

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	C	C	U		
Rusty Blackbird	O		O		
Brewer’s Blackbird	O	O	O		
Common Grackle	U	U	U		
WARBLERS					
Ovenbird	C	C	C		
Lousiana 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	C	C	C		
Indigo Bunting	C	C	C		

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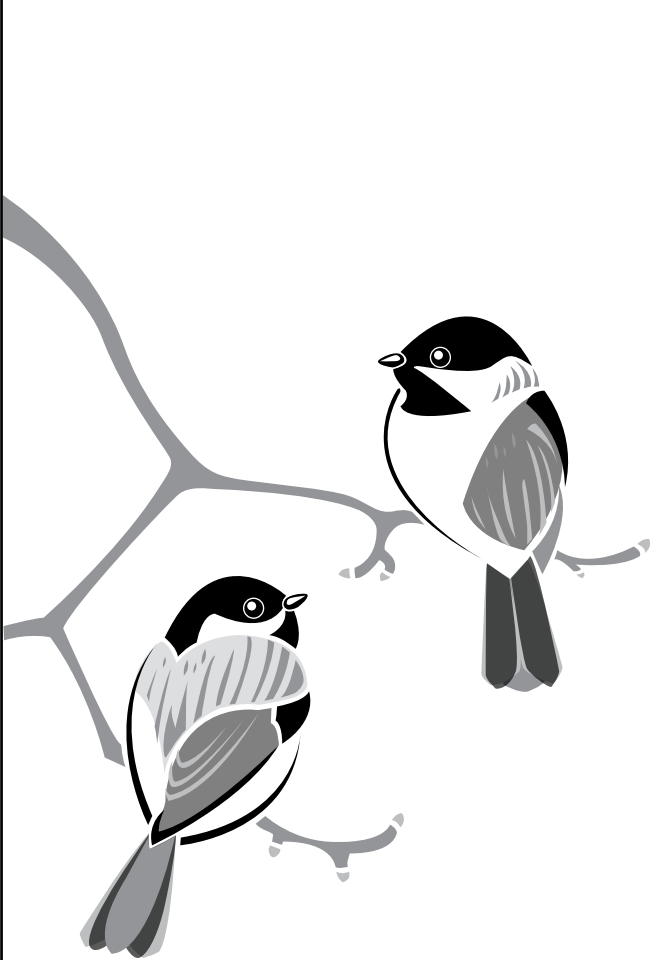
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BIRD CHECKLIST

INTERSTATE STATE PARK



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	O		O		
Canada Goose	C	C	C	O	
Trumpeter Swan	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	U	U	U	U	
Wild Turkey	U	U	U	U	
GREBES					
Pied-billed Grebe	O		O		
PIGEONS, DOVES					
Rock Pigeon	C	C	C	C	
Mourning Dove	C	C	C	O	
CUCKOOS					
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	U	U	O		
Black-billed Cuckoo	U	U	U		
NIGHTJARS					
Common Nighthawk	U	U	U		
Eastern Whip-poor-will	O	O			
SWIFTS					
Chimney Swift	C	C	C		
HUMMINGBIRDS					
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	C	O	C		

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RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS					
Sora	O	O	O		
American Coot	U	U	U		
PLOVERS					
Killdeer	U	U	U		
SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES					
Spotted Sandpiper	U	U	U		
Solitary Sandpiper	O	O	O		
GULLS, TERNS					
Bonaparte's Gull	O		O		
Franklin's Gull			O		
Ring-billed Gull	C		C		
Herring Gull	U		U		
Black Tern	O	O	O		
Common Tern	O				
Forster's Tern	O				
LOONS					
Common Loon	O		O		
CORMORANTS					
Double-crested Cormorant	O		O		
BITTERNS, HERONS, EGRETS, NIGHT-HERONS					
Great Blue Heron	C	C	C		
Great Egret		O			
Green Heron	U	U	U		
NEW WORLD VULTURES					
Turkey Vulture	C	C	C		
OSPREY					
Osprey	U	U	U		
KITES, HAWKS, EAGLES					
Northern Harrier	U	U	U	O	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	U		U	O	
Cooper's Hawk	U	U	U	O	
Northern Goshawk	O		O	O	
Bald Eagle	C	C	C	U	
Red-shouldered Hawk	U	U	U	O	
Broad-winged Hawk	U	U	U		
Red-tailed Hawk	U	U	U	O	
Rough-legged Hawk	O		O	O	

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TYPICAL OWLS					
Great Horned Owl	U	U	U	U	
Barred Owl	U	U	U	U	
Northern Saw-whet Owl			O	O	
KINGFISHERS					
Belted Kingfisher	C	C	C		
WOODPECKERS					
Red-headed Woodpecker	O	O	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	
Northern Flicker	C	C	C	O	
Pileated Woodpecker	U	U	U	U	
FALCONS					
American Kestrel	U	U	U	O	
Merlin			O		
FLYCATCHERS					
Great Crested Flycatcher	C	C	C		
Eastern Kingbird	O	O	O		
Olive-sided Flycatcher	O		O		
Eastern Wood-Pewee	C	C	C		
Alder Flycatcher	O	O	O		
Least Flycatcher	C	C	C		
Eastern Phoebe	C	C	C		
SHRIKES					
Northern Shrike	O		O	O	
VIREOS					
Yellow-throated Vireo	U	U	U		
Blue-headed Vireo	U		U		
Philadelphia Vireo	O		O		
Warbling Vireo	C	C	C		
Red-eyed Vireo	C	C	C		
JAYS, MAGPIES, CROWS, RAVENS					
Blue Jay	C	C	C	C	
American Crow	C	C	C	C	
Common Raven	O		O	O	

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LARKS					
Horned Lark	O		O		
MARTINS, SWALLOWS					
Bank Swallow	U	U	U		
Tree Swallow	C	C	C		
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	C	C	C		
Purple Martin	O	O			
Barn Swallow	C	C	C		
Cliff Swallow	U	U	U		
CHICKADEES, TITMICE					
Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C	
Tufted Titmouse	R		R		
NUTHATCHES					
Red-breasted Nuthatch	U		U	U	
White-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C	
CREEPERS					
Brown Creeper	U	O	U	O	
WRENS					
House Wren	C	C	C		
Winter Wren	O	O	O		
Sedge Wren	O	O	O		
Marsh Wren	O	O	O		
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		
Veery	U	U			
Gray-cheeked Thrush	U		U		
Swainson's Thrush	U		U		
Hermit Thrush	U		U		
Wood Thrush	U	U			
American Robin	C	C	C		
THRASHERS, MOCKINGBIRDS					
Gray Catbird	C	C	C		
Brown Thrasher	U	U	U		