

## Birding at Carley State Park

Though small in size, Carley is a great place for watching birds. The woodland and riparian habitat provides areas for warblers, vireos, flycatchers, thrushes and sparrows during migration and the breeding season. A total of 27 species of neo-tropical migrant warblers have been recorded in the park.

Walk along the wildflower trail for opportunities to see migrating warblers and wood ducks in the spring of the year.

### 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
<b>GEESE, SWANS, DUCKS</b>					
Canada Goose	C	C	C	O	
Tundra Swan	U		U		
Wood Duck	C	C	C	O	
Blue-winged Teal	C	C	C		
Mallard	C	C	C	U	
American Black Duck	U		U	O	
<b>PARTRIDGE, PHEASANTS, GROUSE, TURKEYS</b>					
Gray Partridge	U	U	U	U	
Ring-necked Pheasant	C	C	C	C	
Ruffed Grouse	C	C	C	C	
Wild Turkey	C	C	C	C	
<b>PIGEONS, DOVES</b>					
Rock Pigeon	C	C	C	C	
Mourning Dove	C	C	C	U	
<b>CUCKOOS</b>					
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	U	U	U		
Black-billed Cuckoo	U	U	U		
<b>NIGHTJARS</b>					
Common Nighthawk	C	C	C		
Eastern Whip-poor-will	U	U			
<b>SWIFTS</b>					
Chimney Swift	C	C	C		
<b>HUMMINGBIRDS</b>					
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	C	U	C		
<b>PLOVERS</b>					
Killdeer	C	C	C		
<b>SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES</b>					
American Woodcock	C	U	U		
Wilson's Snipe	C	C	C		
Spotted Sandpiper	C	C	C		
<b>BITTERNS, HERONS, EGRETS, NIGHT-HERONS</b>					
Great Blue Heron	C	U	C	R	
Great Egret	C	U	C		
<b>NEW WORLD VULTURES</b>					
Turkey Vulture	U		U		
<b>OSPREY</b>					
Osprey	U	U	U		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>KITES, HAWKS, EAGLES</b>					
Golden Eagle	O		O	O	
Northern Harrier	U	U	U	O	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	U		U	O	
Cooper's Hawk	U	U	U	O	
Northern Goshawk	O		O	O	
Bald Eagle	C	U	C	U	
Red-shouldered Hawk	U	U	U	U	
Broad-winged Hawk	C	U	C		
Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	C	
Rough-legged Hawk	U		U	U	
<b>TYPICAL OWLS</b>					
Eastern Screech Owl	U	U	U	U	
Great Horned Owl	U	U	U	U	
Barred Owl	U	U	U	U	
<b>KINGFISHERS</b>					
Belted Kingfisher	C	C	C	O	
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>					
Red-headed Woodpecker	U	U	U	O	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	C	U	C		
Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Hairy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Northern Flicker	C	C	C	O	
Pileated Woodpecker	U	U	U	U	
<b>FALCONS</b>					
American Kestrel	C	C	C	U	
<b>FLYCATCHERS</b>					
Great Crested Flycatcher	C	C	C		
Eastern Kingbird	C	C	C		
Olive-sided Flycatcher	U		U		
Eastern Wood-pewee	C	C	C		
Willow Flycatcher	U	U	U		
Least Flycatcher	C	C	C		
Eastern Phoebe	C	C	C		
<b>SHRIKES</b>					
Northern Shrike	U		U	U	

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>VIREOS</b>					
Yellow-throated Vireo	C	U	U		
Blue-headed Vireo	U		U		
Philadelphia Vireo	U		U		
Warbling Vireo	C	C	C		
Red-eyed Vireo	C	C	C		
<b>JAYS, MAGPIES, CROWS, RAVENS</b>					
Blue Jay	C	C	C	C	
American Crow	C	C	C	C	
<b>LARKS</b>					
Horned Lark	C	U	C	U	
<b>MARTINS, SWALLOWS</b>					
Bank Swallow	C	U	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	
<b>NUTHATCHES</b>					
Red-breasted Nuthatch	U		U	U	
White-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C	
<b>CREEPERS</b>					
Brown Creeper	U		U	O	
<b>WRENS</b>					
House Wren	C	C	C		
Winter Wren	U		U	R	
Sedge Wren	U	U	U		
<b>GNATCATCHERS</b>					
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	C	C	C		
<b>KINGLETS</b>					
Golden-crowned Kinglet	C		C	U	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>THRUSHES</b>					
Eastern Bluebird	C	C	C	O	
Veery	U	U			
Gray-cheeked Thrush	U		U		
Swainson's Thrush	U		U		
Hermit Thrush	C		C		
Wood Thrush	U	U	O		
American Robin	C	C	C	U	

THRASHERS, MOCKINGBIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
Gray Catbird	C	C	C		
Brown Thrasher	C	C	C		

STARLINGS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
European Starling	C	C	C	C	

WAXWINGS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
Cedar Waxwing	C	C	C	U	

OLD WORLD SPARROWS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
House Sparrow	C	C	C	C	

FINCHES	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
Evening Grosbeak			O	O	
Pine Grosbeak			R	R	
House Finch	C	C	C	C	
Purple Finch	C		C	C	
Common Redpoll	U		U	U	
Red Crossbill			O	O	
White-winged Crossbill			O	O	
Pine Siskin	U		U	U	
American Goldfinch	C	C	C	C	

LONGSPURS, SNOW BUNTINGS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
Snow Bunting				U	

TOWHEES, SPARROWS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
Chipping Sparrow	C	C	C		
Clay-colored Sparrow	U	U	U		
Field Sparrow	C	C	U		
Fox Sparrow	C		C		
American Tree Sparrow	C		C	C	
Dark-eyed Junco	C		C	C	
White-crowned Sparrow	U		U		
Harris's Sparrow	U		U		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
White-throated Sparrow	C		C		
Vesper Sparrow	U	U	U		
Savannah Sparrow	C	C	C		
Song Sparrow	C	C	C		
Lincoln's Sparrow	U		U		
Swamp Sparrow	C	C	C		
Eastern Towhee	U	U	U		

BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
Bobolink	C	C	C		
Eastern Meadowlark	C	C	C	O	
Western Meadowlark	C	C	C	O	
Orchard Oriole	U	U	U		
Baltimore Oriole	C	C	C		
Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	C	O	
Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	U	O	
Rusty Blackbird	C		C	O	
Brewer's Blackbird	C	U	U		
Common Grackle	C	C	C	O	

WARBLERS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
Ovenbird	C	C	C		
Louisiana Waterthrush	U	U	O		
Northern Waterthrush	U		U		
Golden-winged Warbler	U		U		
Blue-winged Warbler	U	U	O		
Black-and-white Warbler	C		C		
Tennessee Warbler	C		C		
Orange-crowned Warbler	U		U		
Nashville Warbler	C		C		
Conneticut Warbler	U		O		
Mourning Warbler	U		U		
Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C		
American Redstart	C	C			
Cape May Warbler	U		U		
Cerulean Warbler	U	U	O		
Northern Parula	U		U		
Magnolia Warbler	U		U		
Bay-breasted Warbler	U		U		
Blackburnian Warbler	U		U		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
Yellow Warbler	C	C	C		
Chestnut-sided Warbler	C	U	C		
Blackpoll Warbler	U		U		
Palm Warbler	C		C		
Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		C	R	
Black-throated Green Warbler	U		U		
Canada Warbler	U		U		
Wilson's Warbler	U		U		

TANAGERS, CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
Scarlet Tanager	U	U	U		
Northern Cardinal	C	C	C	C	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	C	C	C		
Indigo Bunting	C	C	C		

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