

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
CHICKADEES, TITMICE					
Black-capped Chickadee					
	C	C	C	C	
NUTHATCHES					
Red-breasted Nuthatch					
	C	C	C	C	
White-breasted Nuthatch					
	C	C	C	C	
CREEPERS					
Brown Creeper					
	U	U	U		
WRENS					
House Wren					
	C	C	C		
Winter Wren					
	U	U	U		
Sedge Wren					
	U	U			
KINGLETS					
Golden-crowned Kinglet					
	C	C	C		
Ruby-crowned Kinglet					
	C	C	C		
THRUSHES					
Eastern Bluebird					
	U	U	U		
Veery					
	C	C	U		
Gray-cheeked Thrush					
	U		O		
Swainson's Thrush					
	U	U	U		
Hermit Thrush					
	C	C	C		
Wood Thrush					
	U	U			
American Robin					
	C	C	C		
THRASHERS, MOCKINGBIRDS					
Gray Catbird					
	C	C	C		
Brown Thrasher					
	U	U	U		
STARLINGS					
European Starling					
	C	C	U	U	
WAXWINGS					
Bohemian Waxwing					
				U	
Cedar Waxwing					
	C	C	C	U	
OLD WORLD SPARROWS					
House Sparrow					
	U	U	U		

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FINCHES					
Evening Grosbeak					
	C	C	C	C	
Pine Grosbeak					
	U		U	U	
Purple Finch					
	C	C	C	C	
Common Redpoll					
	C		U	C	
Hoary Redpoll					
				O	
Red Crossbill					
	U		U	U	
White-winged Crossbill					
	U		U	U	
Pine Siskin					
	C	C	C	C	
American Goldfinch					
	C	C	C	C	
LONGSPURS, SNOW BUNTINGS					
Lapland Longspur					
	U		U		
Snow Bunting					
	U		C	U	
TOWHEES, SPARROWS					
Chipping Sparrow					
	C	C	C		
Clay-colored Sparrow					
	U	U	U		
Fox Sparrow					
	U		U		
American Tree Sparrow					
	C		C	U	
Dark-eyed Junco					
	C		C	U	
White-crowned Sparrow					
	U		U		
Harris's Sparrow					
	U		U		
White-throated Sparrow					
	C	C	C		
Vesper Sparrow					
	O	O	O		
Savannah Sparrow					
	C	C	C		
Song Sparrow					
	C	C	C		
Lincoln's Sparrow					
	U		U		
Swamp Sparrow					
	U	U	U		
Eastern Towhee					
	U	U	O		
BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES					
Bobolink					
	O	O	O		
Eastern Meadowlark					
	U	U	U		
Baltimore Oriole					
	C	C	C		
Red-winged Blackbird					
	C	C	C		
Brown-headed Cowbird					
	C	C	U		
Rusty Blackbird					
	U		U		
Brewer's Blackbird					
	C	C	U		
Common Grackle					
	C	C	C		
TANAGERS, CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS					
Scarlet Tanager					
	U	U	U		
Northern Cardinal					
	O	O	O	O	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak					
	C	C	C		
Indigo Bunting					
	U	U	U		

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WARBLEDERS					
Ovenbird					
	C	C	C		

Birding at Jay Cooke State Park

During spring migration, find a spot near the river (such as the overlooks at Oldenburg Point) to check out migrating warblers, sparrows and raptors. In the campground, listen for white-throated sparrows and merlins in the summer, or white-winged crossbills and pine grosbeaks in winter. Woodpeckers, nuthatches, thrushes, warblers and grouse can often be found in the forest on the Ridge or CCC trails.

A great paved trail for walking, biking or strollers is the Forbay Trail which winds through the forest and ends at a canal. Many different warblers, thrushes, flycatchers and vireos will be found in the forest, while water-loving birds like swallows, ducks, geese and sandpipers can be found near the open water of the canal. For more open water and shoreline birds, walk out to the Fond Du Lac Reservoir from the Grand Portage trailhead parking lot.

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

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CUCKOOS					
Black-billed Cuckoo	U	U	U		
NIGHTJARS					
Common Nighthawk	U	O	C		
Eastern Whip-poor-will	R	R			
SWIFTS					
Chimney Swift	C	C	C		
HUMMINGBIRDS					
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	C	C	C		
RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS					
Sora	U	U	U		
American Coot	U	C			
PLOVERS					
Killdeer	C	C	C		
SANDPIPER AND ALLIES					
American Woodcock	C	C	C		
Wilson's Snipe	C	C	C		
Spotted Sandpiper	C	C	C		
Solitary Sandpiper	U	U			
Lesser Yellowlegs	U	U			
Greater Yellowlegs	U	U			
GULLS, TERNS					
Bonaparte's Gull	U	U			
Ring-billed Gull	C	C	C		
Herring Gull	C	C	C		
Black Tern	U	U	U		
Common Tern	U	U			
LOONS					
Common Loon	U	U	U		
CORMORANTS					
Double-crested Cormorant	U	U			
PELICANS					
American White Pelican	O				
BITTERNS, HERONS, EGRETS, NIGHT-HERONS					
American Bittern	U	U	U		
Great Blue Heron	C	C	C		
Green Heron	U	U	U		
NEW WORLD VULTURES					
Turkey Vulture	C	C	C		
OSPREY					
Osprey	U	U	U		
KITES, HAWKS, EAGLES					
Northern Harrier	C	C	C		
Sharp-shinned Hawk	C	O	C	O	
Cooper's Hawk	U				
Northern Goshawk	O	O	O	O	
Bald Eagle	C	C	C	U	
Broad-winged Hawk	C	C	C		
Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	U	
Rough-legged Hawk	U	U			
TYPICAL OWLS					
Great Horned Owl	U	U	U	U	
Snowy Owl			U	U	
Barred Owl	U	U	U	U	
Northern Saw-whet Owl	U	U	U	O	
KINGFISHERS					
Belted Kingfisher	C	C	C		
WOODPECKERS					
Red-headed Woodpecker	O	O	O		
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	C	C	C		
Black-backed Woodpecker	O	O	O	O	
Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Hairy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Northern Flicker	C	C	C		
Pileated Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
LARKS					
Horned Lark	U	U	U	O	
MARTINS, SWALLOWS					
Bank Swallow	U	U	U		
Tree Swallow	C	C	C		
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	U				