

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
JAYS, CROWS, MAGPIES, RAVENS					
Blue Jay	C	C	C	C	
American Crow	C	C	C	C	
LARKS					
Horned Lark	C	C	C	U	
MARTINS, SWALLOWS					
Bank Swallow	C	C	C		
Tree Swallow	C	C	C		
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	C	C	C		
Purple Martin	U	U	U		
Barn Swallow	C	C	C		
Cliff Swallow	C	C	C		
CHICKADEES, TITMICE					
Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C	
Tufted Titmouse	R	R	R		
NUTHATCHES					
Red-breasted Nuthatch	U		U	U	
White-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C	
CREEPERS					
Brown Creeper	U		U	O	
WRENS					
House Wren	C	C	C		
Winter Wren	U		U		
Sedge Wren	C	C	U		
Marsh Wren	C	C	C		
GNATCATCHERS					
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	C	C	C		
KINGLETS					
Golden-crowned Kinglet	C		C	U	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C	R	C		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
THRUSHES					
Eastern Bluebird	C	C	C	O	
Veery	U	U	U		
Gray-cheeked Thrush	U		U		
Swainson's Thrush	U		U		
Hermit Thrush	U		U		
Wood Thrush	U	U	U		
American Robin	C	C	C		
THRASHERS, MOCKINGBIRDS					
Gray Catbird	C	C	C		
Brown Thrasher	C	C	C		
Northern Mockingbird	O				
STARLINGS					
European Starling	C	C	C		
WAXWINGS					
Bohemian Waxwing	O			O	
Cedar Waxwing	C	C	C	U	
OLD WORLD SPARROWS					
House Sparrow	C	C	C	C	
PIPITS					
American Pipit	O		O		
FINCHES					
Pine Grosbeak	R				
House Finch	C	C	C	C	
Purple Finch	C		C	U	
Common Redpoll	O		O	O	
Red Crossbill	O		O	O	
Pine Siskin	U		U	U	
American Goldfinch	C	C	C	C	
LONGSPURS, SNOW BUNTINGS					
Lapland Longspur	U		U		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
TOWHEES, SPARROWS					
Lark Sparrow	R		R		
Chipping Sparrow	C	C	C		
Clay-colored Sparrow	U	U	U		
Field Sparrow	C	C	U		
Fox Sparrow	C		C		
American Tree Sparrow	C		C	C	
Dark-eyed Junco	C		C	C	
White-crowned Sparrow	U		U		
Harris's Sparrow	U		U		
White-throated Sparrow	C		C		
Vesper Sparrow	C	C	C		
Henslow's Sparrow	O	O	O		
Savannah Sparrow	C	C	C		
Song Sparrow	C	C	C		
Lincoln's Sparrow	C		C		
Swamp Sparrow	C	U	C		
Spotted Towhee			R		
Eastern Towhee	U	U	U		
BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES					
Yellow-headed Blackbird	C	C	C		
Bobolink	C	C	C		
Eastern Meadowlark	C	C	C		
Western Meadowlark	C	C	C		
Orchard Oriole	U	U			
Baltimore Oriole	C	C	C		
Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	C		
Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	U		
Rusty Blackbird	C		C		
Brewer's Blackbird	C	U	U		
Common Grackle	C	C	C		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
WARBLERS					
Ovenbird	C	C	C		
Northern Waterthrush	C		U		
Golden-winged Warbler	U		U		
Blue-winged Warbler	O	O			
Black-and-white Warbler	C		C		
Prothonotary Warbler	O	O	O		
Tennessee Warbler	C	R	C		
Orange-crowned Warbler	C		C		
Nashville Warbler	C		C		
Connecticut Warbler	U		O		
Mourning Warbler	U		U		
Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C		
American Redstart	C	C	C		
Cape May Warbler	U		U		
Cerulean Warbler	U	O	O		
Northern Parula	U		U		
Magnolia Warbler	U		U		
Bay-breasted Warbler	U	R	U		
Blackburnian Warbler	U		U		
Yellow Warbler	C	C	C		
Chestnut-sided Warbler	C	R	C		
Blackpoll Warbler	U	R	U		
Black-throated Blue Warbler	O		O		
Palm Warbler	C		C		
Pine Warbler	U		U		
Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		C		
Yellow-throated Warbler		O			
Black-throated Green Warbler	U		U		
Canada Warbler	U		U		
Wilson's Warbler	U		U		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
TANAGERS, CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS					
Summer Tanager	O	O			
Scarlet Tanager	U	U	U		
Northern Cardinal	C	C	C	C	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	C	C	C		
Indigo Bunting	C	C	C		
Dickcissel	O	O			

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NATURAL RESOURCES

BIRD CHECKLIST

MYRE - BIG ISLAND STATE PARK

Birding at Myre-Big Island State Park

Due to the variety of habitats present, this park boasts one of the largest and most diverse bird checklists of any state park in Minnesota.

Walk along the Great Marsh Trail loop to spot water-loving migratory birds such as ducks, geese, herons and egrets in and around the marsh and smaller wetlands. Hike around Big Island under the shade of a maple-basswood forest to find woodpeckers, nuthatches and orioles. Albert Lea Lake is a popular gathering place for migratory waterfowl and gulls.

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
GEESE, SWANS, DUCKS					
Snow Goose	U		U		
Greater White-fronted Goose	O				
Cackling Goose	R		R		
Canada Goose	C	C	C		
Trumpeter Swan	U	U	U		
Tundra Swan	U		U		
Wood Duck	C	C	C		
Blue-winged Teal	C	C	C		
Cinnamon Teal	R				
Northern Shoveler	C	O	C		
Gadwall	C	R	C		
American Wigeon	C		C		
Mallard	C	C	C	U	
American Black Duck	U		U	U	
Northern Pintail	C	R	C		
Green-winged Teal	C	R	C		
Canvasback	C		C		
Redhead	C	R	C		
Ring-necked Duck	C	R	C		
Greater Scaup	U		U		
Lesser Scaup	C	O	C		
Black Scoter				R	
Long-tailed Duck	R				
Bufflehead	C		C		
Common Goldeneye	C		C		
Hooded Merganser	C	U	C		
Common Merganser	C		C		
Red-breasted Merganser	C		C		
Ruddy Duck	C	O	C		
NEW WORLD QUAIL					
Northern Bobwhite	O	O	O	O	

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
PARTRIDGE, PHEASANTS, GROUSE, TURKEYS					
Ring-necked Pheasant	C	C	C	C	
Wild Turkey	U	U	U	U	
GREBES					
Pied-billed Grebe	C	C	C		
Horned Grebe	U		U		
Eared Grebe	O		O		
Western Grebe	O	O	O		
PIGEONS, DOVES					
Rock Pigeon	C	C	C	C	
Mourning Dove	C	C	C	O	
CUCKOOS					
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	U	U	U		
Black-billed Cuckoo	U	U	U		
NIGHTJARS					
Common Nighthawk	C	C	C		
Eastern Whip-poor-will	O				
SWIFTS					
Chimney Swift	C	C	C		
HUMMINGBIRDS					
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	C	O	C		
RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS					
Virginia Rail	U	U	U		
Sora	C	C	C		
American Coot	C	C	C		
CRANES					
Sandhill Crane	O		O		
PLOVERS					
Black-bellied Plover			O		
Killdeer	C	C	C	C	
Piping Plover	R				

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES					
Stilt Sandpiper			O		
Least Sandpiper	U	R	U		
White-rumped Sandpiper		R	R		
Pectoral Sandpiper			O		
Semipalmated Sandpiper	U		O		
Long-billed Dowitcher	U		U		
American Woodcock	U	O	U		
Wilson's Snipe	C		C		
Spotted Sandpiper	C	C	C		
Solitary Sandpiper	U		U		
Lesser Yellowlegs	U		U		
Willet			O		
Greater Yellowlegs	U		U		
Wilson's Phalarope	U		O		
GULLS, TERNS					
Bonaparte's Gull	U		U		
Franklin's Gull	U	O	C		
Ring-billed Gull	C	C	C		
Herring Gull	C	O	C		
Caspian Tern	U	O	U		
Black Tern	U	U	U		
Common Tern	U		U		
Forster's Tern	U	U	U		
LOONS					
Common Loon	U		U		
CORMORANTS					
Double-crested Cormorant	C	C	C		
PELICANS					
American White Pelican	U	U	U		
Brown Pelican	R				

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
BITTERN, HERONS, EGRETS, NIGHT-HERONS					
American Bittern	O		O		
Great Blue Heron	C	C	C		
Great Egret	C	C	C		
Green Heron	C	C	C		
Black-crowned Night-heron	U	U	U		
IBISES, SPOONBILLS					
White-faced Ibis	R				
NEW WORLD VULTURES					
Turkey Vulture	C	C	C		
OSPREY					
Osprey	U	U	U		
KITES, HAWKS, EAGLES					
Golden Eagle	O		O	O	
Northern Harrier	U	U	U	O	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	U		U	O	
Cooper's Hawk	U	U	U	O	
Northern Goshawk	O		O	O	
Bald Eagle	C	U	C	O	
Red-shouldered Hawk	U	U	U		
Broad-winged Hawk	C	U	C		
Swainson's Hawk	O		O		
Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	C	
Rough-legged Hawk	U		U	U	
TYPICAL OWLS					
Eastern Screech Owl	U	U	U	U	
Great Horned Owl	U	U	U	U	
Snowy Owl				R	
Barred Owl	U	U	U	U	
Great Gray Owl				R	
Long-eared Owl	O		O	O	
Short-eared Owl	O		O		
KINGFISHERS					
Belted Kingfisher	C	C	C		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
WOODPECKERS					
Red-headed Woodpecker	U	U	U	O	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	C	R	C		
Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Hairy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Northern Flicker	C	C	C	O	
Pileated Woodpecker	U	U	U	U	
FALCONS					
American Kestrel	C	C	C	O	
Merlin	O		O		
Peregrine Falcon	O		O		
FLYCATCHERS					
Great Crested Flycatcher	C	C	C		
Western Kingbird	O		O		
Eastern Kingbird	C	C	C		
Olive-sided Flycatcher	U	R	U		
Eastern Wood-Pewee	C	C	C		
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	U	R	U		
Acadian Flycatcher	R	R			
Alder Flycatcher	U	R	U		
Willow Flycatcher	U	U	U		
Least Flycatcher	C	C	C		
Eastern Phoebe	C	C	C		
SHRIKES					
Loggerhead Shrike	O	O	O		
Northern Shrike	U		U	U	
VIREOS					
Bell's Vireo	R				
Yellow-throated Vireo	C	U	U		
Blue-headed Vireo	U		U		
Philadelphia Vireo	U		U		
Warbling Vireo	C	C	C		
Red-eyed Vireo	C	C	C		

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.)