

| STATE PARK BIRDS | Sp | S | F | W | DATE |
|-------------------------|----|---|---|---|------|
| NUTHATCHES | | | | | |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch | O | | O | | |
| White-breasted Nuthatch | C | C | C | C | |
| CREEPERS | | | | | |
| Brown Creeper | U | | U | | |
| WRENS | | | | | |
| House Wren | C | C | C | | |
| Winter Wren | O | | O | | |
| Sedge Wren | C | C | C | | |
| Marsh Wren | U | U | U | | |
| GNATCATCHERS | | | | | |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher | O | | O | | |
| KINGLETS | | | | | |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet | C | | C | O | |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet | C | | C | | |
| THRUSHES | | | | | |
| Eastern Bluebird | C | C | C | | |
| Mountain Bluebird | R | | | | |
| Veery | U | | U | | |
| Gray-cheeked Thrush | O | | O | | |
| Swainson’s Thrush | U | | U | | |
| Hermit Thrush | U | | U | | |
| Wood Thrush | U | U | U | | |
| American Robin | C | C | C | O | |
| THRASHERS, MOCKINGBIRDS | | | | | |
| Gray Catbird | C | C | C | | |
| Brown Thrasher | U | U | U | | |
| STARLINGS | | | | | |
| European Starling | C | C | C | C | |
| WAXWINGS | | | | | |
| Cedar Waxwing | C | C | C | O | |
| OLD WORLD SPARROWS | | | | | |
| House Sparrow | C | C | C | C | |
| FINCHES | | | | | |
| House Finch | U | U | U | U | |
| Purple Finch | U | | U | U | |
| Common Redpoll | O | | O | O | |
| Pine Siskin | O | | O | O | |
| American Goldfinch | C | C | C | U | |

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| LONGSPURS, SNOW BUNTINGS | | | | | |
| Lapland Longspur | U | | U | | |
| Snow Bunting | U | | U | U | |
| TOWHEES, SPARROWS | | | | | |
| Grasshopper Sparrow | U | U | O | | |
| Lark Sparrow | O | O | O | | |
| Chipping Sparrow | C | C | C | | |
| Clay-colored Sparrow | C | C | C | | |
| Field Sparrow | C | C | C | | |
| Fox Sparrow | C | | C | | |
| American Tree Sparrow | C | | C | C | |
| Dark-eyed Junco | C | | C | U | |
| White-crowned Sparrow | U | | U | | |
| Harris’s Sparrow | U | | U | | |
| White-throated Sparrow | C | | C | | |
| Vesper Sparrow | C | C | C | | |
| LeConte's Sparrow | O | | O | | |
| Savannah Sparrow | C | U | C | | |
| Song Sparrow | C | C | C | | |
| Lincoln’s Sparrow | U | | U | | |
| Swamp Sparrow | C | C | C | | |
| Eastern Towhee | U | O | U | | |
| BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES | | | | | |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird | C | C | C | | |
| Bobolink | C | C | C | | |
| Western Meadowlark | C | C | C | | |
| Orchard Oriole | U | U | | | |
| Baltimore Oriole | C | C | C | | |
| Red-winged Blackbird | C | C | C | | |
| Brown-headed Cowbird | C | C | U | | |
| Rusty Blackbird | C | | C | | |
| Brewer's Blackbird | C | U | U | | |
| Common Grackle | C | C | C | O | |


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| WARBLERS | | | | | |
| Ovenbird | C | O | C | | |
| Northern Waterthrush | U | | U | | |
| Black-and-white Warbler | C | | C | | |
| Tennessee Warbler | C | | C | | |
| Orange-crowned Warbler | U | | U | | |
| Nashville Warbler | C | | C | | |
| Connecticut Warbler | O | | O | | |
| Mourning Warbler | U | | U | | |
| Common Yellowthroat | C | C | C | | |
| American Redstart | C | C | C | | |
| Cape May Warbler | O | | O | | |
| Magnolia Warbler | U | | U | | |
| Bay-breasted Warbler | U | | U | | |
| Blackburnian Warbler | U | | U | | |
| Yellow Warbler | C | C | C | | |
| Chestnut-sided Warbler | U | | U | | |
| Blackpoll Warbler | U | | U | | |
| Palm Warbler | C | | C | | |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler | C | | C | | |
| Black-throated Green Warbler | U | | U | | |
| Canada Warbler | U | | U | | |
| Wilson’s Warbler | U | | U | | |
| TANAGERS, CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS | | | | | |
| Scarlet Tanager | U | U | U | | |
| Northern Cardinal | C | C | U | U | |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak | C | C | C | | |
| Indigo Bunting | C | C | C | | |
| Dickcissel | O | U | | | |

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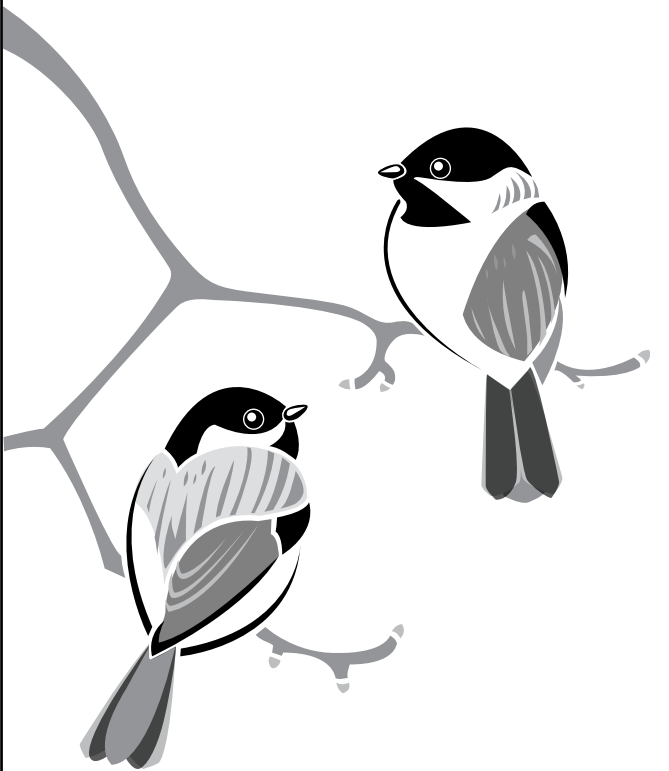
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BIRD CHECKLIST

BIG STONE LAKE STATE PARK



Birding at Big Stone Lake State Park

This park is made up of two units with over 1,000 acres extending along the eastern shore of Big Stone Lake. With over 200 species recorded in the park, it is a premier birdwatching location in Minnesota. It is also one of the best places in the state to spot orchard orioles. The Meadowbrook Unit has large areas of grasses and marsh, as well as savanna type woodlands. Look for a variety of sparrows and marsh birds. The lake itself is a splendid place to view waterfowl migration. The Bonanza Unit features large areas of grasslands on hillsides.

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 | U | | U | | |
| Ross's Goose | O | | O | | |
| Greater White-fronted Goose | O | | O | | |
| Canada Goose | C | C | C | O | |
| Tundra Swan | U | | U | | |
| Wood Duck | C | C | C | | |
| Blue-winged Teal | C | C | C | | |
| Northern Shoveler | U | | C | | |
| Gadwall | U | | U | | |
| American Wigeon | U | | U | | |
| Mallard | C | C | C | | |
| American Black Duck | O | | O | | |
| Northern Pintail | U | | U | | |
| Green-winged Teal | U | | U | | |
| Canvasback | U | | U | | |
| Redhead | U | | U | | |
| Ring-necked Duck | C | | C | | |
| Greater Scaup | U | | U | | |
| Lesser Scaup | C | | C | | |
| White-winged Scoter | O | | | | |
| Bufflehead | U | | C | | |
| Common Goldeneye | U | | U | | |
| Hooded Merganser | C | U | C | | |
| Common Merganser | U | | U | | |
| Red-breasted Merganser | U | | U | | |
| Ruddy Duck | U | | U | | |
| PARTRIDGE, PHEASANTS, GROUSE, TURKEYS | | | | | |
| Gray Partridge | O | O | O | O | |
| Ring-necked Pheasant | C | C | C | C | |
| Wild Turkey | C | C | C | C | |
| GREBES | | | | | |
| Pied-billed Grebe | C | C | C | | |
| Horned Grebe | U | | O | | |
| Red-necked Grebe | O | | O | | |
| Eared Grebe | O | | O | | |
| Western Grebe | O | | O | | |

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| PIGEONS AND DOVES | | | | | |
| Rock Pigeon | C | C | C | C | |
| Mourning Dove | C | C | C | O | |
| NIGHTJARS | | | | | |
| Common Nighthawk | U | O | U | | |
| SWIFTS | | | | | |
| Chimney Swift | U | U | U | | |
| HUMMINGBIRDS | | | | | |
| Ruby-throated Hummingbird | C | U | C | | |
| RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS | | | | | |
| Virginia Rail | O | O | O | | |
| Sora | U | U | U | | |
| American Coot | C | U | C | | |
| CRANES | | | | | |
| Sandhill Crane | O | | O | | |
| PLOVERS | | | | | |
| American Golden-plover | O | | O | | |
| Killdeer | C | C | C | | |
| SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES | | | | | |
| Least Sandpiper | O | O | O | | |
| Pectoral Sandpiper | O | O | O | | |
| Semipalmated Sandpiper | O | | O | | |
| American Woodcock | O | | O | | |
| Wilson's Snipe | C | U | C | | |
| Spotted Sandpiper | C | C | C | | |
| Solitary Sandpiper | O | O | O | | |
| Lesser Yellowlegs | O | O | O | | |
| Greater Yellowlegs | O | | O | | |
| GULLS, TERNS | | | | | |
| Bonaparte's Gull | U | | U | | |
| Franklin's Gull | U | U | C | | |
| Ring-billed Gull | C | U | C | | |
| Herring Gull | O | | O | O | |
| Black Tern | U | U | U | | |
| Common Tern | O | | O | | |
| Forster's Tern | C | C | U | | |
| LOONS | | | | | |
| Common Loon | O | | O | | |

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| CORMORANTS | | | | | |
| Double-crested Cormorant | C | C | C | | |
| PELICANS | | | | | |
| American White Pelican | C | U | C | | |
| BITTERNS, HERONS, EGRETS, NIGHT-HERONS | | | | | |
| American Bittern | O | | O | | |
| Least Bittern | O | | O | | |
| Great Blue Heron | C | C | C | | |
| Great Egret | U | U | U | | |
| Cattle Egret | O | | O | | |
| Green Heron | C | C | C | | |
| Black-crowned Night-heron | O | O | O | | |
| NEW WORLD VULTURES | | | | | |
| Turkey Vulture | U | O | U | | |
| OSPREY | | | | | |
| Osprey | U | U | U | | |
| KITES, HAWKS, EAGLES | | | | | |
| Northern Harrier | U | U | U | O | |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk | U | | U | | |
| Cooper's Hawk | U | U | U | O | |
| Bald Eagle | U | U | U | U | |
| Red-shouldered Hawk | O | O | O | | |
| Broad-winged Hawk | U | O | U | | |
| Swainson's Hawk | O | O | O | | |
| Red-tailed Hawk | C | C | C | U | |
| Rough-legged Hawk | O | | O | O | |
| TYPICAL OWLS | | | | | |
| Great Horned Owl | U | U | U | U | |
| KINGFISHERS | | | | | |
| Belted Kingfisher | C | C | C | | |
| WOODPECKERS | | | | | |
| Red-headed Woodpecker | U | U | U | | |
| Red-bellied Woodpecker | C | C | C | C | |
| Yellow-bellied Sapsucker | U | U | U | | |
| Downy Woodpecker | C | C | C | C | |
| Hairy Woodpecker | C | C | C | C | |
| Northern Flicker | C | C | C | O | |
| Pileated Woodpecker | U | U | U | U | |

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| FALCONS | | | | | |
| American Kestrel | C | C | C | O | |
| Merlin | O | | O | | |
| Peregrine Falcon | O | | O | | |
| FLYCATCHERS | | | | | |
| Great Crested Flycatcher | C | C | C | | |
| Eastern Kingbird | C | C | C | | |
| Olive-sided Flycatcher | U | | U | | |
| Eastern Wood-Pewee | C | C | C | | |
| Yellow-bellied Flycatcher | O | | O | | |
| Alder Flycatcher | U | | U | | |
| Willow Flycatcher | U | | U | | |
| Least Flycatcher | C | C | C | | |
| Eastern Phoebe | C | C | C | | |
| SHRIKES | | | | | |
| Northern Shrike | O | | O | O | |
| VIREOS | | | | | |
| Yellow-throated Vireo | C | C | C | | |
| Blue-headed Vireo | U | | U | | |
| Philadelphia Vireo | O | | O | | |
| 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 | |
| LARKS | | | | | |
| Horned Lark | C | C | C | O | |
| MARTINS, SWALLOWS | | | | | |
| Bank Swallow | U | U | U | | |
| Tree Swallow | C | C | C | | |
| Northern Rough-winged Swallow | U | U | U | | |
| Purple Martin | U | U | U | | |
| Barn Swallow | C | C | C | | |
| Cliff Swallow | C | C | C | | |
| CHICKADEES, TITMICE | | | | | |
| Black-capped Chickadee | C | C | C | C | |