

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>GNATCATCHERS</b>					
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	C	C	C		
<b>KINGLETS</b>					
Golden-crowned Kinglet	C		C	U	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C		
<b>THRUSHES</b>					
Eastern Bluebird	C	C	C	O	
Townsend's Solitaire			R		
Veery	U	U	O		
Gray-cheeked Thrush	U		U		
Swainson's Thrush	U		U		
Hermit Thrush	U		U		
Wood Thrush	U	U	U		
American Robin	C	C	C	U	
<b>THRASHERS, MOCKINGBIRDS</b>					
Gray Catbird	C	C	C		
Brown Thrasher	U	U	U	R	
<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	C	C	C	C	
<b>FINCHES</b>					
House Finch	C	C	C	C	
Purple Finch	C		C	C	
Common Redpoll	O		O	O	
Pine Siskin	U		U	U	
American Goldfinch	C	C	C	C	
<b>LONGSPURS, SNOW BUNTINGS</b>					
Snow Bunting	U		O	U	
<b>TOWHEES, SPARROWS</b>					
Eastern Towhee	U	U	U		
American Tree Sparrow	C		C	C	
Chipping Sparrow	C	C	C		
Clay-colored Sparrow	U	U	U		
Field Sparrow	C	C	U		
Vesper Sparrow	C	C	C		

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Savannah Sparrow	C	C	C		
Grasshopper Sparrow	U	U	U		
Henslow's Sparrow	R	R			
Fox Sparrow	C		C	R	
Song Sparrow	C	C	C	O	
Lincoln's Sparrow	U		U		
Swamp Sparrow	C	C	C		
White-throated Sparrow	C		C	O	
Harris's Sparrow	U		U		
White-crowned Sparrow	U		U	R	
Dark-eyed Junco	C		C	C	
<b>BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES</b>					
Bobolink	C	C	C		
Eastern Meadowlark	C	C	C	O	
Orchard Oriole	U	U	O		
Baltimore Oriole	C	C	C		
Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	C	O	
Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	U		
Rusty Blackbird	C		C	O	
Common Grackle	C	C	C	O	
<b>WARBLERS</b>					
Ovenbird	C	C	C		
Louisiana Waterthrush	U	U	U		
Northern Waterthrush	C		U		
Golden-winged Warbler	U	U	O		
Blue-winged Warbler	U	U	O		
Black-and-white Warbler	C		C		
Prothonotary Warbler	U	U	O		
Tennessee Warbler	C		C		
Orange-crowned Warbler	U		U		
Nashville Warbler	C		C		
Conneticut Warbler	U		O		
Mourning Warbler	U		U		
Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C		
American Redstart	C	C	C		
Cape May Warbler	U		U		
Cerulean Warbler	U	O	O		
Northern Parula	U		U		

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Magnolia Warbler	U		U		
Bay-breasted Warbler	U		U		
Blackburnian Warbler	U		U		
Yellow Warbler	C	C	C		
Chestnut-sided Warbler	C		C		
Blackpoll Warbler	U		U		
Palm Warbler	C		C		
Pine Warbler	U		U		
Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		C	R	
Yellow-throated Warbler	O	O			
Black-throated Green Warbler	U		U		
Canada Warbler	U		U		
Wilson's Warbler	U		U		
<b>TANAGERS, CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS</b>					
Scarlet Tanager	U	U	U		
Northern Cardinal	C	C	C	C	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	C	C	C		
Indigo Bunting	C	C	C		

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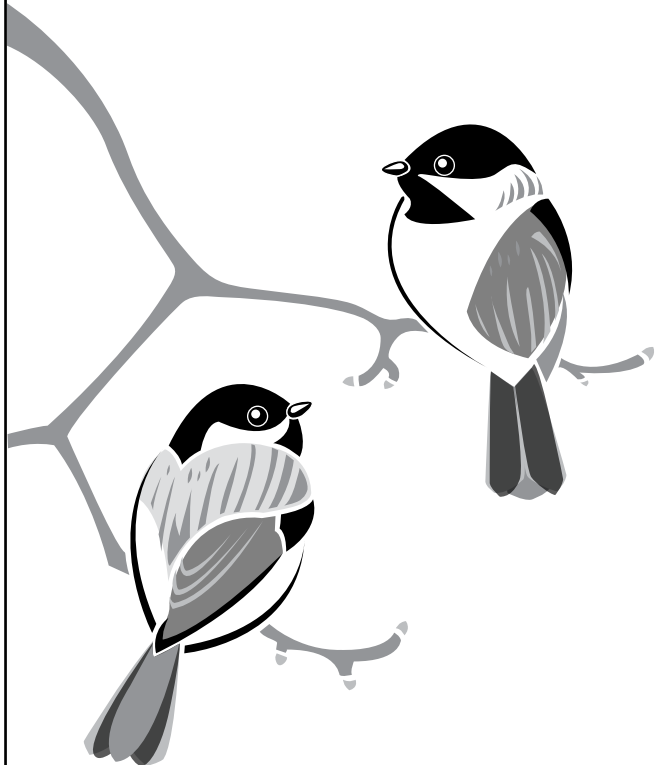
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# BIRD CHECKLIST

## WHITEWATER STATE PARK



## Birding at Whitewater State Park

The park's diverse habitat includes towering bluffs, woodlands, marshes, riparian and other wetlands that make it a popular birding destination. The Whitewater Wildlife Management Area surrounds the park and provides further habitat for birds.

Watch for migrating warblers and vireos in the spring. Hike bluff trails to view raptors such as hawks and eagles. The woodlands along the Whitewater River and the bottomlands of the nearby Mississippi River also provide excellent birding opportunities.

### 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.)

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<b>GEESE, SWANS, DUCKS</b>					
Canada Goose	C	C	C	C	
Tundra Swan	U		U		
Wood Duck	C	C	C	O	
Blue-winged Teal	C	C	C		
Mallard	C	C	C	C	
Hooded Merganser	U	U	U	U	
<b>PARTRIDGE, PHEASANTS, GROUSE, TURKEYS</b>					
Ring-necked Pheasant	C	C	C	C	
Ruffed Grouse	C	C	C	C	
Wild Turkey	C	C	C	C	
<b>GREBES</b>					
Pied-billed Grebe	O	O			
<b>PIGEONS, DOVES</b>					
Rock Pigeon	C	C	C	C	
Mourning Dove	C	C	C	U	
<b>CUCKOOS</b>					
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	U	U	U		
Black-billed Cuckoo	U	U	U		
<b>NIGHTJARS</b>					
Common Nighthawk	C	C	C		
Eastern Whip-poor-will	U	U			
<b>SWIFTS</b>					
Chimney Swift	C	C	C		
<b>HUMMINGBIRDS</b>					
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	C	U	U		
<b>CRANES</b>					
Sandhill Crane	U	R	U		
<b>PLOVERS</b>					
Killdeer	C	C	C	O	
<b>SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES</b>					
American Woodcock	U	U	U		
Wilson's Snipe	U	U	U		
Spotted Sandpiper	C	C	C		
<b>BITTERNS, HERONS, EGRETS, NIGHT-HERONS</b>					
Great Blue Heron	C	C	C		
Great Egret	U	U	U		
Green Heron	C	C	C		

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<b>NEW WORLD VULTURES</b>					
Turkey Vulture	C	C	C		
<b>OSPREY</b>					
Osprey	U	U	U		
<b>KITES, HAWKS, EAGLES</b>					
Golden Eagle	O		O	O	
Northern Harrier	U	U	U	O	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	U		U	O	
Cooper's Hawk	U	U	U	O	
Bald Eagle	C	U	C	U	
Red-shouldered Hawk	U	U	U	U	
Broad-winged Hawk	C	U	C		
Swainson's Hawk	O		O		
Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	C	
Rough-legged Hawk	U		U	U	
<b>TYPICAL OWLS</b>					
Eastern Screech Owl	U	U	U	U	
Great Horned Owl	U	U	U	U	
Barred Owl	U	U	U	U	
Northern Saw-whet Owl	O		O	O	
<b>KINGFISHERS</b>					
Belted Kingfisher	C	C	C	U	
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>					
Red-headed Woodpecker	U	U	U	O	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	C	U	C		
Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Hairy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Northern Flicker	C	C	C	O	
Pileated Woodpecker	U	U	U	U	
<b>FALCONS</b>					
American Kestrel	C	C	C	U	
Peregrine Falcon	U	U	U		
<b>FLYCATCHERS</b>					
Great Crested Flycatcher	C	C	C		
Eastern Kingbird	C	C	C		
Olive-sided Flycatcher	U		U		
Eastern Wood-pewee	C	C	C		

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Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	U		U		
Acadian Flycatcher	U	U	O		
Willow Flycatcher	U	U	U		
Least Flycatcher	C	C	C		
Eastern Phoebe	C	C	C		
<b>SHRIKES</b>					
Northern Shrike	U		U	U	
<b>VIREOS</b>					
Bell's Vireo	O	O			
Yellow-throated Vireo	C	U	U		
Blue-headed Vireo	U		U		
Philadelphia Vireo	U		U		
Warbling Vireo	C	C	C		
Red-eyed Vireo	C	C	C		
<b>JAYS, MAGPIES, CROWS, RAVENS</b>					
Blue Jay	C	C	C	C	
American Crow	C	C	C	C	
<b>LARKS</b>					
Horned Lark	U		U	O	
<b>MARTINS, SWALLOWS</b>					
Purple Martin	O	O			
Tree Swallow	C	C	C		
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	C	C	C		
Bank Swallow	C	C	C		
Cliff Swallow	C	C	C		
Barn Swallow	C	C	C		
<b>CHICKADEES, TITMICE</b>					
Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C	
Tufted Titmouse	O	O		O	
<b>NUTHATCHES</b>					
Red-breasted Nuthatch	U		U	O	
White-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C	
<b>CREEPERS</b>					
Brown Creeper	U		U	U	
<b>WRENS</b>					
House Wren	C	C	C		
Winter Wren	U	O	U	R	