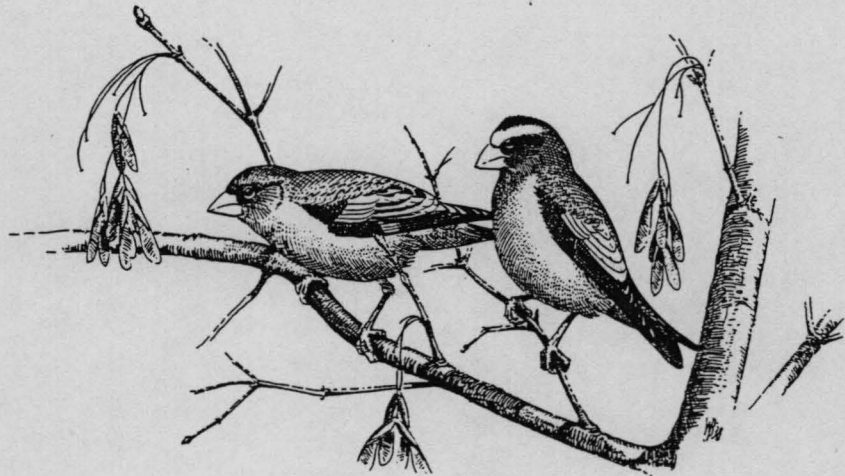


CHECKLIST
BIRDS of ITASCA STATE PARK

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This list revises the National Audubon Society list of 1949, presents abbreviated residential information, and suggests at least one place to look for each bird:

An all-year resident bird (A), A more or less common nesting bird (N), A rare nesting or non-nesting bird (R), A migrant bird only (M); if the bird prefers: maple-basswood forests of the highlands (MB); open, grassy areas, fields (OG); white spruce-balsam or pines of middle levels (SB) or (P); black spruce-tamarack bogs of the lowlands (ST); meadows, marshes, small streams (MS); shores or deeper water of large ponds and lakes (W); less restricted, more extensive range (E).

The included Itasca Park map shows the highlands (maple-basswood) as more or less devoid of ponds and creeks. The middle levels (white spruce-balsam) collect numerous ponds and small lakes, which give rise to little creeks flowing into the low level bogs (black spruce-tamarack) and the adjacent large lakes.

	Status	Habitat	
1. Common Loon	N	W	Lake Itasca; Mary Lake
2. Holboell's Grebe	R	W	More common, prairie lakes W. of Park
3. Western Grebe	R	W	Small ponds, small lakes
4. Pied-billed Grebe	N	W	Same as 3
5. Great Blue Heron	N	W	Lake Itasca; rookery, just S. Nicollet Cabin
6. American Bittern	N	M, S	Seldom seen; most marshy areas
7. Mallard Duck	N	W	Lake Itasca and adjacent ponds
8. Black Duck	R	W	Possibly any pond or lake shore
9. Blue-winged Teal	N	W	Lake Itasca; possibly adjacent small lakes
10. Wood Duck	N	W	Lake Itasca, possibly W. shoreline
11. Ring-necked Duck	N	W	Deming Lake and pond just N. of Park's E. gate
12. Golden-eye Duck	R to M	W	Chance observations possible
13. Ruddy Duck	R	W	Probably only prairie pot holes W. of Park
14. Hooded Merganser	N	W	Seldom seen; most any lakeshore area

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15. Turkey Vulture	R	E	Possibly Squaw Lake area; S. side of Park
16. Sharp-shinned Hawk	R	SB	Chance observations possible
17. Cooper's Hawk	R	MB,SB	Chance observations possible
18. Red-tailed Hawk	N	E	From Middlewest corner, Park Drive to Mary Lake
19. Broad-winged Hawk	N	MB	Aiton Heights area
20. American Bald Eagle	N	W	Nest, W. arm Lake Itasca, N.W. from Chambers Creek
21. Marsh Hawk	R	CG,MS	Prairie meadows W. of Park
22. Osprey	N	W	Nest, fishing, Lake Itasca; nest, Bohall Lake
23. Duck Hawk	R	W	Chance observation only, larger lake
24. Canada Spruce Grouse	R	SB	1935 reestablished; failed; now nonexistent here
25. Ruffed Grouse	N	MB,SB	LaSalle Trail; Roberts Nature Trail
26. Virginia Rail	N	MS, W	Swamp, E. of Indian Mound area
27. Sora Rail	N	MS	Same as above; marsh N. of LaSalle Trail
28. Semipalmated Plover	M	W	Spring and late summer only; most shores
29. Killdeer	N to R	CG, W	Lake Itasca and other lake shores
30. Woodcock	R	W	Brush-lined creeks; probably non-existent here
31. Wilson's Snipe	R	MS	Any large, marshy area
32. Upland Plover	R	CG	Morrison Lake area; prairie W. of Park
33. Spotted Sandpiper	N	CG, W	Lake Itasca near Douglas Lodge boat landing
34. Solitary Sandpiper	M	W	Possibly Morrison Lake area, spring, late summer
35. Greater Yellow-legs	M	W	Same as 34; other similar areas
36. Lesser Yellow-legs	M	W	Same as 35
37. Pectoral Sandpiper	M	MS	Same as 35
38. Baird's Sandpiper	M	W	Same as 35
39. Least Sandpiper	M	W	Same as 35
40. Stilt Sandpiper	M	W	Same as 35
41. Semipalmated Sandpiper	M	W	Same as 35
42. Marbled Godwit	M	W	Same as 35
43. Wilson's Phalarope	M	W	Same as 35
44. Herring Gull	M	W	Lake Itasca, late summer, autumn
45. Ring-billed Gull	M	W	Same as 44

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46. Franklin's Gull	M	MS, W	Prairie sloughs, just NW of Park
47. Bonaparte's Gull	M	W	Lake Itasca, late summer, autumn
48. Common Tern	M	W	Lake Itasca, autumn
49. Caspian Tern	M	W	Chance observation, Lake Itasca, autumn
50. Black Tern	N	W	Lake Itasca; Mary Lake
51. Mourning Dove	N to R	OG	Chance observation possible, open areas
52. Yellow-billed Cuckoo	N	MB, SB	NE area of Park
53. Black-billed Cuckoo	N	MB, SB	Same as 52
54. Great Horned Owl	A	SB	Lake Itasca, Bear Paw Point Trail
55. Barred Owl	A	MB, SB	Most any woodlands; along Park Road
56. Saw-whet Owl	R	SB	Chance observation possible
57. Whip-poor-will	N	SB	Squaw Lake area
58. Nighthawk	N to M	OG	Open areas, evening, morning, especially late summer
59. Chimney Swift	N	E	Possible observations near habitations
60. Ruby-throated Hummingbird	N	MB, OG	Among flowers; Biological Station; Park Office feeders
61. Belted Kingfisher	N	W	Lake Itasca shore trail SE from Camp Grounds
62. Flicker	N	MB, SB	Camp Grounds; Biological Station; other habitations
63. Pileated Woodpecker	A	MB, SB	Roberts Nature Trail; Aiton Heights
64. Red-headed Woodpecker	R	OG, P	Old CCC camp; just E. of Park Headquarters
65. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	N	MB, E	Biological Station; Camp Grounds; open woodlands
66. Hairy Woodpecker	A	E	Same as 65
67. Downy Woodpecker	A	E	Same as 65
68. Arctic Three-toed Woodpecker	R, A	SB, P	LaSalle Trail area; just W. of Highway 92; Bohall Trail
69. Am. Three-toed Woodpecker	R, A	SB, P	Lind Saddle Trail area; just W. of Elk Lake
70. Eastern Kingbird	N	OG	Biological Station; Park Picnic Grounds
71. Western Kingbird	R	OG	More likely, prairie country W. of Park
72. Crested Flycatcher	N	MB, SB	Roberts Nature Trail; Park Road area
73. Phoebe	N	MB, OG	Park Museum; Douglas Lodge area; Biological Station

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74.	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	N	SB Bohall Trail area
75.	Alder Flycatcher	R	MS Mississippi Headwaters area
76.	Least Flycatcher	N	MB,SB Camp Grounds drive-in area; Bohall Trail area
77.	Wood Pewee	N	MB,SB Same as 76
78.	Olive-sided Flycatcher	N	SB,ST LaSalle Trail area; Camp Ground Road
79.	Prairie Horned Lark	N	OG Field W. of Lake Itasca P.O.
80.	Tree Swallow	N	MS Nesting boxes, Park Headquarters cabins
81.	Bank Swallow	N	OG Sand bank just N. of Lake Itasca P.O.
82.	Rough-winged Swallow	N	MS Lake Itasca shore bank, Biological Station boathouse
83.	Barn Swallow	N	OG, W Lake Itasca swimming beach bath house
84.	Cliff Swallow	N	OG, W Sauer's Resort; Highway 92 at Mississippi River bridge
85.	Purple Martin	N	OG Colonies at Douglas Lodge, Parkview Store, Headwaters Inn
86.	Canada Jay	A	SB Bohall Trail area; Douglas Lodge area; Nicollet Cabin
87.	Blue Jay	A	MB,SB Park Headquarters area
88.	Raven	R to M	SB Chance observation possible
89.	Crow	N	MB, P Nesting often just E. of Park Headquarters
90.	Black-capped Chickadee	A	MB,SB Bear Paw Point Trail; Roberts Nature Trail
91.	Hudsonian Chickadee	A, R	SB Possibly Garrison Point, W. Arm Lake Itasca; LaSalle Creek
92.	White-breasted Nuthatch	A, R	MB Park Headquarters cabin area; Bohall Trail area
93.	Red-breasted Nuthatch	A	MB,SB Biological Station; Bohall Trail area
94.	Brown Creeper	N	SB, P Bear Paw Point Trail; Bohall Trail area
95.	House Wren	N	OG, E Biological Station; Park Headquarters; cabin area
96.	Winter Wren	N	SB,ST Along Lind Saddle Trail, tangled borders of Nicollet Creek
97.	Long-billed Marsh Wren	R	MS Chance observation possible
98.	Short-billed Marsh Wren	N	MS Swamp E. of Indian Mounds; Bear Paw Point bog
99.	Catbird	R	E Park Headquarters cabins area; LaSalle Trail
100.	Brown Thrasher	R	E Chance observation possible

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101. Robin	N	MB, SB Bohall Trail area; Park Headquarters; other habitations
102. Wood Thrush	R	MB, P Lind Saddle Trail, W. of Elk Lake
103. Hermit Thrush	N	SB, P LaSalle Trail area; Bohall Trail area
104. Olive-backed Thrush	N	SB, P Douglas Lodge area
105. Veery	N	MB, P LaSalle Trail area; Camp Grounds drive-in area
106. Bluebird	N	MB, OG SE corner of Park, Highway 113
107. Golden-crowned Kinglet	N	SB, ST Bohall Trail area; LaSalle creek area
108. Cedar Waxwing	N	SB Park Headquarters and cabins area
109. Migrant Shrike	R	OG Chance observation possible
110. Starling	R	OG Same as 109
111. Yellow-throated Vireo	N	SB, P LaSalle Trail area
112. Blue-headed Vireo	N	SB, ST LaSalle Trail area; Biological Station
113. Red-eyed Vireo	N	MB, SB Bohall Trail area; Camp Grounds drive-in area
114. Philadelphia Vireo	R	E Chance observation only, in open woodland areas
115. Warbling Vireo	N	E Biological Station, shade trees near caretaker's home
116. Black and White Warbler	N	SB, P Bear Paw Point Trail
117. Golden-winged Warbler	N	OG, SB, P LaSalle Springs area; woods near swamp E. of Indian Mounds
118. Tennessee Warbler	R	ST Chance observation possible
119. Orange-crowned Warbler	R	MB Chance observation possible
120. Nashville Warbler	N	SB, ST LaSalle Trail area; Lind Saddle Trail near Nicollet Creek
121. Parula Warbler	N	ST Biological Station; first part Roberts Nature Trail
122. Yellow Warbler	N	E, OG Biological Station; Park Headquarters area
123. Magnolia Warbler	N	MB, SB LaSalle Creek area
124. Cape May Warbler	R	SB Chance observation possible
125. Myrtle Warbler	N	MB Biological Station; Park Museum
126. Black-throated Green Warbler	N	MB, SB, P NE side at Park Road, opposite Biological Station entrance
127. Blackburnian Warbler	N	SB, P Biological Station; Park Museum

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128.	Chestnut-sided Warbler	N	SB, P	Roberts Nature Trail, Rays Bay overlook; Biological Station
129.	Bay-breasted Warbler	R	SB	Chance observation possible
130.	Black-poll Warbler	R, M	SB	Possibly only spring migrant observation
131.	Pine Warbler	N	NB, SB	Bohall Trail area; Camp Grounds entrance area; Biological Station entrance
132.	Palm Warbler	R	OG	Chance observation possible
133.	Oven-bird	N	MB, SB	Last half of Roberts Nature Trail; Camp Grounds entrance area
134.	Northern Water-thrush	N	MS, W	Possibly Squaw Lake area; Nicollet Creek; DeSoto Lake area
135.	Connecticut Warbler	R	MS, W	Chance observation possible
136.	Mourning Warbler	N	MB, MS	Bear Paw Point Trail; Bohall Trail area
137.	Northern Yellow-throat	N	SB, MS, W	First part Roberts Nature Trail; outlet Mary Lake; Biological Station
138.	Wilson's Warbler	R	MS, W	Chance observation possible
139.	Redstart	N	MB, OG	Biological Station
140.	English Sparrow	R	OG	Occasionally around Park habitations
141.	Bobolink	R	OG	Between Park N. Entrance and Lake Itasca P.O.
142.	Western Meadowlark	R	OG	Usually singing in fields, just north of Park
143.	Yellow-headed Blackbird	R	MS	More likely in prairie marshes W. of Park
144.	Red-winged Blackbird	N	MS, W	Headwaters area; Elk Lake; Squaw Lake
145.	Baltimore Oriole	N	MB	Biological Station; Park Headquarters buildings
146.	Brewer's Blackbird	R	MS	Chance observation possible
147.	Bronzed Grackle	N	MB, MS	Same as 146
148.	Cowbird	N	MB, OG	Park Picnic Grounds; Biological Station grounds
149.	Scarlet Tanager	N	MB, SB, P	LaSalle Trail; Camp Grounds entrance area
150.	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	N	NB, P	Park Headquarters habitations; Bohall Trail area
151.	Indigo Bunting	N	OG	LaSalle Trail area
152.	Dickcissel	R	OG	Chance observation possible
153.	Purple Finch	N	SB	Park Headquarters habitations; Headwaters; Bohall Trail
154.	Pine Siskin	N	SB, P	Nothing sure about these wanderers

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155. Goldfinch	N	MB,OG Park Headquarters habitation area
156. Red Crossbill	R	SB, P Nothing sure about this wanderer
157. White-winged Crossbill	R	SB, P Same as 156, Biological Station
158. Red-eyed Towhee	R	OG, P Possibly LaSalle Trail area; Squaw Lake Road
159. Savannah Sparrow	N	OG Possibly old CCC camp, back of Park Headquarters
160. Vesper Sparrow	N	MB,OG LaSalle Trail area, especially open meadows
161. Slate-colored Junco	N	OG,SB Nicollet Creek area
162. Chipping Sparrow	N	MB,OG Park Camp Grounds; Picnic Grounds
163. Clay-colored Sparrow	N	OG Old CCC camp, back of Park Headquarters
164. White-throated Sparrow	N	SB, P Bohall Trail area; Roberts Nature Trail
165. Swamp Sparrow	N	MS,ST Possibly Bear Paw Point; Headwaters area
166. Song Sparrow	N	OG, W Park Picnic Grounds; trail up Lake Itasca from Camp Grounds

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We trust that you have found this bird list-ecological correlation attempt helpful. It summarizes considerable research, but at best it can only indicate where the birds may be; it cannot guarantee their presence in any locality. If you do not wish to keep this leaflet, please pass it on to a friend who may use it with additional benefit on future trips through Itasca State Park.

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