

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
STARLINGS					
European Starling					
	C	C	C	C	
WAXWINGS					
Cedar Waxwing					
	C	C	C	U	
OLD WORLD SPARROWS					
House Sparrow					
	C	C	C	C	
FINCHES					
Evening Grosbeak					
			O	O	
Pine Grosbeak					
				O	
House Finch					
	U	U	U	O	
Purple Finch					
	C		C	C	
Common Redpoll					
	O		O	O	
Red Crossbill					
			O	O	
White-winged Crossbill					
			O	O	
Pine Siskin					
	U		U	U	
American Goldfinch					
	C	C	C	C	
TOWHEES, SPARROWS					
Chipping Sparrow					
	C	C	C		
Clay-colored Sparrow					
	O		O		
Field Sparrow					
	U	U	U		
Fox Sparrow					
	U		U		
American Tree Sparrow					
	C		C	C	
Dark-eyed Junco					
	C	C	C		
White-crowned Sparrow					
	U		U		
Harris's Sparrow					
	U		U		
White-throated Sparrow					
	C		C		
Le Conte's Sparrow					
			U		
Savannah Sparrow					
	C	C	C		
Song Sparrow					
	C	C	C		
Lincoln's Sparrow					
	U		U		
Swamp Sparrow					
	U	U	U		
Eastern Towhee					
	O	O	O		
BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES					
Bobolink					
	O	O	O		
Eastern Meadowlark					
	O	O	O		
Western Meadowlark					
	O	O	O		
Baltimore Oriole					
	C	C	C		
Red-winged Blackbird					
	C	C	C		

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BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD					
Brown-headed Cowbird					
	C	C	U		
RUSTY BLACKBIRD					
Rusty Blackbird					
	O		O		
BREWER'S BLACKBIRD					
Brewer's Blackbird					
	O	O	O		
COMMON GRACKLE					
Common Grackle					
	U	U	U		
WARBLERS					
Ovenbird					
	C	C	C		
Louisiana Waterthrush					
	U		U		
Northern Waterthrush					
	U		U		
Golden-winged Warbler					
	U		U		
Blue-winged Warbler					
	O	O	O		
Black-and-white Warbler					
	U	O	U		
Tennessee Warbler					
	C		C		
Orange-crowned Warbler					
	U		U		
Nashville Warbler					
	C		C		
Connecticut Warbler					
	O		O		
Mourning Warbler					
	U	R	U		
Common Yellowthroat					
	C	C	C		
American Redstart					
	C	C	C		
Cerulean Warbler					
	O	R	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	U	C		
Blackpoll Warbler					
	U		U		
Black-throated Blue Warbler					
	O		O		
Palm Warbler					
	C		C		
Pine Warbler					
	C	C	U		
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					

Birding at Interstate State Park

Though small, this park offers diverse habitat for many bird species. Hike the wooded Sandstone Bluffs Trail to search for thrushes, vireos, warblers, woodpeckers and scarlet tanagers. You may even spot a Louisiana waterthrush along upland streams.

Along the Walter F. Mondale River Trail, watch for warblers, flycatchers, sparrows and soaring birds like turkey vultures, bald eagles and osprey. The tall cliffs near the Glacial Potholes Area offer excellent nesting sites for northern rough-winged swallows.

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					
Snow Goose	O	O			
Canada Goose	C	C	C	O	
Trumpeter Swan	U	U	U	O	
Tundra Swan	O	O			
Wood Duck	C	C	C		
Blue-winged Teal	U	U			
Northern Shoveler	O	O			
American Wigeon	O	O			
Mallard	C	C	C	O	
Green-winged Teal	O	O			
Ring-necked Duck	O	O			
Lesser Scaup	O	O			
Bufflehead	U	U			
Common Goldeneye	U	U			
Hooded Merganser	U	U			
Common Merganser	U	U			
Red-breasted Merganser	O	O			
PARTRIDGE, PHEASANTS, GROUSE, TURKEYS					
Ruffed Grouse					
Ruffed Grouse	U	U	U	U	
Wild Turkey					
Wild Turkey	U	U	U	U	
GREBES					
Pied-billed Grebe					
Pied-billed Grebe	O	O			
PIGEONS, DOVES					
Rock Pigeon					
Rock Pigeon	C	C	C	C	
Mourning Dove					
Mourning Dove	C	C	C	O	
CUCKOOS					
Yellow-billed Cuckoo					
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	U	U	O		
Black-billed Cuckoo					
Black-billed Cuckoo	U	U	U		
NIGHTJARS					
Common Nighthawk					
Common Nighthawk	U	U	U		
Eastern Whip-poor-will					
Eastern Whip-poor-will	O	O			
SWIFTS					
Chimney Swift					
Chimney Swift	C	C	C		
HUMMINGBIRDS					
Ruby-throated Hummingbird					
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	C	O	C		

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RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS					
Sora					
Sora	O	O	O		
American Coot					
American Coot	U	U	U		
PLOVERS					
Killdeer					
Killdeer	U	U	U		
SANDPIPER AND ALLIES					
Spotted Sandpiper					
Spotted Sandpiper	U	U	U		
Solitary Sandpiper					
Solitary Sandpiper	O	O	O		
GULLS, TERNS					
Bonaparte's Gull					
Bonaparte's Gull	O	O			
Franklin's Gull					
Franklin's Gull	O	O			
Ring-billed Gull					
Ring-billed Gull	C	C			
Herring Gull					
Herring Gull	U	U			
Black Tern					
Black Tern	O	O	O		
Common Tern					
Common Tern	O				
Forster's Tern					
Forster's Tern	O				
LOONS					
Common Loon					
Common Loon	O	O			
CORMORANTS					
Double-crested Cormorant					
Double-crested Cormorant	O	O			
BITTERNS, HERONS, EGRETS, NIGHT-HERONS					
Great Blue Heron					
Great Blue Heron	C	C	C		
Great Egret					
Great Egret	O				
Green Heron					
Green Heron	U	U	U		
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					
Sharp-shinned Hawk	U	U	U	O	
Cooper's Hawk					
Cooper's Hawk	U	U	U	O	
Northern Goshawk					
Northern Goshawk	O	O	O	O	
Bald Eagle					
Bald Eagle	C	C	C	U	
Red-shouldered Hawk					
Red-shouldered Hawk	U	U	U	O	
Broad-winged Hawk					
Broad-winged Hawk	U	U	U	O	
Red-tailed Hawk					
Red-tailed Hawk	U	U	U	O	
Rough-legged Hawk					
Rough-legged Hawk	O	O	O	O	
JAYS, MAGPIES, CROWS, RAVENS					
Blue Jay					
Blue Jay	C	C	C	C	
American Crow					