

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
Cliff Swallow	U	U	U		
Barn Swallow	C	C	C		
CHICKADEES, TITMICE					
Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C	
Tufted Titmouse	O	O	O	O	
NUTHATCHES					
Red-breasted Nuthatch	U	O	U	U	
White-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C	
CREEPERS					
Brown Creeper	C	O	C	U	
WRENS					
House Wren	C	C	C		
Winter Wren	U		U		
Sedge Wren	C	C	U		
Marsh Wren	U	U	U		
GNATCATCHERS					
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	C	C	C		
KINGLETS					
Golden-crowned Kinglet	C		C	O	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C	R	C		
THRUSHES					
Eastern Bluebird	C	C	C	U	
Veery	U	O	U		
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	C	C	C		
STARLINGS					
European Starling	C	C	C	C	
WAXWINGS					
Bohemian Waxwing			O		
Cedar Waxwing	C	C	C	U	
OLD WORLD SPARROWS					
House Sparrow	C	C	C	C	

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
PIPITS					
American Pipit	O		U		
FINCHES					
Evening Grosbeak			O	O	
House Finch	C	C	C	C	
Purple Finch	U	U	U		
Common Redpoll	O		O	O	
Hoary Redpoll				O	
Red Crossbill			O	O	
White-winged Crossbill			O	O	
Pine Siskin	U		U	U	
American Goldfinch	C	C	C	C	
LONGSPURS, SNOW BUNTINGS					
Lapland Longspur	U		U		
Snow Bunting	O		U	U	
TOWHEES, SPARROWS					
Eastern Towhee	U	U	U		
American Tree Sparrow	C		C	C	
Chipping Sparrow	C	C	C		
Clay-colored Sparrow	U	U	U		
Field Sparrow	C	C	C		
Vesper Sparrow	C	C	C		
Lark Sparrow	O	U			
Savannah Sparrow	C	C	C		
Grasshopper Sparrow	U	U	O		
Henslow's Sparrow	U	U	O		
Fox Sparrow	C		C		
Song Sparrow	C	C	C		
Lincoln’s Sparrow	U		U		
Swamp Sparrow	C	C	C		
White-throated Sparrow	C		C		
Harris’s Sparrow	U		U		
White-crowned Sparrow	U		U		
Dark-eyed Junco	C		C	C	
CHATS					
Yellow-breasted Chat	R	R			
BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES					
Yellow-headed Blackbird	U	U	U		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
WARBLERS					
Bobolink	C	C	C		
Eastern Meadowlark	C	C	C	O	
Western Meadowlark	U	U	U	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	U	O	U		
Common Grackle	C	C	C	O	
WARBLERS					
Ovenbird	C	C	C		
Lousiana Waterthrush	O		O		
Northern Waterthrush	C		U		
Golden-winged Warbler	U		U		
Blue-winged Warbler	U	U	U		
Black-and-white Warbler	C		C		
Prothonatary Warbler	U	U	U		
Tennessee Warbler	C		C		
Orange-crowned Warbler	C		C		
Nashville Warbler	C		C		
Connecticut Warbler	O		O		
Mourning Warbler	U		U		
Kentucky Warbler	R		R		
Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C		
Hooded Warbler	R				
American Redstart	C	C	C		
Cape May Warbler	U		U		
Cerulean Warbler	O	O			
Northern Parula	U		U		
Magnolia Warbler	U		U		
Bay-breasted Warbler	U		U		
Blackburnian Warbler	U		U		
Yellow Warbler	C	C	C		
Chestnut-sided Warbler	C		C		
Blackpoll Warbler	U		U		
Black-throated Blue Warbler	O		O		
Palm Warbler	C		C		


STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
Pine Warbler	U		U		
Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		C		
Yellow-throated Warbler		R			
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	O	O	O		

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.

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Parks and Trails, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155-4039. Phone: 651-259-5600.

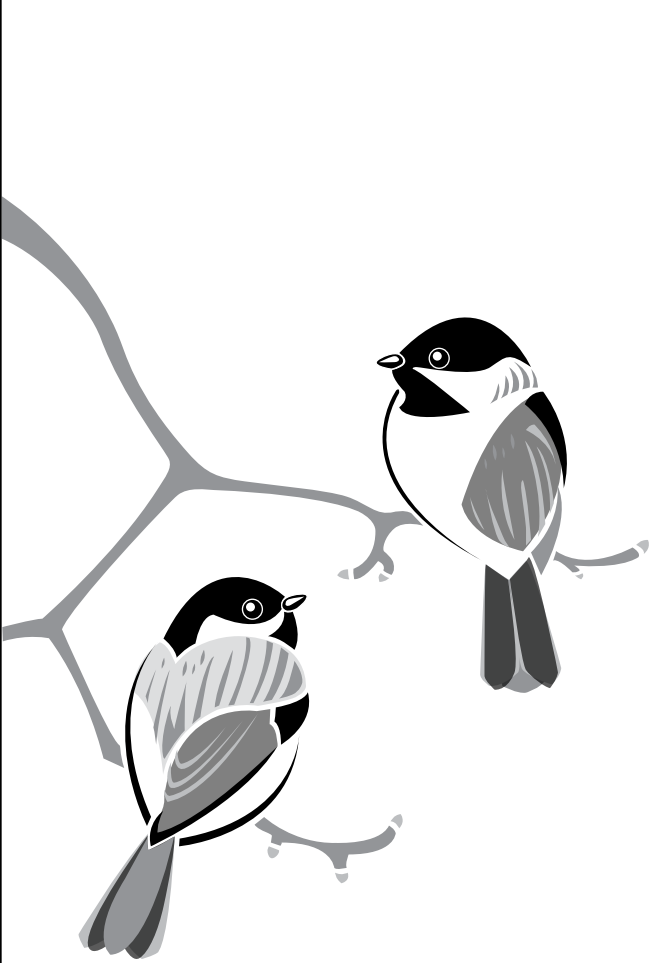
The Minnesota DNR prohibits discrimination in its programs and services based on race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, public assistance status, age, sexual orientation or disability. Persons with disabilities may request reasonable modifications to access or participate in DNR programs and services by contacting the DNR ADA Title II Coordinator at info.dnr@state.mn.us or 651-259-5488. Discrimination inquiries should be sent to Minnesota DNR, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155-4049; or Office of Civil Rights, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C. Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20240.

© 2025, State of Minnesota, DNR



# BIRD CHECKLIST

FRONTENAC STATE PARK



Birding at Frontenac State Park

The park’s diverse habitat along the Mississippi River makes it a premier birding area. It has the highest species count (273) of any park in the state.

Visit Sand Point for shorebirds. Go to Lake Pepin for waterfowl, gulls and terns. Hike prairie trails for the Henslow’s sparrow, grasshopper sparrow, bobolink or sedge wren. Visit in May for the migration of warblers, vireos, flycatchers, thrushes, tanagers and 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	U		U		
Greater White-fronted Goose	O				
Canada Goose	C	C	C	O	
Mute Swan	R	R			
Trumpeter Swan	U				
Tundra Swan	U		C		
Wood Duck	C	C	C		
Blue-winged Teal	C	C	C		
Northern Shoveler	C		C		
Gadwall	C		C	O	
American Wigeon	C		C		
Mallard	C	C	C	C	
American Black Duck	U		U	U	
Northern Pintail	U		U		
Green-winged Teal	C		C		
Canvasback	U		U	O	
Redhead	U		U		
Ring-necked Duck	C		C	O	
Greater Scaup	C		C	O	
Lesser Scaup	C		C	O	
Long-tailed Duck	O		O		
Bufflehead	C		C	O	
Common Goldeneye	C		C	C	
Hooded Merganser	C	C	C	U	
Common Merganser	C		C	U	
Red-breasted Merganser	C		C	O	
Ruddy Duck	U	U	U		
PARTRIDGE, PHEASANTS, GROUSE, TURKEYS					
Ring-necked Pheasant	C	C	C	C	
Gray Partridge	O	O	O	O	
Ruffed Grouse	U	O	U	U	
Wild Turkey	C	C	C	C	
GREBES					
Pied-billed Grebe	C	C	C		
Horned Grebe	U		U		
Eared Grebe	O		O		
Western Grebe	O		O		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
PIGEONS, DOVES					
Rock Pigeon	C	C	C	C	
Mourning Dove	C	C	C	U	
CUCKOOS					
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	U	U	U		
Black-billed Cuckoo	U	U	U		
NIGHTJARS					
Common Nighthawk	C	U	C		
Eastern Whip-poor-will	U	O	O		
SWIFTS					
Chimney Swift	C	C	C		
HUMMINGBIRDS					
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	C	U	C		
RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS					
Virginia Rail	U	U	U		
Sora	C	C	C		
American Coot	C	C	C		
CRANES					
Sandhill Crane	U	O	U		
STILTS, AVOCETS					
American Avocet	O				
PLOVERS					
Black-bellied Plover	U		U		
American Golden-plover	U		U		
Semipalmated Plover	U	U	U		
Piping Plover	R		R		
Killdeer	C	C	C		
SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES					
Upland Sandpiper	U				
Whimbrel	O				
Hudsonian Godwit	O				
Marbled Godwit	O				
Ruddy Turnstone	U		U		
Red Knot	O		O		
Stilt Sandpiper	U		U		
Sanderling	U		U		
Dunlin	U		U		
Baird's Sandpiper	U		U		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
Least Sandpiper	C	O	C		
White-rumped Sandpiper	U				
Buff-breasted Sandpiper			O		
Pectoral Sandpiper	C		C		
Semipalmated Sandpiper	U		U		
Short-billed Dowitcher	U	R	U		
Long-billed Dowitcher	U		U		
American Woodcock	U	O	U		
Wilson's Snipe	C	O	C		
Spotted Sandpiper	C	C	C		
Solitary Sandpiper	C	U	C		
Lesser Yellowlegs	C	U	C		
Willet	O				
Greater Yellowlegs	U		U		
Wilson's Phalarope	O		O		
Red-necked Phalarope	O		O		
GULLS, TERNS					
Bonaparte's Gull	U		U		
Franklin's Gull	U	O	U		
Ring-billed Gull	C	O	C	O	
Herring Gull	C	O	C	O	
Glaucous Gull	O		O		
Caspian Tern	U	O	U		
Black Tern	U	U	U		
Common Tern	U		U		
Forster's Tern	U	O	U		
LOONS					
Common Loon	U		U		
CORMORANTS					
Double-crested Cormorant	C	C	C		
PELICANS					
American White Pelican	U	O	U		
BITTERNS, HERONS, EGRETS, NIGHT-HERONS					
American Bittern	O		O		
Least Bittern	O	O	O		
Great Blue Heron	C	C	C		
Great Egret	C	C	C		
Snowy Egret	O	O	O		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
Little Blue Heron	O	O	O		
Cattle Egret	O	O	O		
Green Heron	C	C	C		
Black-crowned Night-heron	U	U	U		
Yellow-crowned Night-heron	O	O	O		
NEW WORLD VULTURES					
Turkey Vulture	C	C	C		
OSPREY					
Osprey	U	U	U		
KITES, HAWKS, EAGLES					
Golden Eagle	O		O	O	
Northern Harrier	U	U	U		
Sharp-shinned Hawk	U		U	O	
Cooper's Hawk	U	U	U	O	
Northern Goshawk	O		O	O	
Bald Eagle	C	U	C	C	
Red-shouldered Hawk	U	U	U	O	
Broad-winged Hawk	C	U	C		
Swainson's Hawk	O	O	O		
Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	C	
Rough-legged Hawk	U		U	U	
TYPICAL OWLS					
Eastern Screech Owl	U	U	U	U	
Great Horned Owl	U	U	U	U	
Snowy Owl	O		O	O	
Barred Owl	C	C	C	C	
Great Gray Owl	R		R	R	
Long-eared Owl	O		O	O	
Short-eared Owl	O		O		
Northern Saw-whet Owl	O		O	O	
KINGFISHERS					
Belted Kingfisher	C	C	C	O	
WOODPECKERS					
Red-headed Woodpecker	U	U	U	O	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	C	O	C		
Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Hairy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
Northern Flicker	C	C	C	O	
Pileated Woodpecker	U	U	U	U	
FALCONS					
American Kestrel	C	C	C	U	
Merlin	U	R	U	U	
Peregrine Falcon	O	O	O		
FLYCATCHERS					
Great Crested Flycatcher	C	C	C		
Eastern Kingbird	C	C	C		
Olive-sided Flycatcher	U	R	U		
Eastern Wood-Pewee	C	C	C		
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	U		U		
Acadian Flycatcher	O	R			
Alder Flycatcher	U	R	U		
Willow Flycatcher	U	U	U		
Least Flycatcher	C	C	C		
Eastern Phoebe	C	C	C		
SHRIKES					
Loggerhead Shrike	R	R	R		
Northern Shrike	O		O	O	
VIREOS					
White-eyed Vireo	R				
Bell's Vireo	O	U	R		
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		
JAYS, CROWS, MAGPIES, RAVENS					
Blue Jay	C	C	C	C	
American Crow	C	C	C	C	
LARKS					
Horned Lark	U	U	U	U	
MARTINS, SWALLOWS					
Purple Martin	C	C	C		
Tree Swallow	C	C	C		
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	C	C	C		
Bank Swallow	U	U	U		