

BIRD CHECKLIST, May 2016

This checklist contains the names and abundances of 221 species of birds observed in Turtle River State Park. Nomenclature and taxonomic order follow the 7th edition of the A.O.U. Check-list of NA Birds, incorporating changes made through the 56th supplement (2015).

Abundance Status

- A -- Abundant:** numerous, readily seen
- C – Common:** fair numbers, should be seen
- U -- Uncommon:** present, may be seen
- R – Rare:** seldom seen
- O – Occasional:** not seen every year

Seasons

- Spring (Sp):** March 1 – May 31
- Summer (Su):** June 1 – July 31
- Fall (Fa):** August 1 – November 30
- Winter (Wi):** December 1 – February 29

An * denotes a known nesting species and an + denotes inferred nesting based on evidence such as repeated observations of territorial males for extended periods of time.

WATERFOWL Sp Su Fa Wi

_____ Grtr Wht-fronted Goose.	R	.....	-	.....	R	.....	-
_____ Snow Goose	U	...	R	...	U	.....	-
_____ Cackling Goose	U	.....	-	.....	U	.....	-
_____ Canada Goose*	A	...	A	...	A	.....	-
_____ Trumpeter Swan	O	.....	-	.....	O	.....	-
_____ Tundra Swan	O	.....	-	.....	O	.....	-
_____ Wood Duck*	C	...	C	...	C	.....	-
_____ Gadwall*	C	...	C	...	C	.....	-
_____ American Wigeon	U	...	R	...	U	.....	-
_____ American Black Duck	O	...	O	...	O	.....	-
_____ Mallard*	A	...	A	...	A	.....	-
_____ Blue-winged Teal*	A	...	C	...	A	.....	-
_____ Northern Shoveler*	C	...	U	...	C	.....	-
_____ Northern Pintail*	U	...	R	...	U	.....	-
_____ Green-winged Teal	U	...	R	...	U	.....	-
_____ Canvasback*	C	...	U	...	C	.....	-
_____ Redhead*	C	...	U	...	C	.....	-
_____ Ringed-necked Duck	U	...	R	...	U	.....	-
_____ Greater Scaup	R	...	O	...	R	.....	-
_____ Lesser Scaup	U	...	R	...	U	.....	-

			Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
_____ Bufflehead	.....	U	...	R	.....	U
_____ Common Goldeneye	.....	U	.....	-	.....	U
_____ Hooded Merganser	.....	R	...	R	.....	R
_____ Ruddy Duck*	.....	C	...	C	.....	C

UPLAND GAME BIRDS

_____ Gray Partridge+	.....	R	...	R	.....	R
_____ Ring-necked Pheasant	.....	O	...	O	.....	O
_____ Ruffed Grouse	.....	O	...	O	.....	O
_____ Sharp-tailed Grouse	.....	O	...	O	.....	O
_____ Wild Turkey*	.....	U	...	U	.....	U

LOONS and GREBES

_____ Common Loon	.....	O	.....	-	.....	O
_____ Pied-billed Grebe*	.....	C	...	C	.....	C
_____ Horned Grebe	.....	U	...	R	.....	U
_____ Red-necked Grebe	.....	O	...	O	.....	O
_____ Eared Grebe	.....	U	...	R	.....	U

PELICANS and CORMORANTS

_____ Dbl-crested Cormorant	.....	R	...	R	.....	R
_____ Am. White Pelican	.....	R	...	R	.....	R

WADING BIRDS

_____ American Bittern	.....	R	...	R	.....	R
_____ Great Blue Heron	.....	U	...	U	.....	U
_____ Great Egret	.....	O	...	O	.....	O
_____ Cattle Egret	.....	O	...	O	.....	O
_____ Green Heron	O	...	O	O
_____ Blk-crwned Night-Heron	O	...	O	O

NEW WORLD VULTURES

_____ Turkey Vulture	R	...	O	R
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HAWKS, EAGLES, and ALLIES

_____ Osprey	R	-	R
_____ Bald Eagle	U	...	R	U
_____ Northern Harrier	R	...	R	O
_____ Sharp-shinned Hawk	R	-	R
_____ Cooper's Hawk*	.....	U	...	U	.....	R
_____ Northern Goshawk	.....	O	.....	-	.....	O
_____ Red-shouldered Hawk	.....	O	.....	-	.....	O
_____ Broad-winged Hawk*	.....	U	...	U	.....	U
_____ Swainson's Hawk	.....	R	...	R	.....	R
_____ Red-tailed Hawk*	.....	U	...	U	.....	O
_____ Rough-legged Hawk	.....	R	.....	-	.....	R
_____ Golden Eagle	.....	O	.....	-	.....	O

RAILS, COOTS, and CRANES

			Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
_____ Virginia Rail+	.....	R	...	R	.....	R
_____ Sora*	.....	U	...	U	.....	U
_____ American Coot*	.....	C	...	C	.....	C
_____ Sandhill Crane	.....	R	.....	-	.....	R

AVOCETS and PLOVERS

_____ American Avocet	.....	O	...	O	.....	O
_____ Killdeer*	.....	C	...	C	.....	C

SANDPIPERS and ALLIES

_____ Spotted Sandpiper	.....	U	...	U	.....	U
_____ Solitary Sandpiper	.....	R	...	R	.....	R
_____ Greater Yellowlegs	.....	R	...	O	.....	R
_____ Lesser Yellowlegs	.....	R	...	O	.....	R
_____ Upland Sandpiper	.....	O	...	O	.....	O
_____ Least Sandpiper	.....	R	...	O	.....	R
_____ Pectoral Sandpiper	.....	R	...	O	.....	R
_____ Wilson's Snipe*	.....	U	...	R	.....	U
_____ American Woodcock*	.....	R	...	R	.....	O
_____ Wilson's Phalarope	.....	U	...	U	.....	U

GULLS and TERNS

_____ Franklin's Gull	.....	U	...	R	.....	U
_____ Ring-billed Gull	.....	U	...	U	.....	U
_____ Black Tern	.....	U	...	R	.....	U
_____ Forster's Tern	.....	U	...	R	.....	U

DOVES and CUCKOOS

_____ Rock Pigeon*	.....	U	...	U	.....	U
_____ Mourning Dove*	.....	C	...	C	.....	C
_____ Yellow-billed Cuckoo	.....	O	...	O	.....	O
_____ Black-billed Cuckoo*	.....	R	...	R	.....	R

TYPICAL OWLS

_____ Eastern Screech-Owl*	.....	R	...	R	.....	R
_____ Great Horned Owl*	.....	U	...	U	.....	U
_____ Snowy Owl	.....	O	.....	-	.....	O
_____ Short-eared Owl	.....	R	...	O	.....	R
_____ Northern Saw-whet Owl	.....	U	.....	-	.....	U

GOATSUCKERS, SWIFTS, HUMMERS

_____ Common Nighthawk	.....	U	...	R	.....	U
_____ Eastern Whip-poor-will	.....	O	.....	-	.....	O
_____ Chimney Swift	.....	O	...	O	.....	O
_____ Rby-thrtd Hummingbird+	U	...	U	U

KINGFISHERS Sp Su Fa Wi

_____ Belted Kingfisher*	C	...	C	C
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WOODPECKERS

_____ Red-hded Woodpecker	O	...	O	O
_____ Red-bellied Woodpecker	O	...	O	O
_____ Yllw-bellied Sapsucker*	C	...	C	C
_____ Downy Woodpecker*	.....	A	...	A	.....	A
_____ Hairy Woodpecker*	.....	A	...	A	.....	A
_____ Northern Flicker*	.....	U	...	U	.....	U
_____ Pileated Woodpecker*	.....	U	...	U	.....	U

FALCONS

_____ American Kestrel*	.....	U	...	U	.....	U
_____ Merlin	.....	U	...	U	.....	U
_____ Peregrine Falcon	.....	R	...	O	.....	R
_____ Prairie Falcon	.....	O	...	O	.....	O

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

_____ Olive-sided Flycatcher	.....	U	...	O	.....	U
_____ Eastern Wood-Pewee*	.....	C	...	C	.....	C
_____ Yellow-bellied Flyctcher	.....	R	...	R	.....	R
_____ Alder Flycatcher	.....	R	...	R	.....	R
_____ Willow Flycatcher	.....	R	...	U	.....	R
_____ Least Flycatcher*	.....	C	...	C	.....	C
_____ Eastern Phoebe*	.....	C	...	C	.....	C
_____ Say's Phoebe	.....	O	...	O	.....	O
_____ Grt Crested Flycatcher*	.....	C	...	C	.....	C
_____ Western Kingbird*	.....	C	...	C	.....	U
_____ Eastern Kingbird*	.....	C	...	C	.....	U

SHRIKES and VIREOS

_____ Northern Shrike	.....	R	.....	-	.....	R
_____ Yellow-throated Vireo*	.....	U	...	U	.....	U
_____ Blue-headed Vireo	.....	R	...	O	.....	R
_____ Warbling Vireo*	.....	U	...	U	.....	U
_____ Philadelphia Vireo	.....	U	.....	-	.....	U
_____ Red-eyed Vireo*	.....	C	...	C	.....	C

JAYS, MAGPIES, and CROWS

_____ Gray Jay	.....	-	.....	-	.....	O
_____ Blue Jay*	.....	C	...	C	.....	C
_____ Black-billed Magpie+	U	...	U	U
_____ American Crow*	C	...	C	C
_____ Common Raven	O	...	O	O

LARKS

_____ Horned Lark+	R	...	R	R
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SWALLOWS	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
___ Purple Martin*	R	R	R	-
___ Tree Swallow*	A	A	A	-
___ N. Rgh-winged Swallow*	U	U	U	-
___ Bank Swallow*	U	U	U	-
___ Cliff Swallow*	U	U	U	-
___ Barn Swallow*	C	C	C	-

CHICKADEES and NUTHATCHES

___ Blk-capped Chickadee*	A	A	A	A
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	R	R	U	U
___ Wht-breasted Nuthatch*	C	C	C	C

CREEPERS and WRENS

___ Brown Creeper	U	-	U	U
___ House Wren*	C	C	C	-
___ Winter Wren	O	-	O	-
___ Sedge Wren+	R	R	R	-
___ Marsh Wren*	C	C	C	-

KINGLETS

___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	C	-	C	R
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C	-	C	-

THRUSHES

___ Eastern Bluebird*	C	C	C	-
___ Mountain Bluebird*	R	O	-	-
___ Veery+	R	R	R	-
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush	U	-	U	-
___ Swainson's Thrush	C	R	C	-
___ Hermit Thrush	C	-	U	-
___ American Robin*	A	A	A	U
___ Varied Thrush	O	-	O	O

MIMIDS

___ Gray Catbird*	C	C	C	-
___ Brown Thrasher*	U	U	U	-

STARLINGS and PIPITS

___ European Starling*	U	U	U	R
___ American Pipit	O	-	O	-

WAXWINGS, LONGSPURS, BUNTINGS

___ Bohemian Waxwing	U	-	R	R
___ Cedar Waxwing*	C	C	C	C
___ Lapland Longspur	O	-	O	O
___ Snow Bunting	U	-	U	U

WOOD WARBLERS

	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
___ Ovenbird+	C	U	C	-
___ Northern Waterthrush	U	R	U	-
___ Golden-winged Warbler	O	-	O	-
___ Black-and-white-Wrblr*	C	U	C	-
___ Tennessee Warbler	C	-	C	-
___ Orange-crowned Wrblr	C	-	C	-
___ Nashville Warbler	U	-	U	-
___ Connecticut Warbler	R	R	R	-
___ Mourning Warbler	R	-	R	-
___ Kentucky Warbler	O	-	O	-
___ Common Yellowthroat*	C	C	C	-
___ American Redstart*	C	U	C	-
___ Cape May Warbler	U	-	U	-
___ Magnolia Warbler	U	-	U	-
___ Bay-breasted Warbler	U	-	U	-
___ Blackburnian Warbler	R	-	U	-
___ Yellow Warbler*	A	C	A	-
___ Chestnut-sided Wrblr	U	-	U	-
___ Blackpoll Warbler	C	-	U	-
___ Palm Warbler	C	-	C	-
___ Yellow-rumped Wrblr	A	-	A	-
___ Blk-thrted Green Wrblr	R	-	R	-
___ Canada Warbler	U	-	U	-
___ Wilson's Warbler	U	-	U	-

NEW WORLD SPARROWS

___ Spotted Towhee	O	-	O	-
___ Eastern Towhee	R	-	R	-
___ Am. Tree Sparrow	C	-	C	R
___ Chipping Sparrow*	A	A	A	-
___ Clay-colored Sparrow*	A	A	A	-
___ Vesper Sparrow+	U	U	U	-
___ Lark Sparrow*	U	U	U	-
___ Savannah Sparrow+	U	U	U	-
___ Grasshopper Sparrow+	R	R	R	-
___ Le Conte's Sparrow+	R	R	R	-
___ Fox Sparrow	C	-	U	-
___ Song Sparrow*	C	C	C	O
___ Lincoln's Sparrow	U	-	U	-
___ Swamp Sparrow	R	R	R	-
___ Wht-throated Sparrow	U	O	U	O
___ Harris's Sparrow	U	-	U	O
___ Wht-crowned Sparrow	U	-	U	O
___ Dark-eyed Junco	U	-	U	U

TANAGERS

___ Scarlet Tanager*	U	U	U	-
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CARDINALS and ALLIES

	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
___ Northern Cardinal	R	R	R	R
___ Rose-brsted Grosbeak*	U	U	U	-
___ Indigo Bunting*	U	U	U	-
___ Dickcissel+	-	R	R	-

BLACKBIRDS and ORIOLES

___ Bobolink*	A	A	C	-
___ Red-winged Blackbird*	A	A	A	R
___ Western Meadowlark*	R	R	R	O
___ Yllw-headed Blackbird*	A	A	A	-
___ Rusty Blackbird	O	-	O	O
___ Brewer's Blackbird	R	R	R	-
___ Common Grackle*	C	C	C	R
___ Brown-headed Cowbird*	C	C	C	-
___ Orchard Oriole*	U	U	U	-
___ Baltimore Oriole*	C	C	C	-

FINCHES

___ House Finch*	U	U	U	U
___ Purple Finch	U	O	U	O
___ White-winged Crossbill	O	O	O	O
___ Common Redpoll	U	-	U	C
___ Hoary Redpoll	O	-	O	R
___ Pine Siskin*	U	U	U	U
___ American Goldfinch*	C	C	C	U
___ Evening Grosbeak	O	-	O	O

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

___ House Sparrow*	U	U	U	U
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Comments and observations relevant to this checklist may be sent to trsp@nd.gov. Checklist compiled by Tim Driscoll, Urban Raptor Research Project. Copies are available on the Internet at www.parkrec.nd.gov.



TURTLE RIVER STATE PARK BIRD CHECKLIST



Sketch by Julie Zickefoose

Turtle River State Park is situated on the beautiful wooded valley of the meandering Turtle River. The 784-acre park contains a variety of habitats typical of the Agassiz Lake Plain. These include: mixed stands of bur oak, green ash, American elm, cottonwood, box elder, basswood, and aspen; a large wetland with areas of open water; lush river bottoms; native prairies; and sedge meadows. Because of the diversity of habitats, the park is a summer breeding haven for 96 species of birds and a migratory stopover for many others.