

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
WRENS					
House Wren	C	C	C		
Winter Wren	U		U		
Sedge Wren	U	U	U		
Marsh Wren	U	U	U		
GNATCATCHERS					
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	U	U	U		
KINGLETS					
Golden-crowned Kinglet	U		U	U	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C		
THRUSHES					
Eastern Bluebird	U	U	U	O	
Mountain Bluebird	R				
Veery	U	R	O		
Gray-cheeked Thrush	U		U		
Swainson’s Thrush	U		U		
Hermit Thrush	U		U		
Wood Thrush	U	U	U		
American Robin	C	C	C	O	
THRASHERS, MOCKINGBIRDS					
Gray Catbird	C	C	C		
Brown Thrasher	U	U	U		
STARLINGS					
European Starling	C	C	C	C	
WAXWINGS					
Bohemian Waxwing	O		O	O	
Cedar Waxwing	C	C	C	U	
OLD WORLD SPARROWS					
House Sparrow	C	C	C	C	
PIPITS					
American Pipit	O		O		
FINCHES					
Evening Grosbeak			O		
House Finch	C	C	C	C	
Purple Finch	U		U	O	
Common Redpoll	O		O	O	
Pine Siskin	O		O	O	
American Goldfinch	C	C	C	C	

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LONGSPURS, SNOW BUNTINGS					
Lapland Longspur	U		U		
Snow Bunting	O		O	O	
TOWHEES, SPARROWS					
Grasshopper Sparrow	O	O	O		
Lark Sparrow	O	O	O		
Chipping Sparrow	C	C	C		
Clay-colored Sparrow	O	O	O		
Field Sparrow	O	O	O		
Fox Sparrow	U		U		
American Tree Sparrow	C		C	U	
Dark-eyed Junco	C		C	C	
White-crowned Sparrow	U		U		
Harris’s Sparrow	U		U		
White-throated Sparrow	C		C		
Vesper Sparrow	O	O	O		
Savannah Sparrow	O	O	O		
Song Sparrow	C	C	C		
Lincoln’s Sparrow	U		U		
Swamp Sparrow	C	C	C		
Eastern Towhee	U	U	U		
CHATS					
Yellow-breasted Chat	R	R			
BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES					
Yellow-headed Blackbird	O	O	O		
Bobolink	O	O	O		
Eastern Meadowlark	O	O	O		
Western Meadowlark	O	O	O		
Orchard Oriole	O	O			
Baltimore Oriole	C	C	C		
Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	C	O	
Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	U	O	
Rusty Blackbird	U		U		
Common Grackle	C	C	C	O	


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WARBLERS					
Ovenbird	C	O	C		
Lousiana Waterthrush	R				
Northern Waterthrush	U		U		
Golden-winged Warbler	U		U		
Blue-winged Warbler	R	R	R		
Black-and-white Warbler	U		U		
Prothonatary Warbler	R	O	R		
Tennessee Warbler	U	U	U		
Orange-crowned Warbler	U		U		
Nashville Warbler	U		U		
Connecticut Warbler	R		R		
Mourning Warbler	U		U		
Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C		
American Redstart	C	C	C		
Cape May Warbler	U		U		
Northern Parula	U		U		
Magnolia Warbler	U		U		
Bay-breasted Warbler	U		U		
Blackburnian Warbler	U		U		
Yellow Warbler	C	C	U		
Chestnut-sided Warbler	U		U		
Blackpoll Warbler	U		U		
Black-throated Blue Warbler	O		O		
Palm Warbler	U		U		
Pine Warbler	R		O		
Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		C		
Yellow-throated Warbler				R	
Black-throated Green Warbler	U		U		
Canada Warbler	U		U		
Wilson’s Warbler	U	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	O	O			

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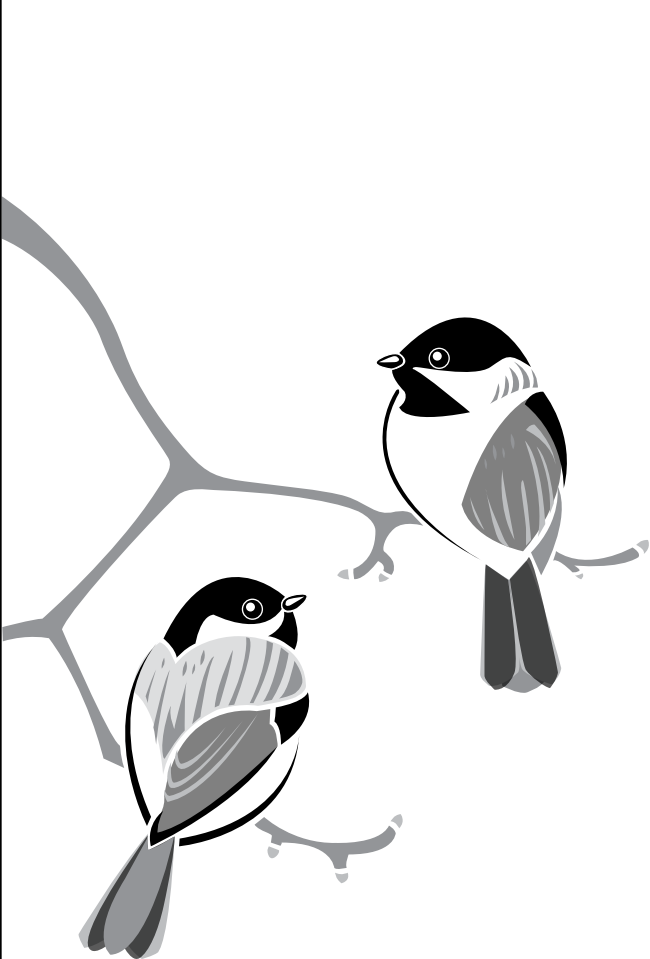
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# BIRD CHECKLIST

FORT SNELLING STATE PARK



Birding at Fort Snelling State Park

Lowland river habitats in this park offer outstanding birdwatching opportunities. Located at the confluence of two major migration corridors, the park boasts excellent habitat for resident birds and passersby alike. A mixture of lake, marsh, shore and forest provides habitat for flycatchers and swallows.

Take a trip to Gun Club Lake, on the Dakota County side of the park, for a great area to view congregating American coots, diving ducks, great blue herons, great egrets and double-crested cormorants.

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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GEESE, SWANS, DUCKS					
Snow Goose	O		O		
Greater White-fronted Goose	R				
Canada Goose	C	C	C	O	
Trumpeter Swan	R		O		
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	O	
American Black Duck	O		O	O	
Northern Pintail	U		U		
Green-winged Teal	U		U		
Canvasback	U		U		
Redhead	U	O	O		
Ring-necked Duck	U		U		
Greater Scaup	O		O		
Lesser Scaup	U		U		
Surf Scoter	R		R		
White-winged Scoter			R		
Long-tailed Duck	R		R		
Bufflehead	U		U		
Common Goldeneye	U		U		
Hooded Merganser	U		U		
Common Merganser	U		U		
Red-breasted Merganser	U		U		
Ruddy Duck	O	O	O		
PARTRIDGE, PHEASANTS, GROUSE, TURKEYS					
Ring-necked Pheasant	U	U	U	U	
Wild Turkey	U	U	U	U	
GREBES					
Pied-billed Grebe	C	C	C		
Horned Grebe	U		U		
Red-necked Grebe	U		U		
Eared Grebe	O		O		
Western Grebe	O				

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PIGEONS, DOVES					
Rock Pigeon	C	C	C	C	
Mourning Dove	C	C	C	O	
CUCKOOS					
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	U	U	U		
Black-billed Cuckoo	U	U	U		
NIGHTJARS					
Common Nighthawk	U	U	U		
Eastern Whip-poor-will	R		R		
SWIFTS					
Chimney Swift	C	C	C		
HUMMINGBIRDS					
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	C	U	C		
RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS					
King Rail		R			
Virginia Rail	U	U	U		
Sora	U	U	U		
Common Moorhen	R	R	R		
American Coot	C	C	C		
PLOVERS					
Killdeer	C	C	C		
Semipalmated Plover	O		O		
Piping Plover	R		R		
SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES					
Whimbrel	R		R		
Ruddy Turnstone	R		R		
Stilt Sandpiper	O		O		
Sanderling	O		O		
Dunlin	O		O		
Least Sandpiper	O		O		
White-rumped Sandpiper	O				
Pectoral Sandpiper	O		O		
Semipalmated Sandpiper	O		O		
Short-billed Dowitcher	O	O	O		
Long-billed Dowitcher	O		O		
American Woodcock	O	R	U		
Wilson's Snipe	U	U	U		
Spotted Sandpiper	U	U	U		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
Solitary Sandpiper	O		O		
Lesser Yellowlegs	O	O	O		
Willet	O		O		
Greater Yellowlegs	O		O		
Wilson's Phalarope	O		O		
Red-necked Phalarope	O		O		
GULLS, TERNS					
Bonaparte's Gull	U		U		
Franklin's Gull	U		U		
Ring-billed Gull	C	C	C		
Herring Gull	C		C		
Glaucous Gull	O		O		
Caspian Tern	U		U		
Black Tern	U	U	U		
Common Tern	O		O		
Forster's Tern	U	U	U		
LOONS					
Common Loon	O		O		
CORMORANTS					
Double-crested Cormorant	C	C	C		
PELICANS					
American White Pelican	O		O		
BITTERNS, HERONS, EGRETS, NIGHT-HERONS					
American Bittern	O	O	O		
Least Bittern	O	O	O		
Great Blue Heron	C	C	C		
Great Egret	C	C	C		
Little Blue Heron	R				
Cattle Egret	O	O	O		
Green Heron	U	U	U		
Black-crowned Night-heron	U	U	U		
Yellow-crowned Night-heron	R				
NEW WORLD VULTURES					
Turkey Vulture	U	U	U		
OSPREY					
Osprey	O	O	O		

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KITES, HAWKS, EAGLES					
Northern Harrier	U		U		
Sharp-shinned Hawk	U		U		
Cooper's Hawk	U		U	U	
Northern Goshawk			O	O	
Bald Eagle	U	U	U	O	
Red-shouldered Hawk	O				
Broad-winged Hawk	U	O	U		
Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	C	
Rough-legged Hawk	U		U	U	
TYPICAL OWLS					
Eastern Screech Owl	O	O	O	O	
Great Horned Owl	U	U	U	U	
Snowy Owl				R	
Barred Owl	U	U	U	U	
Long-eared Owl	O	R	O	O	
Short-eared Owl	O		O	R	
Northern Saw-whet Owl	R		R	R	
KINGFISHERS					
Belted Kingfisher	C	C	C	O	
WOODPECKERS					
Red-headed Woodpecker	O	O	O		
Red-bellied Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	U	U	U		
Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Hairy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Northern Flicker	C	U	C	O	
Pileated Woodpecker	U	U	U	U	
FALCONS					
American Kestrel	U	U	U	U	
Merlin	O		O		
Peregrine Falcon	U	U	U		
FLYCATCHERS					
Great Crested Flycatcher	C	C	C		
Eastern Kingbird	C	C	C		
Olive-sided Flycatcher	U	U	U		

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Eastern Wood-Pewee	C	C	C		
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	U		U		
Alder Flycatcher	U	U	U		
Willow Flycatcher	U	U	U		
Least Flycatcher	C	U	C		
Eastern Phoebe	C	C	C		
SHRIKES					
Loggerhead Shrike	O	R	O		
Northern Shrike	O		O	O	
VIREOS					
Bell's Vireo	R	R	R		
Yellow-throated Vireo	U	U	U		
Blue-headed Vireo	U		U		
Philadelphia Vireo	U		U		
Warbling Vireo	C	C	C		
Red-eyed Vireo	C	C	C		
JAYS, CROWS, MAGPIES, RAVENS					
Blue Jay	C	C	C	C	
American Crow	C	C	C	C	
LARKS					
Horned Lark	O	O	O	U	
MARTINS, SWALLOWS					
Bank Swallow	C	C	C		
Tree Swallow	C	C	C		
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	U	U	U		
Purple Martin	U	U	U		
Barn Swallow	C	C	C		
Cliff Swallow	U	U	U		
CHICKADEES, TITMICE					
Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C	
Tufted Titmouse	R	R	R	R	
NUTHATCHES					
Red-breasted Nuthatch	U		U	O	
White-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C	
CREEPERS					
Brown Creeper	U		U	U	