

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	
<u>Abundance Status (AS)</u>	
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
<u>Seasonal Status for Birds (SS)</u>	
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

Cormorants	
___ Dble-crested cormorant	c

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

___ 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
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___ 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
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Hummingbirds

___ Ruby-thrd hummingbird	u	u
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Kingfishers

___ Belted kingfisher	u	u
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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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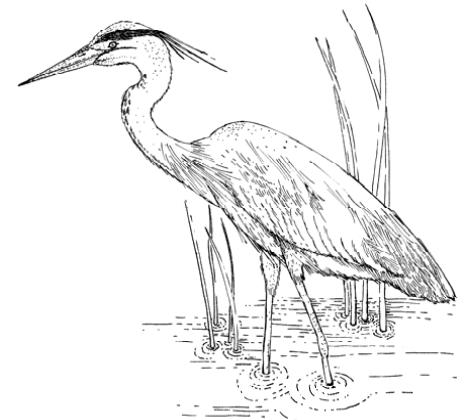


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