

**STATE PARK BIRDS**

	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>KINGLETS</b>					
Golden-crowned Kinglet	C	C	C		
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C	C	C		

**THRUSHES**

Eastern Bluebird	U	U	U		
Veery	C	C	U		
Swainson's Thrush	U		U		
Hermit Thrush	C	C	C		
American Robin	C	C	C		

**THRASHERS, MOCKINGBIRDS**

Gray Catbird	C	C	C		
Brown Thrasher	U	U	U		

**STARLINGS**

European Starling	U	U	U	U	
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**WAXWINGS**

Cedar Waxwing	C	C	C	U	
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**FINCHES**

Evening Grosbeak	U		U	U	
Purple Finch	C	O	C	U	
Common Redpoll	O		O	O	
White-winged Crossbill	O		O	O	
Pine Siskin	U	O	U	U	
American Goldfinch	C	C	C		

**LONGSPURS, SNOW BUNTINGS**

Snow Bunting	U		U		
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**TOWHEES, SPARROWS**

Grasshopper Sparrow	R		C		
Chipping Sparrow	C	C	C		
Clay-colored Sparrow	U	U	U		
Field Sparrow	R				
Fox Sparrow	U		U		
American Tree Sparrow	C	C	U		
Dark-eyed Junco	C	C	U		
White-crowned Sparrow	U		U		
White-throated Sparrow	C	U	C		

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	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
LeConte's Sparrow	O		O		
Savannah Sparrow	C	C	C		
Song Sparrow	C	C	C		
Lincoln's Sparrow	U		U		
Swamp Sparrow	C	C	C		
Eastern Towhee	O	O			

**BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES**

Yellow-headed Blackbird		O			
Bobolink	O	O			
Baltimore Oriole	C	C	C		
Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	C		
Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	U		
Rusty Blackbird	U		U		
Common Grackle	C	C	C		

**WARBLERS**

Ovenbird	C	C	C		
Northern Waterthrush	U	O	U		
Golden-winged Warbler	O		O		
Black-and-white Warbler	C	C	C		
Tennessee Warbler	C		C		
Orange-crowned Warbler	U		U		
Nashville Warbler	C	O	C		
Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C		
American Redstart	C	C	C		
Cape May Warbler	U		U		
Magnolia Warbler	U		U		
Bay-breasted Warbler	U		U		
Blackburnian Warbler	U		U		
Yellow Warbler	C	C	C		
Chestnut-sided Warbler	C	U	C		
Palm Warbler	C		C		
Pine Warbler	U		U		
Yellow-rumped Warbler	C	C	C		
Black-throated Green Warbler	U		U		
Canada Warbler	U		U		

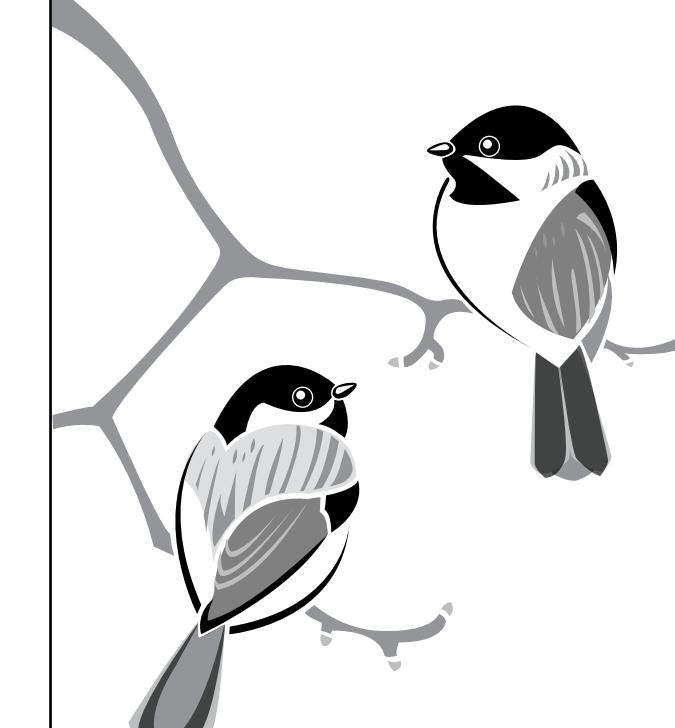
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<b>TANAGERS, CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS</b>					
Scarlet Tanager	U	U	U		
Northern Cardinal	O				
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	C	C	C		
Indigo Bunting	U	U	U		


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# BIRD CHECKLIST

## MOOSE LAKE STATE PARK



Checklist created by Robert B. Janssen, Jerry Bonkoski and MNDNR. Data was gathered from MNDNR staff observations, public observations and Minnesota Ornithologist's Union records. Nomenclature and organization of checklist based off of the *Check-list of North American Birds* (7th edition) as currently supplemented.

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## Birding at Moose Lake State Park

The park's lakes, large ponds, marshes, deciduous and coniferous woodlands, and numerous grassy areas attract many bird species. Common loons and pied-billed grebes use Echo Lake as a breeding site. Other species of waterfowl stop at the lake during migration. The campground and nearby lakeshore are excellent for migrating warblers, flycatchers, thrushes and sparrows. Long-eared owls roost in large pine stands during their spring and fall migrations. Sandhill cranes use the grassy areas on the east and south portions of the park. Many water bird species use the extensive marsh on the north side of 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.)

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>GEESE, SWANS, DUCKS</b>					
Canada Goose					
U	U	U			
Trumpeter Swan	R				
Wood Duck	C	C	C		
Blue-winged Teal	C	C	C		
American Wigeon	U		U		
Mallard	C	C	C		
American Black Duck			U		
Green-winged Teal	U		U		
Ring-necked Duck	C	U	C		
Lesser Scaup	U		U		
Bufflehead	U		U		
Hooded Merganser	C	U	C		
Common Merganser	U		U		
Ruddy Duck	O	O			
<b>PARTRIDGE, PHEASANTS, GROUSE, TURKEYS</b>					
Ring-necked Pheasant					
O	O	O			
Ruffed Grouse	C	C	C	C	
<b>GREBES</b>					
Pied-billed Grebe					
C	C	C			
Horned Grebe	U		U		
<b>PIGEONS, DOVES</b>					
Rock Pigeon					
U	U	U	U		
Mourning Dove	C	C	C		
<b>SWIFTS</b>					
Chimney Swift					
U	U	U			
<b>HUMMINGBIRDS</b>					
Ruby-throated Hummingbird					
U	U	U			
<b>RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS</b>					
American Coot					
O	O				
<b>CRANES</b>					
Sandhill Crane					
O	O				
<b>PLOVERS</b>					
Killdeer					
C	C	C			
<b>SANDPIPER AND ALLIES</b>					
Least Sandpiper					
		O			
Spotted Sandpiper	C	C	C		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>GULLS, TERNS</b>					
Ring-billed Gull					
U		U			
Common Tern	O				
<b>LOONS</b>					
Common Loon					
C	C	C			
<b>CORMORANTS</b>					
Double-crested Cormorant					
U		U			
<b>BITTERNS, HERONS, EGRETS, NIGHT-HERONS</b>					
Great Blue Heron					
C	C	C			
Green Heron	U	U	U		
<b>NEW WORLD VULTURES</b>					
Turkey Vulture					
U	U	U			
<b>OSPREY</b>					
Osprey					
U	U	U			
<b>KITES, HAWKS, EAGLES</b>					
Northern Harrier					
U	U	U			
Sharp-shinned Hawk	U		U		
Bald Eagle	C	C	C	U	
Red-shouldered Hawk	O				
Broad-winged Hawk	C	C	C		
Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	O	
Rough-legged Hawk	U		U	O	
<b>TYPICAL OWLS</b>					
Long-eared Owl					
			R		
<b>KINGFISHERS</b>					
Belted Kingfisher					
U	U	U			
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>					
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker					
U	U	U			
Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Hairy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Northern Flicker	C	C	C		
Pileated Woodpecker	U	U	U	U	
<b>FALCONS</b>					
American Kestrel					
C	C	C			
Merlin	O				
<b>FLYCATCHERS</b>					
Great Crested Flycatcher					
U	U	U			
Eastern Kingbird	U		U		
Olive-sided Flycatcher	U		U		
Eastern Wood-Pewee	C	C	C		
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	O		O		
Alder Flycatcher	U	U	U		
Least Flycatcher	C	C	C		
Eastern Phoebe	C	C	C		
<b>SHRIKES</b>					
Northern Shrike					
O	O	O			
<b>VIREOS</b>					
Blue-headed Vireo					
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	U	U	U		
<b>MARTINS, SWALLOWS</b>					
Tree Swallow					
C	C	C			
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	U	U	U		
Purple Martin	U	U	U		
Barn Swallow	C	C	C		
Cliff Swallow	U	U	U		
<b>CHICKADEES, TITMICE</b>					
Black-capped Chickadee					
C	C	C	C		
<b>NUTHATCHES</b>					
Red-breasted Nuthatch					
U	O	U	O		
White-breasted Nuthatch	U	U	U	U	
<b>CREEPERS</b>					
Brown Creeper					
U	U	U			
<b>WRENS</b>					
House Wren					
C	C	C			
Winter Wren	O	O			
Sedge Wren	O	O	O		