

**STATE PARK BIRDS**

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|---------------------------------|----|---|---|---|------|
| <b>NUTHATCHES</b>               |    |   |   |   |      |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch           | C  | C | C | C |      |
| White-breasted Nuthatch         | O  | O | O |   |      |
| <b>CREEPERS</b>                 |    |   |   |   |      |
| Brown Creeper                   | U  | U | U |   |      |
| <b>WRENS</b>                    |    |   |   |   |      |
| Winter Wren                     | U  | U | U |   |      |
| <b>KINGLETS</b>                 |    |   |   |   |      |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet          | C  | U | C |   |      |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet            | C  | U | C |   |      |
| <b>THRUSHES</b>                 |    |   |   |   |      |
| Eastern Bluebird                | O  | O | O |   |      |
| Townsend's Solitaire            |    |   | R |   |      |
| Veery                           | C  | C | U |   |      |
| Swainson's Thrush               | U  | U | U |   |      |
| Hermit Thrush                   | C  | C | C |   |      |
| Wood Thrush                     | O  | O | O |   |      |
| American Robin                  | C  | C | C | O |      |
| <b>THRASHERS, MOCKINGBIRDS</b>  |    |   |   |   |      |
| Northern Mockingbird            |    | R |   |   |      |
| <b>WAXWINGS</b>                 |    |   |   |   |      |
| Bohemian Waxwing                | U  |   | U | U |      |
| Cedar Waxwing                   | C  | C | C |   |      |
| <b>PIPITS</b>                   |    |   |   |   |      |
| American Pipit                  |    | U |   |   |      |
| <b>FINCHES</b>                  |    |   |   |   |      |
| Evening Grosbeak                | O  |   | O | O |      |
| Pine Grosbeak                   | U  |   | U | U |      |
| Purple Finch                    | C  | O | C | U |      |
| Common Redpoll                  | U  |   | C | C |      |
| Hoary Redpoll                   | O  |   | O |   |      |
| Red Crossbill                   | O  | O | O | O |      |
| White-winged Crossbill          | O  | O | O | O |      |
| Pine Siskin                     | U  | O | U | U |      |
| American Goldfinch              | C  | C | C |   |      |
| <b>LONGSPURS, SNOW BUNTINGS</b> |    |   |   |   |      |
| Lapland Longspur                | U  |   | C |   |      |
| Snow Bunting                    |    | C |   |   |      |

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| <b>TOWHEES, SPARROWS</b>     |    |   |   |   |      |
| Chipping Sparrow             | C  | C | C |   |      |
| Clay-colored Sparrow         | U  | U | U |   |      |
| Fox Sparrow                  | U  |   | U |   |      |
| American Tree Sparrow        | C  |   | C |   |      |
| Dark-eyed Junco              | C  | U | C |   |      |
| White-crowned Sparrow        | U  |   | U |   |      |
| Harris's Sparrow             | U  |   | U |   |      |
| White-throated Sparrow       | C  | C | C |   |      |
| Vesper Sparrow               |    |   | R |   |      |
| Savannah Sparrow             | U  | U | U |   |      |
| Song Sparrow                 | C  | C | C |   |      |
| Lincoln's Sparrow            | U  |   | U |   |      |
| <b>BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES</b>   |    |   |   |   |      |
| Red-winged Blackbird         | U  | U | U |   |      |
| Rusty Blackbird              |    |   | O |   |      |
| <b>WARBLERS</b>              |    |   |   |   |      |
| Ovenbird                     | C  | C | C |   |      |
| Black-and-white Warbler      | C  | C | C |   |      |
| Tennessee Warbler            | U  |   | U |   |      |
| Orange-crowned Warbler       | O  |   | O |   |      |
| Nashville Warbler            | C  | C | C |   |      |
| Mourning Warbler             | C  | C | C |   |      |
| Common Yellowthroat          | C  | C | C |   |      |
| American Redstart            | C  | C | C |   |      |
| Northern Parula              | C  | C | C |   |      |
| Magnolia Warbler             | C  | C | C |   |      |
| Bay-breasted Warbler         | U  | O | U |   |      |
| Blackburnian Warbler         | U  | U | U |   |      |
| Chestnut-sided Warbler       | C  | C | C |   |      |
| Blackpoll Warbler            | U  |   | U |   |      |
| Black-throated Blue Warbler  | U  | U | U |   |      |
| Palm Warbler                 | C  |   | C |   |      |
| Pine Warbler                 | O  | O | O |   |      |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler        | C  | C | C |   |      |
| Black-throated Green Warbler | C  | C | C |   |      |
| Canada Warbler               | C  | C | C |   |      |
| Wilson's Warbler             | U  |   | U |   |      |

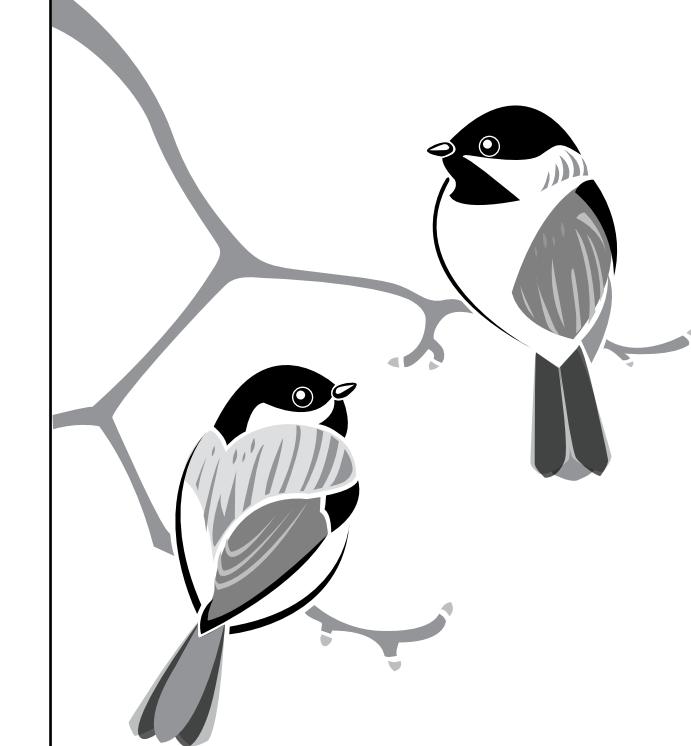
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| <b>TANAGERS, CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS</b> |    |   |   |   |      |
| Scarlet Tanager                       | U  | U | U |   |      |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak                | C  | C | C |   |      |
| Indigo Bunting                        | U  | U | U |   |      |

**DEPARTMENT OF  
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# BIRD CHECKLIST

## CASCADE RIVER STATE PARK



Checklist created by Robert B. Janssen, Jerry Bonkoski and MNDNR. Data was gathered from MNDNR staff observations, public observations and Minnesota Ornithologist's Union records. Nomenclature and organization of checklist based off of the *Check-list of North American Birds* (7th edition) as currently supplemented.

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## Birding at Cascade River State Park

Cascade River State Park stretches for five miles along Lake Superior. The park contains over 2,800 acres, most of which are heavily wooded.

Take a hike along the Cascade River in the spring to hear singing warblers. Look for numerous boreal warblers near the mature cedar and white pine scattered along the river. Over twenty warbler species have been recorded and most of them breed within the park.

The lakeshore is a reliable spot to watch raptors, water birds and waterfowl. The first record of a harlequin duck in Minnesota was recorded at the mouth of the Cascade River.

### 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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#### GESE, SWANS, DUCKS

|                        |   |   |   |  |  |
|------------------------|---|---|---|--|--|
| Canada Goose           | U | U |   |  |  |
| Mallard                | U | U |   |  |  |
| American Black Duck    | O | O |   |  |  |
| Green-winged Teal      | U | U |   |  |  |
| Greater Scaup          | U | U |   |  |  |
| Lesser Scaup           | U | U |   |  |  |
| King Elder             |   | R |   |  |  |
| Harlequin Duck         | R | R | R |  |  |
| Surf Scoter            | U | U |   |  |  |
| White-winged Scoter    | U | U |   |  |  |
| Black Scoter           | U | U |   |  |  |
| Long-tailed Duck       | U | U | U |  |  |
| Bufflehead             | U | U |   |  |  |
| Common Goldeneye       | C | C |   |  |  |
| Common Merganser       | U | U | U |  |  |
| Red-breasted Merganser | U | U | U |  |  |

#### PARTRIDGE, PHEASANTS, GROUSE, TURKEYS

|               |   |   |   |   |  |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|--|
| Ruffed Grouse | C | C | C | C |  |
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#### GREBES

|                   |   |   |  |  |  |
|-------------------|---|---|--|--|--|
| Pied-billed Grebe | U | U |  |  |  |
| Horned Grebe      | C | U |  |  |  |
| Red-necked Grebe  | C | U |  |  |  |
| Eared Grebe       |   | R |  |  |  |

#### PIGEONS, DOVES

|               |   |   |   |  |  |
|---------------|---|---|---|--|--|
| Mourning Dove | O | O | O |  |  |
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#### NIGHTJARS

|                        |   |   |   |  |  |
|------------------------|---|---|---|--|--|
| Common Nighthawk       | U | U |   |  |  |
| Eastern Whip-poor-will | U | U | U |  |  |

#### SWIFTS

|               |   |   |   |  |  |
|---------------|---|---|---|--|--|
| Chimney Swift | C | C | C |  |  |
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#### HUMMINGBIRDS

|                           |   |   |   |  |  |
|---------------------------|---|---|---|--|--|
| Ruby-throated Hummingbird | C | C | C |  |  |
| Rufous Hummingbird        |   | R |   |  |  |

#### CRANES

|                |   |   |  |  |  |
|----------------|---|---|--|--|--|
| Sandhill Crane | U | U |  |  |  |
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#### PLOVERS

|          |   |   |   |  |  |
|----------|---|---|---|--|--|
| Killdeer | U | U | U |  |  |
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#### SANDPIPER AND ALLIES

|                   |   |   |   |  |  |
|-------------------|---|---|---|--|--|
| Whimbrel          | O |   |   |  |  |
| Dunlin            | O | O |   |  |  |
| American Woodcock | U | U | U |  |  |
| Wilson's Snipe    | U |   | U |  |  |
| Spotted Sandpiper | U | U | U |  |  |
| Lesser Yellowlegs | O | O |   |  |  |

#### GULLS, TERNS

|                  |   |   |   |   |  |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|--|
| Ring-billed Gull | U | U | U |   |  |
| Herring Gull     | C | C | C | C |  |

#### LOONS

|             |   |   |   |  |  |
|-------------|---|---|---|--|--|
| Common Loon | C | C | C |  |  |
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#### CORMORANTS

|                          |   |   |  |  |  |
|--------------------------|---|---|--|--|--|
| Double-crested Cormorant | C | C |  |  |  |
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#### NEW WORLD VULTURES

|                |   |   |   |  |  |
|----------------|---|---|---|--|--|
| Turkey Vulture | U | U | U |  |  |
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#### OSPREY

|        |   |   |   |  |  |
|--------|---|---|---|--|--|
| Osprey | U | U | U |  |  |
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#### KITES, HAWKS, EAGLES

|                    |   |   |   |   |  |
|--------------------|---|---|---|---|--|
| Golden Eagle       | O | O |   |   |  |
| Northern Harrier   | O | O |   |   |  |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk | U | C |   |   |  |
| Bald Eagle         | C | C | C | U |  |
| Broad-winged Hawk  | U | U | C |   |  |
| Red-tailed Hawk    | U | U | U | O |  |
| Rough-legged Hawk  | U | U | O |   |  |

#### TYPICAL OWLS

|                       |   |   |   |   |  |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|---|--|
| Barred Owl            | O | O | O | O |  |
| Great Gray Owl        | R |   |   | R |  |
| Boreal Owl            |   |   |   | R |  |
| Northern Saw-whet Owl | O | O | O |   |  |

#### KINGFISHERS

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| Belted Kingfisher | U | U | U |  |  |
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#### WOODPECKERS

|                           |   |   |   |   |  |
|---------------------------|---|---|---|---|--|
| Yellow-bellied Sapsucker  | U | U | U |   |  |
| Am. Three-toed Woodpecker | O |   | O | O |  |
| Black-backed Woodpecker   | O | O | O | O |  |
| 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 |  |  |
| Peregrine Falcon | O | O | O |  |  |
| SHRIKES          |   |   |   |  |  |
| Northern Shrike  | U | U | U |  |  |

#### VIREOS

|                              |   |   |   |  |  |
|------------------------------|---|---|---|--|--|
| Blue-headed Vireo            | U | U | U |  |  |
| Philadelphia Vireo           | U | O | O |  |  |
| Red-eyed Vireo               | C | C | C |  |  |
| JAYS, MAGPIES, CROWS, RAVENS |   |   |   |  |  |