

STATE PARK BIRDS
Sp S F W DATE
KINGLETS

Golden-crowned Kinglet	C	C			
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C	C			

THRUSHES

Eastern Bluebird	U	U	U		
Veery	C	C	U		
Gray-cheeked Thrush	U		U		
Swainson's Thrush	U		U		
Hermit Thrush	C	C	C		
Wood Thrush	O	O			
American Robin	C	C	C		

THRASHERS, MOCKINGBIRDS

Gray Catbird	C	C	C		
Brown Thrasher	U	U	U		

STARLINGS

European Starling	U	U	U	U	
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WAXWINGS

Cedar Waxwing	C	C	C	U	
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OLD WORLD SPARROWS

House Sparrow	C	C	C	C	
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FINCHES

Pine Grosbeak				O	
House Finch	O		O	O	
Purple Finch	C	O	C	U	
Pine Siskin	U	O	U	U	
American Goldfinch	C	C	C	O	

TOWHEES, SPARROWS

Chipping Sparrow	C	C	C		
Clay-colored Sparrow	C	C	C		
Fox Sparrow	U		U		
American Tree Sparrow	C		C	U	
Dark-eyed Junco	C		C	U	
White-crowned Sparrow	U		U		
Harris's Sparrow	U		U		
White-throated Sparrow	C	U	C		
LeConte's Sparrow	O		O		
Savannah Sparrow	C	C	C		
Song Sparrow	C	C	C		

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Lincoln's Sparrow	U	O	U		
Swamp Sparrow	C	C	C		
Eastern Towhee	O	O	O		

BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES

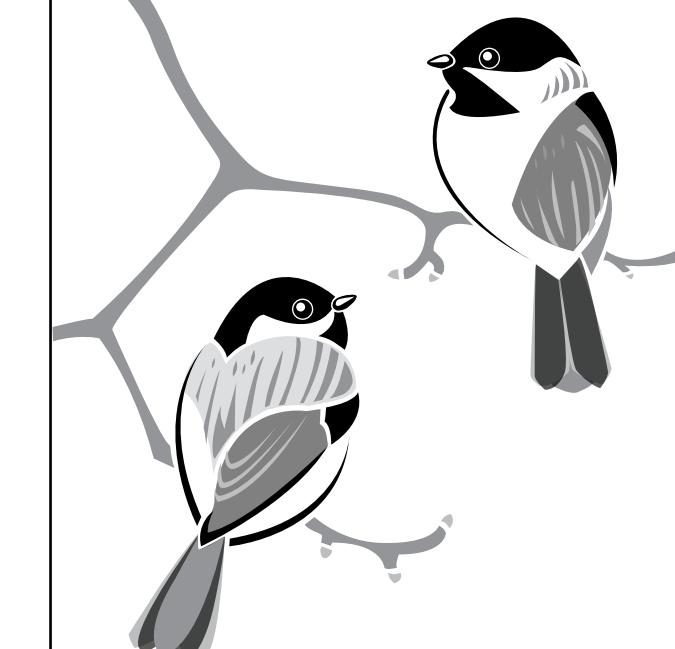
Bobolink	U		U		
Eastern Meadowlark	O		O		
Baltimore Oriole	C	C	C		
Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	C		
Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	U		
Rusty Blackbird	U		U		
Common Grackle	C	C	C		

WARBLERS

Ovenbird	C	C	C		
Louisiana Waterthrush		R			
Northern Waterthrush	U	O	U		
Golden-winged Warbler	O	O	O		
Black-and-white Warbler	C	C	C		
Tennessee Warbler	C	R	C		
Orange-crowned Warbler	U		U		
Nashville Warbler	C	U	C		
Mourning Warbler	U	U	U		
Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C		
American Redstart	C	C	C		
Northern Parula	U		U		
Magnolia Warbler	U		U		
Bay-breasted Warbler	U		U		
Yellow Warbler	C	C	C		
Chestnut-sided Warbler	C	U	C		
Palm Warbler	C		C		
Pine Warbler	U		U		
Yellow-rumped Warbler	C	C	C		
Black-throated Green Warbler	U		U		
Canada Warbler	U	U	U		
Wilson's Warbler	U		U		

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Scarlet Tanager	U	U	U		
Northern Cardinal	O				
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	C	C	C		
Indigo Bunting	U	U	U		

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BIRD CHECKLIST
BANNING STATE PARK


Checklist created by Robert B. Janssen, Jerry Bonkoski and MNDNR. Data was gathered from MNDNR staff observations, public observations and Minnesota Ornithologist's Union records. Nomenclature and organization of checklist based off of the *Check-list of North American Birds* (7th edition) as currently supplemented.

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Birding at Banning State Park

Scenic views of the Kettle River and miles of wooded hiking trails make this park an excellent place to watch migratory and nesting birds. The Skunk Cabbage Trail is especially good for ruffed grouse, thrushes, warblers and vireos. In addition to brushy woodland habitat, the trail passes several backwaters of the Kettle River. Sandhill cranes and LeConte's sparrows have been recorded in open, grassy areas along the eastern edge of the park.

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					
	C	C	C		
Wood Duck	C	C	C		
	C	C	C		
Blue-winged Teal	C	C	C		
	C	C	C		
Mallard	C	C	C		
	C	C	C		
Green-winged Teal	U		U		
	U		U		
Canvasback			R		
			R		
Ring-necked Duck	U		U		
	U		U		
Greater Scaup	O				
	O				
Lesser Scaup	U		U		
	U		U		
Bufflehead	U		U		
	U		U		
Common Goldeneye	U		U		
	U		U		
Hooded Merganser	C	U	C		
	C	U	C		
Common Merganser	U		U		
PARTRIDGE, PHEASANTS, GROUSE, TURKEYS					
Ruffed Grouse	C	C	C	C	
	C	C	C	C	
Wild Turkey	O	O	O	O	
	O	O	O	O	
GREBES					
Pied-billed Grebe	C	C	C		
	C	C	C		
Horned Grebe	O		O		
	O		O		
PIGEONS, DOVES					
Rock Pigeon	U	U	U	U	
	U	U	U	U	
Mourning Dove	C	C	C		
	C	C	C		
NIGHTJARS					
Common Nighthawk	O	O	O		
	O	O	O		
SWIFTS					
Chimney Swift	U	U	U		
	U	U	U		
RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS					
Sora	O				
	O				
CRANES					
Sandhill Crane	O		O		
	O		O		
PLOVERS					
Killdeer	C	C	C		
	C	C	C		
SANDPIPIERS AND ALLIES					
Wilson's Snipe	U	U	U		
	U	U	U		
Spotted Sandpiper	C	C	C		
	C	C	C		
Solitary Sandpiper	O		O		
	O		O		
Lesser Yellowlegs	O		O		
	O		O		
Greater Yellowlegs	O		O		

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GULLS, TERNS					
Ring-billed Gull	U		U		
	U		U		
CORMORANTS					
Double-crested Cormorant	U		U		
	U		U		
BITTERNS, HERONS, EGRETS, NIGHT-HERONS					
Great Blue Heron	U	U	U		
	U	U	U		
Green Heron	U	U	U		
	U	U	U		
NEW WORLD VULTURES					
Turkey Vulture	U	U	U		
	U	U	U		
OSPREY					
Osprey	U		U		
	U		U		
KITES, HAWKS, EAGLES					
Northern Harrier	U	U	U		
	U	U	U		
Sharp-shinned Hawk	U	U	U		
	U	U	U		
Cooper's Hawk	U	U	U		
	U	U	U		
Northern Goshawk	O		O	O	
	O		O	O	
Bald Eagle	U	U	U	O	
	U	U	U	O	
Red-shouldered Hawk	O				
	O				
Broad-winged Hawk	C	C	C		
	C	C	C		
Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	O	
	C	C	C	O	
Rough-legged Hawk	U		U	O	
	U		U	O	
TYPICAL OWLS					
Northern Saw-whet Owl	O	O			
	O	O			
KINGFISHERS					
Belted Kingfisher	U	U	U		
	U	U	U		
WOODPECKERS					
Red-bellied Woodpecker	O	O	O	O	
	O	O	O	O	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	U	U	U		
	U	U	U		
Black-backed Woodpecker	O	O	O	O	
	O	O	O	O	
Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
	C	C	C	C	
Hairy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
	C	C	C	C	
Northern Flicker	C	C	C		
	C	C	C		
Pileated Woodpecker	U	U	U	U	
	U	U	U	U	
FALCONS					
American Kestrel	C	C	C		
	C	C	C		

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FLYCATCHERS					
Great Crested Flycatcher	U	U	U		
	U	U	U		
Eastern Kingbird	U	U	U		
	U	U	U		
Olive-sided Flycatcher	U				
	U				
Eastern Wood-Pewee	C	C	C		
	C	C	C		
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	U				
	U				
Alder Flycatcher	U	U	U		
	U	U	U		
Least Flycatcher	C	C	C		
	C	C	C		
Eastern Phoebe	C	C	C		
	C	C	C		
SHRIKES					
Northern Shrike	O	O	O		
	O	O	O		
VIREOS					
White-eyed Vireo	R				
	R				
Yellow-throated Vireo	U	U	U		
	U	U	U		
Blue-headed Vireo	U				
	U				
Warbling Vireo	U	U	U		
	U	U	U		
Red-eyed Vireo	C	C	C		
	C	C	C		
JAYS, MAGPIES, CROWS, RAVENS					
Blue Jay	C	C	C	C	
	C	C	C	C	
American Crow	C	C	C	C	
	C	C	C	C	
Common Raven	U	U	U	U	
	U	U	U	U	
MARTINS, SWALLOWS					
Bank Swallow	O	O	O		
	O</td				