

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
THRASHERS, MOCKINGBIRDS					
Gray Catbird	C	C	C		
STARLINGS					
European Starling	U	U	U	U	
WAXWINGS					
Cedar Waxwing	C	C	C	C	
FINCHES					
Evening Grosbeak	U	O	U	U	
Pine Grosbeak	C	U	C	C	
House Finch	U	U	U	U	
Purple Finch	U	U	U	U	
Common Redpoll			O	U	
Red Crossbill	O	O	O	O	
Pine Siskin	U		U	U	
American Goldfinch	C	C	C	U	
TOWHEES, SPARROWS					
Chipping Sparrow	C	C	C		
Fox Sparrow	U		U		
American Tree Sparrow	C		C	U	
Dark-eyed Junco	C		C	O	
White-crowned Sparrow	U		U		
White-throated Sparrow	C	U	C		
Song Sparrow	C	C	C		
Lincoln’s Sparrow	U		U		
Swamp Sparrow	C	C	C		
BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES					
Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	C		
Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	C		
Common Grackle	U	U	U		


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WARBLERS					
Ovenbird	C	C	C		
Northern Waterthrush	U		U		
Golden-winged Warbler	U	U	U		
Black-and-white Warbler	C	C	C		
Tennessee Warbler	U		U		
Orange-crowned Warbler	U		U		
Nashville Warbler	C	U	C		
Mourning Warbler	U	U	U		
Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C		
American Redstart	C	C	C		
Cape May Warbler	O	O	O		
Northern Parula	U		U		
Magnolia Warbler	U	U	U		
Bay-breasted Warbler	U	O	U		
Blackburnian Warbler	U	U	U		
Yellow Warbler	C	C	C		
Chestnut-sided Warbler	U	U	U		
Blackpoll Warbler	U		U		
Black-throated Blue Warbler	U		U		
Palm Warbler	C		C		
Pine Warbler	U	U	U		
Yellow-rumped Warbler	C	C	C		
Black-throated Green Warbler	U	U	U		
Canada Warbler	U	U	U		
TANAGERS, CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS					
Scarlet Tanager	U	U	U		
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	C	C	C		

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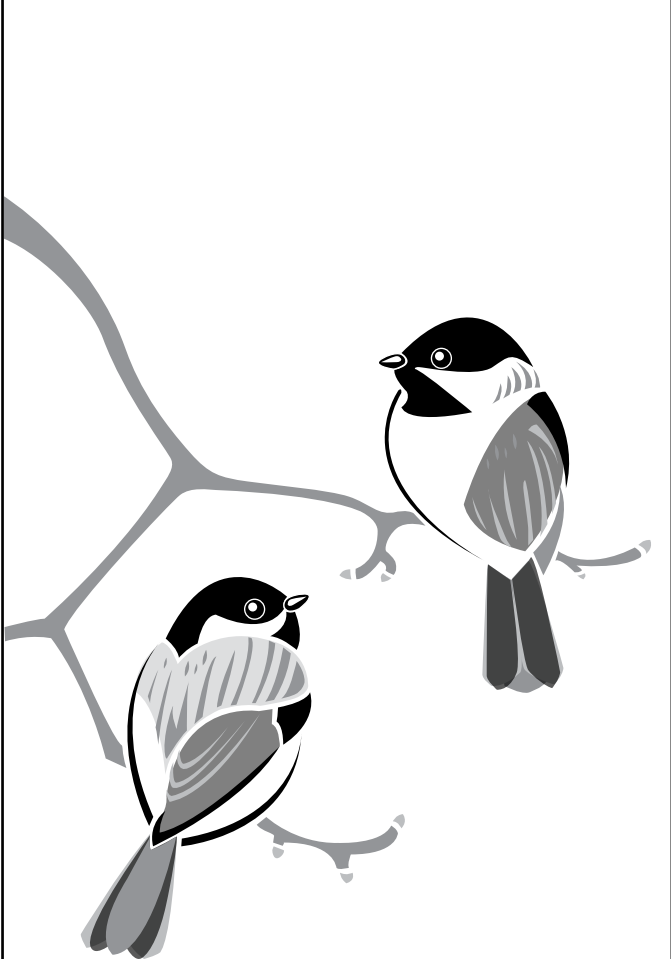
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NATURAL RESOURCES

BIRD CHECKLIST

MCCARTHY BEACH STATE PARK



Birding at McCarthy Beach State Park

The wooded acreage of McCarthy Beach State Park provides excellent habitat for a wide range of songbird species. Over 20 warbler species are found during spring and fall migration and the breeding season. The trails along County Road 501 give easy access to the park’s woodlands where hermit thrushes are common. Red crossbills and evening grosbeaks are often seen in the Beatrice Lake area. Sturgeon Lake is a good place for ring-billed and herring gulls, as well as Bonaparte and Caspian terns. Common loons also frequent the lake. Great gray owls are occasionally seen in the park in winter.

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					
Canada Goose	U	U	U		
Tundra Swan	O		O		
Wood Duck	C	C	C		
Blue-winged Teal	U	U	U		
Mallard	C	C	C		
Ring-necked Duck	U	U	U		
Lesser Scaup	U		U		
Bufflehead	U		U		
Common Goldeneye	C	C	C		
Hooded Merganser	U	U	U		
Common Merganser	O		O		

PARTRIDGE, PHEASANTS, GROUSE, TURKEYS					
Ruffed Grouse	C	C	C	C	

GREBES					
Pied-billed Grebe	U	U	U		
Horned Grebe	U		U		

PIGEONS, DOVES					
Mourning Dove	U	U	U		

HUMMINGBIRDS					
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	U	U	U		

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES					
American Woodcock	C	U	C		
Wilson's Snipe	U	U	U		
Spotted Sandpiper	U	U	U		

GULLS, TERNS					
Bonaparte's Gull	U		U		
Ring-billed Gull	U		U		
Herring Gull	U	U	U		
Caspian Tern	U		U		
Common Tern	U		U		

LOONS					
Common Loon	U	U	U		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
BITTERNS, HERONS, EGRETS, NIGHT-HERONS					
Great Blue Heron	U	U	U		
NEW WORLD VULTURES					
Turkey Vulture	C	U	C		
OSPREY					
Osprey	U	U	U		
KITES, HAWKS, EAGLES					
Sharp-shinned Hawk	U	U	U		
Bald Eagle	C	C	C	R	
Broad-winged Hawk	U	U	U		
Red-tailed Hawk	U	U	U		

TYPICAL OWLS					
Great Gray Owl			O	O	

KINGFISHERS					
Belted Kingfisher	U	U	U		

WOODPECKERS					
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	C	C	C		
Black-backed Woodpecker	O		O	O	
Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Hairy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Northern Flicker	C	C	C		
Pileated Woodpecker	U	U	U	U	

FALCONS					
American Kestrel	U	U	U	O	
Merlin	O	O	O		

FLYCATCHERS					
Great Crested Flycatcher	C	C	C		
Eastern Wood-Pewee	U	U	U		
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	U		U		
Alder Flycatcher	U	U	U		
Least Flycatcher	U	U	U		
Eastern Phoebe	C	C	C		

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VIREOS					
Blue-headed Vireo	U		U		
Philadelphia Vireo	U		U		
Warbling Vireo	U	U	U		
Red-eyed Vireo	C	C	C		

JAYS, MAGPIES, CROWS, RAVENS					
Gray Jay	O	O	O	O	
Blue Jay	C	C	C	C	
American Crow	C	C	C	C	
Common Raven	U	U	U	U	

MARTINS, SWALLOWS					
Tree Swallow	C	C	C		
Barn Swallow	C	C	C		

CHICKADEES, TITMICE					
Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C	

NUTHATCHES					
Red-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	U	
White-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	U	

CREEPERS					
Brown Creeper	U		U		

WRENS					
Winter Wren	U	U	U		

KINGLETS					
Golden-crowned Kinglet	C		C		
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C		

THRUSHES					
Eastern Bluebird	U	U	U		
Veery	U	U	U		
Gray-cheeked Thrush	U		U		
Swainson’s Thrush	C	C	C		
Hermit Thrush	U		U		
American Robin	C	C	C		