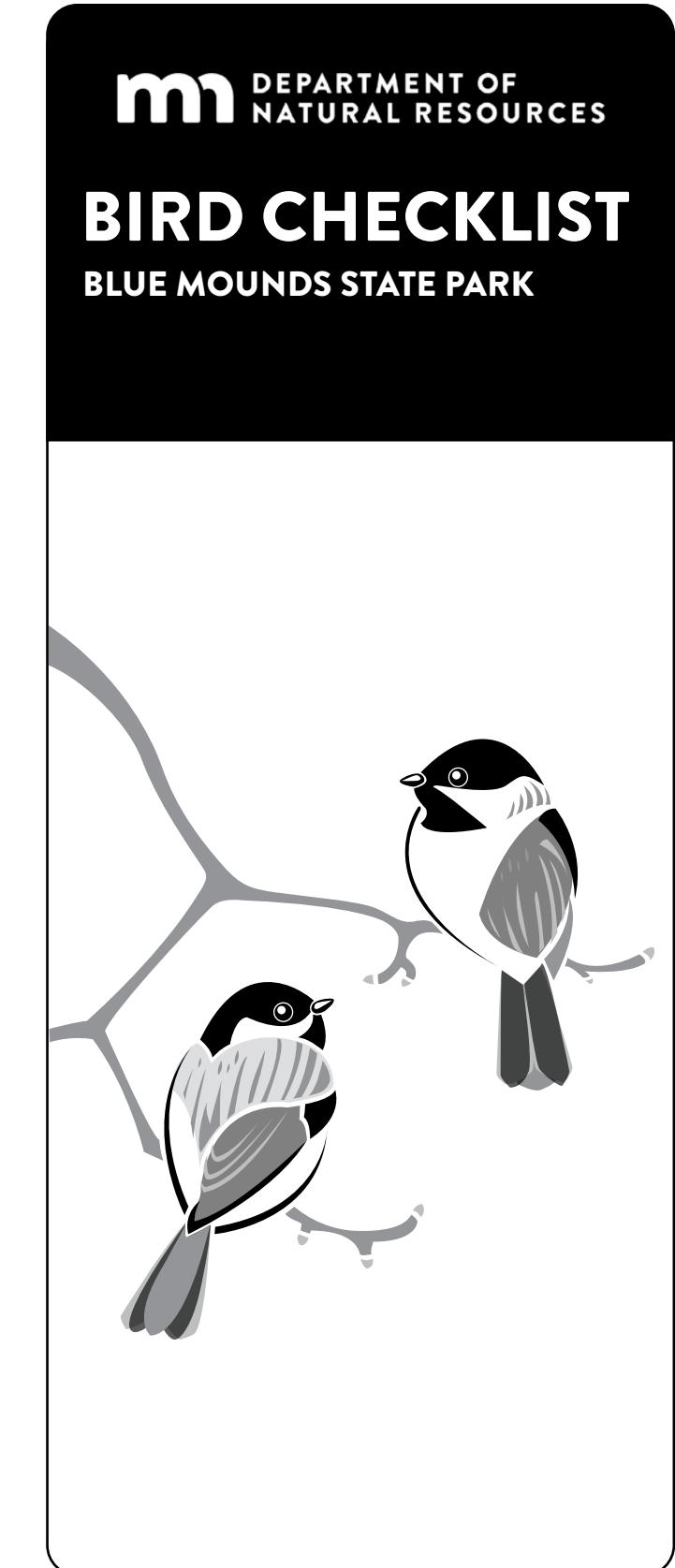


STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
GNATCATCHERS					
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher					
	R				
KINGLETS					
Golden-crowned Kinglet		C	C	O	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		C	C		
THRUSHES					
Eastern Bluebird	C	C	C		
Mountain Bluebird	R				
Veery	U		O		
Gray-cheeked Thrush	U		U		
Swainson's Thrush	U		U		
Hermit Thrush	U		U		
Wood Thrush	O	O			
American Robin	C	C	C	O	
THRASHERS, MOCKINGBIRDS					
Gray Catbird	C	C	C		
Curve-billed Thrasher			R		
Brown Thrasher	U	U	U		
Northern Mockingbird		R			
STARLINGS					
European Starling	C	C	C	C	
WAXWINGS					
Cedar Waxwing	C	C	C	U	
OLD WORLD SPARROWS					
House Sparrow	C	C	C	C	
PIPITS					
American Pipit	U		U		
FINCHES					
Evening Grosbeak		O	O		
House Finch	U	U	U	U	
Purple Finch	U		U	O	
Common Redpoll			O		
Red Crossbill	R		R		
Pine Siskin	U		U	U	
American Goldfinch	C	C	C	U	
LONGSPURS, SNOW BUNTINGS					
Lapland Longspur	U		U		
Snow Bunting	C	C	C		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
TOWHEES, SPARROWS					
Grasshopper Sparrow	U	U	U		
Lark Sparrow	O	O			
Lark Bunting	R	R			
Chipping Sparrow	C	C	C		
Clay-colored Sparrow	U	O	U		
Field Sparrow	U	U	U		
Brewer's Sparrow			R		
Fox Sparrow	U		U		
American Tree Sparrow	C		C		
Dark-eyed Junco	C	C	C		
White-crowned Sparrow	U		O		
Harris's Sparrow	U		O		
White-throated Sparrow	C	C	O		
Vesper Sparrow	U	U	U		
LeConte's Sparrow	O		O		
Nelson's Sparrow	R		R		
Henslow's Sparrow	R				
Savannah Sparrow	C	U	C		
Song Sparrow	C	C	C		
Lincoln's Sparrow	U		U		
Swamp Sparrow	U	U	U		
Eastern Towhee	U		U		
CHATS					
Yellow-breasted Chat	R				
BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES					
Yellow-headed Blackbird	U	U	U		
Bobolink	C	C	C		
Eastern Meadowlark	R	R			
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	C		
Rusty Blackbird	C	C			
Brewer's Blackbird	U	O	U		
Common Grackle	C	C	C		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
WARBLEDERS					
Ovenbird	C				
Northern Waterthrush	U				
Golden-winged Warbler	U				
Black-and-white Warbler	U				
Tennessee Warbler	C				
Orange-crowned Warbler	U				
Nashville Warbler	U				
Connecticut Warbler	O				
Mourning Warbler	U				
Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C		
American Redstart	C	C	C		
Cerulean Warbler	O	O			
Northern Parula	U				
Magnolia Warbler	U				
Bay-breasted Warbler	O	O			
Blackburnian Warbler	U				
Yellow Warbler	C	C	C		
Chestnut-sided Warbler	U				
Blackpoll Warbler	U				
Palm Warbler	U				
Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		C		
Prairie Warbler	R				
Black-throated Green Warbler	U				
Canada Warbler	U				
Wilson's Warbler	U				
TANAGERS, CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS					
Scarlet Tanager	U	U	U		
Northern Cardinal	O	O	O		
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	C	C	C		
Black-headed Grosbeak			R		
Blue Grosbeak	U	U	U		
Lazuli Bunting	R				
Indigo Bunting	C	C	C		
Dickcissel	C	C			



Birding at Blue Mounds State Park

The park attracts a wide variety of interesting and unusual birds, including the blue grosbeak and other western birds that stray into Minnesota.

The park offers grassland species large areas of prairie, no longer present in much of Minnesota. Mound Creek provides rare water access in lake-less Rock County. Turkey vultures nest on the sheer cliff ledges of the mound.

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					
Snow Goose	U		U		
Greater White-fronted Goose	O				
Canada Goose	C	C	C		
Tundra Swan	O		O		
Wood Duck	C	C	C		
Blue-winged Teal	C	C	C		
Northern Shoveler	U		U		
Gadwall	U		U		
American Wigeon	U		U		
Mallard	C	C	C		
Green-winged Teal	U		U		
Redhead	U		U		
Ring-necked Duck	U		U		
Lesser Scaup	U		U		
Bufflehead	U		U		
Hooded Merganser	U		U		
Common Merganser	U		U		
Ruddy Duck	U		U		
NEW WORLD QUAIL					
Northern Bobwhite	O	O	O	O	
PARTRIDGE, PHEASANTS, GROUSE, TURKEYS					
Gray Partridge	U	U	U	U	
Ring-necked Pheasant	C	C	C	C	
GREBES					
Pied-billed Grebe	U	U	U		
Horned Grebe	O		O		
PIGEONS AND DOVES					
Rock Pigeon	C	C	C	C	
Mourning Dove	C	C	C		
CUCKOOS					
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	U	U	O		
Black-billed Cuckoo	U	U	U		
NIGHTJARS					
Common Nighthawk	C	C	C		
Eastern Whip-poor-will	O	O	O		
SWIFTS					
Chimney Swift	C	C	C		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
STATE PARK BIRDS					
HUMMINGBIRDS					
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	U	O	U		
RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS					
Virginia Rail	U	O	U		
Sora	U	U	U		
American Coot	C		C		
PLOVERS					
Killdeer	C	C	C		
SANDPIPER AND ALLIES					
Upland Sandpiper	U	U			
Long-Billed Curlew		R			
Marbled Godwit	O				
Pectoral Sandpiper	U	U	U		
American Woodcock	U		U		
Wilson's Snipe	U		U	O	
Spotted Sandpiper	C	C	C		
Solitary Sandpiper	U		U		
Lesser Yellowlegs	U	U	U		
GULLS, TERNS					
Bonaparte's Gull	U		U		
Franklin's Gull	U		U		
Ring-billed Gull	C	C			
Black Tern	U		U		
Forster's Tern	U		U		
CORMORANTS					
Double-crested Cormorant	U		U		
PELICANS					
American White Pelican	O		O		
BITTERNS, HERONS, EGRETS, NIGHT-HERONS					
Great Blue Heron	C	C	C		
Great Egret	O	O	O		
Snowy Egret	R				
Green Heron	U	U	U		
Black-crowned Night-heron	O	O	O		
NEW WORLD VULTURES					
Turkey Vulture	C	C	C		
SWIFTS					
Osprey	U		U		
KITES, HAWKS, EAGLES					
Northern Harrier	U		U		
Sharp-shinned Hawk	U		U		
Cooper's Hawk	U		U		
Bald Eagle	U		U		
Broad-winged Hawk	U		U		
Swainson's Hawk	U		U		
Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C		
Rough-legged Hawk	O		U	U	
TYPICAL OWLS					
Eastern Screech Owl	U	U	U	U	
Great Horned Owl	U	U	U	U	
Snowy Owl		O	O		
Long-eared Owl	O				
Short-eared Owl	O	O			
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		
Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Hairy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Northern Flicker	C	U	C	O	
FALCONS					
American Kestrel	C	C	C		
Merlin	O		O		
Peregrine Falcon	R				
Prairie Falcon	R				
FLYCATCHERS					