

STATE RECREATION AREA BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>CHICKADEES, TITMICE</b>					
Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C	
Boreal Chickadee	O		O	O	
<b>NUTHATCHES</b>					
Red-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C	
White-breasted Nuthatch	U	U	U	U	
<b>CREEPERS</b>					
Brown Creeper	U	O	U	O	
<b>WRENS</b>					
House Wren	U	U	U		
Winter Wren	U	U	U		
Sedge Wren	U	U	U		
Marsh Wren	R	R	R		
<b>KINGLETS</b>					
Golden-crowned Kinglet	C	U	C		
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C		
<b>THRUSHES</b>					
Eastern Bluebird	U	U	U		
Veery	C	C	C		
Swainson's Thrush	U	O	U		
Hermit Thrush	U	U	U		
American Robin	C	C	C		
<b>THRASHERS, MOCKINGBIRDS</b>					
Gray Catbird	C	C	C		
Brown Thrasher	U	U	U		
<b>STARLINGS</b>					
European Starling	U	U	U	U	
<b>WAXWINGS</b>					
Bohemian Waxwing	O	O		O	
Cedar Waxwing	C	C	C	C	
<b>OLD WORLD SPARROWS</b>					
House Sparrow	R	R	R		
<b>PIPITS</b>					
American Pipit			U		

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<b>FINCHES</b>					
Evening Grosbeak	U	O	U	U	
Pine Grosbeak	O		O	U	
Purple Finch	C	U	C	U	
Common Redpoll	U		U	C	
Red Crossbill	U		U	U	
White-winged Crossbill	U		U	U	
Pine Siskin	U		U	U	
American Goldfinch	C	C	C	U	
<b>LONGSPURS, SNOW BUNTINGS</b>					
Lapland Longspur	U		U		
Snow Bunting	U		U	U	
<b>TOWHEES, SPARROWS</b>					
Chipping Sparrow	C	C	C		
Fox Sparrow	C		C		
American Tree Sparrow	C		C	O	
Dark-eyed Junco	C	O	C	O	
White-crowned Sparrow	U		U		
White-throated Sparrow	C	C	C		
LeConte's Sparrow	U	U	U		
Savannah Sparrow	U	U	U		
Song Sparrow	C	C	C		
Lincoln's Sparrow	C	C	C		
Swamp Sparrow	C	C	C		
<b>BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES</b>					
Yellow-headed Blackbird	U	U	U		
Bobolink	O		O		
Western Meadowlark	O				
Baltimore Oriole	U	U	U		
Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	C		
Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	C		
Rusty Blackbird	U		U		
Brewer's Blackbird	U	U	U		
Common Grackle	C	C	C		

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<b>WARBLERS</b>					
Ovenbird	C	C	C		
Northern Waterthrush	U		U		
Golden-winged Warbler	O	O	O		
Black-and-white Warbler	C	C	C		
Tennessee Warbler	U		U		
Orange-crowned Warbler	U		U		
Nashville Warbler	C		C		
Conneticut Warbler	U	U	U		
Mourning Warbler	U	U	U		
Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C		
American Redstart	C	C	C		
Cape May Warbler	O		O		
Northern Parula	U		U		
Magnolia Warbler	U	U	U		
Bay-breasted Warbler	O	O	O		
Blackburnian Warbler	U	U	U		
Yellow Warbler	C	C	C		
Chestnut-sided Warbler	U	U	U		
Palm Warbler	U		U		
Pine Warbler	U	U	U		
Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		C		
Black-throated Green Warbler	U	U	U		
Canada Warbler	U	U	U		
Wilson's Warbler	U		U		
<b>TANAGERS, CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS</b>					
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	C	C	C		

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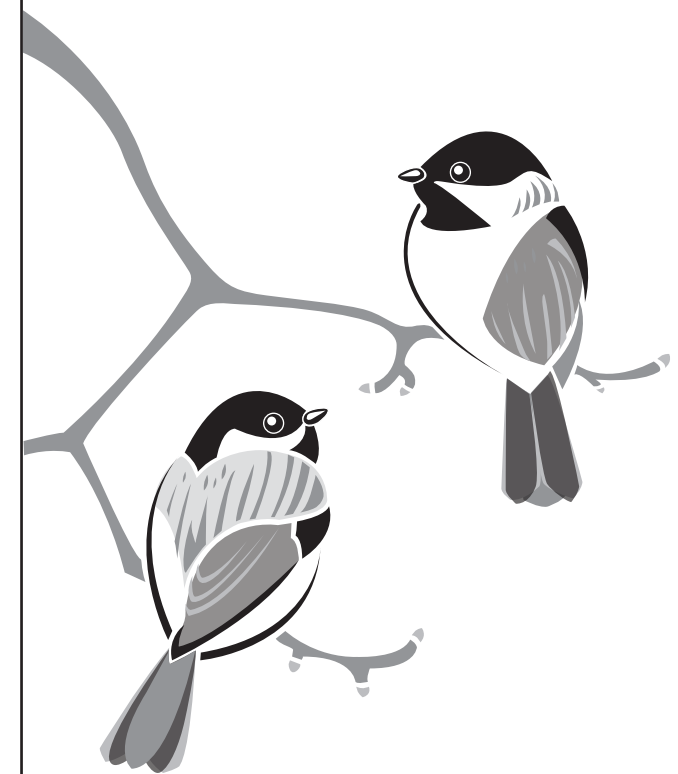
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# BIRD CHECKLIST

## BIG BOG STATE RECREATION AREA



## Birding at Big Bog State Recreation Area

The Audubon Society has designated Big Bog as an Important Birding Area. The park's diverse habitat includes wetlands, shoreline and woodlands that make it a great birding destination year-round.

Visit the world famous Red Lake Peatlands! Walk along the mile-long bog boardwalk to hear and see gray jays, golden-crowned kinglets, veeries, alder flycatchers, common yellowthroat warblers, Connecticut warblers and sandhill cranes. Search for wading shorebirds along the water's edge and climb the fire tower to find birds throughout the tree canopy. A winter favorite is to look for great grey, snowy and northern hawk owls at the north unit.

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

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<b>PARTRIDGE, PHEASANTS, GROUSE, TURKEYS</b>					
Ruffed Grouse	C	C	C	C	
Spruce Grouse	C	C	C	C	
Sharp-tailed Grouse	U	U	U	U	

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<b>GREBES</b>					
Pied-billed Grebe	U	U	U		
Horned Grebe	U		U		
Red-necked Grebe	U		U		
Eared Grebe	R		R		

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<b>PIGEONS, DOVES</b>					
Rock Pigeon	O	O	O		
Mourning Dove	U	O	U		
<b>NIGHTJARS</b>					
Common Nighthawk	U	O	U		
<b>HUMMINGBIRDS</b>					
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	C	R	C		
<b>RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS</b>					
Yellow Rail	R	R	R		
Virginia Rail	U	U	U		
Sora	U	U	U		
American Coot	C	C	C		
<b>CRANES</b>					
Sandhill Crane	O	O	O		
<b>PLOVERS</b>					
Killdeer	C	C	C		
<b>SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES</b>					
Upland Sandpiper	R		R		
Red Knot			O		
Least Sandpiper	U		U		
Semipalmated Sandpiper			O		
American Woodcock	U	U	U		
Wilson's Snipe	U	U	U		
Spotted Sandpiper	C	C	C		
Greater Yellowlegs	U		U		

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<b>GULLS, TERNS</b>					
Bonaparte's Gull	U		U		
Ring-billed Gull	C	C	C		
Herring Gull	C	C	C		
Caspian Tern	U		U		
Black Tern	R		R		
Common Tern	O	O	O		
Forster's Tern	R		R		

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<b>LOONS</b>					
Common Loon	C	C	C		

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<b>CORMORANTS</b>					
Double-crested Cormorant	U	U	U		
<b>PELICANS</b>					
American White Pelican	U	U	U		
<b>BITTERNS, HERONS, EGRETS, NIGHT-HERONS</b>					
American Bittern	U	U	U		
Great Blue Heron	U	U	U		
Great Egret	O		O		
<b>NEW WORLD VULTURES</b>					
Turkey Vulture	C	C	C		
<b>OSPREY</b>					
Osprey	U	U	U		
<b>KITES, HAWKS, EAGLES</b>					
Golden Eagle	R		R		
Northern Harrier	U	U	U		
Sharp-shinned Hawk	U	U	U		
Cooper's Hawk	R	R	R		
Northern Goshawk	O		O	O	
Bald Eagle	U	U	U		
Broad-winged Hawk	U	U	U		
Red-tailed Hawk	U	U	U		
Rough-legged Hawk			U	U	

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<b>TYPICAL OWLS</b>					
Great Horned Owl	U	U	U		
Snowy Owl	U		U	U	
Northern Hawk Owl	O	O	O	U	
Barred Owl	O	O	O	O	
Great Gray Owl			O	U	
Long-eared Owl	R		R		
Short-eared Owl	R		R		
Boreal Owl	C		U	U	

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<b>KINGFISHERS</b>					
Belted Kingfisher	U	U	U		

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<b>WOODPECKERS</b>					
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	C	C	C		
Black-backed Woodpecker	R	R	R		
Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Hairy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Northern Flicker	C	C	C		
Pileated Woodpecker	U	U	U	U	
<b>FALCONS</b>					
American Kestrel	U	U	U		
Merlin	U	U	U		
<b>FLYCATCHERS</b>					
Great Crested Flycatcher	C	C	C		
Eastern Kingbird	U	U	U		
Olive-sided Flycatcher	U	U	U		
Eastern Wood-pewee	U	U	U		
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	U	U	U		
Alder Flycatcher	O	O	O		
Least Flycatcher	C	C	C		
Eastern Phoebe	C	C	C		
<b>SHRIKES</b>					
Northern Shrike	U		U	U	
<b>VIREOS</b>					
Yellow-throated Vireo	U	U	U		
Blue-headed Vireo	U	U	U		
Philadelphia Vireo	O		O		
Warbling Vireo	U	U	U		
Red-eyed Vireo	C	C	C		

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<b>JAYS, MAGPIES, CROWS, RAVENS</b>					
Gray Jay	O	O	O	O	
Blue Jay	C	C	C	C	
Black-billed Magpie	O	O	O	O	
American Crow	C	C	C	C	
Common Raven	C	C	C	C	

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<b>MARTINS, SWALLOWS</b>					
Bank Swallow	U	U	U		
Tree Swallow	C	C	C		
Barn Swallow	C	C	C		
Cliff Swallow	C	C	C		