

Birds of Garden Island SRA	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
<input type="checkbox"/> American Pipit			C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Waxwing	C	C	C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Orange-crowned Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Nashville Warbler	C	U	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Warbler	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chestnut-sided Warbler	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Magnolia Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-throated Green Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Palm Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-and-white Warbler	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Redstart	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ovenbird	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Warbler	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Savannah Sparrow	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln's Sparrow	U	O	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Swamp Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> White-throated Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Harris's Sparrow	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> White-crowned Sparrow	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dark-eyed Junco	C	O	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lapland Longspur	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Rose-breasted Grosbeak	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Grackle	C	C	C	

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<input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Baltimore Oriole	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Evening Grosbeak	O	O	O	O

GARDEN ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

BIRD Checklist



Date: _____

Weather: _____

Observers: _____

Notes: _____



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Birding Opportunities at Garden Island State Recreation Area

Garden Island, lying 21 miles over water from Zippel Bay State Park, is a “magical” place for birds. The sand-spit jutting out from the eastern end of the island is reminiscent of Sand Point in Frontenac State Park along the Mississippi River. This island could potentially be one of the last breeding areas for the piping plover in Minnesota. The undisturbed, mostly deciduous woodlands on the island harbor many interesting species of warblers, vireos, thrushes and sparrows. A red-shouldered hawk, a species of special concern in Minnesota was seen fly around the island in June 2006. During migration the island is the stop-over location for white-crowned sparrows, Harris’s sparrows, Lapland longspurs and American pipits.

Season and Abundance Key

The **seasons** in the checklist are defined as follows:

Sp (Spring) = March, April, May

Su (Summer) = June, July

Fa (Fall) = August, September, October, November

Wi (Winter) = December, January, February

Abundance codes are defined as follows:

C = Common — present, relatively easy to find

U = Uncommon — observed, may be difficult to find

O = Occasional — may or may not be present in any year

R = Rare — has occurred at least once, may or may not be expected to recur

The names and taxonomic arrangement of species follows that of the Checklist of the Birds of Minnesota (January, 2001), prepared by the Minnesota Ornithological Records Committee.

This checklist contains the names of all birds that have been documented in the park by reliable observers. It was constructed by Robert B. Janssen, Jerry Bonkoski, and the MN DNR-Division of Parks & Recreation using observations of the above, park staff and other observers, as well as Minnesota Ornithologist’s Union records and data contained in research reports. If you are interested in the specific sources used for a particular park, contact the Parks Division Resource Management Program Coordinator by telephone at 651-259-5594 or by mail at MN DNR-Parks, 500 Lafayette Road, Box 39, St. Paul, MN 55155-4039.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Goose	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gadwall	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Mallard	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Goldeneye	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Loon	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> American White Pelican	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Double-crested Cormorant	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bald Eagle	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-shouldered Hawk		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Broad-winged Hawk	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Rough-legged Hawk	U		U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-bellied Plover	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Piping Plover		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Killdeer	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Spotted Sandpiper	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sanderling	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Semipalmated Sandpiper	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> White-rumped Sandpiper	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Franklin’s Gull		U	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bonaparte’s Gull	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-billed Gull	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Herring Gull	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Caspian Tern	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Tern	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Arctic Tern		R		
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C

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<input type="checkbox"/> Hairy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pileated Woodpecker	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Flycatcher		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Alder Flycatcher	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Least Flycatcher	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Phoebe	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Crested Flycatcher	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Kingbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Warbling Vireo	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-eyed Vireo	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Jay		R		
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Jay	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> American Crow	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Raven	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Horned Lark	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Purple Martin	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Swallow	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Swallow	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> House Wren	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Golden-crowned Kinglet	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Veery	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hermit Thrush	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Robin	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Catbird	O	O	O	