

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
WRENS					
House Wren	C	C	C		
Winter Wren	U		U		
Sedge Wren	C	C	U		
Marsh Wren	C	C	C		
GNATCATCHERS					
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	C	C	C		
KINGLETS					
Golden-crowned Kinglet	C		C	U	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C		
THRUSHES					
Eastern Bluebird	C	C	C		
Veery	U	U	U		
Gray-cheeked Thrush	O		O		
Swainson's Thrush	U		U		
Hermit Thrush	U		U		
Wood Thrush	U	U	U		
American Robin	C	C	C	O	
THRASHERS, MOCKINGBIRDS					
Gray Catbird	C	C	C		
Brown Thrasher	U	U	U		
Northern Mockingbird		R			
STARLINGS					
European Starling	C	U	U	U	
WAXWINGS					
Bohemian Waxwing			O	O	
Cedar Waxwing	C	C	C	U	
OLD WORLD SPARROWS					
House Sparrow	C	C	C	C	
PIPITS					
American Pipit	O		O		
FINCHES					
Evening Grosbeak	O		O	O	
Pine Grosbeak				O	
House Finch	C	C	C	C	
Purple Finch	C		C	C	
Common Redpoll	O		O	O	
Hoary Redpoll			O	O	

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Red Crossbill			O	O	
Pine Siskin	U		U	U	
American Goldfinch	C	C	C	C	
LONGSPURS, SNOW BUNTINGS					
Snow Bunting			O	O	
TOWHEES, SPARROWS					
Eastern Towhee	C	C	C		
American Tree Sparrow	C		C	C	
Chipping Sparrow	C	C	C		
Clay-colored Sparrow	C	C	C		
Field Sparrow	C	C	C		
Vesper Sparrow	C	C	C		
Savannah Sparrow	C	C	C		
Grasshopper Sparrow	O	O			
Henslow's Sparrow	O	O			
Fox Sparrow	C		C		
Song Sparrow	C	C	C		
Lincoln's Sparrow	C		C		
Swamp Sparrow	C	C	C		
White-throated Sparrow	C		C		
Harris's Sparrow	U		U		
White-crowned Sparrow	U		U		
Dark-eyed Junco	C		C	C	
CHATS					
Yellow-breasted Chat		R			
BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES					
Yellow-headed Blackbird	O	O	O		
Bobolink	O	O	O		
Eastern Meadowlark	C	C	C		
Western Meadowlark	O	O	O		
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		
Brewer's Blackbird	O		O		
Common Grackle	C	C	C		

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WARBLERS					
Ovenbird	C	C	C		
Louisiana Waterthrush	U	O			
Northern Waterthrush	U		U		
Golden-winged Warbler	U	U	U		
Blue-winged Warbler	U	U	U		
Black-and-white Warbler	C	R	C		
Prothonotary Warbler	U	U	O		
Tennessee Warbler	C		C		
Orange-crowned Warbler	U		U		
Nashville Warbler	C		C		
Connecticut Warbler	U		O		
Mourning Warbler	U	O	U		
Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C		
Hooded Warbler	R	O			
American Redstart	C	C	C		
Cape May Warbler	U		U		
Cerulean Warbler	O	O			
Northern Parula	U		U		
Magnolia Warbler	U		U		
Bay-breasted Warbler	U		U		
Blackburnian Warbler	U		U		
Yellow Warbler	C	C	C		
Chestnut-sided Warbler	C	U	U		
Blackpoll Warbler	U		U		
Palm Warbler	C		C		
Pine Warbler	U	R	U		
Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		C		
Yellow-throated Warbler		O	O		
Black-throated Green Warbler	U		U		
Canada Warbler	U		U		
Wilson's Warbler	U		U		
TANAGERS, CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS					
Scarlet Tanager	U	U	U		
Northern Cardinal	C	C	C	C	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	C	C	C		
Indigo Bunting	C	C	C		
Dickcissel		O			

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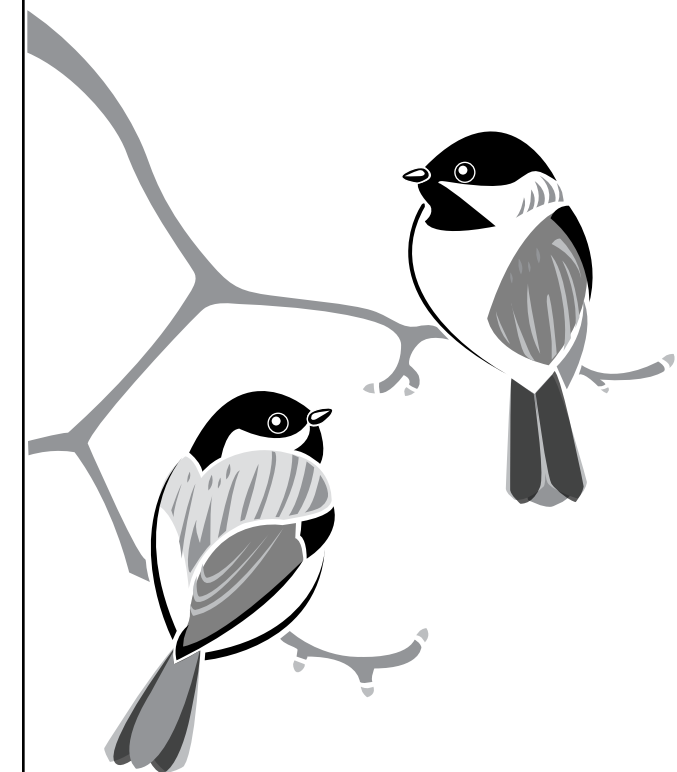
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STATE PARKS AND TRAILS

BIRD CHECKLIST

WILLIAM O'BRIEN STATE PARK



Birding at William O'Brien State Park

Located along the St. Croix River, the park offers diverse habitat and a natural migration route for birds. Search the woodlands for wild turkeys, ruffed grouse and wood thrushes. Watch for eastern towhees or golden-winged and blue-winged warblers in edge habitat.

Grasslands attract eastern bluebirds, eastern meadowlarks and sparrows. Marshes and ponds are home to species such as swamp sparrows, marsh wrens, great egrets and wood ducks. Red-shouldered hawks and prothonotary warblers may also be spotted in the forest near the river.

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					
Snow Goose	O		O		
Canada Goose	C	C	C	U	
Trumpeter Swan	U	U	U	O	
Tundra Swan	O		O		
Wood Duck	C	C	C		
Blue-winged Teal	C	C	C		
Northern Shoveler	O		O		
Gadwall	O		O		
American Wigeon	O		O		
Mallard	C	C	C		
Green-winged Teal	O		O		
Canvasback	O		O		
Redhead	O		O		
Ring-necked Duck	O		O		
Lesser Scaup	O		O		
Bufflehead	O		O		
Common Goldeneye	O		O		
Hooded Merganser	U	U	U		
Common Merganser	U		U		
Red-breasted Merganser	O		O		
Ruddy Duck	O		O		

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PARTRIDGE, PHEASANTS, GROUSE, TURKEYS					
Ring-necked Pheasant	C	C	C	C	
Ruffed Grouse	U	U	U	U	
Wild Turkey	C	C	C	C	

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
GREBES					
Pied-billed Grebe	O	O			

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PIGEONS, DOVES					
Rock Pigeon	U	U	U	U	
Mourning Dove	C	C	C	O	

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CUCKOOS					
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	U	U	O		
Black-billed Cuckoo	U	U	U		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
NIGHTJARS					
Common Nighthawk	U	U	U		
Eastern Whip-poor-will	O		R		

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SWIFTS					
Chimney Swift	U	U	U		
HUMMINGBIRDS					
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	C	U	C		
RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS					
Virginia Rail	O	O	O		
Sora	U	U	U		
American Coot	O	O	O		
CRANES					
Sandhill Crane	C	U	U		
PLOVERS					
Killdeer	C	C	C		
SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES					
Least Sandpiper	O		O		
Pectoral Sandpiper	O		O		
Semipalmated Sandpiper	O		O		
American Woodcock	U	O	U		
Wilson's Snipe	U	U	U		
Spotted Sandpiper	U		U		
Solitary Sandpiper	O		O		
Lesser Yellowlegs	O		O		
Greater Yellowlegs	O		O		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
GULLS, TERNS					
Bonaparte's Gull	O		O		
Ring-billed Gull	O		O		
Herring Gull	O		O		
Caspian Tern	O		O		
Black Tern	O	O	O		
Common Tern	O		O		
Forster's Tern	O		O		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
LOONS					
Common Loon	O	O	O		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
CORMORANTS					
Double-crested Cormorant	O				

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BITTERNS, HERONS, EGRETS, NIGHT-HERONS					
American Bittern	O	R			
Great Blue Heron	C	C	C		
Great Egret	U	O	U		

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Green Heron	U	U	U		
Black-crowned Night-heron	O	O	O		
NEW WORLD VULTURES					
Turkey Vulture	C	C	C		
OSPREY					
Osprey	U	U	U		
KITES, HAWKS, EAGLES					
Northern Harrier	U	U	U		
Sharp-shinned Hawk	U		U		
Cooper's Hawk	U	U	U		
Northern Goshawk			O	O	
Bald Eagle	C	C	C	U	
Red-shouldered Hawk	C	C	C		
Broad-winged Hawk	U	U	U		
Swainson's Hawk	O				
Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	U	
Rough-legged Hawk	U		U	U	
TYPICAL OWLS					
Eastern Screech Owl	U	U	U	U	
Great Horned Owl	U	U	U	U	
Barred Owl	U	U	U	U	
Long-eared Owl	O		O	O	
Northern Saw-whet Owl	O				

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KINGFISHERS					
Belted Kingfisher	C	C	C		

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WOODPECKERS					
Red-headed Woodpecker	U	U	U		
Red-bellied Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	C	C	C		
Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Hairy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Northern Flicker	C	C	C	O	
Pileated Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
FALCONS					
American Kestrel	C	C	C	U	
Merlin	O	R	O		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
FLYCATCHERS					
Great Crested Flycatcher	C	C	C		

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Eastern Kingbird	C	C	C		
Olive-sided Flycatcher	U	R	U		
Eastern Wood-pewee	C	C	C		
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	O		O		
Alder Flycatcher	U	O	U		
Willow Flycatcher	U	U	U		
Least Flycatcher	C	C	C		
Eastern Phoebe	C	C	C		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
SHRIKES					
Northern Shrike	O		O	O	

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VIREOS					
Yellow-throated Vireo	C	U	U		
Blue-headed Vireo	U	R	U		
Philadelphia Vireo	U		U		
Warbling Vireo	C	C	C		
Red-eyed Vireo	C	C	C		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
JAYS, MAGPIES, CROWS, RAVENS					
Blue Jay	C	C	C	C	
American Crow	C	C	C	C	
Common Raven	O		O	O	

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
LARKS					
Horned Lark	O		O		

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MARTINS, SWALLOWS					
Purple Martin	U	U	U		
Tree Swallow	C	C	C		
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	U	U	U		
Bank Swallow	U	U	U		
Cliff Swallow	U	U	C		
Barn Swallow	C	C	C		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
CHICKADEES, TITMICE					
Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C	
Tufted Titmouse	O	R	O		

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NUTHATCHES					
Red-breasted Nuthatch	U	O	U	O	
White-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C	

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
CREEPERS					
Brown Creeper	U		U		