

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
MARTINS, SWALLOWS					
Bank Swallow	C	U	C		
Tree Swallow	C	C	C		
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	C	U	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	

NUTHATCHES					
Red-breasted Nuthatch	U		U	O	
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	U		U		
Marsh Wren	U		U		

GNATCATCHERS					
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	C	C	C		

KINGLETS					
Golden-crowned Kinglet	C		C	C	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C		

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

THRASHERS, MOCKINGBIRDS					
Gray Catbird	C	C	C		
Brown Thrasher	U	U	U		

STARLINGS					
European Starling	C	C	C	C	

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
WAXWINGS					
Cedar Waxwing	C	C	C	U	

OLD WORLD SPARROWS					
House Sparrow	C	C	C	C	

FINCHES					
House Finch	C	C	C	C	
Purple Finch	O		O	O	
Common Redpoll				O	
Hoary Redpoll	R			R	
Pine Siskin	O		O	O	
American Goldfinch	C	C	C	C	

TOWHEES, SPARROWS					
Grasshopper Sparrow	O	O	O		
Chipping Sparrow	C	C	C		
Clay-colored Sparrow	O	O	O		
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		
Savannah Sparrow	U	U	U		
Song Sparrow	C	C	C		
Lincoln's Sparrow	C		C		
Swamp Sparrow	C	U	C		
Eastern Towhee	O		O		

BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES					
Yellow-headed Blackbird	O	O	O		
Bobolink	C	C	C		
Eastern Meadowlark	U	U	U		
Western Meadowlark	U	U	U		
Baltimore Oriole	C	C	C		
Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	C		
Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	C		
Brewer's Blackbird	U		U		
Common Grackle	C	C	C		

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

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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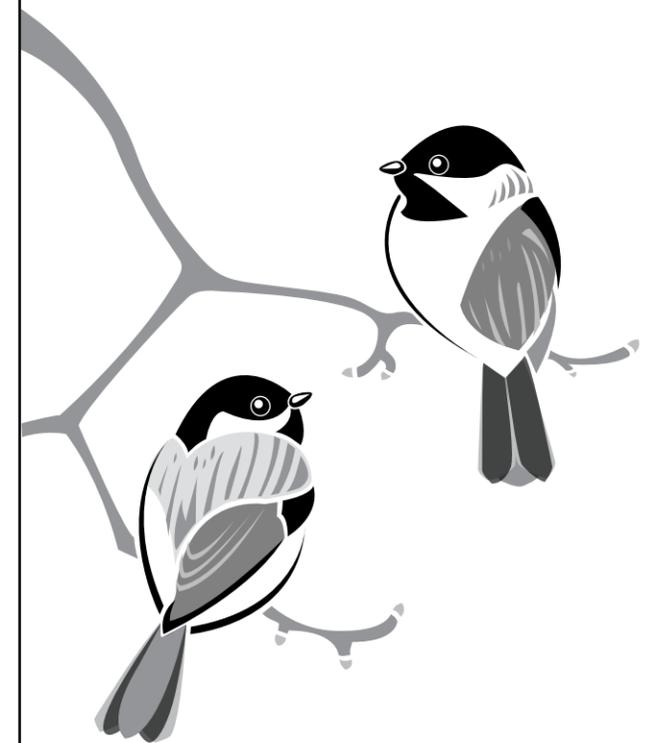
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NATURAL RESOURCES

BIRD CHECKLIST

SAKATAH LAKE STATE PARK



Birding at Sakatah Lake State Park

This is a premier birdwatching park in the Minnesota state park system. Mature forests, fields, marshes, ponds, lakes and shoreline make for highly diverse habitat. These habitats support a wide variety of birds (202 species) even though the park is just over 800 acres. Within the park, a remnant of the “Big Woods” attracts cerulean warblers, wood thrushes, scarlet tanagers, ovenbirds and Acadian flycatchers with its high-quality forest.

Sakatah Lake itself is a gathering place for waterbirds during spring and fall migrations. Ducks, pelicans, herons, cormorants and gulls use the lake for resting and feeding.

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
GEESE, SWANS, DUCKS					
Snow Goose	O		O		
Ross's Goose	O				
Canada Goose	C	C	C	O	
Mute Swan	O	O	O		
Trumpeter Swan	O				
Tundra Swan	U		U		
Wood Duck	C	C	C		
Blue-winged Teal	U	U	U		
Northern Shoveler	U		U		
Gadwall	U		U		
American Wigeon	U		U		
Mallard	C	C	C		
Northern Pintail	U		U		
Green-winged Teal	U		U		
Canvasback	U		U		
Redhead	U		U		
Ring-necked Duck	U		U		
Greater Scaup	O		O		
Lesser Scaup	U		U		
Bufflehead	U		U		
Common Goldeneye	U		U		
Hooded Merganser	U		U		
Common Merganser	C		U		
Red-breasted Merganser	U		U		
Ruddy Duck	U		U		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
PARTRIDGE, PHEASANTS, GROUSE, TURKEYS					
Gray Partridge	R	R	R	R	
Ring-necked Pheasant	C	C	C	C	
Wild Turkey	C	C	C	C	

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
GREBES					
Pied-billed Grebe	C	U	C		
Horned Grebe	U		U		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
PIGEONS AND DOVES					
Rock Pigeon	C	C	C	C	
Mourning Dove	C	C	C	O	

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
CUCKOOS					
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	U	U	U		
Black-billed Cuckoo	U	U	U		
NIGHTJARS					
Common Nighthawk	U		U		
SWIFTS					
Chimney Swift	C	C	C		
HUMMINGBIRDS					
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	C	U	C		
RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS					
Virginia Rail	O	O	O		
Sora	U	U	U		
American Coot	C	O	C		
CRANES					
Sandhill Crane	O	O	O		
PLOVERS					
Killdeer	C	C	C		
SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES					
Least Sandpiper	O	O	O		
Pectoral Sandpiper	O	O	O		
Semipalmated Sandpiper	O		O		
American Woodcock	U		O		
Wilson's Snipe	U		U		
Spotted Sandpiper	C	C	C		
Solitary Sandpiper	U	U			
Lesser Yellowlegs	U	U	U		
Willet	R				
Greater Yellowlegs	O		O		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
GULLS, TERNS					
Bonaparte's Gull	U		U		
Franklin's Gull	U		U		
Ring-billed Gull	C	U	C		
Herring Gull	C		U		
Caspian Tern	U		U		
Black Tern	U		U		
Common Tern	O		O		
Forster's Tern	U		U		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
LOONS					
Common Loon	U		U		
CORMORANTS					
Double-crested Cormorant	C	U	U		
PELICANS					
American White Pelican	U		U		
BITTERNS, HERONS, EGRETS, NIGHT-HERONS					
American Bittern	O		O		
Great Blue Heron	C	C	C		
Great Egret	U	O	U		
Green Heron	U	U	U		
Black-crowned Night-heron	O	O	O		
NEW WORLD VULTURES					
Turkey Vulture	U	O	U		
OSPREY					
Osprey	U		U		
KITES, HAWKS, EAGLES					
Swallow-tailed Kite	R				
Northern Harrier	U		U		
Sharp-shinned Hawk	U		U		
Cooper's Hawk	U		U		
Bald Eagle	U		U		
Red-shouldered Hawk	U	U	U	O	
Broad-winged Hawk	U	U	U		
Swainson's Hawk	O		O		
Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	U	
Rough-legged Hawk	U		U	U	
TYPICAL OWLS					
Great Horned Owl	U	U	U	U	
Barred Owl	U	U	U	U	
Short-eared Owl	O		O		
Northern Saw-whet Owl	O		O		
KINGFISHERS					
Belted Kingfisher	C	C	C		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
WOODPECKERS					
Red-headed Woodpecker	U	U	U		
Red-bellied Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	C		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	U	
Merlin	O		O		
FLYCATCHERS					
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		
Acadian Flycatcher	O	O			
Alder Flycatcher	U		U		
Willow Flycatcher	U	U	U		
Least Flycatcher	C	C	C		
Eastern Phoebe	C	C	C		
SHRIKES					
Loggerhead Shrike	O	O			
VIREOS					
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		
JAYS, MAGPIES, CROWS, RAVENS					
Blue Jay	C	C	C	C	
American Crow	C	C	C	C	
LARKS					
Horned Lark	U	O	U	O	