

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
JAYS, MAGPIES, CROWS, RAVENS					
Blue Jay	C	C	C	C	
American Crow	C	C	C	C	
LARKS					
Horned Lark	C	C	C	O	
MARTINS, SWALLOWS					
Bank Swallow	U	U	U		
Tree Swallow	C	C	C		
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	C	C	C		
Purple Martin	U	U	U		
Barn Swallow	C	C	C		
Cliff Swallow	C	C	C		
CHICKADEES, TITMICE					
Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C	
NUTHATCHES					
Red-breasted Nuthatch	U		U		
White-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C	
CREEPERS					
Brown Creeper	U		U		
WRENS					
House Wren	C	C	C		
Winter Wren	O		O		
Sedge Wren	C	C	C		
Marsh Wren	C	U	C		
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	U		
American Robin	C	C	C	O	

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THRASHERS, MOCKINGBIRDS					
Gray Catbird	C	C	C		
Brown Thrasher	U	U	U		
STARLINGS					
European Starling	C	C	C	C	
WAXWINGS					
Cedar Waxwing	C	C	C	O	
OLD WORLD SPARROWS					
House Sparrow	C	C	C	C	
PIPITS					
American Pipit			U		
FINCHES					
House Finch	U	U	U	U	
Purple Finch	U		U	U	
Common Redpoll	O		O	O	
Pine Siskin	O		O	O	
American Goldfinch	C	C	C	U	
LONGSPURS, SNOW BUNTINGS					
Lapland Longspur	U		U		
Snow Bunting	U		U	U	
TOWHEES, SPARROWS					
Grasshopper Sparrow	U	U	O		
Lark Sparrow	O	O	O		
Chipping Sparrow	C	C	C		
Clay-colored Sparrow	C	C	C		
Field Sparrow	C	C	C		
Fox Sparrow	C		C		
American Tree Sparrow	C		C	C	
Dark-eyed Junco	C		C	U	
White-crowned Sparrow	U		U		
Harris's Sparrow	U		U		
White-throated Sparrow	C		C		
Vesper Sparrow	U	U	U		
LeConte's Sparrow	O		O		
Savannah Sparrow	C	U	C		
Song Sparrow	C	C	C		
Lincoln's Sparrow	U		U		
Swamp Sparrow	C	C	C		
Eastern Towhee	U	O	U		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
CHATS					
Yellow-breasted Chat	R				
BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES					
Yellow-headed Blackbird	C	C	C		
Bobolink	C	C	C		
Western Meadowlark	C	C	C		
Orchard Oriole	U	U			
Baltimore Oriole	C	C	C		
Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	C		
Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	U		
Rusty Blackbird	C		C		
Brewer's Blackbird	U	U	U		
Common Grackle	C	C	C	O	
WARBLERS					
Ovenbird	C	O	C		
Northern Waterthrush	U		U		
Golden-winged Warbler	O		O		
Black-and-white Warbler	C		C		
Tennessee Warbler	C		C		
Orange-crowned Warbler	U		U		
Nashville Warbler	C		C		
Connecticut Warbler	O		O		
Mourning Warbler	U		U		
Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C		
American Redstart	C	C	C		
Cape May Warbler	O		O		
Northern Parula	O		O		
Magnolia Warbler	U		U		
Bay-breasted Warbler	U		U		
Blackburnian Warbler	U		U		
Yellow Warbler	C	C	C		
Chestnut-sided Warbler	U		U		
Blackpoll Warbler	U		U		
Black-throated Blue Warbler	R				
Palm Warbler	C		C		
Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		C		
Black-throated Green Warbler	U		U		
Canada Warbler	U		U		
Wilson's Warbler	U		U		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
TANAGERS, CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS					
Summer Tanager	R				
Scarlet Tanager	U	U	U		
Northern Cardinal	C	C	U	U	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	C	C	C		
Indigo Bunting	C	C	C		
Dickcissel	O	U			

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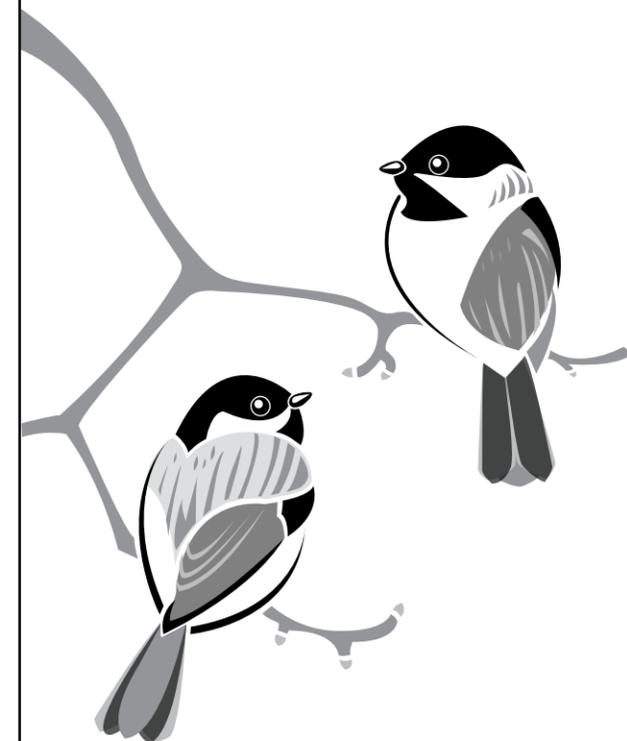
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BIRD CHECKLIST

LAC QUI PARLE STATE PARK



Birding at Lac qui Parle State Park

A wide variety of habitat attracts an impressive number of bird species to this park. The area is excellent for migratory birds, especially waterfowl. Shorebirds are sometimes seen when the lake is low. The woodlands are very productive, with twenty-five species of warblers recorded.

Flycatchers, thrushes, vireos, swallows, woodpeckers and sparrows are common. Field sparrows and clay-colored sparrows are often spotted in the oak savanna areas.

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	U		U		
Ross's Goose	O		O		
Greater White-fronted Goose	O		O		
Brant			R		
Cackling Goose	U		U		
Canada Goose	C	C	C	O	
Tundra Swan	U		U		
Wood Duck	C	C	C		
Blue-winged Teal	C	C	C		
Cinnamon Teal	O				
Northern Shoveler	U		U		
Gadwall	U		U		
American Wigeon	U		U		
Mallard	C	C	C		
American Black Duck	O		O		
Northern Pintail	U		U		
Green-winged Teal	U		U		
Canvasback	U		U		
Redhead	U		U		
Ring-necked Duck	C		C		
Greater Scaup	U		U		
Lesser Scaup	U		U		
Surf Scoter			O		
White-winged Scoter			O		
Bufflehead	U		U		
Common Goldeneye	U		U		
Hooded Merganser	C	U	C		
Common Merganser	U		U		
Red-breasted Merganser	U		U		
Ruddy Duck	U		U		
PARTRIDGE, PHEASANTS, GROUSE, TURKEYS					
Gray Partridge	O	O	O	O	
Ring-necked Pheasant	C	C	C	C	
Wild Turkey	C	C	C	C	

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GREBES					
Pied-billed Grebe	C	C	C		
Horned Grebe	O		O		
Red-necked Grebe	O		O		
Eared Grebe	O		O		
Western Grebe	O		O		
PIGEONS AND DOVES					
Rock Pigeon	U	U	U	U	
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		
SWIFTS					
Chimney Swift	U	U	U		
HUMMINGBIRDS					
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	C	U	C		
RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS					
Virginia Rail	O	O	O		
Sora	U	U	U		
American Coot	C	U	C		
CRANES					
Sandhill Crane	O		O		
STILTS, AVOCETS					
American Avocet	O		O		
PLOVERS					
Black-bellied Plover	O		O		
American Golden-plover	O		O		
Killdeer	C	C	C		
SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES					
Dunlin	O		O		
Buff-breasted Sandpiper			O		
American Woodcock	O		O		
Wilson's Snipe	C	U	C		
Spotted Sandpiper	C	C	C		
Solitary Sandpiper	O	O	O		
Lesser Yellowlegs	U	U	U		
Greater Yellowlegs	O		O		

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GULLS, TERNS					
Sabine's Gull			R		
Bonaparte's Gull	U		U		
Franklin's Gull	U	U	C		
Ring-billed Gull	C	U	C		
Herring Gull	O		O	O	
Caspian Tern	O		O		
Black Tern	U	U	U		
Forster's Tern	C	C	U		
LOONS					
Common Loon	O		O		
CORMORANTS					
Double-crested Cormorant	C	C	C		
PELICANS					
American White Pelican	C	U	C		
BITTERNS, HERONS, EGRETS, NIGHT-HERONS					
American Bittern	O		O		
Least Bittern	O		O		
Great Blue Heron	C	C	C		
Great Egret	U	U	U		
Cattle Egret	O		O		
Green Heron	C	C	C		
Black-crowned Night-heron	O	O	O		
NEW WORLD VULTURES					
Turkey Vulture	U		U		
OSPREY					
Osprey	U	U	U		
KITES, HAWKS, EAGLES					
Northern Harrier	U	U	U	O	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	U		U		
Cooper's Hawk	U	U	U	O	
Northern Goshawk	O		O	O	
Bald Eagle	U	U	U	U	
Red-shouldered Hawk	O	O	O		
Broad-winged Hawk	U	O	U		
Swainson's Hawk	O	O	O		
Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	U	
Rough-legged Hawk	O		O	O	

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TYPICAL OWLS					
Great Horned Owl	U	U	U	U	
Snowy Owl	O		O	O	
Barred Owl	U	U	U	U	
Northern Saw-whet Owl	O		O	O	
KINGFISHERS					
Belted Kingfisher	C	C	C		
WOODPECKERS					
Red-headed Woodpecker	U	U	U		
Red-bellied Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	U	U	U		
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	C	C	C	O	
Merlin	O		O		
FLYCATCHERS					
Great Crested Flycatcher	C	C	C		
Western Kingbird	O	O			
Eastern Kingbird	C	C	C		
Olive-sided Flycatcher	U		U		
Eastern Wood-Pewee	C	C	C		
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	O		O		
Alder Flycatcher	U		U		
Willow Flycatcher	U		U		
Least Flycatcher	C	C	C		
Eastern Phoebe	C	C	C		
SHRIKES					
Northern Shrike	O		O	O	
VIREOS					
Yellow-throated Vireo	C	C	C		
Blue-headed Vireo	U		U		
Philadelphia Vireo	O		O		
Warbling Vireo	C	C	C		
Red-eyed Vireo	C	C	C		