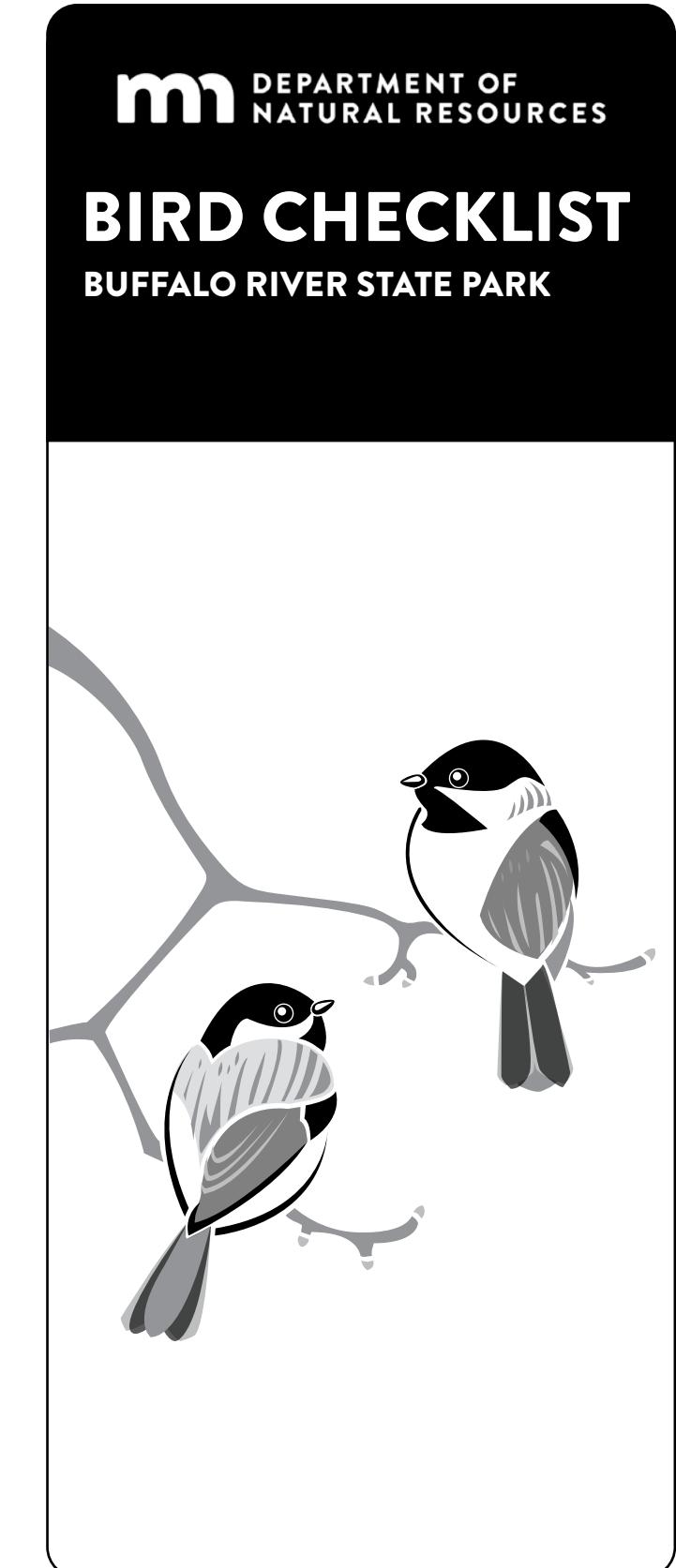


STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>LARKS</b>					
Horned Lark	U	U	U		
<b>MARTINS, SWALLOWS</b>					
Bank Swallow	C	C	C		
Tree Swallow	C	C	C		
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	C	C	C		
Purple Martin	U	U	U		
Barn Swallow	C	C	C		
Cliff Swallow	C	C	C		
<b>CHICKADEES, TITMICE</b>					
Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C	
Tufted Titmouse	R				
<b>NUTHATCHES</b>					
Red-breasted Nuthatch	U		U	O	
White-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C	
<b>CREEPERS</b>					
Brown Creeper	U	O	U	O	
<b>WRENS</b>					
House Wren	C	C	C		
Winter Wren	O		O		
Sedge Wren	C	C	C		
Marsh Wren	U	U	U		
<b>GNATCATCHERS</b>					
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	U	U	U		
<b>KINGLETS</b>					
Golden-crowned Kinglet	C		C	R	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C		
<b>THRUSHES</b>					
Eastern Bluebird	C	C	C		
Mountain Bluebird	R				
Townsend's Solitaire			R		
Veery	U	U			
Gray-cheeked Thrush	U		U		
Swainson's Thrush	C		C		
Hermit Thrush	C		C		
Wood Thrush	O	O			
American Robin	C	C	C	U	

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>THRASHERS, MOCKINGBIRDS</b>					
Gray Catbird	C	C	C		
<b>STARLINGS</b>					
European Starling	C	C	C	C	
<b>WAXWINGS</b>					
Bohemian Waxwing			O		
Cedar Waxwing	C	C	C	U	
<b>OLD WORLD SPARROWS</b>					
House Sparrow	U	U	U	U	
<b>PIPISTS</b>					
American Pipit	O		O		
<b>FINCHES</b>					
Evening Grosbeak			O		
Pine Grosbeak	R			R	
House Finch	U	U	U	U	
Purple Finch	U		U	O	
Common Redpoll	O			U	
Hoary Redpoll				O	
Red Crossbill				R	
White-winged Crossbill				R	
Pine Siskin	O		O	O	
American Goldfinch	C	C	C	C	
<b>LONGSPURS, SNOW BUNTINGS</b>					
Lapland Longspur	U		U	U	
Chestnut-collared Longspur	R				
Smith's Longspur			R		
Snow Bunting	U		U	U	
<b>TOWHEES, SPARROWS</b>					
Grasshopper Sparrow	U	U	O		
Lark Sparrow	U	U	U		
Chipping Sparrow	C	C	C		
Clay-colored Sparrow	C	C	C		
Field Sparrow	U	U	U		
Fox Sparrow	U		U		
American Tree Sparrow	C	C	U		
Dark-eyed Junco	C	C	C		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>WHITE-CROWNED SPARROWS</b>					
White-crowned Sparrow	C		C		
<b>STARLING</b>					
Harris's Sparrow	C		C		
<b>WAXWINGS</b>					
White-throated Sparrow	C		C		
Vesper Sparrow	U	U	U		
Le Conte's Sparrow	U	U	U		
Henslow's Sparrow			R		
Savannah Sparrow	C	C	C		
Song Sparrow	C	C	C		
Lincoln's Sparrow	U		U		
Swamp Sparrow	C	C	C		
Eastern Towhee	O	O	O		
<b>BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES</b>					
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	U		
Rusty Blackbird	U		U		
Brewer's Blackbird	C	C	C		
Common Grackle	C	C	C		
<b>WARBLERS</b>					
Ovenbird	C	C	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	R				
Mourning Warbler	U		U		
Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C		
American Redstart	C	C	C		
Cape May Warbler	U		U		
Northern Parula	O	O			
Magnolia Warbler	C		C		
Bay-breasted Warbler	U		U		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER</b>					
Blackburnian Warbler	U		U		
<b>YELLOW WARBLER</b>					
Yellow Warbler	C	C	C		
<b>CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER</b>					
Chestnut-sided Warbler	U	O	O		
<b>BLACKPOLL WARBLER</b>					
Blackpoll Warbler	U		U		
<b>PALM WARBLER</b>					
Palm Warbler	U		U		
<b>PINE WARBLER</b>					
Pine Warbler	O	O	O		
<b>YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER</b>					
Yellow-rumped Warbler	C	C	C		
<b>BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER</b>					
Black-throated Green Warbler	U		U		
<b>CANADA WARBLER</b>					
Canada Warbler	U		U		
<b>WILSON'S WARBLER</b>					
Wilson's Warbler	U		U		
<b>TANAGERS, CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS</b>					
Scarlet Tanager	U	U	U		
Northern Cardinal	O		O	O	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	C	C	C		
Indigo Bunting	C	C	C		
Dickcissel	O	O			



## Birding at Buffalo River State Park

Buffalo River State Park, with the adjoining Bluestem Prairie Scientific and Natural Area and MSUM Regional Science Center, form one of the largest native prairie areas in Minnesota. It offers prime habitat for many prairie bird species. This is probably the only place in the state where one can drive a car up to a prairie chicken lek and watch the birds perform without getting out of the car. Clay-colored, grasshopper, savannah, and the secretive Henslow's and LeConte's sparrows are found on the prairie. Upland sandpipers, northern harriers and the occasional short-eared owl hunt over the grasslands. The grasslands on the south edge are a gathering place for thousands of Brewer's blackbirds in the fall. The wooded areas, especially along the Buffalo River, are great for migratory warblers, vireos, sparrows, thrushes and flycatchers.

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

#### PARTRIDGE, PHEASANTS, GROUSE, TURKEYS

Gray Partridge	U	U	U	U	
Ring-necked Pheasant	U	U	U	U	
Ruffed Grouse	O	O	O	O	
Greater Prairie-Chicken	C	C	C	C	

#### GREBES

Pied-billed Grebe	O				
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#### PIGEONS AND DOVES

Rock Pigeon	U	U	U		
Mourning Dove	C	C	C	R	

#### CUCKOOS

Yellow-billed Cuckoo	O	O	O		
Black-billed Cuckoo	U	U	U		

#### NIGHTJARS

Common Nighthawk	U				
Eastern Whip-poor-will	O				

### STATE PARK BIRDS

Sp S F W DATE

#### SWIFTS

Chimney Swift	U	U	U		
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#### HUMMINGBIRDS

Ruby-throated Hummingbird	C	C	C		
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#### RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS

Yellow Rail	R				
Virginia Rail	U	U	U		
Sora	U	U	U		
American Coot	O	O	O		

#### CRANES

Sandhill Crane	U	U	U		
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#### PLOVERS

Killdeer	U	U	U		
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#### SANDPIPER AND ALLIES

Upland Sandpiper	U	U	U		
Marbled Godwit	O	O			
Least Sandpiper	O	O			
Pectoral Sandpiper	O	O			
American Woodcock	U	U	U		
Wilson's Snipe	U	U	U		
Spotted Sandpiper	U	C	U		
Solitary Sandpiper	O	O			
Lesser Yellowlegs	O	O			
Greater Yellowlegs	O	O			

#### GULLS, TERNS

Bonaparte's Gull	U				
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#### FRANKLIN'S GULL

Franklin's Gull	U	U	U		
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#### RING-BILLED GULL

Ring-billed Gull	C	U	C		
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#### HERRING GULL

Herring Gull	O	O			
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#### BLACK TERN

Black Tern	O	O			
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#### FORSTER'S TERN

Forster's Tern	O	O			
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#### CORMORANTS

Double-crested Cormorant	U	U	U		
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#### PELICANS

American White Pelican	O	O			
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### STATE PARK BIRDS

Sp S F W DATE

#### BITTERN, HERONS, EGRETS, NIGHT-HERONS

American Bittern	O	O	O		