Birds of Itasca State Park	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
☐ Eastern Kingbird	С	С	С	
☐ Northern Shrike	U		U	U
☐ Loggerhead Shrike	R			
☐ Yellow-throated Vireo	U	U	U	
☐ Blue-headed Vireo	С	U	U	
☐ Warbling Vireo	U	U	U	
☐ Philadelphia Vireo	U		U	
☐ Red-eyed Vireo	С	С	С	
Gray Jay	U	U	U	U
☐ Blue Jay	С	С	С	U
☐ Black-billed Magpie			0	0
☐ American Crow	С	С	С	0
☐ Common Raven	0		0	С
☐ Horned Lark	С	С	С	0
☐ Purple Martin	U	U	U	
☐ Tree Swallow	С	С	С	
☐ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	С	С	С	
☐ Bank Swallow	С	С		
☐ Cliff Swallow	С	С	С	
☐ Barn Swallow	С	С	С	
☐ Black-capped Chickadee	С	С	С	С
☐ Boreal Chickadee	0	0	0	U
Red-breasted Nuthatch	С	С	С	С
☐ White-breasted Nuthatch	С	С	С	С
☐ Brown Creeper	U	U	U	0
☐ House Wren	С	С	С	
☐ Winter Wren	С	С	С	
☐ Sedge Wren	С	С	С	
☐ Marsh Wren	С	С	U	
☐ Golden-crowned Kinglet	С	С	С	R
☐ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	С	С	С	
☐ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		0		
☐ Eastern Bluebird	U	U	U	
☐ Veery	С	С	0	
☐ Gray-cheeked Thrush	U		U	
☐ Swainson's Thrush	U	U	U	
☐ Hermit Thrush	С	С	С	
☐ Wood Thrush	0	0		
☐ American Robin	С	С	С	0

Birds of Itasca State Park	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
☐ Gray Catbird	С	С	С	
☐ Brown Thrasher	U	U	U	
☐ European Starling	U	U	U	U
☐ Bohemian Waxwing	0			0
☐ Cedar Waxwing	С	С	С	
Golden-winged Warbler	U	U	U	
☐ Tennessee Warbler	С		С	
☐ Orange-crowned Warbler	U		С	
☐ Nashville Warbler	С	С	С	
☐ Northern Parula	С	С	U	
☐ Yellow Warbler	С	U	С	
☐ Chestnut-sided Warbler	С	С	С	
☐ Magnolia Warbler	U	U	U	
☐ Cape May Warbler	U	0	U	
☐ Black-throated Blue Warbler	0	R	0	
☐ Yellow-rumped Warbler	С	С	С	
☐ Black-throated Green Warbler	U	U	U	
☐ Blackburnian Warbler	С	С	С	
☐ Pine Warbler	U	U	U	
☐ Palm Warbler	С	0	С	
☐ Bay-breasted Warbler	U	0	U	
☐ Blackpoll Warbler	U		U	
☐ Black-and-white Warbler	С	С	С	
☐ American Redstart	С	С	С	
☐ Prothonotary Warbler	0			
☐ Ovenbird	С	С	С	
☐ Northern Waterthrush	U	0	U	
☐ Connecticut Warbler	U	U	U	
☐ Mourning Warbler	С	С	U	
☐ Common Yellowthroat	С	С	С	
☐ Hooded Warbler	R	R		
☐ Wilson's Warbler	U	R	U	
☐ Canada Warbler	U	U	U	
☐ Scarlet Tanager	U	U	U	
☐ Eastern Towhee	U	U	U	
☐ American Tree Sparrow	U		U	U
☐ Chipping Sparrow	С	С	С	
☐ Clay-colored Sparrow	С	С	С	
	С	С	С	

Birds of Itasca State Park	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
☐ Lark Bunting		R		
☐ Savannah Sparrow	С	С	С	
☐ Le Conte's Sparrow	U	U	U	
☐ Fox Sparrow	С		С	
☐ Song Sparrow	С	С	С	
☐ Lincoln's Sparrow	U		U	
☐ Swamp Sparrow	С	С	С	
☐ White-throated Sparrow	С	С	С	
☐ Harris's Sparrow	U		U	
☐ White-crowned Sparrow	U		U	
☐ Dark-eyed Junco	С	0	С	
☐ Snow Bunting			U	U
☐ Northern Cardinal	R	R		
☐ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	С	С	С	
☐ Indigo Bunting	С	С	U	
■ Dickcissel	0	0		
☐ Bobolink	С	С	U	
☐ Red-winged Blackbird	С	С	С	
■ Eastern Meadowlark	0	0	0	
Western Meadowlark	U	U	U	
Yellow-headed Blackbird	U	U	U	
☐ Rusty Blackbird	U		U	
■ Brewer's Blackbird	U	U	U	
☐ Common Grackle	С	С	С	
Brown-headed Cowbird	С	С	U	
■ Baltimore Oriole	С	С	U	
Pine Grosbeak	0			U
Purple Finch	С	U	С	U
Red Crossbill	U	0	U	U
White-winged Crossbill	U	0	U	U
☐ Common Redpoll	U		С	С
Pine Siskin	U	U	U	U
American Goldfinch	С	С	С	
Evening Grosbeak	U	U	U	U
→ House Sparrow	U	U	U	U

December 2002

ITASCA STATE PARK

Checklist



Date:
Veather:
Observers:
Notes:



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Birding Opportunities at Itasca State Park

Itasca's extensive stands of boreal forests with mixed hardwoods provide excellent habitat for many northern species such as crossbills, gray jays, finches, thrushes, black-backed woodpeckers, and warblers. Over 20 species of warblers nest in the park. Itasca has been a site for rarities such as Minnesota's second record of a magnificent hummingbird, a second record for the magnificent frigatebird and a third record for Williamson's sapsucker. In addition, an out-of-range parasitic jaeger, lark bunting and prothonotary warbler have been recorded. The 222 species recorded in the park and the large potential breeding list confirms Itasca State Park as one of the premier birding areas in Minnesota.

Season and Abundance Key

The **seasons** in the checklist are defined as follows:

Sp (Spring) = March, April, May

Su (Summer) = June, July
Fa (Fall) = August, September, October, November

Wi (Winter) = December, January, February

Abundance codes are defined as follows:

C = Common — present, relatively easy to find

U = Uncommon — observed, may be difficult to find

O = Occasional — may or may not be present in any year

R = Rare — has occurred at least once, may or may not be expected to recur

The names and taxonomic arrangement of species follows that of the Checklist of the Birds of Minnesota (January, 2001), prepared by the Minnesota Ornithological Records Committee.

This checklist contains the names of all birds that have been documented in the park by reliable observers. It was constructed by Robert B. Janssen and the MN DNR-Division of Parks & Recreation using observations of Mr. Janssen, park staff and other observers, as well as Minnesota Ornithologist's Union records and data contained in research reports. If you are interested in the specific sources used for a particular park, contact the Parks Division Resource Management Program Coordinator by telephone at 651-297-1158 or by mail at MNDNR-Parks, 500 Lafayette Road, Box 39 St. Paul, MN 55155-4039.

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Birds of Itasca State Park	\$p	Su	Fa	Wi
☐ Common Loon	С	С	С	
☐ Pied-billed Grebe	U	U	U	
☐ Horned Grebe	0		0	
Red-necked Grebe	0	0	0	
☐ Western Grebe		R		
☐ Double-crested Cormorant	0			
☐ Magnificent Frigatebird			R	
☐ American Bittern	U	U	U	
☐ Great Blue Heron	С	С	С	
☐ Great Egret	0			
☐ Cattle Egret		R		
☐ Green Heron	U	U	U	
☐ Black-crowned Night-Heron	0			
☐ Turkey Vulture	U	U	U	
☐ Snow Goose	U		U	
Canada Goose	С	С	С	
☐ Trumpeter Swan	0	0	0	
☐ Tundra Swan	0		0	
☐ Wood Duck	С	С	С	
American Wigeon	U		U	
☐ American Black Duck	U	U	U	
■ Mallard	С	С	С	
☐ Blue-winged Teal	С	U	U	
☐ Northern Shoveler	U		U	
☐ Green-winged Teal	U	0	U	
☐ Redhead	0		0	
☐ Ring-necked Duck	С	С	С	
☐ Lesser Scaup	U		U	
■ Bufflehead	С	0	U	
☐ Common Goldeneye	U	0	U	
☐ Hooded Merganser	С	С	С	
☐ Common Merganser	U		U	
☐ Red-breasted Merganser	U		U	
Ruddy Duck	0	0	0	
■ Osprey	С	С	С	
☐ Swallow-tailed Kite	R			
☐ Bald Eagle	U	U	U	0
☐ Northern Harrier	U	U	U	
	U	U	U	

Birds of Itasca State Park	Çn.	Cu	Fa	Wi
Bilds of fluscu State Fulk	Sp	Su	ru	VVI
Cooper's Hawk	U	U	U	
■ Northern Goshawk	0	0	0	0
Red-shouldered Hawk	0	0	0	
Broad-winged Hawk	С	С	С	
Red-tailed Hawk	С	С	С	
Rough-legged Hawk	U		0	U
American Kestrel	С	С	С	
☐ Merlin	U	U	U	
Peregrine Falcon	0		0	
Ruffed Grouse	С	С	С	С
■ Spruce Grouse	0	0	0	0
☐ Yellow Rail	R			
Virginia Rail	U	U	U	
☐ Sora	С	С	U	
American Coot	U	U	U	
Sandhill Crane			0	
Semipalmated Plover	0		0	
☐ Killdeer	С	С	С	
☐ Greater Yellowlegs	U		U	
Lesser Yellowlegs	U	U	U	
Solitary Sandpiper	U	U	U	
Spotted Sandpiper	С	С	С	
Upland Sandpiper	0	0		
☐ Marbled Godwit	0	0		
Semipalmated Sandpiper	U		U	
Least Sandpiper	U	U	U	
☐ White-rumped Sandpiper	0			
☐ Baird's Sandpiper	0	0	0	
Pectoral Sandpiper	U	U	U	
☐ Dunlin	0		0	
☐ Stilt Sandpiper	0	U		
☐ Short-billed Dowitcher	0	0		
Common Snipe	U	U	U	
American Woodcock	U	U	U	
☐ Wilson's Phalarope	0	0		
Parasitic Jaeger			R	
☐ Franklin's Gull	U		0	
■ Bonaparte's Gull	U	0	U	
Ring-billed Gull	С	С	С	

Birds of Itasca State Park	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
☐ Herring Gull	U	U	U	
☐ Caspian Tern			0	
☐ Common Tern	U	U		
☐ Forster's Tern	U	0	0	
☐ Black Tern	U	U		
☐ Rock Dove	0	0	0	0
☐ Mourning Dove	С	С	С	
☐ Black-billed Cuckoo	U	U	U	
☐ Yellow-billed Cuckoo	U	U		
☐ Eastern Screech-Owl	R	R	R	R
☐ Great Horned Owl	U	U	U	U
☐ Snowy Owl				0
☐ Barred Owl	U	U	U	U
☐ Long-eared Owl	0	0	0	
☐ Short-eared Owl	U	U	U	
☐ Northern Saw-whet Owl	U	U	U	
☐ Common Nighthawk	С	С	С	
☐ Whip-poor-will	U	U		
☐ Chimney Swift	С	С	С	
Magnificent Hummingbird		R		
☐ Ruby-throated Hummingbird	С	С	С	
■ Belted Kingfisher	С	С	С	R
Red-headed Woodpecker	0	0	0	
☐ Williamson's Sapsucker	R			
☐ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	С	С	С	
Downy Woodpecker	С	С	С	С
☐ Hairy Woodpecker	С	С	С	С
☐ Three-toed Woodpecker	R	R	R	R
☐ Black-backed Woodpecker	U	U	U	U
☐ Northern Flicker	С	С	С	
☐ Pileated Woodpecker	U	U	U	U
☐ Olive-sided Flycatcher	U	U	U	
☐ Eastern Wood-Pewee	С	С	С	
☐ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	0	0	0	
☐ Alder Flycatcher	U	U	U	
☐ Least Flycatcher	С	С	С	
☐ Eastern Phoebe	С	С	С	
☐ Great Crested Flycatcher	С	С	С	
☐ Western Kingbird	0	0		