

Lake Metigoshe State Park Bird Checklist

Located in the Turtle Mountains of northcentral North Dakota, Lake Metigoshe State Park is one of the largest state parks in North Dakota. With approximately 1,530 acres, the park contains a variety of natural habitats typical of the Turtle Mountains. These include aspen woodlands, aspen-oak woodlands, a variety of wetlands and lakes, streams and open fields.

Because of these many habitats, wildlife is abundant in Lake Metigoshe State Park. This checklist is designed to help you identify the many bird species in the park as well as in the Turtle Mountain region. Thirty-seven of the over 174 birds that may be observed at the park are on the Natural Heritage Program's state rare species list. These include the Cooper's hawk, LeConte's and Baird's sparrow, bufflehead duck, cinnamon teal, turkey vulture, common loon, bald eagle, hooded merganser, swamp sparrow, red-necked grebe, northern water-thrush, gold-winged warbler, and loggerhead shrike.

Remember that all plants and animals are protected in state parks, and they should not be disturbed.

If you would like to share your observations or sightings, especially new or rare species, drop the information by the park office or mail it to the park manager at #2, Lake Metigoshe State Park, Bottineau, ND 58318

Key
Abundance Status (AS)

a - abundant: numerous, almost certain to be found in proper habitat during proper season
 c - common: fair numbers, frequently found in proper habitat during proper season
 u - uncommon: present, infrequently found in proper habitat
 o - occasional: seen only a few times during a season
 r - rare: very seldom found
 * - included on the rare species list of North Dakota

Seasonal Status for Birds (SS)

s - summer: June - August
 f - fall: September - November

Loons and Grebes s f

- Common loon* u u
- Western grebe o o
- Red-necked grebe* c c
- Horned grebe u u
- Eared grebe u u
- Pied-billed grebe u u

Pelicans

- American white pelican . c c

Cormorants

- Dble-crested cormorant c c

Waterfowl

- Canada goose c c
- Mallard c c
- American black duck r r
- Northern pintail c c
- Gadwall c c
- American wigeon u c
- Northern shoveler c a
- Blue-winged teal a a
- Cinnamon teal* r -
- Green-winged teal u c

- Wood duck c c
- Redhead c c
- Canvasback u c
- Ring-necked duck - c
- White-winged scoter* .. o -
- Lesser scaup u a
- Common goldeneye* - u
- Bufflehead* c c
- Hooded merganser* - u
- Common merganser* - c
- Redbreasted mrganser . o -
- Ruddy duck c c

Vultures and Hawks

- Turkey vulture* o o
- Northern goshawk* o o
- Cooper's hawk* o o
- Sharp-shinned hawk o o
- Northern harrier u u
- Red-tailed hawk c c
- Broad-winged hawk c c
- Red-shouldered hawk... o -
- Golden eagle* o -
- Bald eagle* o -
- Osprey* o -
- Merlin* r r
- American kestrel u u

Gallinaceous Birds

- Wild turkey u u
- Ruffed grouse u u
- Ring-necked pheasant .. u u

Hérons and Bitterns

- Great blue heron u u
- Bl-crowned night heron . u u
- Great egret r r
- American bittern u u

Rails

- Virginia rail o o
- Sora u u
- Sandhill crane* - o
- American coot c c

Plovers, Sandpipers, Snipes, and Phalaropes

- Killdeer c c

- American woodcock o o
- Wilson's phalarope o o
- Solitary sandpiper o -
- Willet* r r
- Spotted sandpiper o o
- Common snipe o o

Gulls and Terns

- Herring gull o o
- Ring-billed gull u u
- Franklin's gull c c
- Common tern* c c
- Black tern* c c

Pigeons and Cuckoos

- Mourning dove u u
- Black-billed cuckoo u u

Owls and Goatsuckers

- Great horned owl u u
- Long-eared owl* o o
- Eastern screech owl o o
- Snowy owl o o
- Common nighthawk u u

Swifts

- Chimney swift o o

Hummingbirds

- Ruby-thrd hummingbird u u

Kingfishers

- Belted kingfisher u u

Woodpeckers

- Northern flicker u u
- Yw-bellied sapsucker u u
- Red-hded woodpecker.. o o
- Hairy woodpecker u u
- Downy woodpecker c c

Flycatchers

- Western kingbird u u
- Eastern kingbird c c
- Eastern phoebe c c
- Least flycatcher c a

- ___ Eastern wood-pewee o o
- ___ Great-crested flycatcher.. u u
- ___ Willow flycatcher o o

Swallows and Larks

- ___ Barn swallow c a
- ___ Cliff swallow o -
- ___ Tree swallow a u
- ___ Bank swallow c a
- ___ Rough-winged swallow . o -
- ___ Purple martin u u

Jays, Crows, and Magpies

- ___ Blue jay u c
- ___ Black-billed magpie u u
- ___ Common raven* - -
- ___ American crow c c

Chickadees, Nuthatches and Wrens

- ___ Blk-capped chickadee... c c
- ___ Wht-breasted nuthatch.. c c
- ___ Red-breasted nuthatch* o o
- ___ House wren c c
- ___ Long-billed marsh wren u u
- ___ Short-billed marsh wren u u

Kinglets, Thrushes, Thrashers, and Mockingbirds

- ___ Gray catbird c c
- ___ Brown thrasher o o
- ___ American robin c c
- ___ Swainson's thrush o o
- ___ Veery c c
- ___ Eastern bluebird* u u
- ___ Mountain bluebird o o
- ___ Ruby-crowned kinglet ... o o
- ___ Northern mockingbird* ... r r

Pipets, Waxwings and Shrikes

- ___ Cedar waxwing u u
- ___ Bohemian waxwing - u
- ___ Loggerhead shrike* - -
- ___ European starling u -

Vireos

- ___ Red-eyed vireo a a
- ___ Philadelphia vireo* c c

- ___ Yellow-throated vireo u u
- ___ Warbling vireo c c

Wood Warblers

- ___ Tennessee warbler u -
- ___ Orge-crowned warbler* .. r r
- ___ Yellow warbler a a
- ___ Yellow-rumped warbler .. r c
- ___ Black-throated warbler .. o -
- ___ Black and white warbler u u
- ___ Gold-winged warbler* o -
- ___ Magnolia warbler r r
- ___ Cap May warbler r r
- ___ Chestnut-sided warbler . o o
- ___ Blackpoll warbler - u
- ___ Mourning warbler* c c
- ___ Ovenbird c c
- ___ Northern waterthrush* ... c c
- ___ Common yellowthroat ... c c
- ___ American redstart c c

Meadowlarks, Blackbirds, and Orioles

- ___ Bobolink u u
- ___ Western meadowlark u u
- ___ Yw-headed blackbird a a
- ___ Red-winged blackbird ... a a
- ___ Brewer's blackbird u u
- ___ Common grackle c c
- ___ Brown-headed cowbird . c c
- ___ Baltimore oriole c c

Tanagers, Grosbeaks, Buntings, and Sparrows

- ___ Scarlet tanager* o o
- ___ Rose-brsted grosbeak... u u
- ___ Evening grosbeak - u
- ___ Pine grosbeak o -
- ___ Northern cardinal* r r
- ___ Indigo bunting u u
- ___ Rufous-sided towhee u u
- ___ Savannah sparrow u u
- ___ Grasshopper sparrow ... u u
- ___ Le Conte's sparrow* r r
- ___ Vesper sparrow u u
- ___ Dark-eyed junco - u
- ___ Chipping sparrow u u
- ___ Field sparrow o o

- ___ Wht-throated sparrow* .. c c
- ___ Swamp sparrow* o o
- ___ Song sparrow c c
- ___ Clay-colored sparrow c c
- ___ Baird's sparrow* u u
- ___ Sharp-tailed sparrow* ... u u
- ___ House sparrow c c
- ___ Snow bunting - u

Finches

- ___ Purple finch - u
- ___ Common redpoll - u
- ___ Pine siskin o u
- ___ American goldfinch c c
- ___ White-winged crossbill .. u u

Sources: Turtle Mountain Bird Checklist, Turtle Mountain Fish and Wildlife Checklist, LMSP 1996 Inventory of Birds, Small Mammals and Herptiles, and NDGFD Fish Stocking and Catch Report

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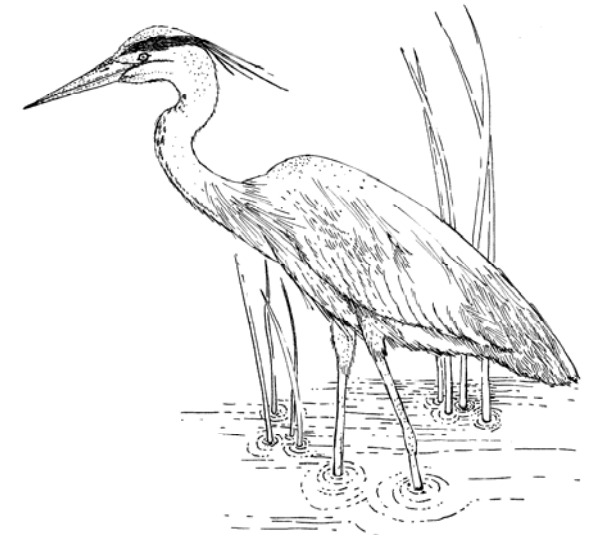


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