

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
CHICKADEES, TITMICE					
Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C	
Tufted Titmouse	O	O	O		
NUTHATCHES					
Red-breasted Nuthatch	U	U	U	U	
White-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C	
CREEPERS					
Brown Creeper	U	O	U	O	
WRENS					
House Wren	C	C	C		
Winter Wren	U		U		
Sedge Wren	C	C	U		
Marsh Wren	R	R			
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	O	
Townsend's Solitaire	R		O	O	
Veery	U	U	U		
Gray-cheeked Thrush	U		U		
Swainson’s Thrush	U	R	U		
Hermit Thrush	C		C	R	
Wood Thrush	U	U	U		
American Robin	C	C	C	O	
THRASHERS, MOCKINGBIRDS					
Gray Catbird	C	C	C	C	
Brown Thrasher	U	U	U		
STARLINGS					
European Starling	C	C	C	C	
WAXWINGS					
Cedar Waxwing	C	C	C	U	
OLD WORLD SPARROWS					
House Sparrow	C	C	C	C	

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FINCHES					
Pine Grosbeak				O	
House Finch	C	C	C	C	
Purple Finch	U	U	U	O	
Common Redpoll	O		O	O	
Red Crossbill	O		O	O	
White-winged Crossbill				O	
Pine Siskin	C		C	U	
American Goldfinch	C	C	C	C	
LONGSPURS, SNOW BUNTINGS					
Snow Bunting			U	R	
TOWHEES, SPARROWS					
Grasshopper Sparrow	U	U	O		
Lark Sparrow	O	U	R		
Chipping Sparrow	C	C	C		
Clay-colored Sparrow	U	U	U		
Field Sparrow	C	C	C		
Fox Sparrow	C		C		
American Tree Sparrow	C		C	C	
Dark-eyed Junco	C		C	C	
White-crowned Sparrow	U	R	U		
Harris’s Sparrow	U		U		
White-throated Sparrow	C		C		
Vesper Sparrow	C	C	C		
Henslow's Sparrow	U	U	O		
Savannah Sparrow	C	C	C		
Song Sparrow	C	C	C		
Lincoln’s Sparrow	C		C		
Swamp Sparrow	U	U	U		
Eastern Towhee	U	U	U		
CHATS					
Yellow-breasted Chat	R	R			
BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES					
Bobolink	C	C	C		
Eastern Meadowlark	C	C	C		
Western Meadowlark	O	O			
Orchard Oriole	U	U			

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
Baltimore Oriole	C	C	C		
Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	C		
Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	C		
Brewer's Blackbird	R	R	R		
Common Grackle	C	C	C		
WARBLERS					
Ovenbird	C	C	C		
Lousiana Waterthrush	O				
Northern Waterthrush	C		U		
Golden-winged Warbler	U		O		
Blue-winged Warbler	U	C	O		
Black-and-white Warbler	C	O	C		
Prothonatary Warbler	U	U	U		
Tennessee Warbler	C		C		
Orange-crowned Warbler	U		U		
Nashville Warbler	C	R	C		
Connecticut Warbler	U		U		
Mourning Warbler	U	R	U		
Kentucky Warbler	O	O			
Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C		
Hooded Warbler	O	O	O		
American Redstart	C	C	C		
Cape May Warbler	U		U		
Cerulean Warbler	O	R	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	C	C		
Blackpoll Warbler	U		U		
Black-throated Blue Warbler	R		R		
Palm Warbler	C		C		
Pine Warbler	U	O	U		
Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		C		
Black-throated Green Warbler	U		U		
Canada Warbler	U	R	U		
Wilson’s Warbler	U		U		


STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
TANAGERS, CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS					
Summer Tanager	O	O	R		
Scarlet Tanager	U	U	U		
Western Tanager	R				
Northern Cardinal	C	C	C	C	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	C	C	C		
Indigo Bunting	C	C	C		
Dickcissel	O	O	O		

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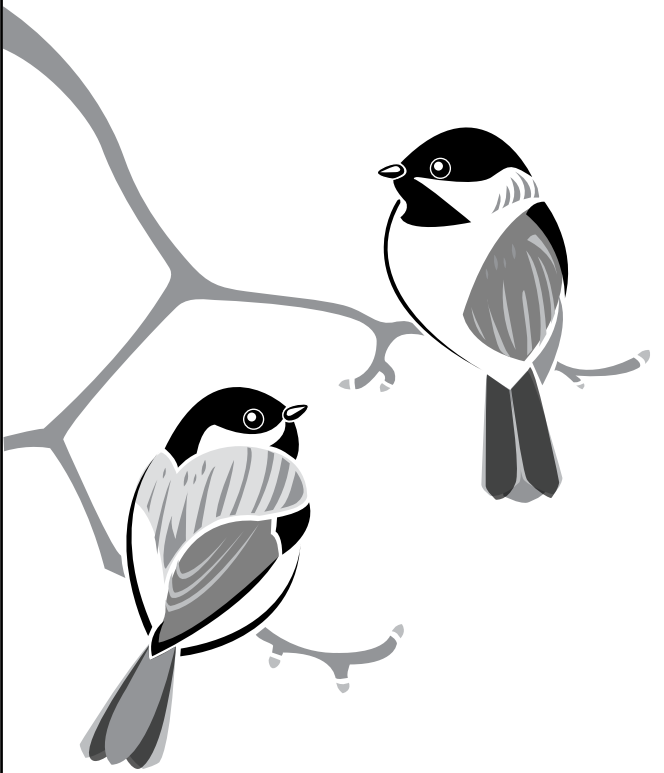
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# BIRD CHECKLIST

## AFTON STATE PARK



Birding at Afton State Park

Head down the bike trail from the visitor center for a chance to observe birds along the edge between the forest and prairie. (J-I-H-E-D-AQ-AP on the U R Here map)

A hike from the visitor center to the swimming beach is another great opportunity to spot birds. Blue-gray gnatcatchers tend to hang out near the shelter building along this trail. In spring, check the beach area as the river ice breaks up and the open water attracts numerous waterfowl species. (P-R-AJ-AK-Q-O)

Explore the north prairie loop for large expanses of prairie and grassland. You may see bobolinks, Henslow’s sparrows or other prairie/grassland species. (AA-AB-AD-AE-AG-AH)

**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	R		O		
Greater White-fronted Goose	R				
Cackling Goose	R		O		
Canada Goose	C	C	C	U	
Trumpeter Swan	O		R	U	
Tundra Swan	O		O		
Wood Duck	U	U	U		
Blue-winged Teal	C	C	C		
Northern Shoveler	O				
Gadwall	R				
American Wigeon	O				
Mallard	C	C	C	O	
American Black Duck			O		
Northern Pintail	R				
Green-winged Teal	R				
Canvasback	R				
Redhead	R				
Ring-necked Duck	O		U		
Greater Scaup	R				
Lesser Scaup	O		U		
Bufflehead	O		R	R	
Common Goldeneye	O		R	R	
Hooded Merganser	O			R	
Common Merganser	O		U	O	
Red-breasted Merganser	O				
PARTRIDGE, PHEASANTS, GROUSE, TURKEYS					
Ring-necked Pheasant	C	C	C	C	
Ruffed Grouse	C	C	C	C	
Wild Turkey	C	C	C	C	
GREBES					
Pied-billed Grebe	O		O		
PIGEONS AND DOVES					
Rock Pigeon	C	C	C	C	
Mourning Dove	C	C	C	O	
CUCKOOS					
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	U	U	U		
Black-billed Cuckoo	U	U	U		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
NIGHTJARS					
Common Nighthawk	U	U	U		
Eastern Whip-poor-will	U	U	O		
SWIFTS					
Chimney Swift	C	C	C		
HUMMINGBIRDS					
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	C	U	C		
RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS					
Sora	O		R		
American Coot	O		R		
CRANES					
Sandhill Crane	O	O	O		
PLOVERS					
Black-bellied Plover			U		
Killdeer	C	C	C		
SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES					
American Woodcock	O	U	O		
Wilson's Snipe	R		R		
Spotted Sandpiper	C	C	C		
Solitary Sandpiper	O		O		
Lesser Yellowlegs	R				
Greater Yellowlegs			U		
GULLS, TERNS					
Bonaparte's Gull			O		
Franklin's Gull			U		
Ring-billed Gull	C	O	C	R	
Herring Gull	C	O	C		
Caspian Tern	O		O		
LOONS					
Common Loon	U		R		
CORMORANTS					
Double-crested Cormorant	U	O	U		
PELICANS					
American White Pelican	U	O	O		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
BITTERNS, HERONS, EGRETS, NIGHT-HERONS					
Great Blue Heron	C	C	C		
Great Egret	U	O	U		
Green Heron	U	U	U		
Black-crowned Night-heron	R				
NEW WORLD VULTURES					
Turkey Vulture	C	C	C		
OSPREY					
Osprey	U	U	U		
KITES, HAWKS, EAGLES					
Golden Eagle	R		R		
White-tailed Kite	R				
Northern Harrier	U		U		
Sharp-shinned Hawk	U		U	U	
Cooper's Hawk	U	U	U	O	
Bald Eagle	U	U	U	O	
Red-shouldered Hawk	O	O	O		
Broad-winged Hawk	C	U	C		
Swainson's Hawk	R		R		
Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	C	
Rough-legged Hawk	O		O	O	
TYPICAL OWLS					
Eastern Screech Owl	U	U	U	U	
Great Horned Owl	U	U	U	U	
Barred Owl	U	U	U	U	
Short-eared Owl			R	O	
Northern Saw-whet Owl	O		O	R	
KINGFISHERS					
Belted Kingfisher	C	C	C		
WOODPECKERS					
Red-headed Woodpecker	U	U	U		
Red-bellied Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	C	U	C		
Black-backed Woodpecker				O	
Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Hairy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Northern Flicker	C	C	C	R	
Pileated Woodpecker	U	U	U	U	

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
FALCONS					
American Kestrel	C	C	C	U	
Merlin	U	O	U	R	
Peregrine Falcon	O	R	R		
FLYCATCHERS					
Great Crested Flycatcher	C	C	C		
Western Kingbird	O	O			
Eastern Kingbird	C	C	C		
Olive-sided Flycatcher	U	O	U		
Eastern Wood-Pewee	C	C	C		
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	U		U		
Alder Flycatcher	U	O	U		
Willow Flycatcher	U	U	U		
Least Flycatcher	C	C	C		
Eastern Phoebe	C	C	C		
SHRIKES					
Northern Shrike	U		U	U	
VIREOS					
White-eyed Vireo	R				
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		
JAYS, MAGPIES, CROWS, RAVENS					
Blue Jay	C	C	C	C	
American Crow	C	C	C	C	
Common Raven	R	R	R	R	
LARKS					
Horned Lark	U		U	O	
MARTINS, SWALLOWS					
Bank Swallow	U	U	U		
Tree Swallow	C	C	C		
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	C	C	C		
Purple Martin	U	U	U		
Barn Swallow	C	C	C		
Cliff Swallow	C	C	C		