

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	.....	-	.....	-
___ Snow Goose	U	..	R	U.....
___ Cackling Goose	U	.....	-	U.....
___ Canada Goose*	A	....	A	....
___ Trumpeter Swan	O	.....	-	O.....
___ Tundra Swan	O	.....	-	O.....
___ Wood Duck*	C	..	C	....
___ Gadwall*	C	..	C	....
___ American Wigeon	U	..	R	U.....
___ American Black Duck	O	..	O	....
___ Mallard*	A	....	A	....
___ Blue-winged Teal*	A	....	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	....

UPLAND GAME BIRDS

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

LOONS and GREBES

___ Common Loon	O	.....	-	O.....
___ Pied-billed Grebe*	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	R.....
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	R	-	R.....
___ Cooper's Hawk*	U	..	U	U.....
___ 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	U.....
___ Rough-legged Hawk	R	.....	-	R.....
___ Golden Eagle	O	.....	-	O.....

RAILS, COOTS, and CRANES

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

AVOCETS and PLOVERS

___ American Avocet	O	..	O	O.....
___ Killdeer*	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	....
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo	O	..	O	O.....
___ Black-billed Cuckoo*	R	....	R	....

TYPICAL OWLS

___ Eastern Screech-Owl*	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	....

WOODPECKERS

___ Red-hded Woodpecker	O	..	O	O.....
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker	O	..	O	O.....
___ Yllw-bellied Sapsucker*	C	..	C	....
___ Downy Woodpecker*	A	....	A	....
___ Hairy Woodpecker*	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	....
___ Yellow-bellied Flyctcher	R	..	R	R.....
___ Alder Flycatcher	R	..	R	R.....
___ Willow Flycatcher	R	..	U	R.....
___ Least Flycatcher*	C	..	C	....
___ Eastern Phoebe*	C	..	C	....
___ Say's Phoebe	O	..	O	O.....
___ Grt Crested Flycatcher*	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	....

JAYS, MAGPIES, and CROWS

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

LARKS

___ Horned Lark+	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.