

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
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		

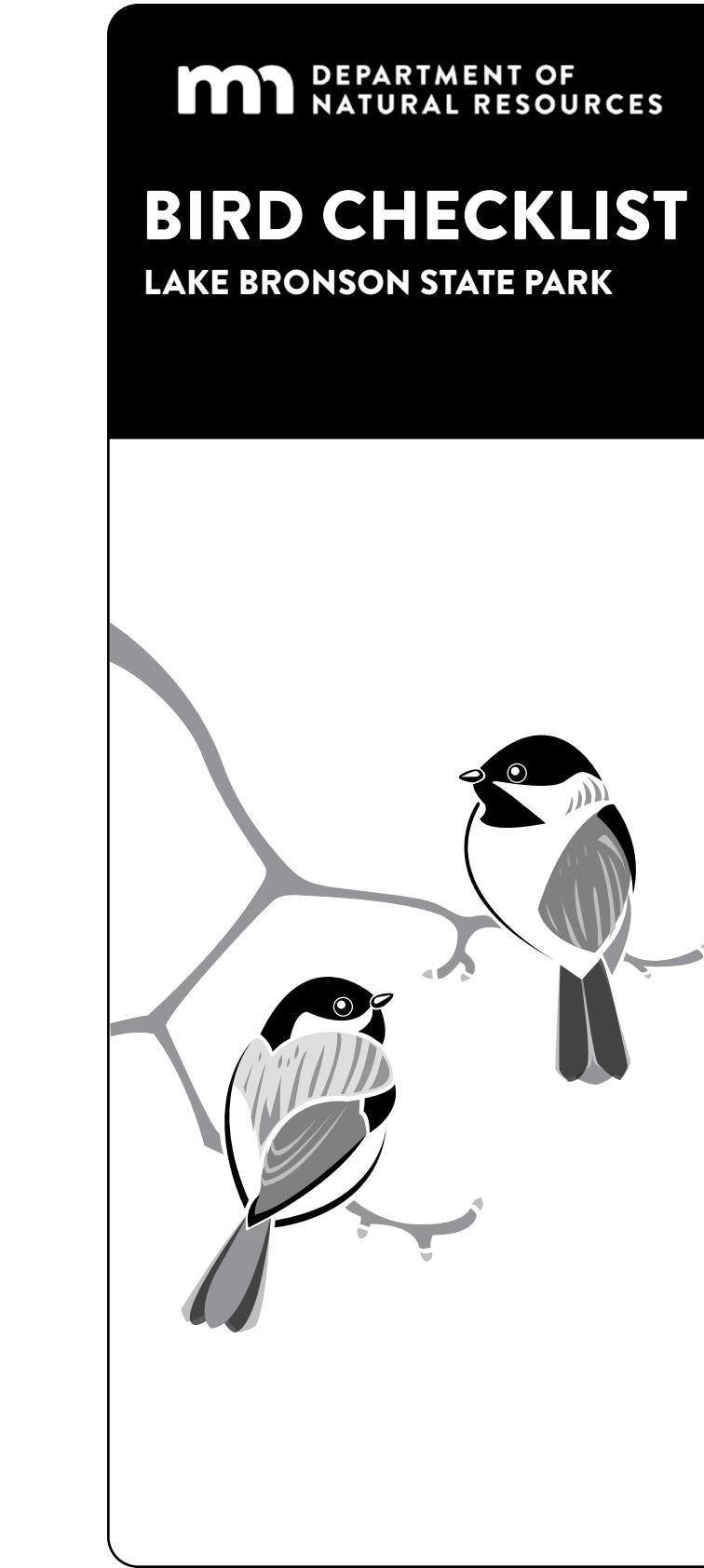
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BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES					
Yellow-headed Blackbird	C		U	U	
Bobolink	C	C	U		
Western Meadowlark	C	C	C		
TANAGERS, CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS					
Scarlet Tanager	U	U	U		
Northern Cardinal	O	O	O		
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	C	C	C		
Indigo Bunting	U	U	U		

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Birding at Lake Bronson State Park

This park is a transition area between prairie and forest landscapes, offering habitat for many bird species. Hike up the hill east of the park's visitor center for excellent year-round views of the shoreline, lake, island, fields and woods.

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

Take trails near the prairie to spot upland sandpipers or sharp-tailed grouse.

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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GESE, SWANS, DUCKS					
PIGEONS, DOVES					
Snow Goose	O	O			
Greater White-fronted Goose	O				
Canada Goose	C	C	C		
Trumpeter Swan	C	C	C		
Tundra Swan	C	C	C		
Wood Duck	C	C	C		
Blue-winged Teal	C	C	C		
Northern Shoveler	C	U	C		
Gadwall	C	C	C		
American Wigeon	C	C	C		
Mallard	C	C	C		
American Black Duck	U	U			
Northern Pintail	U	U	U		
Green-winged Teal	U	U	U		
Canvasback	C	U	C		
Redhead	C	C	C		
Ring-necked Duck	C	U	C		
Greater Scaup	U	U			
Lesser Scaup	C	C	C		
White-winged Scoter		O			
Black Scoter		O			
Bufflehead	C	C	C		
Common Goldeneye	C	C	C		
Hooded Merganser	U	U	U		
Common Merganser	C	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			

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PIGEONS, DOVES					
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			
SANDPIPIERS AND ALLIES					
Upland Sandpiper	U	U			
Hudsonian Godwit	U	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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SEMPALMATED SANDPIPER					
KITES, HAWKS, EAGLES					
Semipalmated Sandpiper	U				
Short-billed Dowitcher	U	U			
Long-billed Dowitcher	U				
American Woodcock	U	U	U		
Wilson's Snipe	C	U	C		
Spotted Sandpiper	C	C	C		
Solitary Sandpiper	U	U	U		
Bald Eagle	U	U	U	O	
Lesser Yellowlegs	C	C	C		
Broad-winged Hawk	C	C	C		
Greater Yellowlegs	U	U			
Swainson's Hawk	O	O	O		
Wilson's Phalarope	U	U	U		
Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C		
Red-necked Phalarope	C	C	C		
GULLS, TERNS					
Bonaparte's Gull	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		
Marbled Godwit	O	O	O		
Ruddy Turnstone	R				
Sanderling	U	U	U		
Dunlin	U	U			
Baird's Sandpiper	U	U			
Least Sandpiper	C	C	C		
White-rumped Sandpiper	U				
Pectoral Sandpiper	C	C	C		
NEW WORLD VULTURES					
Turkey Vulture	U	U	U		
FALCONS					
American Kestrel	C	C	C		
Merlin	U	O	U		
Gyrfalcon				R	
Peregrine Falcon	U	U			
NEW WORLD VULTURES					
Turkey Vulture	U	U	U		
OSPREY					
Osprey	U	U	U		

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