

STATE RECREATION AREA BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
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	O	U	O	
WRENS					
House Wren	U	U	U		
Winter Wren	U	U	U		
Sedge Wren	U	U	U		
Marsh Wren	R	R	R		
KINGLETS					
Golden-crowned Kinglet	C	U	C		
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C		
THRUSHES					
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		
THRASHERS, MOCKINGBIRDS					
Gray Catbird	C	C	C		
Brown Thrasher	U	U	U		
STARLINGS					
European Starling	U	U	U	U	
WAXWINGS					
Bohemian Waxwing	O	O		O	
Cedar Waxwing	C	C	C	C	
OLD WORLD SPARROWS					
House Sparrow	R	R	R		
PIPITS					
American Pipit			U		


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FINCHES					
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	
LONGSPURS, SNOW BUNTINGS					
Lapland Longspur	U		U		
Snow Bunting	U		U	U	
TOWHEES, SPARROWS					
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		
BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES					
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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WARBLERS					
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		
Connecticut 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		
TANAGERS, CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS					
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	C	C	C		

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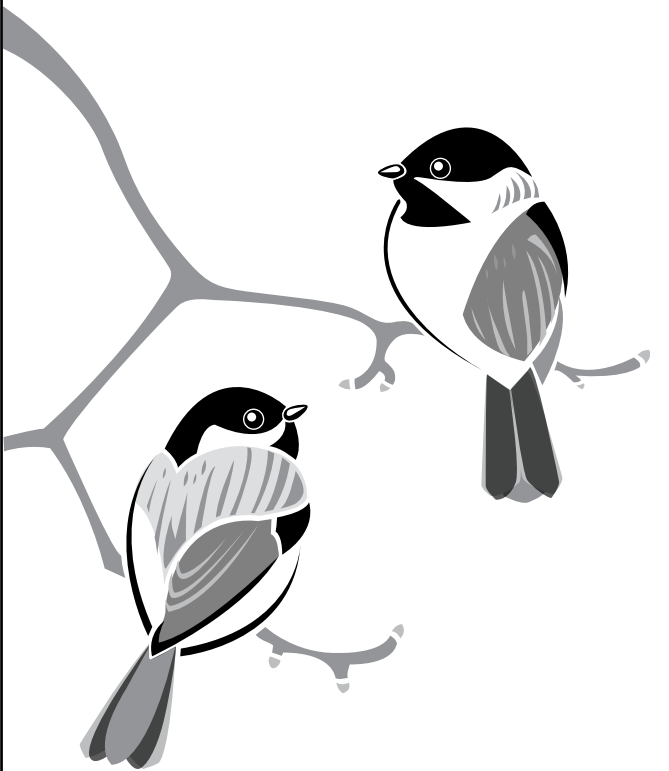
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BIRD CHECKLIST

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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GEESE, SWANS, DUCKS					
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		
PARTRIDGE, PHEASANTS, GROUSE, TURKEYS					
Ruffed Grouse	C	C	C	C	
Spruce Grouse	C	C	C	C	
Sharp-tailed Grouse	U	U	U	U	
GREBES					
Pied-billed Grebe	U	U	U		
Horned Grebe	U		U		
Red-necked Grebe	U		U		
Eared Grebe	R		R		

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PIGEONS, DOVES					
Rock Pigeon		O	O	O	
Mourning Dove		U	O	U	
NIGHTJARS					
Common Nighthawk		U	O	U	
HUMMINGBIRDS					
Ruby-throated Hummingbird		C	R	C	
RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS					
Yellow Rail		R	R	R	
Virginia Rail		U	U	U	
Sora		U	U	U	
American Coot		C	C	C	
CRANES					
Sandhill Crane		O	O	O	
PLOVERS					
Killdeer		C	C	C	
SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES					
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	
GULLS, TERNS					
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	
LOONS					
Common Loon		C	C	C	

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CORMORANTS					
Double-crested Cormorant		U	U	U	
PELICANS					
American White Pelican		U	U	U	
BITTERNS, HERONS, EGRETS, NIGHT-HERONS					
American Bittern		U	U	U	
Great Blue Heron		U	U	U	
Great Egret		O		O	
NEW WORLD VULTURES					
Turkey Vulture		C	C	C	
OSPREY					
Osprey		U	U	U	
KITES, HAWKS, EAGLES					
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	
TYPICAL OWLS					
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
KINGFISHERS					
Belted Kingfisher		U	U	U	

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WOODPECKERS					
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
FALCONS					
American Kestrel		U	U	U	
Merlin		U	U	U	
FLYCATCHERS					
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	
SHRIKES					
Northern Shrike		U		U	U
VIREOS					
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	
JAYS, MAGPIES, CROWS, RAVENS					
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
MARTINS, SWALLOWS					
Bank Swallow		U	U	U	
Tree Swallow		C	C	C	
Barn Swallow		C	C	C	
Cliff Swallow		C	C	C	