

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
GNATCATCHERS					
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	C	C	C		
KINGLETS					
Golden-crowned Kinglet	C		C	U	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C		
THRUSHES					
Eastern Bluebird	C	C	C	O	
Townsend's Solitaire			R		
Veery	U	U	O		
Gray-cheeked Thrush	U		U		
Swainson's Thrush	U		U		
Hermit Thrush	U		U		
Wood Thrush	U	U	U		
American Robin	C	C	C	U	
THRASHERS, MOCKINGBIRDS					
Gray Catbird	C	C	C		
Brown Thrasher	U	U	U	R	
STARLINGS					
European Starling	C	C	C	C	
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	C		C	C	
Common Redpoll	O		O	O	
Pine Siskin	U		U	U	
American Goldfinch	C	C	C	C	
LONGSPURS, SNOW BUNTINGS					
Snow Bunting	U		O	U	
TOWHEES, SPARROWS					
Eastern Towhee	U	U	U		
American Tree Sparrow	C		C	C	
Chipping Sparrow	C	C	C		
Clay-colored Sparrow	U	U	U		
Field Sparrow	C	C	U		
Vesper Sparrow	C	C	C		

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Savannah Sparrow	C	C	C		
Grasshopper Sparrow	U	U	U		
Henslow's Sparrow	R	R			
Fox Sparrow	C		C	R	
Song Sparrow	C	C	C	O	
Lincoln's Sparrow	U		U		
Swamp Sparrow	C	C	C		
White-throated Sparrow	C		C	O	
Harris's Sparrow	U		U		
White-crowned Sparrow	U		U	R	
Dark-eyed Junco	C		C	C	
BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES					
Bobolink	C	C	C		
Eastern Meadowlark	C	C	C	O	
Orchard Oriole	U	U	O		
Baltimore Oriole	C	C	C		
Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	C	O	
Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	U		
Rusty Blackbird	C		C	O	
Common Grackle	C	C	C	O	
WARBLERS					
Ovenbird	C	C	C		
Lousiana Waterthrush	U	U	U		
Northern Waterthrush	C		U		
Golden-winged Warbler	U	U	O		
Blue-winged Warbler	U	U	O		
Black-and-white Warbler	C		C		
Prothonatary Warbler	U	U	O		
Tennessee Warbler	C		C		
Orange-crowned Warbler	U		U		
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		


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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		
Palm Warbler	C		C		
Pine Warbler	U		U		
Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		C	R	
Yellow-throated Warbler	O	O			
Black-throated Green Warbler	U		U		
Canada Warbler	U		U		
Wilson's Warbler	U		U		
TANAGERS, CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS					
Scarlet Tanager	U	U	U		
Northern Cardinal	C	C	C	C	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	C	C	C		
Indigo Bunting	C	C	C		

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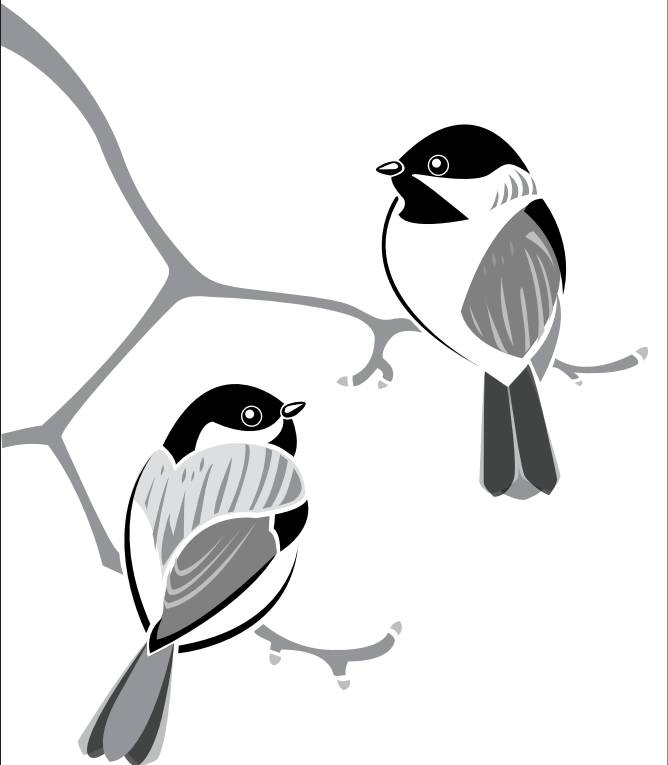
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DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES

BIRD CHECKLIST

WHITEWATER STATE PARK



Birding at Whitewater State Park

The park’s diverse habitat includes towering bluffs, woodlands and wetlands that make it a popular birding destination. The Whitewater Wildlife Management Area surrounds the park and provides further habitat for birds.

Watch for migrating warblers and vireos in the spring. Hike the bluff trails to view raptors such as hawks and eagles. You'll also find excellent birding opportunities in woodlands along the Whitewater River and the bottomlands of the nearby Mississippi River.

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	C	C	C	C	
Tundra Swan	U		U		
Wood Duck	C	C	C	O	
Blue-winged Teal	C	C	C		
Mallard	C	C	C	C	
Hooded Merganser	U	U	U	U	
PARTRIDGE, PHEASANTS, GROUSE, TURKEYS					
Ring-necked Pheasant	C	C	C	C	
Ruffed Grouse	C	C	C	C	
Wild Turkey	C	C	C	C	
GREBES					
Pied-billed Grebe	O	O			
PIGEONS, DOVES					
Rock Pigeon	C	C	C	C	
Mourning Dove	C	C	C	U	
CUCKOOS					
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	U	U	U		
Black-billed Cuckoo	U	U	U		
NIGHTJARS					
Common Nighthawk	C	C	C		
Eastern Whip-poor-will	U	U			
SWIFTS					
Chimney Swift	C	C	C		
HUMMINGBIRDS					
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	C	U	U		
CRANES					
Sandhill Crane	U	R	U		
PLOVERS					
Killdeer	C	C	C	O	
SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES					
American Woodcock	U	U	U		
Wilson's Snipe	U	U	U		
Spotted Sandpiper	C	C	C		
BITTERNS, HERONS, EGRETS, NIGHT-HERONS					
Great Blue Heron	C	C	C		
Great Egret	U	U	U		
Green Heron	C	C	C		

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
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	
Bald Eagle	C	U	C	U	
Red-shouldered Hawk	U	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	
Barred Owl	U	U	U	U	
Northern Saw-whet Owl	O		O	O	
KINGFISHERS					
Belted Kingfisher	C	C	C	U	
WOODPECKERS					
Red-headed Woodpecker	U	U	U	O	
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	
FALCONS					
American Kestrel	C	C	C	U	
Peregrine Falcon	U	U	U		
FLYCATCHERS					
Great Crested Flycatcher	C	C	C		
Eastern Kingbird	C	C	C		
Olive-sided Flycatcher	U		U		
Eastern Wood-Pewee	C	C	C		

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Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	U		U		
Acadian Flycatcher	U	U	O		
Willow Flycatcher	U	U	U		
Least Flycatcher	C	C	C		
Eastern Phoebe	C	C	C		
SHRIKES					
Northern Shrike	U		U	U	
VIREOS					
Bell's Vireo	O	O			
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		U	O	
MARTINS, SWALLOWS					
Purple Martin	O	O			
Tree Swallow	C	C	C		
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	C	C	C		
Bank Swallow	C	C	C		
Cliff Swallow	C	C	C		
Barn Swallow	C	C	C		
CHICKADEES, TITMICE					
Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C	
Tufted Titmouse	O	O		O	
NUTHATCHES					
Red-breasted Nuthatch	U		U	O	
White-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C	
CREEPERS					
Brown Creeper	U		U	U	
WRENS					
House Wren	C	C	C		
Winter Wren	U	O	U	R	