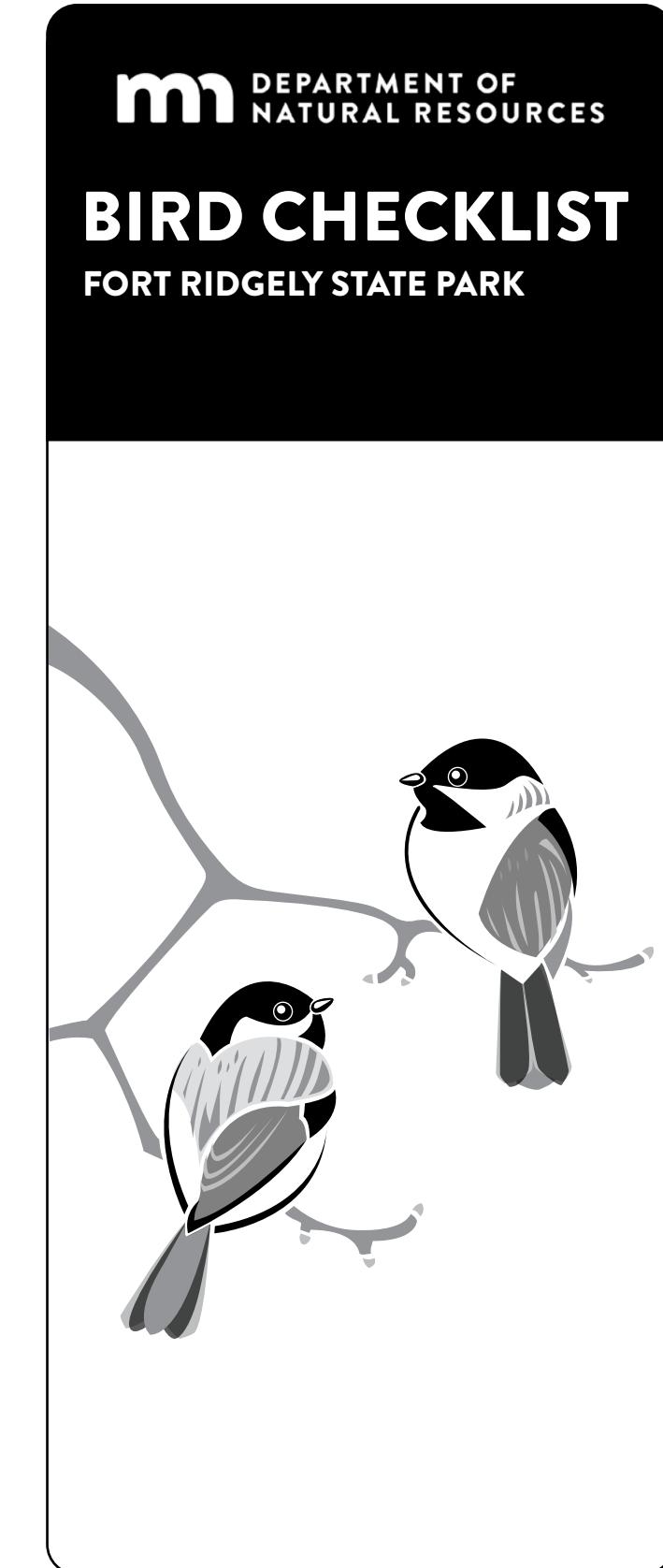


STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
WRENS					
House Wren	C	C	C		
Winter Wren	U		U		
Sedge Wren	C	C	C		
GNATCATCHERS					
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	U	U	U		
KINGLETS					
Golden-crowned Kinglet	C		C	O	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C		
THRUSHES					
Eastern Bluebird	C	C	C	O	
Veery	O	O	O		
Gray-cheeked Thrush	U		U		
Swainson's Thrush	U		U		
Hermit Thrush	U		U		
Wood Thrush	U		O		
American Robin	C	C	C	U	
THRASHERS, MOCKINGBIRDS					
Gray Catbird	C	C	C		
Brown Thrasher	C	C	C		
STARLINGS					
European Starling	C	C	C	C	
WAXWINGS					
Cedar Waxwing	C	C	C	U	
OLD WORLD SPARROWS					
House Sparrow	C	C	C	C	
FINCHES					
House Finch	C	C	C	C	
Purple Finch	U		U	U	
Pine Siskin	U		U	U	
American Goldfinch	C	C	C	U	
LONGSPURS, SNOW BUNTINGS					
Snow Bunting	U		U	U	
TOWHEES, SPARROWS					
Grasshopper Sparrow	U	U	U		
Lark Sparrow	O	O			
Chipping Sparrow	C	C	C		
Clay-colored Sparrow	U	U	U		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
Field Sparrow	U	U	U		
Fox Sparrow	C		C		
American Tree Sparrow	C		C	C	
Dark-eyed Junco	C		C	U	
White-crowned Sparrow	U		U		
Harris's Sparrow	C		C		
White-throated Sparrow	C		C		
Vesper Sparrow	C	C	C		
Savannah Sparrow	C	C	C		
Song Sparrow	C	C	C		
Lincoln's Sparrow	U		U		
Swamp Sparrow	C	U	C		
Eastern Towhee	C	C	C		
BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES					
Bobolink	C	C	C		
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	
Common Grackle	C	C	C	O	
WARBLERS					
Ovenbird	C	U	C		
Northern Waterthrush	U		U		
Golden-winged Warbler	U		U		
Blue-winged Warbler	O	O	O		
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		
Cerulean Warbler	O	O			
Northern Parula	U		U		
Magnolia Warbler	U		U		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
Blackburnian Warbler	U			U	
Yellow Warbler	C	C	C		
Chestnut-sided Warbler	C	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	C	C	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	C	C	C		
Indigo Bunting	C	C	C		
Dickcissel	U	U	U		



Birding at Fort Ridgely State Park

Fort Ridgely State Park is situated on high bluffs overlooking the Minnesota River Valley. This valley is a natural migration corridor for birds and the wooded bluffs attract a wide variety of species. More than 24 species of warblers have been recorded in this 500-acre park along with numerous vireos, flycatchers, thrushes and sparrows. Restored prairie and old fields provide habitat for grassland birds such as bobolinks and grasshopper sparrows.

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					
Snow Goose	U		U		
Canada Goose	C	C	C		
Wood Duck	C	C	C		
Mallard	C	C	C		
Common Merganser	U		U		
PARTRIDGE, PHEASANTS, GROUSE, TURKEYS					
Gray Partridge					
Gray Partridge	U	U	U	U	
Ring-necked Pheasant	C	C	C	C	
Wild Turkey	U	U	U	U	
PIGEONS, DOVES					
Rock Pigeon					
Rock Pigeon	C	C	C	C	
Mourning Dove	C	C	C	U	
CUCKOOS					
Yellow-billed Cuckoo					
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	U	U	O		
Black-billed Cuckoo	U	U	U		
NIGHTJARS					
Common Nighthawk					
Common Nighthawk	U	U	U		
SWIFTS					
Chimney Swift					
Chimney Swift	C	C	C		
HUMMINGBIRDS					
Ruby-throated Hummingbird					
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	C	C	C		
PLOVERS					
Killdeer					
Killdeer	C	C	C		
SANDPIPER AND ALLIES					
American Woodcock					
American Woodcock	U	O	U		
Wilson's Snipe	C	C	C		
Spotted Sandpiper	C	C	C		
Solitary Sandpiper	U	O	U		
GULLS, TERNS					
Franklin's Gull					
Franklin's Gull	C	O	C		
Ring-billed Gull	C	C	C		
Forster's Tern	O	O	O		
PELICANS					
American White Pelican					
American White Pelican	C	C	C		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
BITTERNS, HERONS, EGRETS, NIGHT-HERONS					
Great Blue Heron					
Great Blue Heron	C	C	C		
Great Egret	U	U	U		
Green Heron	C	C	C		
NEW WORLD VULTURES					
Turkey Vulture					
Turkey Vulture	C	C	C		
OSPREY					
Osprey					
Osprey	U	U	U		
KITES, HAWKS, EAGLES					
Northern Harrier					
Northern Harrier	U	U	U	O	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	U		U	O	
Cooper's Hawk	U	U	U	O	
Bald Eagle	C	C	C	O	
Red-shouldered Hawk	U	U	U	O	
Broad-winged Hawk	U	O	U		
Swainson's Hawk	U	O	U		
Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	U	
Rough-legged Hawk	U		U	U	
TYPICAL OWLS					
Eastern Screech Owl					
Eastern Screech Owl	U	U	U	U	
Great Horned Owl	U	U	U	U	
Barred Owl	U	U	U	U	
Northern Saw-whet Owl	O	O	O		
KINGFISHERS					
Belted Kingfisher					
Belted Kingfisher	C	C	C	O	
WOODPECKERS					
Red-headed Woodpecker					
Red-headed Woodpecker	U	U	U	O	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	C	C	C	U	
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	
FALCONS					
American Kestrel					
American Kestrel	C	C	C	U	
Peregrine Falcon	O	O			
FLYCATCHERS					
Great Crested Flycatcher					
Great Crested Flycatcher	U	U	U		
Eastern Kingbird	C	C	C		
Olive-sided Flycatcher	U		U		
Eastern Wood-Pewee	C	C	C		
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	U		U		
Alder Flycatcher	U		U		
Least Flycatcher	C	C	C		
Eastern Phoebe	C	C	C		
SHRIKES					
Northern Shrike					
Northern Shrike	O	O	O		
VIREOS					
Yellow-throated Vireo					
Yellow-throated Vireo	U	U	U		
Blue-headed Vireo	U		U		
Philadelphia Vireo	U		U		
Warbling Vireo	C	C	C		
Red-eyed Vireo	C	U	C		
JAYS, MAGPIES, CROWS, RAVENS					
Blue Jay					
Blue Jay	C	C	C	C	
American Crow	C	C	C	C	
LARKS					
Horned Lark					
Horned Lark	C	C	C	U	
MARTINS, SWALLOWS					
Bank Swallow					
Bank Swallow	C	C	C	C	
Tree Swallow	C	C	C	C	
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	C	C	C	C	
Purple Martin	U	U	U		
Barn Swallow	C	C	C		
Cliff Swallow	C	C	C		
CHICKADEES, TITMICE					
Black-capped Chickadee					
Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C	
NUTHATCHES					
Red-breasted Nuthatch					
Red-breasted Nuthatch	U		U	U	
White-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C	
CREEPERS					
Brown Creeper					
Brown Creeper	C	C	U		