

Birding at Lake Bronson State Park

Hike up the hill east of the visitor center for excellent year-round views of the shoreline, lake, island, fields and woods.

Walk along the water's edge to see a variety of waterfowl and warblers.

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	O		O		
Greater White-fronted Goose	O				
Canada Goose	C	C	C		
Trumpeter Swan	C		C		
Tundra Swan	C		C		
Wood Duck	C	C	C		
Blue-winged Teal	C	C	C		
Northern Shoveler	C	U	C		
Gadwall	C		C		
American Wigeon	C		C		
Mallard	C	C	C		
American Black Duck	U		U		
Northern Pintail	U	U	U		
Green-winged Teal	U		U		
Canvasback	C	U	C		
Redhead	C		C		
Ring-necked Duck	C	U	C		
Greater Scaup	U		U		
Lesser Scaup	C		C		
White-winged Scoter			O		
Black Scoter			O		
Bufflehead	C		C		
Common Goldeneye	C		C		
Hooded Merganser	U	U	U		
Common Merganser	C		C		
Red-breasted Merganser	U		U		
Ruddy Duck	C		U		
PARTRIDGE, PHEASANTS, GROUSE, TURKEYS					
Gray Partridge	U	U	U	U	
Ruffed Grouse	C	C	C	C	
Sharp-tailed Grouse	U	U	U	U	
GREBES					
Pied-billed Grebe	C	C	U		
Horned Grebe	U		U		
Red-necked Grebe	U	U	O		
Eared Grebe	U	U	U		
Western Grebe	R		R		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
PIGEONS, DOVES					
Rock Pigeon		U	U	U	U
Mourning Dove		C	C	C	
CUCKOOS					
Yellow-billed Cuckoo		U	O	O	
Black-billed Cuckoo		U	U	U	
NIGHTJARS					
Common Nighthawk		C	C	C	
Eastern Whip-poor-will		O	U		
SWIFTS					
Chimney Swift		U	U	U	
HUMMINGBIRDS					
Ruby-throated Hummingbird		C	C	C	
RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS					
Virginia Rail		U	U	U	
Sora		C	C	C	
American Coot		U	U	U	
CRANES					
Sandhill Crane		C	C	C	
STILTS, AVOCETS					
American Avocet		O			
PLOVERS					
Black-bellied Plover		U		U	
American Golden-plover		U		U	
Killdeer		C	C	C	
Semipalmated Plover		U		U	
SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES					
Upland Sandpiper		U	U		
Hudsonian Godwit		U			
Marbled Godwit		U	U		
Ruddy Turnstone		U		U	
Sanderling		O		U	
Dunlin		U		U	
Baird's Sandpiper		U		U	
Least Sandpiper		C	C	C	
White-rumped Sandpiper		U			
Pectoral Sandpiper		C	C	C	

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Semipalmated Sandpiper	U		U		
Short-billed Dowitcher	U	U			
Long-billed Dowitcher	U		U		
American Woodcock	U	U	U		
Wilson's Snipe	C	U	C		
Spotted Sandpiper	C	C	C		
Solitary Sandpiper	U	U	U		
Lesser Yellowlegs	C	C	C		
Greater Yellowlegs	U		U		
Wilson's Phalarope	U	U	U		
Red-necked Phalarope	C		C		
GULLS, TERNS					
Bonaparte's Gull	U		U		
Franklin's Gull	C	U	C		
Ring-billed Gull	C	U	C		
Herring Gull	U	O	U		
Caspian Tern	O	O	O		
Black Tern	C	C	C		
Common Tern	O				
Forster's Tern	U	U	U		
LOONS					
Common Loon	C	O	U		
CORMORANTS					
Double-crested Cormorant	C	U	C		
PELICANS					
American White Pelican	O	U	O		
BITTERNS, HERONS, EGRETS, NIGHT-HERONS					
American Bittern	U	U	U		
Great Blue Heron	C	C	C		
Great Egret	O	O	O		
Snowy Egret	R				
Green Heron	U	U	U		
Black-crowned Night-heron	O				
NEW WORLD VULTURES					
Turkey Vulture	U	U	U		
OSPREY					
Osprey	U	U	U		

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KITES, HAWKS, EAGLES					
Golden Eagle				O	
Northern Harrier	C	U	C		
Sharp-shinned Hawk	U	U	C		
Cooper's Hawk	U	U	U		
Northern Goshawk				O	
Bald Eagle	U	U	U	O	
Broad-winged Hawk	C	C	C		
Swainson's Hawk	O	O	O		
Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C		
Rough-legged Hawk	U		U	O	
TYPICAL OWLS					
Great Horned Owl	U	U	U	U	
Snowy Owl			U	U	
Long-eared Owl	U	U	U		
Short-eared Owl	U	U	U	O	
Northern Saw-whet Owl	U	U	U	O	
KINGFISHERS					
Belted Kingfisher	C	C	C		
WOODPECKERS					
Red-headed Woodpecker	U	U	U		
Red-bellied Woodpecker	O	O	O	O	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	C	C	C		
Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Hairy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Northern Flicker	C	C	C		
Pileated Woodpecker	O	O	O	U	
FALCONS					
American Kestrel	C	C	C		
Merlin	U	O	U		
Gyr Falcon				R	
Peregrine Falcon	U		U		

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FLYCATCHERS					
Great Crested Flycatcher	C	C	C		
Western Kingbird	U	U	U		
Eastern Kingbird	C	C	C		
Olive-sided Flycatcher	U	U	U		
Eastern Wood-Pewee	C	C	C		
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	O	O	O		
Alder Flycatcher	U	U	U		
Willow Flycatcher	O	O	O		
Least Flycatcher	C	C	C		
Eastern Phoebe	C	C	C		
SHRIKES					
Northern Shrike				U	
VIREOS					
Yellow-throated Vireo	U	U	U		
Blue-headed Vireo	U		U		
Philadelphia Vireo	U		U		
Warbling Vireo	C	C	U		
Red-eyed Vireo	C	C	C		
JAYS, CROWS, MAGPIES, RAVENS					
Gray Jay			U	R	
Blue Jay	C	C	C	C	
Black-billed Magpie	C	C	C	C	
American Crow	C	C	C	U	
Common Raven	U	O	U	C	
LARKS					
Horned Lark	C	C	C	O	
MARTINS, SWALLOWS					
Bank Swallow	C	C	U		
Tree Swallow	C	C	C		
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	U	U	U		
Purple Martin	U	U	U		
Barn Swallow	C	C	C		
Cliff Swallow	C	C	C		
CHICKADEES, TITMICE					
Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C	

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NUTHATCHES					
Red-breasted Nuthatch	U	U	U	O	
White-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C	
CREEPERS					
Brown Creeper	U	U	U	O	
WRENS					
House Wren	C	C	C		
Winter Wren	U	U	U		
Sedge Wren	C	C	C		
Marsh Wren	C	C	C		
GNATCATCHERS					
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	O	O			
KINGLETS					
Golden-crowned Kinglet	C		C		
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C		
THRUSHES					
Eastern Bluebird	C	C	C		
Veery	U	U	U		
Gray-cheeked Thrush	U		U		
Swainson's Thrush	U		U		
Hermit Thrush	U		U		
Wood Thrush	R				
American Robin	C	C	C	O	
Varied Thrush			O		
THRASHERS, MOCKINGBIRDS					
Gray Catbird	C	C	C		
Brown Thrasher	C	C	C		
Northern Mockingbird		R			
STARLINGS					
European Starling	C	C	C	C	
WAXWINGS					
Bohemian Waxwing			O	O	
Cedar Waxwing	C	C	C	O	
OLD WORLD SPARROWS					
House Sparrow	C	C	C	C	
PIPITS					
American Pipit	O		U		

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FINCHES					
Evening Grosbeak	O		U	U	
Pine Grosbeak			O	O	
House Finch	U	U	U	U	
Purple Finch	U		U	U	
Common Redpoll			U	C	
Hoary Redpoll	O			O	
Red Crossbill		O	O	O	
White-winged Crossbill			O	O	
Pine Siskin	U	U	U	C	
American Goldfinch	C	C	C	O	
LONGSPURS, SNOW BUNTINGS					
Lapland Longspur	U		U		
Snow Bunting	U		U	C	
TOWHEES, SPARROWS					
Grasshopper Sparrow	U	U			
Lark Sparrow	U	U	O		
Chipping Sparrow	C	C	C		
Clay-colored Sparrow	C	C	C		
Field Sparrow	U		U		
Fox Sparrow	U		U		
American Tree Sparrow	C		C	O	
Dark-eyed Junco	C		C	O	
White-crowned Sparrow	U		U		
Harris's Sparrow	U		U		
White-throated Sparrow	C	U	C		
Vesper Sparrow	C	C	C		
LeConte's Sparrow	U	U	U		
Nelson's Sparrow	O		O		
Savannah Sparrow	C	C	C		
Song Sparrow	C	C			
Lincoln's Sparrow	U		U		
Swamp Sparrow	U	U	U		
Spotted Towhee	O	O	O		
Eastern Towhee	U	U	U		

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BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES					
Yellow-headed Blackbird	C	U	U		
Bobolink	C	C	U		
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	U		U		
Brewer's Blackbird	C	U	U		
Common Grackle	C	C	C		
WARBLERS					
Ovenbird	C	C	C		
Northern Waterthrush	U		U		
Golden-winged Warbler	U	U	U		
Black-and-white Warbler	C	C	C		
Tennessee Warbler	C		C		
Orange-crowned Warbler	U		U		
Nashville Warbler	C		C		
Connecticut Warbler	O		O		
Mourning Warbler	U	U	U		
Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C		
American Redstart	C	C	C		
Cape May Warbler	U		U		
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	C	C		
Blackpoll Warbler	U		U		
Palm Warbler	C		C		
Pine Warbler	U		U		
Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		C		
Black-throated Green Warbler	U		U		
Canada Warbler	U		U		
Wilson's Warbler	U		U		

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TANAGERS, CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS					
Scarlet Tanager	U	U	U		
Northern Cardinal	O	O	O		
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	C	C	C		
Indigo Bunting	U	U	U		

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