

**WATERFOWL**

- ☐ Canada Goose—B
- ☐ Trumpeter Swan—B
- ☐ Mute Swan—R
- ☐ Tundra Swan—M
- ☐ Wood Duck—B
- ☐ Blue-winged Teal—B
- ☐ Mallard—B
- ☐ American Black Duck—R
- ☐ Canvasback—M
- ☐ Ring-necked Duck—B
- ☐ Lesser Scaup—M
- ☐ Bufflehead—N
- ☐ Common Goldeneye—N
- ☐ Hood Merganser—R
- ☐ Common Merganser—N

**PLOVERS & SANDPIPERS**

- ☐ Killdeer—B
- ☐ Upland Sandpiper—B
- ☐ Pectoral Sandpiper—M
- ☐ American Woodcock—B
- ☐ Solitary Sandpiper—M
- ☐ Greater Yellowlegs—M
- ☐ Lesser Yellowlegs—M

**GULLS & TERNS**

- ☐ Ring-billed Gull—B
- ☐ Caspian Tern—M

**HERONS & BITTERNS**

- ☐ American Bittern—B
- ☐ Great Blue Heron—R
- ☐ Green Heron—B

**RAILS & COOTS**

- ☐ Virginia Rail—B
- ☐ Sora—B
- ☐ American Coot—B

**MISC. WATERBIRDS**

- ☐ Pied-billed Grebe—B
- ☐ Belted Kingfisher—R
- ☐ Double-crested Cormorant—M
- ☐ Common Loon—B

**UPLAND GAME BIRDS**

- ☐ Wild Turkey—R
- ☐ Ruffed Grouse—R

**PIGEONS & DOVES**

- ☐ Rock Pigeon—R
- ☐ Mourning Dove—R

**CUCKOOS**

- ☐ Yellow-billed Cuckoo—B
- ☐ Black-billed Cuckoo—B

**NIGHT JARS**

- ☐ Common Nighthawk—B
- ☐ Eastern Whip-poor-will—B

**SWALLOWS**

- ☐ Northern Rough-winged Swallow—B
- ☐ Tree Swallow—B
- ☐ Bank Swallow—B
- ☐ Barn Swallow—B
- ☐ Cliff Swallow—B

**SWIFTS & HUMMINGBIRDS**

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**CRANES**

- ☐ Sandhill Crane—B

**DIURNAL BIRDS OF PREY**

- ☐ Turkey Vulture—B
- ☐ Osprey—B
- ☐ Golden Eagle—M
- ☐ Northern Harrier—B
- ☐ Sharp-shinned Hawk—B
- ☐ Cooper's Hawk—B
- ☐ American Goshawk—R
- ☐ Bald Eagle—B

- ☐ Red-shouldered Hawk—B
- ☐ Broad-winged Hawk—B
- ☐ Red-tailed Hawk—R
- ☐ Rough-legged Hawk—N

**OWLS**

- ☐ Eastern Screech-Owl—R
- ☐ Great Horned Owl—R
- ☐ Barred Owl—R
- ☐ Northern Saw-whet Owl—R

**WOODPECKERS**

- ☐ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker—B
- ☐ Red-headed Woodpecker—B
- ☐ Red-bellied Woodpecker—R
- ☐ Downy Woodpecker—R
- ☐ Hairy Woodpecker—R
- ☐ Pileated Woodpecker—R
- ☐ Northern Flicker—R

**FALCONS**

- ☐ American Kestrel—B
- ☐ Merlin—M

**FLYCATCHERS**

- ☐ Olive-sided Flycatcher—B
- ☐ Eastern Wood-Pewee—B
- ☐ Least Flycatcher—B
- ☐ Great Crested Flycatcher—B
- ☐ Alder Flycatcher—B
- ☐ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher—B
- ☐ Eastern Phoebe—B
- ☐ Eastern Kingbird—B

**SHRIKES**

- ☐ Northern Shrike—N

**VIREOS**

- ☐ Yellow-throated Vireo—B
- ☐ Red-eyed Vireo—B
- ☐ Philadelphia Vireo—M
- ☐ Blue-headed Vireo—M/B
- ☐ Warbling Vireo—B

**BIRDING CHECKLIST**

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**HOURS OF OPERATION****SUMMER HOURS**

**(MEMORIAL DAY—LABOR DAY)**  
Sunday & Monday 10 am—6 pm  
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Monday & Tuesday CLOSED  
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#### 4 Keys to Bird Identification

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 To help you ID the bird species you see, use the 4 keys listed below.

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- \_\_\_ Blue jays—R
- \_\_\_ American Crow—R
- \_\_\_ Common Raven—R

#### CHICKADEES & TITMICE

- \_\_\_ Black-capped Chickadee—R
- \_\_\_ Tufted Titmouse—R

#### LARKS, & BUNTINGS

- \_\_\_ Horned Lark—B
- \_\_\_ Snow Bunting—N

#### KINGLETS

- \_\_\_ Golden-crowned Kinglet—B

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- \_\_\_ White-breasted Nuthatch—R
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#### TREECREEPERS

- \_\_\_ Brown Creeper—R

#### GNATCATCHERS

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#### WRENS

- \_\_\_ House Wren—B
- \_\_\_ Marsh Wren—B
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- \_\_\_ Winter Wren—B

#### STARLINGS

- \_\_\_ European Starling—R

#### THRUSHES

- \_\_\_ American Robin—R
- \_\_\_ Gray-cheeked Thrush—M
- \_\_\_ Eastern Bluebird—B
- \_\_\_ Wood Thrush—N
- \_\_\_ Hermit Thrush—B
- \_\_\_ Swainson's Thrush—B/M
- \_\_\_ Veery—B

#### WAXWINGS

- \_\_\_ Cedar Waxwing—R
- \_\_\_ Bohemian Waxwing—N

#### FINCHES

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- \_\_\_ Evening Grosbeak—R
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- \_\_\_ Pine Siskin—R
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- \_\_\_ Common Redpoll—N

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#### CARDINALS & ALLIES

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- \_\_\_ American Tree Sparrow—N
- \_\_\_ Chipping Sparrow—B
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- \_\_\_ American Redstart—B
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**SHRIKES**

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