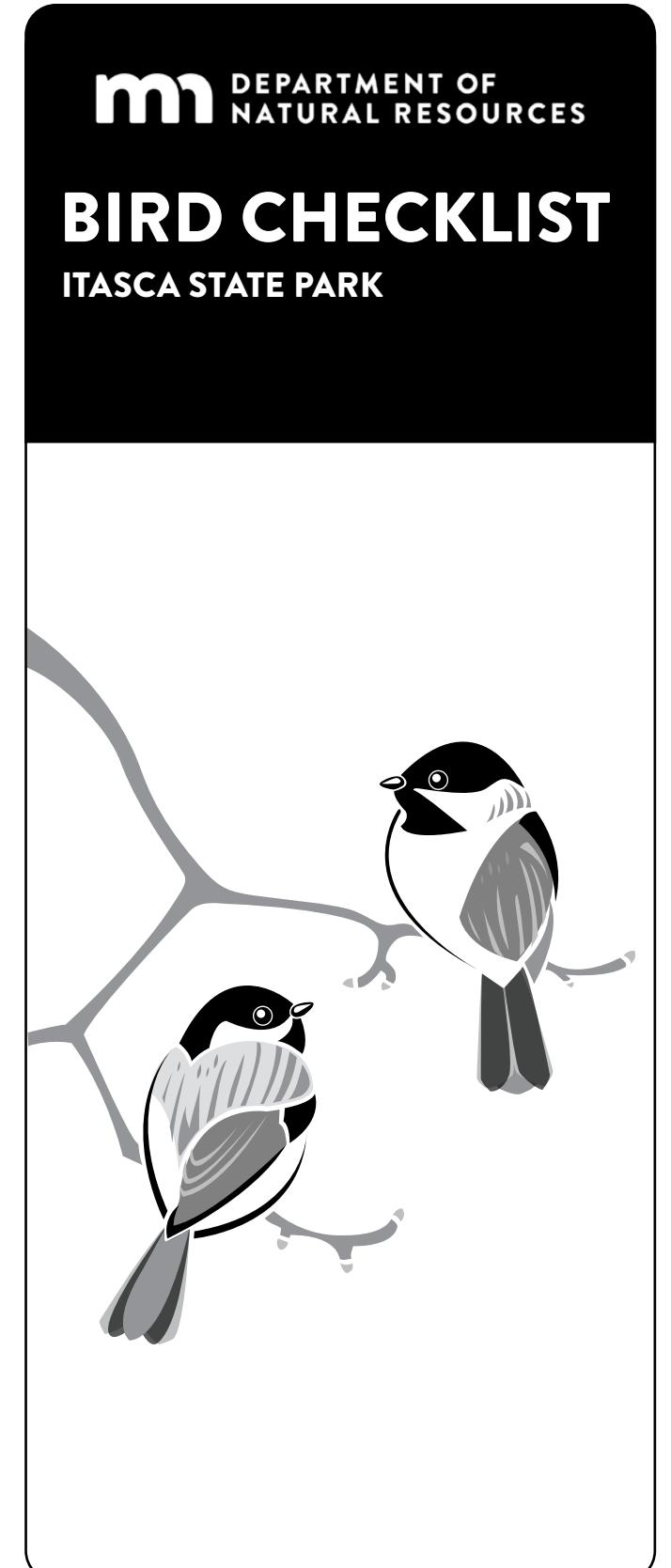


| STATE PARK BIRDS | Sp | S | F | W | DATE |
|-------------------------------------|----|---|---|---|------|
| SHRIKES | | | | | |
| Loggerhead Shrike | R | | | | |
| Northern Shrike | U | U | U | | |
| VIREOS | | | | | |
| Yellow-throated Vireo | U | U | U | | |
| Blue-headed Vireo | C | U | U | | |
| Philadelphia Vireo | U | | U | | |
| Warbling Vireo | U | U | U | | |
| Red-eyed Vireo | C | C | C | | |
| JAYS, MAGPIES, CROWS, RAVENS | | | | | |
| Blue Jay | C | C | C | U | |
| Black-billed Magpie | U | U | O | O | |
| American Crow | C | C | C | O | |
| Common Raven | C | C | C | C | |
| LARKS | | | | | |
| Horned Lark | C | C | C | O | |
| MARTINS, SWALLOWS | | | | | |
| Purple Martin | U | U | U | | |
| Tree Swallow | C | C | C | | |
| Northern Rough-winged Swallow | C | C | C | | |
| Bank Swallow | C | C | O | | |
| Cliff Swallow | C | C | C | | |
| Barn Swallow | C | C | C | | |
| CHICKADEES, TITMICE | | | | | |
| Black-capped Chickadee | C | C | C | C | |
| Boreal Chickadee | O | O | O | U | |
| NUTHATCHES | | | | | |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch | C | C | C | C | |
| White-breasted Nuthatch | C | C | C | C | |
| CREEPERS | | | | | |
| Brown Creeper | U | U | U | O | |
| WRENS | | | | | |
| House Wren | C | C | C | | |
| Winter Wren | C | C | C | | |
| Sedge Wren | C | C | C | | |
| Marsh Wren | C | C | U | | |
| GNATCATCHERS | | | | | |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher | R | O | O | | |

| STATE PARK BIRDS | Sp | S | F | W | DATE |
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| KINGLETS | | | | | |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet | C | C | C | R | |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet | C | C | C | | |
| THRUSHES | | | | | |
| Eastern Bluebird | U | U | U | | |
| Veery | C | C | O | | |
| Gray-cheeked Thrush | U | | U | | |
| Swainson's Thrush | U | U | U | | |
| Hermit Thrush | C | C | C | | |
| Wood Thrush | U | C | O | | |
| American Robin | C | C | C | O | |
| THRASHERS, MOCKINGBIRDS | | | | | |
| Gray Catbird | C | C | C | | |
| Brown Thrasher | U | U | U | | |
| STARLINGS | | | | | |
| European Starling | U | U | U | U | |
| WAXWINGS | | | | | |
| Bohemian Waxwing | O | | | O | |
| Cedar Waxwing | C | C | C | | |
| OLD WORLD SPARROWS | | | | | |
| House Sparrow | U | U | U | U | |
| FINCHES | | | | | |
| Evening Grosbeak | U | U | U | O | |
| Pine Grosbeak | O | | | U | |
| House Finch | O | O | | R | |
| Purple Finch | C | U | C | U | |
| Common Redpoll | U | | C | C | |
| Hoary Redpoll | | | R | R | |
| Red Crossbill | U | O | U | U | |
| White-winged Crossbill | U | O | U | U | |
| Pine Siskin | U | U | U | U | |
| American Goldfinch | C | C | C | O | |
| LONGSPURS, SNOW BUNTINGS | | | | | |
| Snow Bunting | | | U | U | |
| TOWHEES, SPARROWS | | | | | |
| Lark Bunting | R | | | | |
| Chipping Sparrow | C | C | C | | |
| Clay-colored Sparrow | C | C | C | | |

| STATE PARK BIRDS | Sp | S | F | W | DATE |
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| STATE PARK BIRDS | | | | | |
| Fox Sparrow | C | | C | | |
| American Tree Sparrow | U | | U | U | |
| Dark-eyed Junco | C | O | C | O | |
| WHITE-CROWNED SPARROWS | | | | | |
| White-crowned Sparrow | U | | U | | |
| Harris's Sparrow | U | | U | | |
| White-throated Sparrow | C | C | C | R | |
| Vesper Sparrow | C | C | C | | |
| Savannah Sparrow | C | C | C | | |
| Song Sparrow | C | C | C | | |
| Lincoln's Sparrow | U | | U | | |
| Swamp Sparrow | C | C | C | | |
| Eastern Towhee | U | U | U | | |
| BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES | | | | | |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird | U | U | U | | |
| Bobolink | C | C | U | | |
| Eastern Meadowlark | O | U | O | | |
| Western Meadowlark | U | U | U | | |
| Baltimore Oriole | C | C | U | | |
| Red-winged Blackbird | C | C | C | | |
| Brown-headed Cowbird | C | C | U | | |
| Rusty Blackbird | U | U | U | R | |
| Brewer's Blackbird | U | U | U | | |
| Common Grackle | C | C | C | | |
| STARLINGS | | | | | |
| Summer Tanager | R | | | | |
| Scarlet Tanager | U | U | U | | |
| Northern Cardinal | R | O | O | R | |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak | C | C | C | | |
| Indigo Bunting | C | C | U | | |
| Dickcissel | O | O | R | | |
| WARBLERS | | | | | |
| Ovenbird | C | C | C | | |
| Northern Waterthrush | U | O | U | | |
| Golden-winged Warbler | U | U | U | | |
| Black-and-white Warbler | C | C | C | | |
| Prothonotary Warbler | O | | | | |
| Tennessee Warbler | C | O | C | | |
| Orange-crowned Warbler | U | R | C | | |
| Nashville Warbler | C | C | C | | |
| Connecticut Warbler | U | U | U | | |
| Mourning Warbler | C | C | U | | |
| Common Yellowthroat | C | C | C | | |
| Hooded Warbler | R | R | | | |
| American Redstart | C | C | C | | |
| Cape May Warbler | U | O | U | | |

| STATE PARK BIRDS | Sp | S | F | W | DATE |
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| STATE PARK BIRDS | | | | | |
| Northern Parula | C | C | U | | |
| Magnolia Warbler | U | U | U | | |
| Bay-breasted Warbler | U | O | U | | |
| Blackburnian Warbler | C | C | C | | |
| Yellow Warbler | C | U | C | | |
| Chestnut-sided Warbler | C | C | C | | |
| Blackpoll Warbler | U | R | U | | |
| Black-throated Blue Warbler | O | R | O | | |
| Palm Warbler | C | O | C | | |
| Pine Warbler | U | U | U | | |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler | C | C | C | | |
| Black-throated Green Warbler | U | U | U | | |
| Canada Warbler | U | U | U | | |
| Wilson's Warbler | U | R | U | | |
| TANAGERS, CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS | | | | | |
| Summer Tanager | R | | | | |
| Scarlet Tanager | U | U | U | | |
| Northern Cardinal | R | O | O | R | |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak | C | C | C | | |
| Indigo Bunting | C | C | U | | |
| Dickcissel | O | O | R | | |



Birding at Itasca State Park

Itasca's landscape of lakes, pine forests and mixed hardwood forests of birch, maple, oak and aspen, provides excellent habitat for the 234 bird species recorded in the park! The top birding spot is the footpaths around the Mississippi Headwaters and the Schoolcraft Trail. Discover over 25 species of warblers that nest or migrate through the park as they feed along the river.

Listen for Baltimore orioles, grosbeaks and tanagers in the trees along the riverbanks and lakeshore. Belted kingfishers, green herons and sora rails also frequent the area. Look for pine-loving kinglets, crossbills and certain warblers along the Schoolcraft Trail. Watch osprey, bald eagles and the common loon hunting for fish on Lake Itasca.

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 | | | | | |
| Snow Goose | U | | U | | |
| Canada Goose | C | C | C | R | |
| Trumpeter Swan | C | C | C | | |
| Tundra Swan | O | | O | | |
| Wood Duck | C | C | C | | |
| Blue-winged Teal | C | U | U | | |
| Northern Shoveler | U | R | U | | |
| American Wigeon | U | | U | | |
| Mallard | C | C | C | R | |
| American Black Duck | U | U | U | | |
| Green-winged Teal | U | O | U | | |
| Redhead | O | R | O | | |
| Ring-necked Duck | C | C | C | | |
| Lesser Scaup | U | | U | | |
| Bufflehead | C | U | U | | |
| Common Goldeneye | U | U | U | | |
| Hooded Merganser | C | C | C | | |
| Common Merganser | U | U | U | | |
| Red-breasted Merganser | U | R | U | | |
| Ruddy Duck | O | O | O | | |
| PARTRIDGE, PHEASANTS, GROUSE, TURKEYS | | | | | |
| Ruffed Grouse | C | C | C | C | |
| Spruce Grouse | R | R | R | R | |
| Wild Turkey | U | U | U | U | |
| GREBES | | | | | |
| Pied-billed Grebe | U | U | U | | |
| Horned Grebe | O | | O | | |
| Red-necked Grebe | O | O | O | | |
| Western Grebe | R | R | | | |
| PIGEONS AND DOVES | | | | | |
| Rock Pigeon | O | O | O | O | |
| Mourning Dove | C | C | C | | |
| CUCKOOS | | | | | |
| Yellow-billed Cuckoo | U | U | | | |
| Black-billed Cuckoo | U | U | U | | |

| STATE PARK BIRDS | Sp | S | F | W | DATE |
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| NIGHTJARS | | | | | |
| Common Nighthawk | | | | | |
| Common Nighthawk | C | C | C | | |
| Eastern Whip-poor-will | U | U | | | |
| SWIFTS | | | | | |
| Chimney Swift | | | | | |
| Chimney Swift | C | C | C | | |
| HUMMINGBIRDS | | | | | |
| Ruby-throated Hummingbird | | | | | |
| Ruby-throated Hummingbird | C | C | C | | |
| RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS | | | | | |
| Yellow Rail | | | | | |
| Yellow Rail | R | | | | |
| Virginia Rail | | | | | |
| Virginia Rail | U | U | U | | |
| Sora | | | | | |
| Sora | C | C | U | | |
| American Coot | | | | | |
| American Coot | U | U | U | | |
| CRANES | | | | | |
| Sandhill Crane | | | | | |
| Sandhill Crane | U | U | U | | |
| PLOVERS | | | | | |
| Killdeer | | | | | |
| Killdeer | C | C | C | | |
| Semipalmated Plover | | | | | |
| Semipalmated Plover | O | O | | | |
| SANDPIPER AND ALLIES | | | | | |
| Upland Sandpiper | | | | | |
| Upland Sandpiper | O | O | | | |
| Marbled Godwit | | | | | |
| Marbled Godwit | O | O | | | |
| Stilt Sandpiper | | | | | |
| Stilt Sandpiper | O | U | | | |
| Dunlin | | | | | |
| Dunlin | O | | O | | |
| Baird's Sandpiper | | | | | |
| Baird's Sandpiper | O | O | O | | |
| Least Sandpiper | | | | | |
| Least Sandpiper | U | U | U | | |
| White-rumped Sandpiper | | | | | |
| White-rumped Sandpiper | O | | | | |
| Pectoral Sandpiper | | | | | |
| Pectoral Sandpiper | U | U | U | | |
| Semipalmated Sandpiper | | | | | |
| Semipalmated Sandpiper | U | | U | | |
| Short-billed Dowitcher | | | | | |
| Short-billed Dowitcher | O | O | | | |
| American Woodcock | | | | | |
| American Woodcock | U | U | U | | |
| Wilson's Snipe | | | | | |
| Wilson's Snipe | U | U | U | | |
| Spotted Sandpiper | | | | | |
| Spotted Sandpiper | C | C | C | | |
| Solitary Sandpiper | | | | | |
| Solitary Sandpiper | U | U | U | | |
| Lesser Yellowlegs | | | | | |
| Lesser Yellowlegs | U | U | U | | |
| Greater Yellowlegs | | | | | |
| Greater Yellowlegs | U | | U | | |
| Wilson's Phalarope | | | | | |
| Wilson's Phalarope | O | O | | | |
| GULLS, TERNS | | | | | |
| Parasitic Jaeger | | | | | |
| Parasitic Jaeger | R | | | | |
| Bonaparte's Gull | | | | | |
| Bonaparte's Gull | U | O | U | | |
| Franklin's Gull | | | | | |
| Franklin's Gull | U | | O | | |
| Ring-billed Gull | | | | | |
| Ring-billed Gull | C | C | C | | |
| Herring Gull | | | | | |
| Herring Gull | U | U | U | | |
| Caspian Tern | | | | | |
| Caspian Tern | U | R | O | | |
| Black Tern | | | | | |
| Black Tern | U | U | O | | |
| Common Tern | | | | | |
| Common Tern | U | U | R | | |
| Forster's Tern | | | | | |
| Forster's Tern | U | O | O | | |
| LOONS | | | | | |
| Common Loon | | | | | |
| Common Loon | C | C | C | | |
| CORMORANTS | | | | | |
| | | | | | |