

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>MARTINS, SWALLOWS</b>					
Bank Swallow	U	U	U		
Tree Swallow	C	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		U		
White-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C	

<b>CREEPERS</b>					
Brown Creeper	O		U	O	

<b>WRENS</b>					
House Wren	C	C	C		
Winter Wren	O		O		
Sedge Wren	C	C	U		
Marsh Wren	C	C	C		

<b>GNATCATCHERS</b>					
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	C	C	C		

<b>KINGLETS</b>					
Golden-crowned Kinglet	C		C		
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C		

<b>THRUSHES</b>					
Eastern Bluebird	C	C	C		
Veery	O				
Gray-cheeked Thrush	O		O		
Swainson's Thrush	U		U		
Hermit Thrush	C		C		
Wood Thrush	U	O	U		
American Robin	C	C	C		

<b>THRASHERS, MOCKINGBIRDS</b>					
Gray Catbird	C	C	C		
Brown Thrasher	C	C	C		

<b>STARLINGS</b>					
European Starling	C	C	C	C	

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<b>WAXWINGS</b>					
Bohemian Waxwing				O	
Cedar Waxwing	C	C	C		

<b>OLD WORLD SPARROWS</b>					
House Sparrow	C	C	C	C	

<b>PIPITS</b>					
American Pipit	O		U		

<b>FINCHES</b>					
Evening Grosbeak				R	
House Finch	U	U	U	U	
Purple Finch	U		U	O	
Common Redpoll				O	
Pine Siskin	U		U		
American Goldfinch	C	C	C	C	

<b>LONGSPURS, SNOW BUNTINGS</b>					
Lapland Longspur	U		U		
Snow Bunting				U	

<b>TOWHEES, SPARROWS</b>					
Grasshopper Sparrow	O	O			
Chipping Sparrow	C	C	C		
Clay-colored Sparrow	U	U	U		
Field Sparrow	U	U	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	U	U	U		
LeConte's Sparrow				O	
Nelson's Sparrow				R	
Henslow's Sparrow	O	O			
Savannah Sparrow	U	U	U		
Song Sparrow	C	C	C		
Lincoln's Sparrow	U	R	U		
Swamp Sparrow	C	C	C		
Spotted Towhee	R				
Eastern Towhee	U	U	U		

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<b>BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES</b>					
Yellow-headed Blackbird	C	C	C		
Bobolink	C	C	C		
Eastern Meadowlark	C	C	C		
Western Meadowlark	O	O			
Orchard Oriole	U	U	R		
Baltimore Oriole	C	C	C		
Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	C		
Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	C		
Rusty Blackbird	C		C		
Brewer's Blackbird	U	R	U		
Common Grackle	C	C	C		

<b>WARBLERS</b>					
Ovenbird	C	U	C		
Worm-eating Warbler	R				
Northern Waterthrush	U		U		
Golden-winged Warbler	U		O		
Blue-winged Warbler	O		R		
Black-and-white Warbler	C		C		
Prothonotary Warbler	R	O			
Tennessee Warbler	C	R	C		
Orange-crowned Warbler	U		U		
Nashville Warbler	C	R	C		
Connecticut Warbler	O		O		
Mourning Warbler	O	O	R		
Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C		
American Redstart	C	C	C		
Cape May Warbler	O		O		
Cerulean Warbler	U	O			
Northern Parula	U		U		
Magnolia Warbler	U	R	U		
Bay-breasted Warbler	U		U		
Blackburnian Warbler	U		U		
Yellow Warbler	C	C	C		
Chestnut-sided Warbler	C		C		
Blackpoll Warbler	U		U		
Palm Warbler	C		C		
Pine Warbler	O		O		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		C		
Black-throated Green Warbler	U		U		
Canada Warbler	U		U		
Wilson's Warbler	U		U		

<b>TANAGERS, CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS</b>					
Summer Tanager	R				
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	R		

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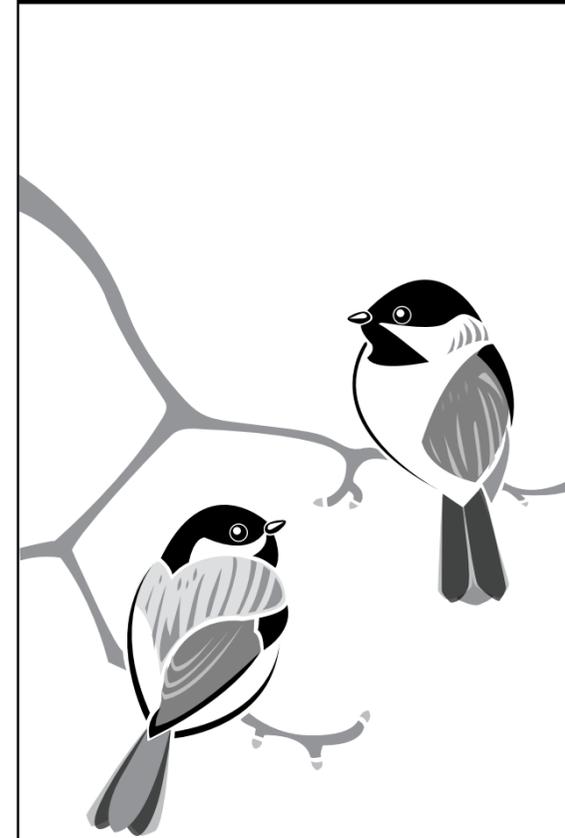
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# BIRD CHECKLIST

## RICE LAKE STATE PARK



## Birding at Rice Lake State Park

This park offers a combination of lake, marsh, prairie and woodland habitats. The lake is excellent for viewing waterfowl and other waterbirds. Marshes surrounding the lake are prime habitat for rails, least bitterns, swamp sparrows, marsh wrens and yellow-headed blackbirds.

Woodland habitats attract eastern wood pewees, great crested flycatchers, woodpeckers, wild turkeys, Baltimore orioles, rose-breasted grosbeaks and American redstarts. The prairie and edge areas provide habitat for eastern meadowlarks, bobolinks, willow flycatchers and sparrows.

### 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>					
Snow Goose	O		O		
Ross's Goose	R				
Greater White-fronted Goose	O		R		
Canada Goose	C	C	C		
Trumpeter Swan	U				
Tundra Swan	O		O		
Wood Duck	C	C	C		
Blue-winged Teal	C	C	C		
Northern Shoveler	C	R	C		
Gadwall	C	R	U		
American Wigeon	U		U		
Mallard	C	C	C	R	
American Black Duck	O		O		
Northern Pintail	U	R	U	R	
Green-winged Teal	C		C		
Canvasback	U	R	U		
Redhead	U	O	U		
Ring-necked Duck	C	R	C	R	
Greater Scaup	O		O		
Lesser Scaup	C	R	C		
White-winged Scoter			O		
Bufflehead	U	R	C		
Common Goldeneye	U		U		
Hooded Merganser	U	U	U		
Common Merganser	U		U		
Red-breasted Merganser	U		U		
Ruddy Duck	U		U		
<b>PARTRIDGE, PHEASANTS, GROUSE, TURKEYS</b>					
Gray Partridge	R	R	R	R	
Ring-necked Pheasant	C	C	C	O	
Wild Turkey	U	U	U	U	

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>GREBES</b>					
Pied-billed Grebe		C	C	C	
Horned Grebe		U		O	
Red-necked Grebe		U	O		
Eared Grebe		O			
Western Grebe		O	O	O	
<b>PIGEONS, DOVES</b>					
Rock Pigeon		U	U	U	U
Mourning Dove		C	C	C	O
<b>CUCKOOS</b>					
Yellow-billed Cuckoo		U	U	R	
Black-billed Cuckoo		U	U	U	
<b>NIGHTJARS</b>					
Common Nighthawk		U		U	
<b>SWIFTS</b>					
Chimney Swift		U	U	C	
<b>HUMMINGBIRDS</b>					
Ruby-throated Hummingbird		C	O	C	
<b>RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS</b>					
Virginia Rail		U	U	U	
Sora		U	U	U	
American Coot		C	C	C	
<b>CRANES</b>					
Sandhill Crane		O	O	O	R
<b>STILTS, AVOCETS</b>					
Black-necked Stilt		O			
American Avocet		R		R	
<b>PLOVERS</b>					
Black-bellied Plover		O		O	
American Golden-plover		O		O	
Killdeer		C	C	C	
Semipalmated Plover		O		O	

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

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<b>BITTERNS, HERONS, EGRETS, NIGHT-HERONS</b>					
American Bittern		O	O	O	
Least Bittern		U	U		
Great Blue Heron		C	C	C	
Great Egret		U	U	U	
Cattle Egret		O	O	O	
Green Heron		U	U	U	
Black-crowned Night-heron		O	O		
<b>NEW WORLD VULTURES</b>					
Turkey Vulture		U	U	U	
<b>OSPREY</b>					
Osprey		O		O	
<b>KITES, HAWKS, EAGLES</b>					
Northern Harrier		U	O	U	
Sharp-shinned Hawk		U		U	
Cooper's Hawk		U	U	U	
Northern Goshawk		R		R	O
Bald Eagle		U	U	U	O
Broad-winged Hawk		O	R	O	
Swainson's Hawk		O	R	O	
Red-tailed Hawk		C	C	C	R
Rough-legged Hawk		O		O	R
<b>TYPICAL OWLS</b>					
Eastern Screech Owl		U	U	U	U
Great Horned Owl		U	U	U	U
Barred Owl		U	U	U	U
Short-eared Owl		O		O	
<b>KINGFISHERS</b>					
Belted Kingfisher		U	U	U	

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>					
Red-headed Woodpecker		U	U	U	
Red-bellied Woodpecker		C	C	C	C
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		C	U	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
<b>FALCONS</b>					
American Kestrel		C	C	C	
Merlin		O		O	
<b>FLYCATCHERS</b>					
Great Crested Flycatcher		C	C	C	
Eastern Kingbird		C	C	C	
Olive-sided Flycatcher		U	R	U	
Eastern Wood-Pewee		C	C	C	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher		O		O	
Alder Flycatcher		U	O	U	
Willow Flycatcher		U	U	U	
Least Flycatcher		C	C	C	
Eastern Phoebe		C	C	C	
<b>SHRIKES</b>					
Loggerhead Shrike		O	O	O	
Northern Shrike				O	
<b>VIREOS</b>					
White-eyed Vireo		R	R		
Bell's Vireo		R	R		
Yellow-throated Vireo		U	O	U	
Blue-headed Vireo		U		U	
Philadelphia Vireo		U		O	
Warbling Vireo		C	C	C	
Red-eyed Vireo		C	C	C	
<b>JAYS, CROWS, MAGPIES, RAVENS</b>					
Blue Jay		C	C	C	C
American Crow		C	C	C	C
<b>LARKS</b>					
Horned Lark		C	U	C	U