KINGLETS	-		-		
Golden-crowned Kinglet	С	U	С		
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	С	U	С		
THRUSHES	_				
Eastern Bluebird	0	0	0		
Veery	С	С	U		
Swainson's Thrush	U	U	U		
Hermit Thrush	С	С	С		
Wood Thrush	0	0	0		
American Robin	С	С	С	0	
THRASHERS, MOCKINGBIRDS					
Gray Catbird	U	U	U		
STARLINGS					
European Starling	0	0	0	0	
WAXWINGS					
Bohemian Waxwing	U		U	U	
Cedar Waxwing	С	С	С	U	
OLD WORLD SPARROWS					
House Sparrow	U	U	U	U	
PIPITS					
American Pipit			U		
FINCHES					
Evening Grosbeak	0		0	О	
House Finch	U	U	U		
Purple Finch	С	0	С	U	
Common Redpoll	U		U	U	
White-winged Crossbill	0		0	О	
Pine Siskin	U	О	U	U	
American Goldfinch	С	С	С		
LONGSPURS, SNOW BUNTINGS					
Laplund Longspur			С		
Snow Bunting			С		
TOWHEES, SPARROWS	_				
Chipping Sparrow	С	С	С		
Clay-colored Sparrow	U	U	U		
American Tree Sparrow	С		С		
Dark-eyed Junco	С	U	С	0	
, White-crowned Sparrow	U		U		

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TANAGERS, CARDINALS, GROSBE	AKS				
Scarlet Tanager	U	U	U		
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	U	U	U		
Indigo Bunting	U	U	U		

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