

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>NUTHATCHES</b>					
Red-breasted Nuthatch	C	U	C	C	
White-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C	
<b>CREEPERS</b>					
Brown Creeper	C	U	C	O	
<b>WRENS</b>					
House Wren	C	C	C		
Winter Wren	U	U	U		
Sedge Wren	C	C	C		
Marsh Wren	C	U	C		
<b>GNATCATCHERS</b>					
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	O	U	O		
<b>KINGLETS</b>					
Golden-crowned Kinglet	C		C	U	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C	R	C		
<b>THRUSHES</b>					
Eastern Bluebird	C	C	C		
Veery	U	U	U		
Gray-cheeked Thrush	U		U		
Swainson's Thrush	U		U		
Hermit Thrush	U	U	U		
Wood Thrush	U	U	O		
American Robin	C	C	C	U	
<b>THRASHERS, MOCKINGBIRDS</b>					
Gray Catbird	C	C	C		
Brown Thrasher	C	C	C		
<b>STARLINGS</b>					
European Starling	C	C	C	C	
<b>WAXWINGS</b>					
Bohemian Waxwing	U		U	U	
Cedar Waxwing	C	C	C	U	
<b>OLD WORLD SPARROWS</b>					
House Sparrow	U	U	U	U	
<b>FINCHES</b>					
Evening Grosbeak	U	U	U	U	
Pine Grosbeak	O		O	O	
House Finch	U	U	U	U	
Purple Finch	C	U	C	O	

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Common Redpoll	U		U	U	
Hoary Redpoll	O		O	O	
Red Crossbill			O	O	
White-winged Crossbill			O	O	
Pine Siskin	C	U	C	U	
American Goldfinch	C	C	C	U	
<b>LONGSPURS, SNOW BUNTINGS</b>					
Lapland Longspur	U		U		
Snow Bunting	U		C	O	
<b>TOWHEES, SPARROWS</b>					
Eastern Towhee	O		O		
American Tree Sparrow	C		C	U	
Chipping Sparrow	C	C	C		
Clay-colored Sparrow	U	U	U		
Field Sparrow	O	O	O		
Vesper Sparrow	O	O	O		
Savannah Sparrow	C	C	C		
Grasshopper Sparrow	O	O	O		
LeConte's Sparrow	U	U	U		
Fox Sparrow	C		C		
Song Sparrow	C	C	C		
Lincoln's Sparrow	U		U		
Swamp Sparrow	C	C	C		
White-throated Sparrow	C		C		
Harris's Sparrow	U		U		
White-crowned Sparrow	U		U		
Dark-eyed Junco	C		C	U	
<b>BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES</b>					
Yellow-headed Blackbird	U	U	U		
Bobolink	U	U	U		
Eastern Meadowlark	U	U	U		
Western Meadowlark	U	U	U		
Orchard Oriole	O	O	O		
Baltimore Oriole	C	C	C		
Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	C		
Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	C		
Rusty Blackbird	C		C		
Brewer's Blackbird	C		U		

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Common Grackle	C	C	C		
<b>WARBLERS</b>					
Ovenbird	C	C	C		
Northern Waterthrush	U	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	C		
Connecticut Warbler	U		U		
Mourning Warbler	C	C	U		
Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C		
American Redstart	C	C	C		
Cape May Warbler	U		U		
Cerulean Warbler	R				
Northern Parula	U	U	U		
Magnolia Warbler	U		U		
Bay-breasted Warbler	U		U		
Blackburnian Warbler	U	U	U		
Yellow Warbler	C	C	C		
Chestnut-sided Warbler	C	C	C		
Blackpoll Warbler	U		U		
Black-throated Blue Warbler	O		O		
Palm Warbler	C		C		
Pine Warbler	U	O	U		
Yellow-rumped Warbler	C	C	C		
Black-throated Green Warbler	U	U	U		
Canada Warbler	U	U	U		
Wilson's Warbler	U		U		
<b>TANAGERS, CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS</b>					
Scarlet Tanager	U	U	U		
Northern Cardinal	O	O	O	O	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	C	C	C		
Indigo Bunting	C	C	C		

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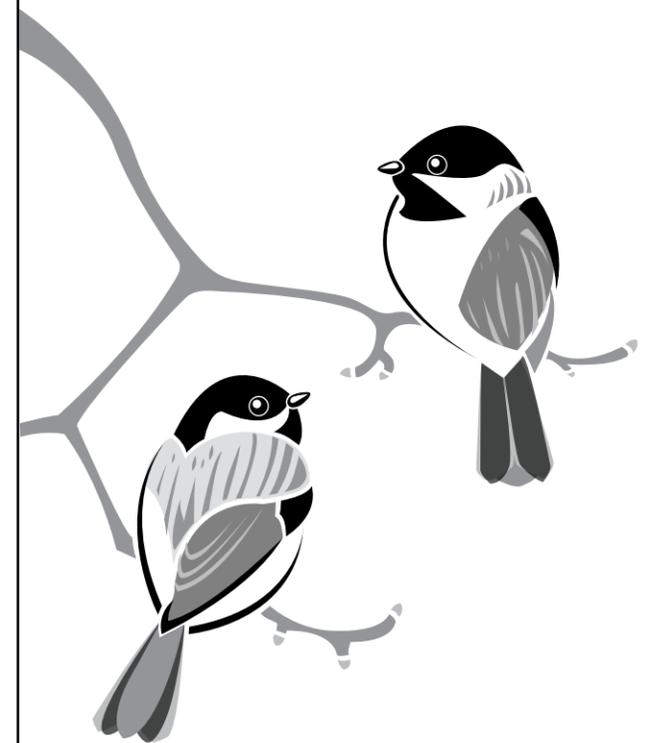
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# BIRD CHECKLIST

## MILLE LACS KATHIO STATE PARK



## Birding at Mille Lacs Kathio State Park

With over 10,000 acres, this park offers a variety of habitat for birds. Watch for diverse waterfowl species on Mille Lacs Lake, Ogechie Lake and Shakopee Lake. Ogechie Lake is a gathering place for large concentrations of American wigeons, gadwalls, northern shovelers, teal and mallards. Look for warblers, flycatchers, vireos, thrushes and woodpeckers in the extensive forests within the park.

### 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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<b>GEESE, SWANS, DUCKS</b>					
Snow Goose	U		U		
Cackling Goose	U		U		
Canada Goose	C	C	C	O	
Trumpeteer Swan	O	O	O	R	
Tundra Swan	U		U		
Wood Duck	C	C	C		
Blue-winged Teal	C	C	C		
Northern Shoveler	U		U		
Gadwall	U		U		
American Wigeon	U		U		
American Black Duck	U		U		
Mallard	C	C	C	R	
Northern Pintail	U		U		
Green-winged Teal	U		U		
Canvasback	U		U		
Redhead	U		U		
Ring-necked Duck	C	C	C		
Greater Scaup	U		U		
Lesser Scaup	C		C		
Long-tailed Duck	R		R		
Bufflehead	C		C		
Common Goldeneye	C	R	C	R	
Hooded Merganser	U	U	U		
Common Merganser	C	R	C	R	
Red-breasted Merganser	C		U		
<b>PARTRIDGE, PHEASANTS, GROUSE, TURKEYS</b>					
Ring-necked Pheasant	U	U	U	U	
Ruffed Grouse	U	U	U	U	
Wild Turkey	U	U	U	U	
<b>GREBES</b>					
Pied-billed Grebe	C	C	C		
Horned Grebe	C		C		
Red-necked Grebe	U	U	U		
<b>PIGEONS, DOVES</b>					
Rock Pigeon	C	C	C	C	
Mourning Dove	C	C	C		

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<b>CUCKOOS</b>					
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	U	O	O		
Black-billed Cuckoo	U	U	U		
<b>NIGHTJARS</b>					
Common Nighthawk	C	C	C		
Eastern Whip-poor-will	U	O	O		
<b>SWIFTS</b>					
Chimney Swift	C	C	C		
<b>HUMMINGBIRDS</b>					
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	C	C	C		
<b>RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS</b>					
Yellow Rail	O	O	O		
Virginia Rail	U	U	U		
Sora	C	C	U		
American Coot	U	U	C		
<b>CRANES</b>					
Sandhill Crane	O	O	O		
<b>PLOVERS</b>					
Killdeer	C	C	C		
<b>SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES</b>					
Pectoral Sandpiper	U	U	U		
American Woodcock	C	U	U		
Wilson's Snipe	C	C	C		
Spotted Sandpiper	C	C	C		
<b>GULLS, TERNS</b>					
Bonaparte's Gull	C	O	C		
Ring-billed Gull	C	C	C	O	
Herring Gull	C	C	C	O	
Caspian Tern	U	O	U		
Black Tern	U	U	U		
Common Tern	C	U	U		
Forster's Tern	U	U	U		
<b>LOONS</b>					
Common Loon	C	C	C		
<b>CORMORANTS</b>					
Double-crested Cormorant	C	C	C		
<b>PELICANS</b>					
American White Pelican	O	O	O		

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<b>BITTERNS, HERONS, EGRETS, NIGHT-HERONS</b>					
American Bittern	O	O	O		
Least Bittern	O	O	O		
Great Blue Heron	C	C	C		
Great Egret	U		U		
Green Heron	C	C	U		
<b>NEW WORLD VULTURES</b>					
Turkey Vulture	C	C	C		
<b>OSPREY</b>					
Osprey	C	C	C		
<b>KITES, HAWKS, EAGLES</b>					
Northern Harrier	C	C	C		
Sharp-shinned Hawk	C		C		
Cooper's Hawk	U	U	U		
Northern Goshawk			O	O	
Bald Eagle	C	C	C	O	
Red-shouldered Hawk	U	U	U		
Broad-winged Hawk	C	C	C		
Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	U	
Rough-legged Hawk	U		U	U	
<b>TYPICAL OWLS</b>					
Eastern Screech Owl	O	O	O	O	
Great Horned Owl	U	U	U	U	
Snowy Owl	O		O	O	
Barred Owl	U	U	U	U	
Great Gray Owl				O	
Long-eared Owl	U	U	U		
Short-eared Owl	U		U		
Northern Saw-whet Owl	U	O	U		
<b>KINGFISHERS</b>					
Belted Kingfisher	C	C	C		
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>					
Red-headed Woodpecker	U	U	U	O	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	U	U	U	U	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	C	C	C		
Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Hairy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Northern Flicker	C	C	C	O	

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Pileated Woodpecker	U	U	U	U	
<b>FALCONS</b>					
American Kestrel	C	C	C	O	
Merlin	U	O	U		
<b>FLYCATCHERS</b>					
Great Crested Flycatcher	C	C	C		
Eastern Kingbird	C	C	C		
Olive-sided Flycatcher	U		U		
Eastern Wood-Pewee	C	C	C		
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	U		U		
Alder Flycatcher	C	C	U		
Least Flycatcher	C	C	C		
Eastern Phoebe	C	C	C		
<b>SHRIKES</b>					
Loggerhead Shrike	O	O			
Northern Shrike	O		O	O	
<b>VIREOS</b>					
Yellow-throated Vireo	U	U	U		
Blue-headed Vireo	U	U	U		
Philadelphia Vireo	U		U		
Warbling Vireo	U	U	U		
Red-eyed Vireo	C	C	C		
<b>JAYS, MAGPIES, CROWS, RAVENS</b>					
Blue Jay	C	C	C	C	
American Crow	C	C	C	C	
Common Raven	C	O	C	C	
<b>LARKS</b>					
Horned Lark	U	U	U	O	
<b>MARTINS, SWALLOWS</b>					
Purple Martin	C	C	U		
Tree Swallow	C	C	C		
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	C	C	C		
Bank Swallow	C	C	C		
Cliff Swallow	C	C	C		
Barn Swallow	C	C	C		
<b>CHICKADEES, TITMICE</b>					
Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C	