

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
KINGLETS					
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	
WAXWINGS					
Cedar Waxwing	C	C	C	U	
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		
TOWHEES, SPARROWS					
Grasshopper Sparrow	R				
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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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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TANAGERS, CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS					
Scarlet Tanager	U	U	U		
Northern Cardinal	O				
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	C	C	C		
Indigo Bunting	U	U	U		

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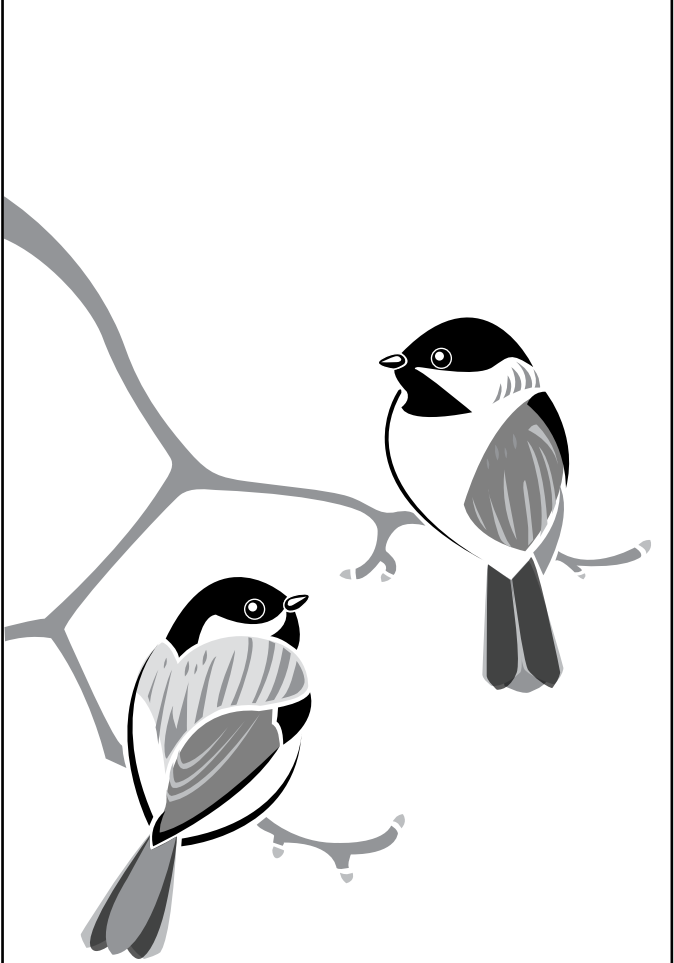
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DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES

BIRD CHECKLIST

MOOSE LAKE STATE PARK



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.)

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GEESE, SWANS, DUCKS					
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		
PARTRIDGE, PHEASANTS, GROUSE, TURKEYS					
Ring-necked Pheasant	O	O	O		
Ruffed Grouse	C	C	C	C	
GREBES					
Pied-billed Grebe	C	C	C		
Horned Grebe	U		U		
PIGEONS, DOVES					
Rock Pigeon	U	U	U	U	
Mourning Dove	C	C	C		
SWIFTS					
Chimney Swift	U	U	U		
HUMMINGBIRDS					
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	U	U	U		
RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS					
American Coot	O		O		
CRANES					
Sandhill Crane	O		O		
PLOVERS					
Killdeer	C	C	C		
SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES					
Least Sandpiper			O		
Spotted Sandpiper	C	C	C		

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GULLS, TERNS					
Ring-billed Gull	U		U		
Common Tern	O				
LOONS					
Common Loon	C	C	C		
CORMORANTS					
Double-crested Cormorant	U		U		
BITTERNS, HERONS, EGRETS, NIGHT-HERONS					
Great Blue Heron	C	C	C		
Green Heron	U	U	U		
NEW WORLD VULTURES					
Turkey Vulture	U	U	U		
OSPREY					
Osprey	U	U	U		
KITES, HAWKS, EAGLES					
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	
TYPICAL OWLS					
Long-eared Owl			R		
KINGFISHERS					
Belted Kingfisher	U	U	U		
WOODPECKERS					
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	
FALCONS					
American Kestrel	C	C	C		
Merlin	O				

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FLYCATCHERS					
Great Crested Flycatcher	U	U	U		
Eastern Kingbird	U	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		
SHRIKES					
Northern Shrike	O		O	O	
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					
Blue Jay	C	C	C	C	
American Crow	C	C	C	C	
Common Raven	U		U	U	
MARTINS, SWALLOWS					
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		
CHICKADEES, TITMICE					
Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C	
NUTHATCHES					
Red-breasted Nuthatch	U	O	U	O	
White-breasted Nuthatch	U	U	U	U	
CREEPERS					
Brown Creeper	U	U	U		
WRENS					
House Wren	C	C	C		
Winter Wren	O		O		
Sedge Wren	O	O	O		