

BIRD CHECKLIST, May 2013

This checklist contains the names and abundances of 217 species of birds observed in Turtle River State Park. Nomenclature and taxonomic order follow the 7th edition of the A.O.U. Checklist of North American Birds, incorporating changes made through the 53rd supplement.

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	-

	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
Ring-necked Duck	U	R	U	-
Lesser Scaup	U	R	U	-
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	R
Ring-necked Pheasant	O	O	O	O
Ruffed Grouse	O	O	O	O
Sharp-tailed Grouse	O	O	O	O
Wild Turkey*	U	U	U	U

GREBES

Pied-billed Grebe*	C	C	C	-
Horned Grebe	U	R	U	-
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-crowned 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	U
Northern Harrier	R	R	R	O
Sharp-shinned Hawk	R	-	R	R
Cooper's Hawk*	U	U	U	R
Northern Goshawk	O	-	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	O
Rough-legged Hawk	R	-	R	R
Golden Eagle	O	-	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	-

PLOVERS and AVOCETS

Killdeer*	C	C	C	-
American Avocet	O	O	O	-

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	U
Mourning Dove*	C	C	C	-
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	O	O	-	-
Black-billed Cuckoo*	R	R	R	-

TYPICAL OWLS

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

GOATSUCKERS/SWIFTS/HUMMERS

Common Nighthawk	U	R	U	-
Eastern Whip-poor-will	O	-	O	-
Chimney Swift	O	O	O	-
Rby-thrt'd Hummingbird+	U	U	U	-

KINGFISHERS

	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
Belted Kingfisher*	C	C	C	-

WOODPECKERS

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

FALCONS

American Kestrel*	U	U	U	O
Merlin	U	U	U	U
Peregrine Falcon	R	O	R	O
Prairie Falcon	O	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	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	O
Blue Jay*	C	C	C	C
Black-billed Magpie+	U	U	U	U
American Crow*	C	C	C	C

LARKS

Horned Lark+	R	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

___ Purple Finch	U	O	U	.. O
___ House Finch*	U	U	U	.. U
___ 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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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.