

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
LONGSPURS, SNOW BUNTINGS					
Snow Bunting			U		
TOWHEES, SPARROWS					
Chipping Sparrow	C	C	C		
Fox Sparrow	U		U		
American Tree Sparrow	C		C	O	
Dark-eyed Junco	C	U	C		
White-crowned Sparrow	U		U		
White-throated Sparrow	C	C	C		
Song Sparrow	C	C	C		
Swamp Sparrow	U	U	U		
BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES					
Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	C		
Brown-headed Cowbird	U	U	U		
Common Grackle	U	U	U		
WARBLERS					
Ovenbird	C	C	C		
Northern Waterthrush	U	U	U		
Golden-winged Warbler	O	O	O		
Black-and-white Warbler	C	C	C		
Tennessee Warbler	U		U		
Orange-crowned Warbler	O		O		
Nashville Warbler	U	U	U		
Connecticut Warbler	O	O			
Mourning Warbler	U	U	U		
Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C		
American Redstart	C	C	C		
Cape May Warbler	U	U	U		
Northern Parula	C	C	C		
Magnolia Warbler	C	C	C		
Bay-breasted Warbler	U	O	U		
Blackburnian Warbler	U	U	U		
Yellow Warbler	U	U	U		
Chestnut-sided Warbler	U	U	U		
Blackpoll Warbler	U		U		
Palm Warbler	U		U		
Pine Warbler	C	C	C		
Yellow-rumped Warbler	C	C	C		


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Black-throated Green Warbler	C	C	C		
Canada Warbler	U	U	U		
Wilson’s Warbler	U		U		
TANAGERS, CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS					
Scarlet Tanager	U	U	U		
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	U	U	U		

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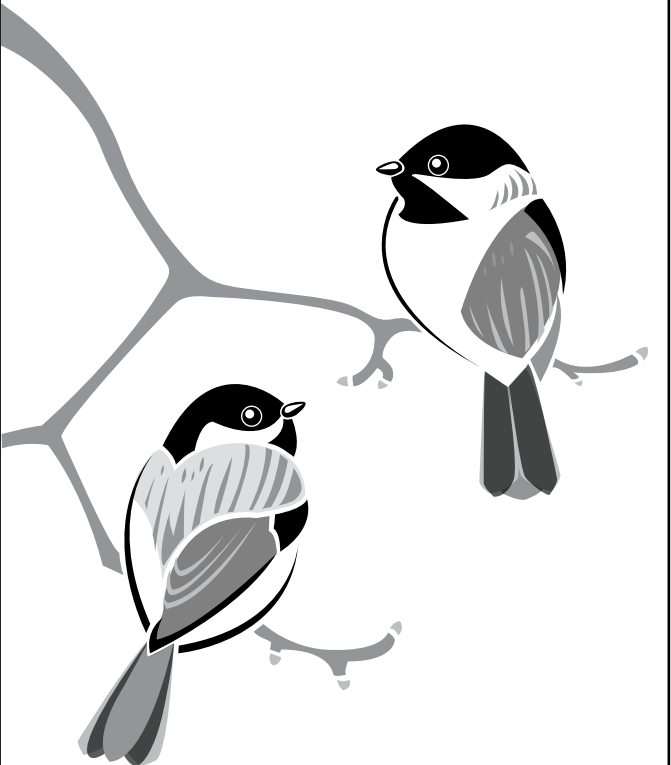
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DEPARTMENT OF  
NATURAL RESOURCES

BIRD CHECKLIST

BEAR HEAD LAKE STATE PARK



Birding at Bear Head Lake State Park

Take a hike along the Taconite Trail near Eagles Nest Lake #3 for an especially good place to see boreal species like the gray jay, ruffed grouse, black-backed woodpecker and hermit thrush. Winter wrens abound along the trail and the occasional Connecticut warbler may be heard here.

Picnickers, keep an eye out for bald eagles and merlins in the picnic areas. An evening visit to the park is also a great time to hear the calls of the common loon. Our state bird is regularly seen on Bear Head and Eagles Nest lakes.

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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GEESE, SWANS, DUCKS					
Wood Duck	C	C	C		
Mallard	U	U	U		
Ring-necked Duck	O	O	O		
Bufflehead	U		U		
Common Goldeneye	C		C		
Hooded Merganser	U	U	U		
Common Merganser	C	C	C		
PARTRIDGE, PHEASANTS, GROUSE, TURKEYS					
Ruffed Grouse	C	C	C	C	
Spruce Grouse	U	U	U	U	
HUMMINGBIRDS					
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	C	C	C		
SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES					
American Woodcock	U	U	U		
Spotted Sandpiper	U	U	U		
Solitary Sandpiper	O				
GULLS, TERNS					
Ring-billed Gull	U	U	U		
Herring Gull	C	C	C		
LOONS					
Common Loon	C	C	C		
BITTERNS, HERONS, EGRETS, NIGHT-HERONS					
Great Blue Heron	C	C	C		
NEW WORLD VULTURES					
Turkey Vulture	C	C	C		
OSPREY					
Osprey	C	C	C		
KITES, HAWKS, EAGLES					
Sharp-shinned Hawk	U	O	U		
Cooper's Hawk	O	O	O		
Bald Eagle	C	C	C	O	
Broad-winged Hawk	U	U	U		
Red-tailed Hawk	U	U	U	O	

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TYPICAL OWLS					
Great Horned Owl	U	U	U	U	
Barred Owl	C	C	C	C	
Great Gray Owl			O	O	
Northern Saw-whet Owl	O	O	O		
KINGFISHERS					
Belted Kingfisher	U	U	U		
WOODPECKERS					
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	C	C	C		
Am. Three-toed Woodpecker	O	O	O	O	
Black-backed Woodpecker	O	O	O	O	
Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Hairy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Northern Flicker	C	C	C		
Pileated Woodpecker	U	U	U	U	
FALCONS					
American Kestrel	U	U	U		
Merlin	U	U	U		
FLYCATCHERS					
Olive-sided Flycatcher	U	U	U		
Eastern Wood-Pewee	U	U	U		
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	U	U	U		
Alder Flycatcher	U	U	U		
Least Flycatcher	C	C	C		
Eastern Phoebe	C	C	C		
SHRIKES					
Northern Shrike			O	O	
VIREOS					
Blue-headed Vireo	U	U	U		
Philadelphia Vireo	O		O		
Warbling Vireo	U	U	U		
Red-eyed Vireo	C	C	C		
JAYS, MAGPIES, CROWS, RAVENS					
Gray Jay	U	U	U	U	
Blue Jay	C	C	C	C	
American Crow	C	C	C	C	
Common Raven	C	C	C	C	

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MARTINS, SWALLOWS					
Tree Swallow	O	O	O		
CHICKADEES, TITMICE					
Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C	
Boreal Chickadee	O	O		O	
NUTHATCHES					
Red-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C	
White-breasted Nuthatch	U	U	U	U	
CREEPERS					
Brown Creeper	U	U	U		
WRENS					
Winter Wren	U	U	U		
KINGLETS					
Golden-crowned Kinglet	C	O	C		
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C	O	C		
THRUSHES					
Veery	C	C	U		
Gray-cheeked Thrush	O		O		
Swainson’s Thrush	U	U	U		
Hermit Thrush	C	C	C		
Wood Thrush	O	O			
American Robin	C	C	C		
THRASHERS, MOCKINGBIRDS					
Gray Catbird	C	C	C		
WAXWINGS					
Cedar Waxwing	C	C	C		
OLD WORLD SPARROWS					
House Sparrow	O	O	O	O	
FINCHES					
Evening Grosbeak	O	O	O	O	
Pine Grosbeak			O	O	
Purple Finch	C	U	C	U	
Common Redpoll			O	O	
Red Crossbill	O	O	O	O	
White-winged Crossbill	O	O	O	O	
Pine Siskin	U	O	U	U	
American Goldfinch	C	C	C		