

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>CREEPERS</b>					
Brown Creeper	C	R	C	O	
<b>WRENS</b>					
House Wren	C	C	C		
Sedge Wren	U	U	U		
Marsh Wren	C	C	C		
<b>GNATCATCHERS</b>					
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	U	U	U		
<b>KINGLETS</b>					
Golden-crowned Kinglet	U		U	O	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C		
<b>THRUSHES</b>					
Eastern Bluebird	C	C	C	O	
Townsend's Solitaire			R	O	
Veery	U	O	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	
<b>THRASHERS, MOCKINGBIRDS</b>					
Gray Catbird	C	C	C		
Brown Thrasher	C	C	C		
<b>STARLINGS</b>					
European Starling	C	C	C	C	
<b>WAXWINGS</b>					
Cedar Waxwing	C	C	C	U	
<b>OLD WORLD SPARROWS</b>					
House Sparrow	C	C	C		
<b>FINCHES</b>					
Evening Grosbeak	O		O	R	
House Finch	U	U	U		
Purple Finch	U		U	U	
Common Redpoll	O	O	O		
Pine Siskin	U		U	U	
American Goldfinch	C	C	C	U	

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<b>TOWHEES, SPARROWS</b>					
Grasshopper Sparrow	U	U	O		
Chipping Sparrow	C	C	C		
Clay-colored Sparrow	U	U	U		
Field Sparrow	C	C	C		
Fox Sparrow	C		C		
American Tree Sparrow	C		C	C	
Dark-eyed Junco	C		C	U	
White-crowned Sparrow	U		U		
Harris's Sparrow	U		U		
White-throated Sparrow	C		C		
Song Sparrow	C	C	C		
Lincoln's Sparrow	U		U		
Swamp Sparrow	C	C	C		
Eastern Towhee	C	C	C		
<b>BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES</b>					
Yellow-headed Blackbird	C	C	C		
Bobolink	C	C	C		
Western Meadowlark	C	C	C		
Orchard Oriole	U	U	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	U	
<b>WARBLED, TANAGERS, CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS</b>					
Ovenbird	C	C	C		
Northern Waterthrush	C		C		
Golden-winged Warbler	O		O		
Blue-winged Warbler	R	O			
Black-and-white Warbler	C		C		
Tennessee Warbler	C		C		
Orange-crowned Warbler	U		U		
Nashville Warbler	C		C		
Connecticut Warbler	O		O		
Mourning Warbler	O		O		
Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C		

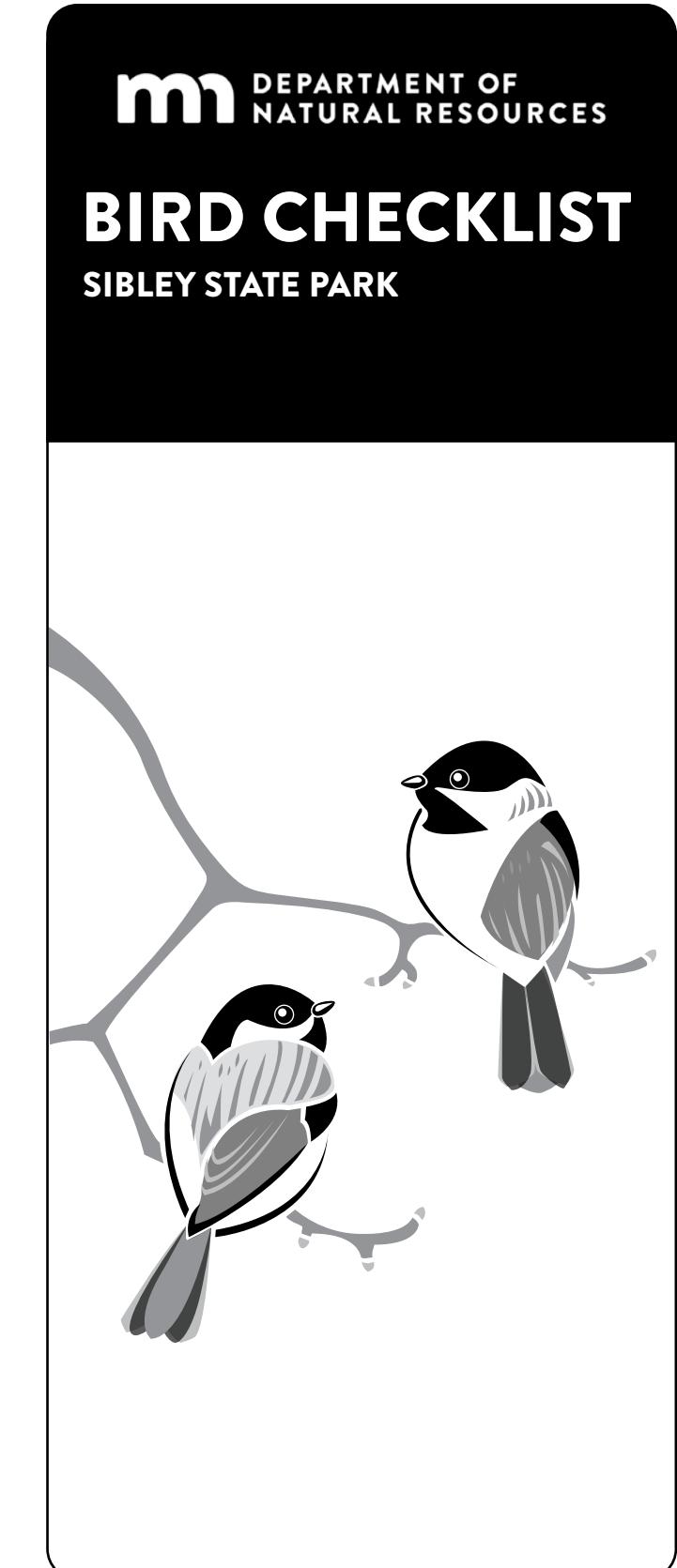
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<b>American Redstart</b>					
Cape May Warbler	U			U	
Cerulean Warbler	O	O			
Northern Parula	U			U	
Magnolia Warbler	U			U	
Bay-breasted Warbler	U			U	
Blackburnian Warbler	U			U	
Yellow Warbler	C	C	C		
Chestnut-sided Warbler	C	U	C		
Blackpoll Warbler	U			U	
Palm Warbler	C		C		
Pine Warbler	O		O		
Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		C		
Yellow-throated Warbler	R	R	R		
Black-throated Green Warbler	O		O		
Canada Warbler	U		U		
Wilson's Warbler	C		C		

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## Birding at Sibley State Park

Over 3,000 acres of woods, prairie and lakes make Sibley State Park a premier birding area in Central Minnesota. Thrushes, flycatchers, vireos, woodpeckers, swallows and many species of sparrows are commonly found. The park is the northwestern-most breeding location for the yellow-throated warbler in the United States.

Hike to the top of Mount Tom for excellent opportunities to watch migrating hawks. Make time to visit the shores of Lake Andrew and other water bodies in the park to see waterfowl and marsh birds.

### 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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<b>GEESE, SWANS, DUCKS</b>					
Snow Goose					
Snow Goose	U		U		
Canada Goose	C	C	C		
Trumpeter Swan	C	C			
Tundra Swan	U		U		
Wood Duck	C	C	C		
Blue-winged Teal	C	C			
Northern Shoveler	C		C		
Gadwall	C		C		
American Wigeon	U		U		
Mallard	C	C	C		
Northern Pintail	U		U		
Canvasback	C		C		
Redhead	C		C		
Ring-necked Duck	C		C	R	
Lesser Scaup	C	O	C		
Bufflehead	C		C	R	
Common Goldeneye	C		U	R	
Hooded Merganser	C	U	U	R	
Common Merganser	C		C		
Red-breasted Merganser	U		U		
Ruddy Duck	C	C	C		
<b>PARTRIDGE, PHEASANTS, GROUSE, TURKEYS</b>					
Ring-necked Pheasant	C	C	C	C	
Ruffed Grouse	R	R	R	R	
Wild Turkey	C	C	C	C	
<b>GREBES</b>					
Pied-billed Grebe	C	C	C		
Horned Grebe	U		U		
Red-necked Grebe	U	U	U		
Eared Grebe	O		O		
Western Grebe	O	O	O		
<b>PIGEONS AND DOVES</b>					
Rock Pigeon	C	C	C	C	
Mourning Dove	C	C	C	U	
<b>CUCKOOS</b>					
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	U	U	O		
Black-billed Cuckoo	U	U	U		

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<b>NIGHTJARS</b>					
Common Nighthawk	U	U	U		
<b>SWIFTS</b>					
Chimney Swift	C	C	C		
<b>HUMMINGBIRDS</b>					
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	U	U	U		
<b>RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS</b>					
Virginia Rail	C	C	U		
Sora	C	C	C		
American Coot	C	C	C		
<b>CRANES</b>					
Sandhill Crane	U				
<b>PLOVERS</b>					
Killdeer	C	C	C		
Semipalmated Plover	O	O	O		
<b>SANDPIPER AND ALLIES</b>					
Upland Sandpiper	O				
Least Sandpiper	U	U	U		
Pectoral Sandpiper	U	U	U		
American Woodcock	U	O	U		
Wilson's Snipe	C	C	C		
Spotted Sandpiper	C	C	C		
Solitary Sandpiper	U	O	U		
Lesser Yellowlegs	C	C	C		
Greater Yellowlegs	U		U		
<b>GULLS, TERNS</b>					
Bonaparte's Gull	U		U		
Franklin's Gull	C	U	C		
Ring-billed Gull	C	U	C		
Herring Gull	U	O	U	R	
Black Tern	C	C	C		
Common Tern	O		O		
Forster's Tern	C	C	U		
<b>LOONS</b>					
Common Loon	C	C	C		
<b>CORMORANTS</b>					
Double-crested Cormorant	C	C	C		
<b>PELICANS</b>					
American White Pelican	C	C	C		
<b>BITTERNS, HERONS, EGRETS, NIGHT-HERONS</b>					
American Bittern	O		O		
Great Blue Heron	C	C	C		
Great Egret	C	C	C		
Green Heron	C	C	C		
Black-crowned Night-heron	O	O	O		
<b>NEW WORLD VULTURES</b>					
Turkey Vulture	C	C	C		
<b>OSPREY</b>					
Osprey	U	U	U		
<b>KITES, HAWKS, EAGLES</b>					
Northern Harrier	U	U	U		
Sharp-shinned Hawk	U		U		
Cooper's Hawk	U	U	U		
Northern Goshawk	O		O	O	
Bald Eagle	C	C	C	O	
Red-shouldered Hawk	U	U	U		
Broad-winged Hawk	U	U	U		
Swainson's Hawk	R		R		
Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	U	
Rough-legged Hawk	U		U	U	
<b>TYPICAL OWLS</b>					
Eastern Screech Owl	O	O	O	O	
Great Horned Owl	U	U	U	U	
Barred Owl	U	U	U	U	
Northern Saw-whet Owl	O				
<b>KINGFISHERS</b>					
Belted Kingfisher	C	C	C		
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>					
Red-headed Woodpecker	U	U	U		
Red-bellied Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	U	U	U		
Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Hairy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Northern Flicker	C	C	C	U	
Pileated Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
<b>MARTINS, SWALLOWS</b>					
Bank Swallow	C	C	C		
Tree Swallow	C	C	C		
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	C	C	C		
Purple Martin	C	C	C		
Barn Swallow	C	C	C		
Cliff Swallow	C	C	C		
<b>CHICKADEES, TITMICE</b>					
Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C	
<b>NUTHATCHES</b>					
Red-breasted Nuthatch	U		U	O	
White-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C	